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If-then-else

A conditional is a test: 'if something is true, then do this, otherwise maybe do something else'. The C++ syntax is

```
if ( something ) {
   do something;
} else {
   do otherwise;
}
```

- The 'else' part is optional
- You can leave out braces in case of single statement.



Complicated conditionals

Chain:

```
if ( something ) {
  . . .
} else if ( something other ) {
  . . .
Nest:
if ( something ) {
  if ( something other ) {
  } else {
```



What are logical expressions?

```
logical_expression ::
   comparison_expression
   | NOT comparison_expression
   | logical_expression CONJUNCTION comparison_expression
comparison_expression ::
   numerical_expression COMPARE numerical_expression
numerical_expression ::
   quantity
   | numerical_expression OPERATOR quantity
quantity :: number | variable
```



Comparison and logical operators

Operator	meaning	example
==	equals	x==y-1
!=	not equals	x*x!=5
>	greater	y>x-1
>=	greater or equal	sqrt(y)>=7
<,<=	less, less equal	
&&,	and, or	x<1 && x>0
and,or		x<1 and x>0
!	not	!(x>1 && x<2)
not		not (x>1 and x<2)

Precedence rules are common sense. When in doubt, use parentheses.



Review quiz 1

True or false?

- The tests if (i>0) and if (0<i) are equivalent.
- The test

```
if (i<0 && i>1)
  cout << "foo"</pre>
```

prints foo if i < 0 and also if i > 1.

The test

```
if (0<i<1)
  cout << "foo"</pre>
```

prints foo if i is between zero and one.

Any comments on the following?

```
bool x;
// ... code with x ...
if ( x == true )
    // do something
```



Exercise 1

Read in an integer. If it is even, print 'even', otherwise print 'odd':

```
if ( /* your test here */ )
  cout << "even" << endl;
else
  cout << "odd" << endl;</pre>
```

Can you rewrite your test so that the output lines are switched?



Exercise 2

Read in an integer. If it's a multiple of three print 'Fizz!'; if it's a multiple of five print 'Buzz'!. It it is a multiple of both three and five print 'Fizzbuzz!'. Otherwise print nothing.



Project Exercise 3

Read two numbers and print a message like

3 is a divisor of 9

if the first is an exact divisor of the second, and another message

4 is not a divisor of 9

if it is not.



Switch statement example

Cases are executed consecutively until you 'break' out of the switch statement:

Code: switch (n) { case 1 : case 2 : cout << "very small" << endl; break; case 3 : cout << "trinity" << endl; break; default : cout << "large" << endl; }</pre>

Output [basic] switch:

```
for v in 1 2 3 4 5 ; do \
   echo $v | ./switch ; \
done
very small
very small
trinity
large
large
```



Local variables in conditionals

The curly brackets in a conditional allow you to define local variables:

```
if ( something ) {
   int i;
   .... do something with i
}
// the variable 'i' has gone away.
```

Good practice: only define variable where needed.

Braces induce a scope.

