if...else statement

An **if** statement can be followed by an optional **else** statement, which executes when the Boolean expression is false.

Syntax

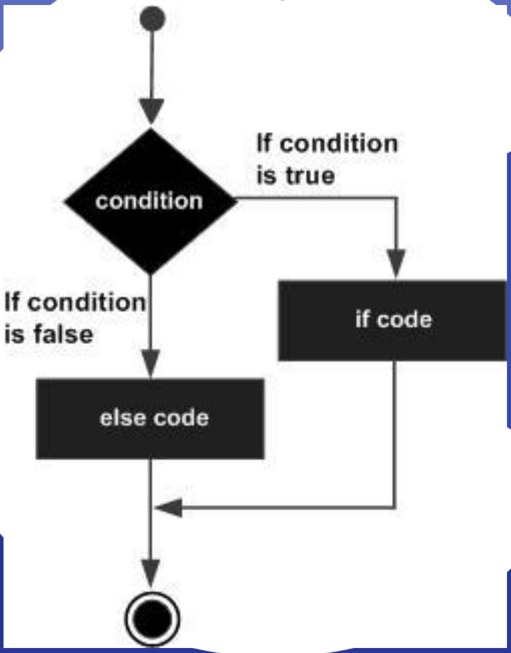
The syntax of an **if...else** statement in C programming language is −

```
if(boolean_expression) {
   /* statement(s) will execute if the boolean expression is true */
} else {
   /* statement(s) will execute if the boolean expression is false */
}
```

If the Boolean expression evaluates to **true**, then the **if block** will be executed, otherwise, the **else block** will be executed.

C programming language assumes any **non-zero** and **non-null** values as **true**, and if it is either **zero** or **null**, then it is assumed as **false** value.

Flow Diagram



Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main () {

   /* local variable definition */
   int a = 100;

   /* check the boolean condition */
   if( a < 20 ) {
      /* if condition is true then print the following */
      printf("a is less than 20\n" );
   } else {
      /* if condition is false then print the following */
      printf("a is not less than 20\n" );
   }

   printf("value of a is : %d\n", a);

   return 0;
}
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result −

```
a is not less than 20;
value of a is : 100
```

If...else if...else Statement

An **if** statement can be followed by an optional **else if...else** statement, which is very useful to test various conditions using single if...else if statement.

When using if...else if..else statements, there are few points to keep in mind −

- An if can have zero or one else's and it must come after any else if's.
- An if can have zero to many else if's and they must come before the else.
- Once an else if succeeds, none of the remaining else if's or else's will be tested.

Syntax

The syntax of an **if...else if...else** statement in C programming language is −

```
if(boolean_expression 1) {
   /* Executes when the boolean expression 1 is true */
} else if( boolean_expression 2) {
   /* Executes when the boolean expression 2 is true */
} else if( boolean_expression 3) {
   /* Executes when the boolean expression 3 is true */
} else {
   /* executes when the none of the above condition is true */
}
```

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main () {

   /* local variable definition */
   int a = 100;

   /* check the boolean condition */
   if( a == 10 ) {
      /* if condition is true then print the following */
      printf("Value of a is 10\n" );
   } else if( a == 20 ) {
      /* if else if condition is true */
      printf("Value of a is 20\n" );
   } else if( a == 30 ) {
      /* if else if condition is true  */
      printf("Value of a is 30\n" );
   } else {
      /* if none of the conditions is true */
      printf("None of the values is matching\n" );
   }

   printf("Exact value of a is: %d\n", a );

   return 0;
}
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result −

```
None of the values is matching
Exact value of a is: 100
```