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Topic: Conditional Operator

Condition ? if TRUE : if

>> Understanding of Conditional Operator:

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| <pre>char result; int marks; if (marks > 33){ results = 'p'; }else{ results = 'f' }</pre> | <pre>char result; int marks; results = (marks > 33) ? 'p' : 'f';</pre> |
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Results = (marks > 33) ? 'p' : 'f';
 Condition TRUE FALSE

>> This is a conditional expression, which is after all an expression, therefore it is an rvalue and the results is lvalue.

>> Conditional Operator is the only **Ternary Operator** available in the list of operators in C language.

>> As in **Expression_1 ? Expression_2 : Expression_3;**

Expression_1 is the Boolean expression. IF we simply write 0 instead of some Boolean expression then that simply means FALSE and thus Expression_3 will get evaluated.

Question: What will be the output?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int var = 75;

    int var2 = 56;

    int num;

    num = sizeof(var) ? (var2 > 23 ? ((var == 75) ? 'A' : 0) : 0) : 0;

    printf("num = %d", num);

    return 0;
}
```

Solution:

let's break the problem into part

(1) At first the condition is `sizeof(var)`

if this condition is evaluated to be true then `(var2 > 23 ? ((var == 75) ? 'A' : 0) : 0)` will be returned.

if false then 0 will be returned.

As we know `sizeof()` is an unary operator which returns how many byte a datatype can hold as `var` is an variable of integer data type , `sizeof(var)` will either return 2 or 4 as machine to machine int vary . We know every number except 0 is evaluated to be true. So `(var2>23 ? ((var==75) ? 'A' : 0) : 0)` it will returned.

(2) Next the condition is `(var2>23)`

if this condition is evaluated to be true then `((var == 75) ? 'A' : 0)` will be returned

if false then 0 will be returned

as we know `56>23` is true then `((var==75) ? 'A' : 0)` will be returned.

(3) The condition is (var == 75)

if this condition is evaluated to be true then 'A' will be returned

if false then 0 will be returned

As 75 == 75 then 'A' will be returned and stored into num variable

As c support auto type casting so int can store char.

In the final printf function we use the placeholder %d and it print integer value.

According to Ascii integer value of 'A' is 65

So, the output will be 65.