C Programming Introduction

Week 6:Branches statement

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Topic of this week

- Branches
  - Class Lecture Review
    - If selection structure.
    - Switch selection structure.
  - Programming Exercises

The `if` Selection Structure

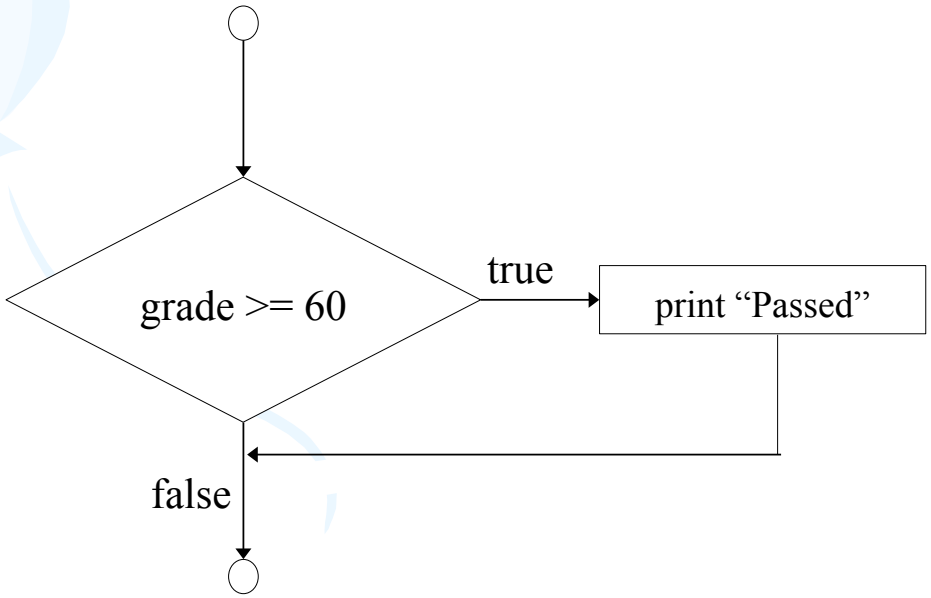
- Selection structure:
  - Used to choose among alternative courses of action
  - Pseudo code: *If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60*
    Print "Passed"
- If condition **`true`**
  - Print statement executed and program goes on to next statement.
  - If **`false`**, print statement is ignored and the program goes onto the next statement.
  - Indenting makes programs easier to read
    - C ignores whitespace characters.
- Pseudocode statement in C:

```
if ( grade >= 60 )
   printf( "Passed\n" );
```

  - C code corresponds closely to the pseudocode

The `if` Selection Structure (II)

- Diamond symbol (decision symbol) - indicates decision is to be made
  - Contains an expression that can be **`true`** or **`false`**
  - Test the condition, follow appropriate path
- **`if`** structure is a single-entry/single-exit structure.



A decision can be made on any expression.

zero - **`false`**

nonzero - **`true`**

Example:

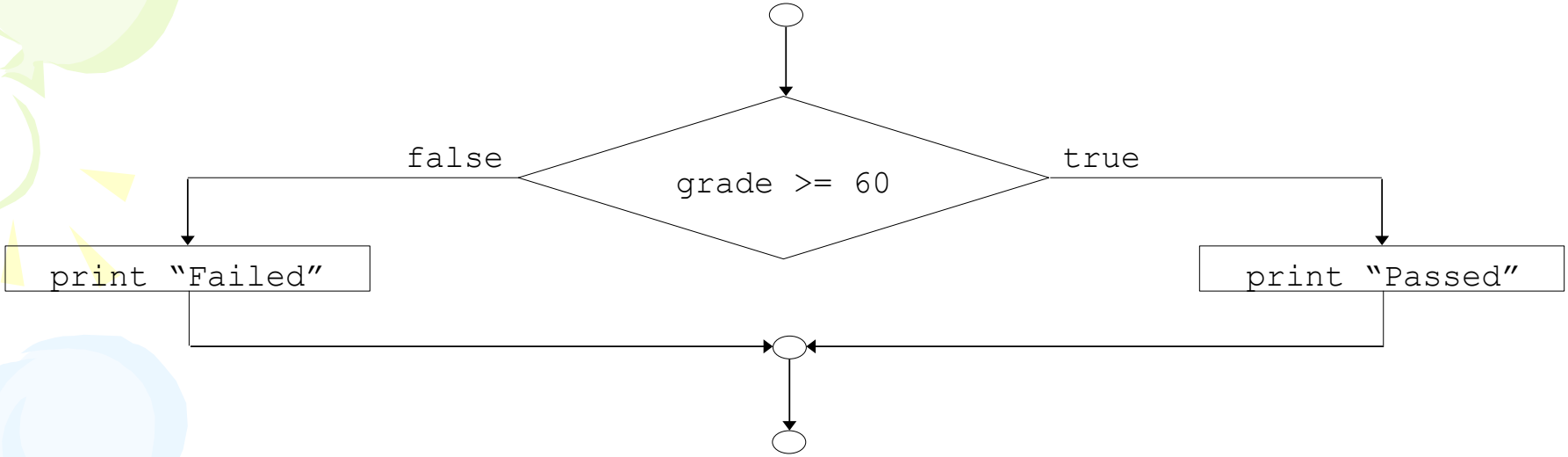
`3 - 4` is **`true`**

The `if/else` Selection Structure

- **`if`**
  - Only performs an action if the condition is **`true`**.
- **`if/else`**
  - A different action when condition is **`true`** than when condition is **`false`**
- Psuedocode: *If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60*
  Print "Passed"
  else
  Print "Failed"
  - Note spacing/indentation conventions
- C code:

```
if ( grade >= 60 )
   printf( "Passed\n");
else
   printf( "Failed\n");
```

The `if/else` Selection Structure (II)



- Ternary conditional operator (`?:`)
  - Takes three arguments (condition, value if **`true`**, value if **`false`**)
  - Our pseudocode could be written:

```
printf( "%s\n", grade >= 60 ? "Passed" : "Failed" );
```

OR

```
grade >= 60 ? printf( "Passed\n" ) : printf( "Failed\n" );
```

The `if/else` Selection Structure (III)

- Nested **`if/else`** structures
  - Test for multiple cases by placing **`if/else`** selection structures inside **`if/else`** selection structures

```
If student's grade is greater than or equal to 90
   Print "A"
else
   If student's grade is greater than or equal to 80
            Print "B"
   else
            If student's grade is greater than or equal to 70
                     Print "C"
            else
                     If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60
                              Print "D"
                     else
                              Print "F"
```

  - Once condition is met, rest of statements skipped
  - Deep indentation usually not used in practice

The `if/else` Selection Structure (IV)

- Compound statement:
  - Set of statements within a pair of braces
  - Example:

```
if ( grade >= 60 )
   printf( "Passed.\n" );
else {
   printf( "Failed.\n" );
   printf( "You must take this course again.\n" );
}
```

  - Without the braces,

```
printf( "You must take this course again.\n" );
```

    would be automatically executed

- Block: compound statements with declarations

The `if/else` Selection Structure (V)

- Syntax errors
  - Caught by compiler
- Logic errors:
  - Have their effect at execution time
  - Non-fatal: program runs, but has incorrect output
  - Fatal: program exits prematurely

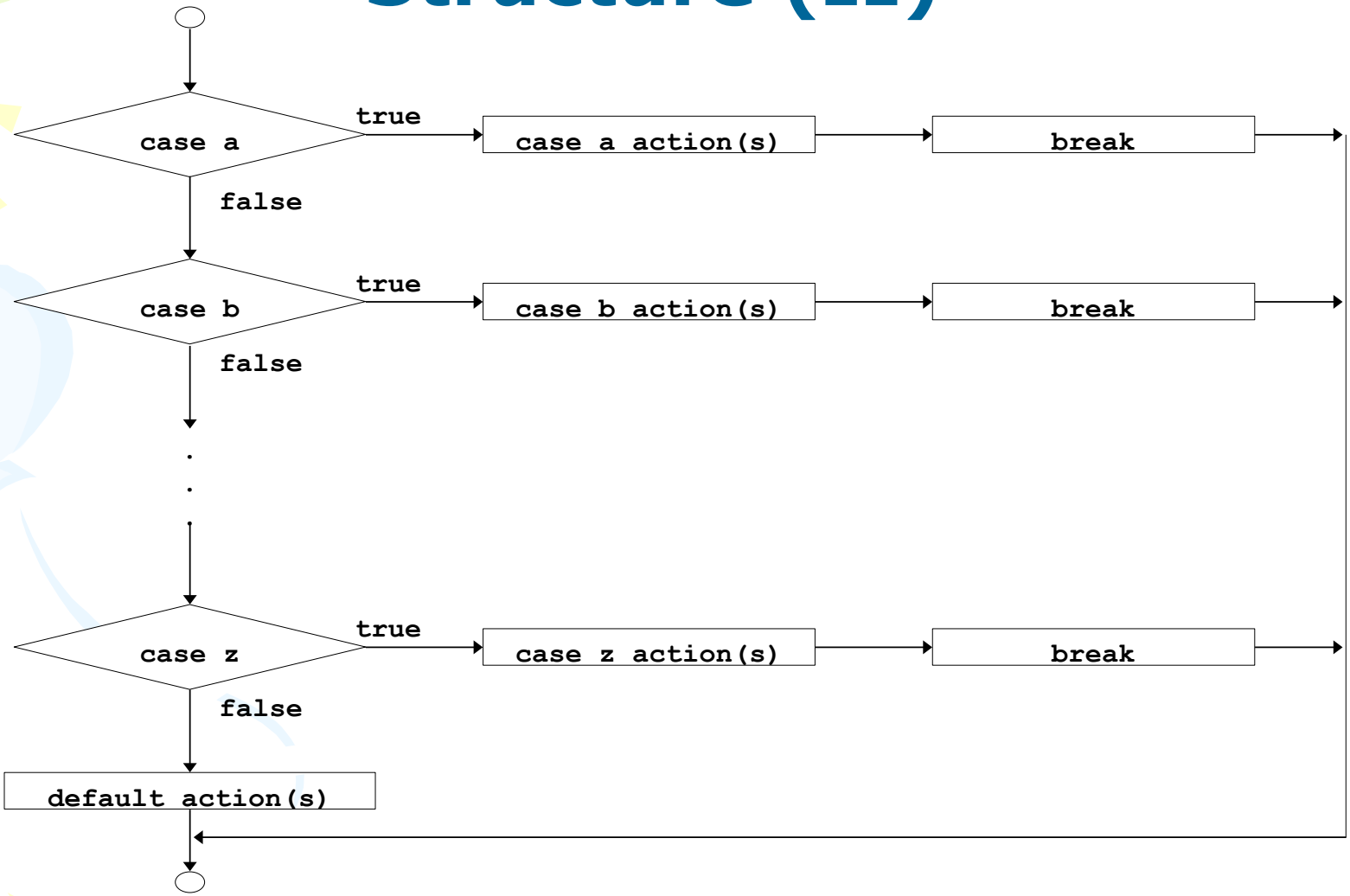
The `switch` Multiple-Selection Structure

- **`switch`**
  - Useful when a variable or expression is tested for all the values it can assume and different actions are taken.
- Format
  - Series of **`case`** labels and an optional **`default`** case

```
switch ( value ){
   case '1':
      actions
   case '2':
      actions
   default:
      actions
   }
```

  - **`break;`** causes exit from structure

The `switch` Multiple-Selection Structure (II)



The `switch` Multiple-Selection Structure (III)

- Example of Switch

```
c = getchar();
switch (c) {
   case '0': printf("Zero\n"); break;
   case '1': case '2': case '3': case '4':
   case '5': case '6': case '7': case '8':
   case '9': printf("Nine\n"); break;
   case ' ':
   case '\n': newln++; break;
   case '\t': tabs++; break;
   default: printf("missing char\n"); break;
}
```

Exercise 6.1

- Write a program that finds and displays the alphabetically first letter in a sequence of 3 characters (e.g. type IBK and it returns B).
- Note the use of a normal if/else and then an if on its own.

Exercise 6.2

- Write a program that transforms a compass heading to a compass bearing using this table:

HEADING IN DEGREES	BEARING COMPUTATION
0 - 89.999...	north (heading) east
90 - 179.999...	south (180.0 - heading) east
180 - 269.999...	south (heading - 180.0) west
270 - 360	north (360.0 - heading) west

- The compass heading is entered by user. Use if/else..if structure.

Exercise 6.3

- Write a program that requires you enter an age and shows you what is your class. (child, Senior Citizen or adult)
  - Child : age <18
  - Adult : 18<=age<65
  - Senior Citizen: age >=65
- This program should uses the if/else structure as a building block in a more complicated structure. It works out a catagory for people based on their age. Note the way that the if/else structure actually contains another if/else structure.

Exercise 6.4

- Modify exercise6.3 by using If/Else structure with conditionals.

- This is a variation on the age program above, see if you can understand the use of conditionals used.
- You must always be careful about ranges when using the conditionals. What happens if you enter 18 as your age and how can we solve this problem?

Exercise 6.5

- Write a program to play “High/Low". The program “picks" a number. The human player tries to guess it. The program indicates if the guess is too high, too low, or correct. Then it stops.
- Sample outputs:

Results

```
Guess my number (between 1 and 10): 5
Your guess was too small.
The correct number was 6.
```

- Use rand() function to pick a random number.

Exercise 6.6

- Write a program that reads in three integers. and then determine which one is the smallest, and display it.
- If the values are a, b, and c, there are four cases:
  - a is smallest if a < b and a < c
  - b is smallest if b < a and b < c
  - c is smallest if c < a and c < b
  - No smallest When?

Exercise 6.7

- Alter the exercise6.3 by using Switch selection structure.
- Alter the exercise6.5 by using Switch selection structure.

Exercise 6.8

- Write a C program that does the following:
  - reads the type of a vehicle exiting a car park (C for car, B for bus and T for truck) and the number of hours spent in the car park.
  - calculates the parking fee given the following rates (GST included):
    - Car: $0.70/hr for the first 2 hours; $2.50/hr after 2 hours
    - Bus: $1.50/hr for the first 2 hours; $2.00/hr after 2 hours
    - Truck: $2.50/hr for the first hour; $3.25/hr after 1 hour
  - prints a request for payment that states the total parking fee owed.