

# 09. if statements, Testing

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# Agenda

0. Sign-in sheet
1. Technical Q&A
2. if Statements
3. Make

# 1. Technical Q&A

# Technical Q&A

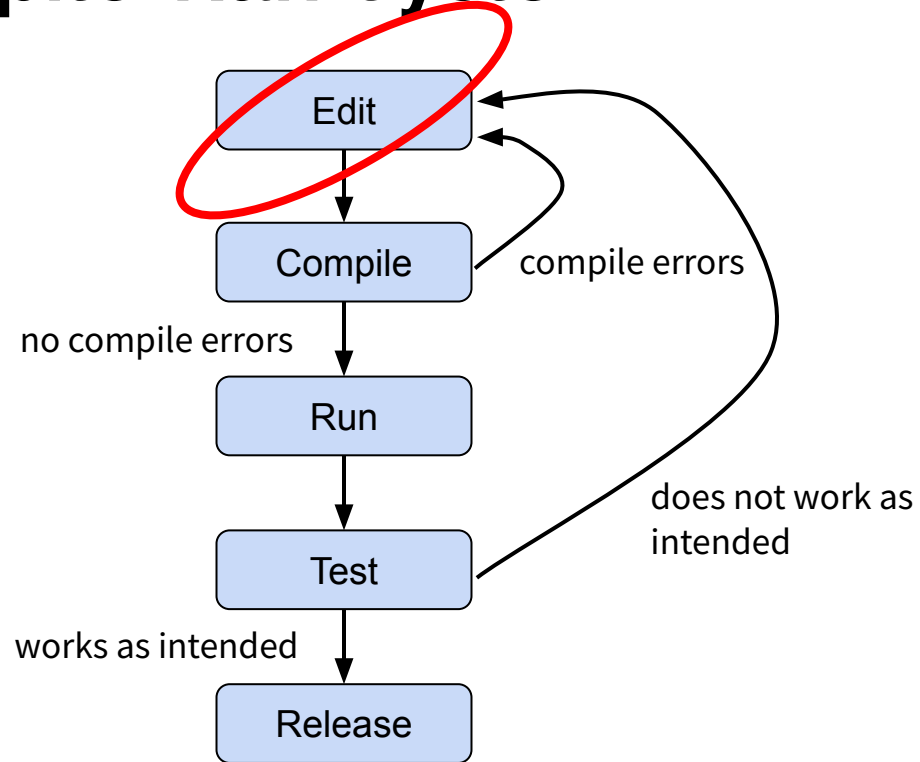
Let's hear your noted questions about...

- This week's Lab
- Linux
- Any other technical issues

Reminder: write these questions in your notebook during lab

## 2. if statements

# The Edit-Compile-Run Cycle



# Control Flow

- **Flow** (of a program): order that statements are executed
- So far: **straight-line flow**
  - Always run `main()` top-to-bottom
- **Control flow**: syntax to manage flow
- **if statement**: control flow to choose between alternative statements
- **Loops** (future): control flow to repeat statements

# Syntax: if statement

*statement:*

```
if ( condition-expr ) true-statement  
    else-clause(optional)
```

*else-clause:*

```
else false-statement
```

Semantics:

1. Evaluate *condition-expr* and convert result to `bool`
2. If result is true: execute *true-statement*
3. Otherwise, execute *false-statement* if it exists

Examples:

```
if (lives == 0)  
    std::cout << "Game over";
```

```
if (age >= 18)  
    std::cout << "adult";  
else  
    std::cout << "minor";
```

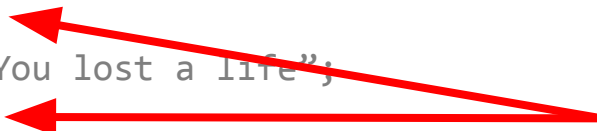


# Multiple Statements inside If

- Problem

- often need to execute multiple statements in the true case
- if syntax: *true-statement* is a single statement
- (same for *false-statement*)

```
if (health == 0)
    std::cout << "You lost a life";
if (health == 0)
    --lives;
```



repetitive

- Solution

- **compound statement:** statement that contains multiple inner statements
- counts as one statement for syntax purposes

# Syntax: Compound Statement

*statement:*

`{ inner-statement... }`

Semantics:

- Execute *inner-statement...* in top-to-bottom order

Examples:

```
{  
    std::cout << "Hi";  
    x = 0;  
}
```


```
if (health == 0) {  
    std::cout << "You lost a life";  
    --lives;  
}
```

# Best Practice: Always use Braces with if

- Style Guide: [always use braces with if](#)
- Without braces, it can be confusing what is inside the *true-statement* / *false-statement*
- Example:

```
if (health == 0)
    std::cout << "You lost a life";
    --lives;
```

not inside if; always executes, even  
when health is not 0



- This [caused the 2014 Apple SSL security bug](#)
- Best practice: **always use braces around the statements controlled by an if statement**

# bool Type

- [George Boole](#): mathematician who studied true/false logic
- **Boolean**: related to true/false
  - Proper noun, so capitalized
- **bool**: data type for Boolean values
  - yes/no situations
- Only possible values: **true**, **false**
- Example:

```
bool succeeded{ false };  
// ...  
succeeded = true;
```

# Conversion to bool

- Recall: in  
*if ( condition-expr )*  
*condition-expr* is **converted to bool**
- Bool conversion is only available to **some data types**
  - Compile error

# Conversion to bool

Data Type	bool Conversion Semantics
int	Non-zero is true, zero is false
double	Non-zero is true, zero is false
cin	good is true; failed is false
string	Not available

# Example: if with Conversion to bool

```
4  int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
5      int x{ 0 };  
6      std::cout << "Enter a number: ";  
7      std::cin >> x;  
8      std::cout << x << " counts as ";  
9      if (x) {  
10         std::cout << "true\n";  
11     } else {  
12         std::cout << "false\n";  
13     }  
14     return 0;  
15 }
```

```
$ ./a.out  
Enter a number: 3  
3 counts as true  
$ ./a.out  
Enter a number: -1  
-1 counts as true  
$ ./a.out  
Enter a number: 0  
0 counts as false
```

# Relational Operators

- Purpose of `if` is to make decisions
  - `bool` conversion rule is probably not what we want to decide
- **Relational operator:**
  - Binary operator
  - Compares two operands of the same type
  - Returns a `bool` value
  - Equal / not equal
  - Less / greater
- Inspired by math notation
- Limited to keyboard symbols
- $\neq$  becomes `!=`
- $\leq$  becomes `<=`



# Relational Operators

Operator	Semantics	Example (x and y are same type)
==	Equal to	x == y
!=	Not equal to	x != y
<	Less than	x < y
>	Greater than	x > y
<=	Less than or equal to	x <= y
>=	Greater than or equal to	x >= y

## Example: Relational Operator in if

```
if (player_1_score > player_2_score) {  
    std::cout << "player 1 is winning\n";  
} else {  
    std::cout << "player 2 is winning\n";  
}
```

# Pitfall: = versus ==

- = is **assignment** operator;  
`x = 3;`  
*x changes to become 3*
- == is equality comparison operator;  
`x == 3`  
produces `true` when `x` is 3, `false` otherwise, *leaving x unchanged*
- Easy mixup
  - Unfortunate!
  - `if (x = 3) // should be ==`
  - `x == 0; // should be =`

# Pitfall: = in if

**Logic error:** write = in if expression instead of ==

If statement on right:



1. **Assigns** (changes) choice to 1
2. choice is converted to bool
3. 1 is nonzero which **always** counts as true

So this **always** prints “you chose 1”, even if the user input something other than 1!

```
int choice{ 0 };
std::cin >> choice;
if (choice = 1)
    std::cout << “you chose 1”;

// if should be:

if (choice == 1)
    std::cout << “you chose 1”;
```

# Pitfall: Stray Semicolon After if Expression

Review: if syntax:

```
if ( condition-expr ) true-statement  
    else-clause(optional)
```

```
if (x > 0)  
    std::cout << "positive";
```

Logic error:

```
if ( condition-expr );  
    true-statement
```

stray semicolon

```
if (x > 0);  
    std::cout << "positive";
```

# Pitfall: Stray Semicolon After if Expression

## Logic error:

1. As usual, whitespace is ignored
2. The `;` counts as the *true-statement* of the if
3. If *condition-expr* is true, execute `;` (do nothing)
4. Then, always, execute `cout << "positive"`

```
if (x > 0);  
    std::cout << "positive"; // always prints, regardless of x
```

# Pitfall: Unexpected Expression After Else

## Compile error:

```
if (x < 0) {  
    std::cout << "negative";  
} else (x >= 0) {  
    std::cout << "non-negative";  
}
```

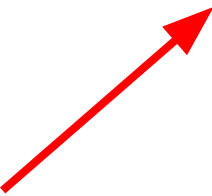
- Highlighted `(x >= 0)` is invalid syntax
- **Remember:** else means “otherwise” aka “in all other cases”
  - Doesn’t make sense to limit when else happens

# Problem: Choose Between 3+ Alternatives

```
// do one thing, or nothing
if (count == 1) {
    std::cout << "once";
}
```

```
// choose between two alternatives
if (count == 1) {
    std::cout << "once";
} else {
    std::cout << "more than once";
}
```

```
// choose between four alternatives
if (count == 1) {
    std::cout << "once";
} else {
    if (count == 2) {
        std::cout << "twice";
    } else {
        if (count == 3) {
            std::cout << "thrice";
        } else {
            std::cout << count << " times";
        }
    }
}
```



works, but hard  
to read



# Chaining If Statements

To decide between 3+ alternatives:

- chain together `ifs` and `elses`
- Omit `{` between `else` and `if`
- Indent all the compound statements the same amount
- Still plain `if` syntax; nothing new

```
// choose between four alternatives
if (count == 1) {
    std::cout << "once";
} else if (count == 2) {
    std::cout << "twice";
} else if (count == 3) {
    std::cout << "thrice";
} else {
    std::cout << count << " times";
}
```

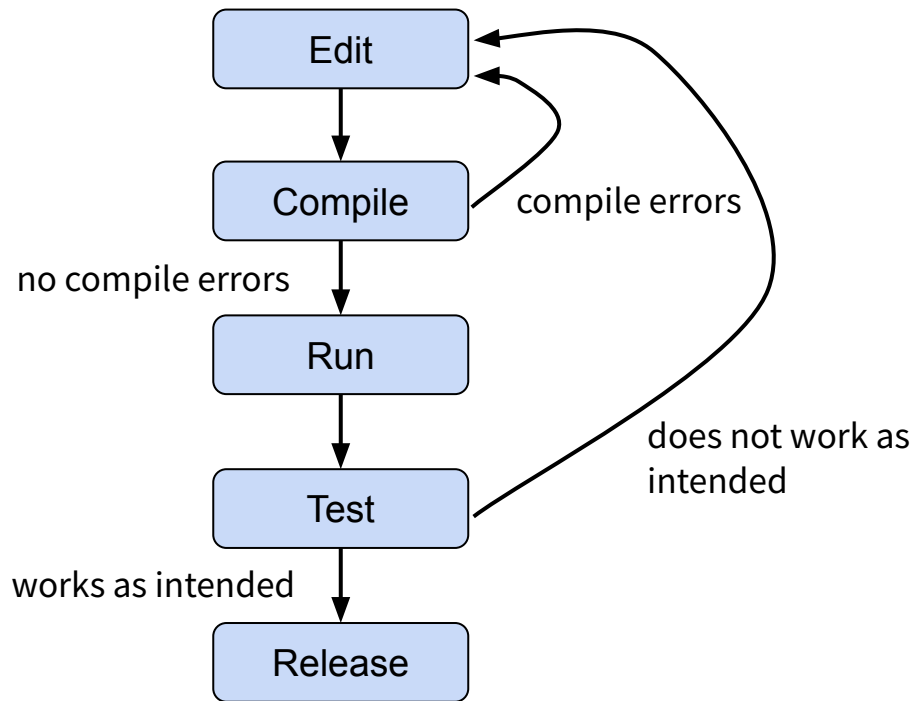
# 3. Make

# Makefiles in Labs

- Labs 3 on involve **makefiles**
- Makes your life easier

# Understand the Problem: Typing Shell Commands

- Edit-Compile-Run-Test-Release cycle
- **Shell commands** for
  - Edit: `$ code`
  - Compile: `$ clang++`
  - Run: `$ ./programname`
  - Test: run program or unit test program
  - Release: git add, commit, push
- Lots of **commands**
- Lots of **details**



# Review: Ideal Division of Labor

- **Business Logic:** the human meaning of algorithm data
- Programs
  - **Cannot** understand business logic or design algorithms
  - Can perform tedious, repetitive work flawlessly, quickly, cheaply
- Humans
  - **Can** understand business logic and design algorithms
  - Busy-work is tedious, error-prone, expensive
- Division of Labor Best Practice
  - Humans think about business logic and algorithms
  - Computer programs do repetitive work

# Solution: Build Tool

- **Build tool:** program that automates running development commands
- Humans configure a build tool to automatically compile-run-test
- Build tool runs individual commands
- Humans only have to run the build tool
  - Simpler
  - Easier

# Make

- Make: build tool built in to Ubuntu
- Old, simple, widely used
- Has its own syntax for automating commands
- **Makefile:** source file for make
- Lab prompt has Makefiles
- You should understand
  - What they do
  - How to use them

# Makefile Syntax

*makefile:*

*rule...*

*rule:*

*target* : *dependency...* (optional)

*command...*



Must indent with **Tab** key

Semantics:

- *target* is a filename or name of a goal
- *dependency* is a filename or target that contributes to the target
- *command...* are the shell commands to create the file / achieve the goal



# Makefile example

```
units: units.cc
```

```
    clang++ units.cc -o units
```

```
units_unittest: units_functions.h units_functions.cc units_unittest.cc
```

```
    clang++ units_unittest.cc units_functions.cc -o units_unittest
```

```
test: units_unittest
```

```
    ./units_unittest
```

```
clean:
```

```
    rm -f units units_unittest
```

# Review: Pattern: Shell Command

`$ COMMAND [ARGUMENT...]`

- Cues that this is a shell command
  - Dollar sign
  - Fixed-width font
- You type everything **after the \$**, then press Enter key
- ALL-CAPS are fill-in-the blank
- [BRACKETS] means optional
- ELLIPSIS... means you may repeat

# make Command

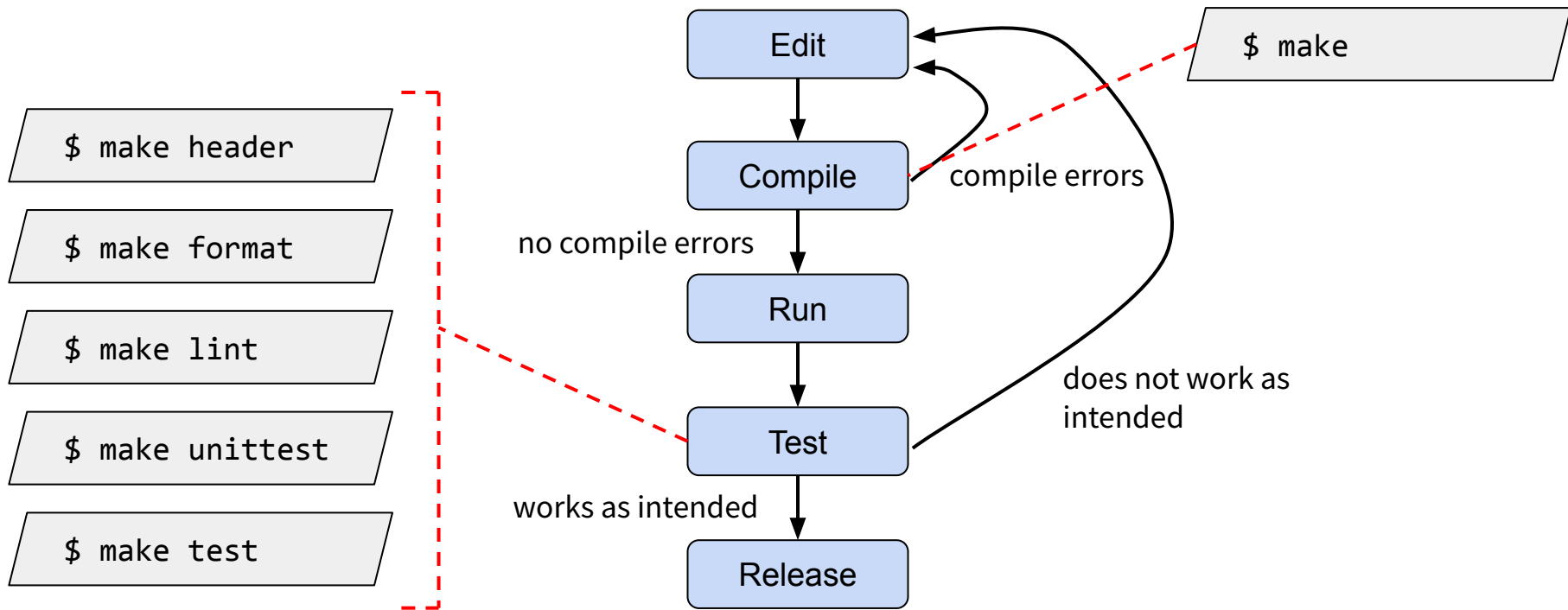
```
$ make [TARGET]
```

- Build TARGET
  - Must be one of the named targets in Makefile
- Automatically runs all necessary commands
  - Builds dependencies
  - And their dependencies... (**recursive**)
- Default TARGET is the first one in the Makefile

# make Targets in Labs

Target	Command	Purpose
all	<code>\$ make all</code>	compile all programs
clean	<code>\$ make clean</code>	delete files created by make (except programs)
spotless	<code>\$ make spotless</code>	clean, and also delete programs
header	<code>\$ make header</code>	test header
format	<code>\$ make format</code>	test formatting
lint	<code>\$ make lint</code>	test linting
unittest	<code>\$ make unittest</code>	test unit tests
test	<code>\$ make test</code>	test system tests
(default)	<code>\$ make</code>	same as <code>\$ make all</code>

# Edit-Compile-Run with Make



# Make only Does What's Necessary

- **Optimization:** avoid unnecessary work
- Make optimizes the build by skipping commands that are unnecessary
- Looks at file modification dates
- Skips targets that are still up-to-date
- `$ make all` may run fast, no problem

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