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Lecture #2c

Overview of C Programming



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6. Selection Structures (1/2)

- C provides two control structures that allow you to select a group of statements to be executed or skipped when certain conditions are met.

if ... else ...

```
if (condition) {  
    /* Execute these statements if TRUE */  
}
```

```
if condition:  
    # Statement
```

```
if (condition) {  
    /* Execute these statements if TRUE */  
}  
else {  
    /* Execute these statements if FALSE */  
}
```

```
if condition:  
    # Statement  
elif condition:  
    # Statement  
else:  
    # Statement
```



6. Selection Structures (2/2)

switch

Python

No counterpart

```
/* variable or expression must be of discrete type */
switch ( <variable or expression> ) {
    case value1:
        Code to execute if <variable or expr> == value1
        break;

    case value2:
        Code to execute if <variable or expr> == value2
        break;

    ...

    default:
        Code to execute if <variable or expr> does not
        equal to the value of any of the cases above
        break;
}
```



6.1 Condition and Relational Operators

- A **condition** is an expression evaluated to **true** or **false**.
- It is composed of expressions combined with **relational operators**.
 - Examples: **(a <= 10)** , **(count > max)** , **(value != -9)**

| Relational Operator | Interpretation |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| < | is less than |
| <= | is less than or equal to |
| > | is greater than |
| >= | is greater than or equal to |
| == | is equal to |
| != | is not equal to |

Python

Allows

`1 <= x <= 5`



6.2 Truth Values

- Boolean values: **true** or **false**.
- There is no Boolean type in ANSI C. Instead, we use **integers**:
 - **0** to represent **false**
 - **Any other value** to represent **true** (**1** is used as the representative value for true in output)
- Example:

Python

NOTE: *only integers!*
In **Python** and **JavaScript** you have truthy and falsy values, but not in C

TruthValues.c

```
int a = (2 > 3);  
int b = (3 > 2);  
  
printf("a = %d; b = %d\n", a, b);
```

```
a = 0; b = 1
```



6.3 Logical Operators

- **Complex condition**: combining two or more Boolean expressions.
- Examples:
 - If temperature is greater than 40C **or** blood pressure is greater than 200, go to A&E immediately.
 - If all the three subject scores (English, Maths **and** Science) are greater than 85 **and** mother tongue score is at least 80, recommend taking Higher Mother Tongue.
- **Logical operators** are needed: **&&** (and), **||** (or), **!** (not).

| A | B | A && B | A B | ! A |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| False | False | False | False | True |
| False | True | False | True | True |
| True | False | False | True | False |
| True | True | True | True | False |

Python

A || B → A or B
A && B → A and B
!A → not A



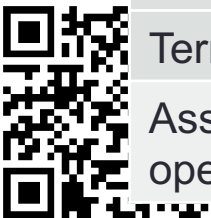
6.4 Evaluation of Boolean Expressions (1/2)

- The evaluation of a Boolean expression is done according to the **precedence** and **associativity** of the operators.

| Operator Type | Operator | Associativity |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Primary expression operators | () [] . -> expr++ expr-- | Left to Right |
| Unary operators | * & + - ! ~ ++expr --expr (typecast) sizeof | Right to Left |
| Binary operators | * / % | Left to Right |
| | + - | |
| | < > <= >= | |
| | == != | |
| | && | |
| | | |
| Ternary operator | ?: _____ | Right to Left |
| Assignment operators | = += -= *= /= %= | Right to Left |

Python

cond ? expr1 : expr2 →
expr1 if cond else cond2



6.4 Evaluation of Boolean Expressions (2/2)

- What is the value of **x**?

```
int x, y, z,  
    a = 4, b = -2, c = 0;  
x = (a > b || b > c && a == b);
```

x is true (1)

gcc issues warning (why?)

- Always good to add parentheses for readability.

```
y = ((a > b || b > c) && a == b);
```

y is false (0)

- What is the value of **z**?

```
z = ((a > b) && !(b > c));
```

z is true (1)



Try out [EvalBoolean.c](#)

6.5 Short-Circuit Evaluation

- Does the following code give an error if variable **a** is zero?

```
if ((a != 0) && (b/a > 3)) {  
    printf(. . .);  
}
```

- Short-circuit evaluation

- expr1 || expr2**: If expr1 is true, skip evaluating expr2 and return true immediately, as the result will always be true.
- expr1 && expr2**: If expr1 is false, skip evaluating expr2 and return false immediately, as the result will always be false.




7. Repetition Structures (1/2)

- C provides three control structures that allow you to select a group of statements to be executed repeatedly.

```
while ( condition )  
{  
    // loop body  
}
```

```
do  
{  
    // loop body  
} while ( condition );
```

```
for ( initialization; condition; update )  
{  
    // loop body  
}
```



Initialization:
initialize the **loop variable**

Condition: repeat loop
while the condition on
loop variable is **true**

Update: change
value of **loop variable**

7. Repetition Structures (2/2)

- Example: Summing from 1 through 10.

Sum1To10_While.c

```
int sum = 0, i = 1;
while (i <= 10) {
    sum = sum + i;
    i++;
}
```

Sum1To10_DoWhile.c

```
int sum = 0, i = 1;
do {
    sum = sum + i;
    i++;
}
while (i <= 10);
```

Sum1To10_For.c

```
int sum, i;
for (sum = 0, i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
    sum = sum + i;
}
```



7.1 Using 'break' in a loop (1/2)

BreakInLoop.c

```
// without 'break'
printf ("Without 'break':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    printf("Ya\n");
}
```

```
// with 'break'
printf ("With 'break':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    if (i==3)
        break;
    printf("Ya\n");
}
```

Without 'break':

```
1
Ya
2
Ya
3
Ya
4
Ya
5
Ya
```

With 'break':

```
1
Ya
2
Ya
3
```



7.1 Using 'break' in a loop (2/2)

BreakInLoop.c

```
// with 'break' in a nested loop
printf("With 'break' in a nested loop:\n");
for (i=1; i<=3; i++) {
    for (j=1; j<=5; j++) {
        printf("%d, %d\n", i, j);
        if (j==3)
            break;
        printf("Ya\n");
    }
}
```

- In a nested loop, **break** only breaks out of the inner-most loop that contains the **break** statement.

With 'break' in ...

```
1, 1
Ya
1, 2
Ya
1, 3
2, 1
Ya
2, 2
Ya
2, 3
3, 1
Ya
3, 2
Ya
3, 3
```



7.2 Using 'continue' in a loop (1/2)

ContinueInLoop.c

```
// without 'continue'
printf ("Without 'continue':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf ("%d\n", i);
    printf ("Ya\n");
}
```

```
Without 'continue':
1
Ya
2
Ya
3
Ya
4
Ya
5
Ya
```

```
// with 'continue'
printf ("With 'continue':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf ("%d\n", i);
    if (i==3)
        continue;
    printf ("Ya\n");
}
```

```
With 'continue':
1
Ya
2
Ya
3
4
Ya
5
Ya
```



7.2 Using 'continue' in a loop (2/2)

ContinueInLoop.c

```
// with 'continue' in a nested loop
printf("With 'continue' in a nested loop:\n");
for (i=1; i<=3; i++) {
    for (j=1; j<=5; j++) {
        printf("%d, %d\n", i, j);
        if (j==3)
            continue;
        printf("Ya\n");
    }
}
```

- In a nested loop, **continue** only skips to the next iteration of the inner-most loop that contains the **continue** statement.

With ...

1, 1

Ya

1, 2

Ya

1, 3

1, 4

Ya

1, 5

Ya

2, 1

Ya

2, 2

Ya

2, 3

2, 4

Ya

2, 5

Ya

3, 1

Ya

3, 2

Ya

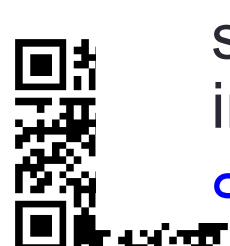
3, 3

3, 4

Ya

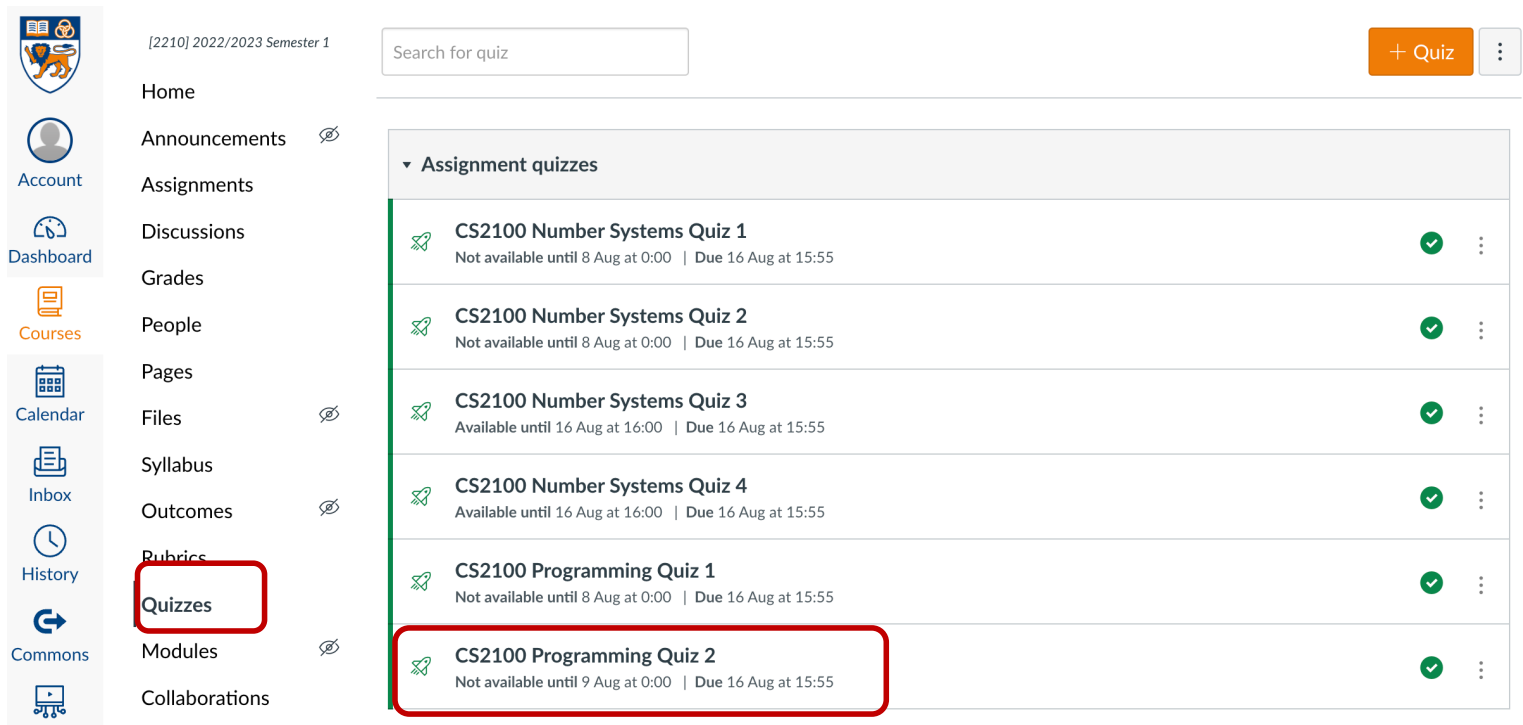
3, 5

Ya



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