

Laboratory 5: More on Program Selection: *if*, *if-else*, and *switch*; and *file redirection*

Lecture notes: Input redirect: a.out < input_file Output redirect: a.out >output_file Both: a.out < in >out

1. Basic syntax:

```
if (expression)
{ statements;
}

if (expression)
{ statements1;
}
else
{ statements2;
}
```

2. Selectively executing statements.

3. True or false: if the expression has a value 0, the condition/expression is considered to be false, otherwise it is considered to be true.

a. A value or an arithmetic expression:

True is the value or the result of the expression is non-zero.

Example: *if (1)* is true all the time.

if (a) is true when $a \neq 0$ and is false when $a = 0$.

b. Assignment: =

Assignment (such as $a = 3 + 2$) also has a value which equals the value of the right handed side (5 in this case).

Example: *if (a=3+2)* is true and assigns value 5 to a.

if (b=0) is false and assigns value 0 to b.

c. Simple relational operation: <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=

One value, variable, or arithmetic operation is needed on each side of the operator. The expression is true if the relation holds.

Example: $3.14 > 3.0$ $2 * a != b$ $grade == 'A'$

d. Composed relational operation: &&, ||, !

These are operations on logic operations.

Example: $(-1 < a) \&\& (a < 1)$ $(-1 \geq b) \|\ (1 \leq b)$ $!(a > 2)$

Question: what is the simple expression of each of these logic operations

$(a \leq 3) \&\& (a \geq 3) \!(b != 4)$ $!\((c \leq -2) \|\ (c \geq 2)\)$

4. Nested if, if-else

a. See the sample code *ifelse.c* for examples.

b. It is important to pair up the if's and else's. use { } when not sure.

5. switch statement:

a. syntax:

```
switch(expression)
{ case value0: statements0; break;
  case value1: statements1; break;
  ...
  default:statements;
}
```

- b. Use int or char type for the expression.
- c. If the statements for multiple cases are the same, they can be combined.
- d. “default” case is normally used to handle errors.
- e. Sometimes it can be tricky to find the right expression.

6. Good programming style

- a. Follow normal English rules when possible (for example, in documentation and printf() statement) such as putting a space after comma.
- b. Leave one space on each side of a binary operator for readability.
- c. Indent code in a consistent fashion to indicate program flow.
- d. Place braces { } in a consistent fashion using one of the following two

i.

```
for ( i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    statements;
}
```

ii.

```
for ( i = 0; i < 100; i++)
{ statements;
}
```

- e. For safety, in any statement body like those in loops and if, if-else, use { } even there is one statement.
- f. Give variables meaningful (and short) names when possible. When multiple words are used in variable name, use _ or letters in different cases to separate them.
- g. Whenever the program needs input from the user, first print out a message to prompt the user about what is expected.
- h. If input values need to meet certain conditions, check them the first thing when the values are read in.
- i. For operations that have some exceptions, e.g. b cannot be 0 in a / b, check such exceptions before the operation. (e.g. if (b != 0) ...)
- j. Use simple statements, simple data structures, whenever possible. (e.g. sum = a++ + --b*2; might not be recommended.)

7. codes: ifelse.c, fileRedirect.c

8. Reading :textbook section 6.3

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Lab Report

These are for your practice in the recitation. Only submission is the quiz problem.
Work on your project 1, and complete quiz on Thursday.

- 1) What will the output of the following code segment? Check your answer by testing it in a complete program.

```
int a =5;
if (a = 0) { printf("a=0 is true.\n");}
else { printf("a=0 is not true.\n");}
if (a==0) { printf("a==0 is true.\n");}
else { printf("a==0 is not true.\n");}
```

- 2) (dangling else problem) What will the output of the following code segment with different values to x and y? Check your answer by testing it in a complete program.

```
int x,y
scanf("%d%d", &x, &y);;
if (x > 0)
    if (y>0)
        printf("Both positive.\n");
else
    printf("x negative, ignore y.\n");
```

- a x = 2, y = 1
- b x = 2, y = -1
- c x = -2, y = -1
- d x = -2, y = 1

What do you learn from this example?

- 3) Write a complete C code to read in one character from the keyboard and detect whether it is (i) a lower case letter, (ii) an upper case letter, (iii) a digit (0-9), or (iv) some other character.
- 4) Input redirect: ***a.out < input_file*** Output redirect: ***a.out >output_file*** Both: ***a.out < in >out***