CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

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- Many times we want programs to make decisions
 - What drink should we dispense from the vending machine?
 - Should we let the user withdraw money from this account?
- We make this choice by looking at values of variables
 - When variables meet one condition we do one thing
 - When variables do not meet condition we do something else
- To make decisions in a program we need <u>conditional</u> <u>statements</u> that let us take different paths through code

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- In C++ there are three types of conditional statements:
 - The if statement
 - The if-else statement
 - The switch statement

Lesson objectives:

- Learn how logical expressions are written
- Learn the syntax and semantics of conditional statements
- Study example programs showing their use
- Complete online lab on conditional statements
- Complete programming project using conditional statements

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CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PART 1
LOGICAL EXPRESSIONS

- The fundamental building block of all C++ conditional statements is the <u>logical expression</u>
 - Logical expressions always return a Boolean value of either true or false
 - Logical expressions are used to decide what portions of the program to execute and what to skip over
- Simple logical expressions are of the form:
 - (data relational_operator data)
 - Data terms in logical expressions can be variables, constants or arithmetic expressions

- The C++ relational operators are:
 - < less than
 - > greater than
 - <= less than or equal</pre>
 - >= greater than or equal
 - == equal to
 - != not equal to

Examples using numbers:

- (17 < 42) is true
- (42 > 17) is true
- (17 == 42) is false
- (42 != 17) is true
- ((42 17) > (42 + 17)) is false
- ((17 * 3) <= (17 + 17 + 17) is true
- string str = "john"
- ("JOHN" == str) is false
- ("abc" < "xyz") is true</p>

Examples with variables:

- int a=17, b=42;
- (a < b) is true
- (a >= b) is false
- (a == 17) is true
- (a != b) is true
- ((a + 17) == b) is false
- ((42 a) < b) is true

- Warning: Do not use a single = for checking equality
 - If you use = instead of == you will NOT get an error message but it will return a true/false value you are NOT expecting
 - The = operator is only used for data assignment to variables as we saw in the previous section
- Warning: Do not use =<, =>, =! to compare data values
 - You will get a compiler error message if you type these relational operators in backwards
 - Just remember the correct operators <=, >=, != all end with "equal" just like the phrases "less than or equal"

- We can combine simple logical expressions to get complex logical expressions that are more powerful
 - For example: checking the user has entered enough money AND the vending machine has that item available
- The syntax is: (expression logical_operator expression)
 - The two expressions above can either be simple logical expressions or complex logical expressions
- The C++ logical operators are:

&& and

or or

- Truth tables are often be used to enumerate all possible values of a complex logical expression
 - We make columns for all logical expressions
 - Each row illustrates one set of input values
 - The maximum number of rows is always a power of 2

A and B are true

Α	В	A && B	A B				
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE				
TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE				
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE				
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE				
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A and B are true

- C++ evaluates complex logical expressions from left to right
 - (exp1 && exp2) will be true if both exp are true
 - (exp1 && exp2 && exp3) will be true if <u>all</u> exp are true
 - (exp1 || exp2 || exp3) will be true if any exp is true
- C++ has a feature called "conditional evaluation" that will stop the evaluation early in some cases
 - (exp1 && exp2) will be false if exp1 is false
 - (exp1 || exp2) will be true if exp1 is true
 - In both cases, C++ does not need to evaluate exp2 because the answer is already known after looking at exp1

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EXAMPLES

```
Num1 = 23;

Num2 = 0;

(Num2 > 0) && (Num1/Num2 < 42) ---> false

Num1 = 49;

Num2 = 7;

(Num2 > 0) && (Num1/Num2 < 42) ---> true
```

- Complex logical expressions
 - ((17 < 42) && (42 < 17)) is false, because second half is false
 - ((17 <= 42) || (42 <= 17)) is true, because first half is true
- When float variables x = 3.14 and y = 7.89
 - ((x < 4) && (y < 8)) is true, because both halves are true
 - ((x > 3) && (y > 8)) is false, because second half is false
 - ((x < 4) || (y > 8)) is true, because first half is true
 - ((x < 3) || (y < 8)) is true, because second half is true
 - ((x > 4) || (y > 8)) is false, because both halves are false

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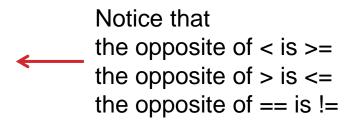
- The not operator in in C++ reverses the value of any logical expression
 - Logically "not true" is same as "false"
 - Logically "not false" is same as "true"
- The C++ syntax for the not operator is: ! expression
 - This is a "unary" operator since there is just one logical expression to the right of the not operator

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- Examples with integer variables a = 7 and b = 3
 - (a > b) is true
 - (a <= b) is false
 - (a == b) is false
 - (a != b) is true

- ! (a > b) is false
- ! (a <= b) is true
- ! (a == b) is true
- ! (a != b) is false

- We can often "move the not operation inside" a simple logical expression
- To do this simplification, we need to remove the! operator and "reverse the logic" of the relational operator
 - ! (a < b) same as (a >= b)
 - ! (a <= b) same as (a > b)
 - •! (a > b) same as (a <= b)
 - ! (a >= b) same as (a < b)</p>
 - ! (a == b) same as (a != b)
 - ! (a != b) same as (a == b)



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- When exp1 and exp2 are simple logical expressions
 - ! (exp1 && exp2) is same as (!exp1 || !exp2)
 - ! (exp1 || exp2) is same as (!exp1 && !exp2)
 - ! (!exp1 || !exp2) is same as (!!exp1 && !!exp2) or (exp1 && exp2)
 - ! (!exp1 && !exp2) is same as (!!exp1 || !!exp2) or (exp1 || exp2)
- Hence, there are many different ways to represent the same logical expression
 - Your goal when programming is to choose the simplest logical expression that represents the relationships you are looking for

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- Examples with float variables x = 4.3 and y = 9.2
 - !((x < 5) && (y < 10)) is false
 - (!(x < 5) ||!(y < 10)) is false
 - ((x >= 5) || (y >= 10)) is false
 - !((x >= 5) || (y >= 10)) is true
 - $(!(x \ge 5) \&\& !(y \ge 10))$ is true
 - ((x < 5) && (y < 10)) is true

To most people, these logical expressions are the simplest to read and understand

SUMMARY

- In this section, we have focused on how logical expressions can be written in C++
- We have seen how relational operators (<, <=, >, >=, ==, and !=) can be used to create simple logical expressions
- We have seen how logical operators (&& and !!) can be used to make more complex logical expressions
- Finally, we have seen how the not operator (!) can be used to reverse the true/false value of logical expressions

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- We can extend truth tables to study the not operator
 - Add new columns showing !A and !B and their use in complex logical expressions with && and ||

Α	В	!A	!B	A && B	A B	!A && !B	!A !B
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TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
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FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE

Notice anything interesting here?

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A similar pattern occurs here too

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From the truth tables above we saw:

! (A || B) is the same as !A && !B

"not (A or B)" is the same as "(not A) and (not B)"

! (A && B) is the same as !A || !B

"not (A and B)" is the same as "(not A) or (not B)"

- These rules are known as "De Morgan's Laws"
 - We can use this rule to simplify a complex logical expression by "moving the not operation inside"
 - We can also simplify !A and !B by "reversing the logic" of the relational operator
 - The final result is a statement that is logically equivalent to the initial statement and often easier to read / understand

- To apply De Morgan's Laws, we must change the logical operator and the expressions
 - The && operator changes into ||
 - The || operator changes into &&
 - The ! is applied to both expressions
- Two not operators side by side cancel each other out so they can be removed without changing the expression
 - "!! true" is equal to "! false" which is equal to "true"

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PART 2
IF STATEMENTS

- Sometimes we want to selectively execute a block of code
- The C++ syntax of the if statement is:

```
if ( logical expression )
{
    // Block of code to execute if expression is true
}
```

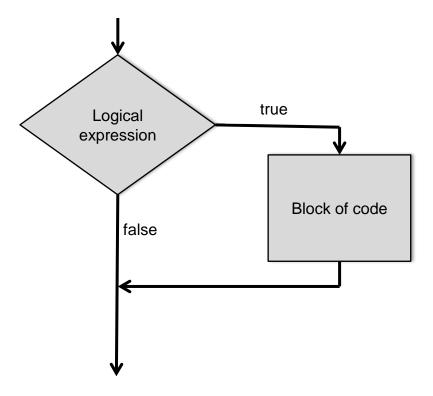
- When expression is <u>true</u>, the block of code is executed
- When expression is <u>false</u>, the block of code is skipped

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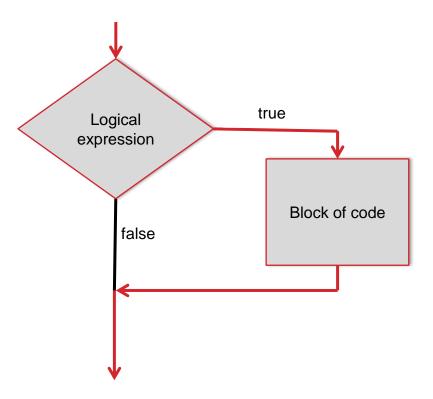
- Programming style suggestions:
 - The block of code should be indented 3-4 spaces to aid program readability
 - If the block of code is only <u>one</u> line long, we can omit the curly brackets { } and shorten the length of the program
- Never put a semi-colon directly after the Boolean expression in an if statement
 - The empty statement between) and ; will be selectively executed based on the logical expression value
 - The block of code directly below if statement will always be executed, which is probably not what you intended

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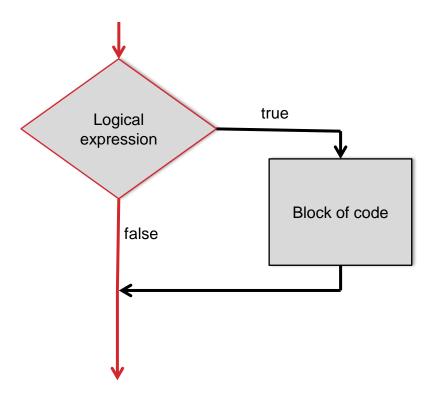
 We can visualize the program's if statement decision process using a "flow chart" diagram



 If the logical expression is true, we take one path through the diagram (executing the block of code)



 If the logical expression is false, we take a different path through the diagram (skipping over the block of code)



```
// Simple if statement
int a, b;
cin >> a >> b;
if (a < b)
{
   cout << "A is smaller than B\n";
}</pre>
```

 Depending on what data values the user enters, the cout statement will executed or skipped

```
// One line block of code
int a, b;
cin >> a >> b;
if (a == b)
   cout << "A is equal to B\n";</pre>
```

 This is the same if statement as the previous example but we removed the curly brackets to shorten the program

```
// Block of code that never executes
if (1 == 2)
  cout << "This code will never execute\n";</pre>
// Block of code that always executes
if (1 < 2)
  cout << "This code will always execute\n";</pre>
```

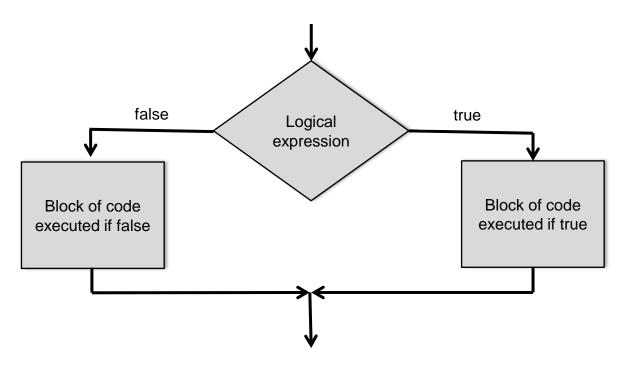
- Sometimes we need to handle two alternatives in our code
- The C++ syntax of the if-else statement is:

```
if ( logical expression )
{
    // Block of code to execute if expression is true
}
else
{
    // Block of code to execute if expression is false
}
```

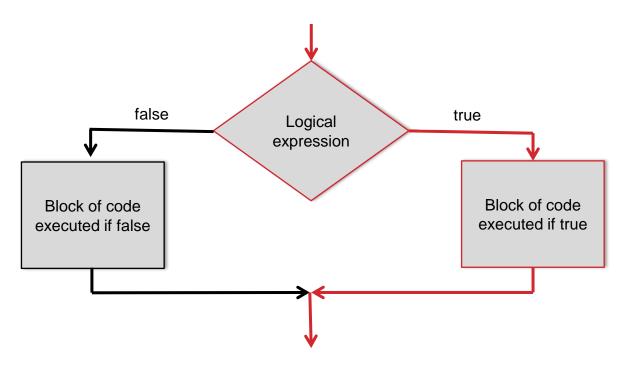
Programming style suggestions:

- Type the "if line" and the "else line" and the { } brackets so they are vertically aligned with each other
- Do <u>not</u> put a semi-colon after the "if line" or the "else line" or you will get very strange run time errors
- The two blocks of code should be indented 3-4 spaces to aid program readability
- If either block of code is only <u>one</u> line long, we can omit the curly brackets { } and shorten the length of the program

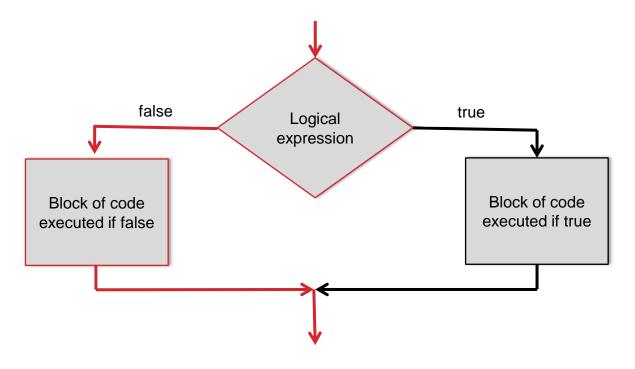
 We can visualize the program's if-else statement decision process using a "flow chart" diagram



 If the logical expression is true, we take one path through the diagram (executing one block of code)



 If the logical expression is false, we take one path through the diagram (executing the other block of code)



```
// Simple if-else example
if ((a > 0) \&\& (b > 0))
  c = a / b;
  a = a - c;
else
  c = a * b;
  a = b + c;
```

```
// Ugly if-else example
if (a < b) {
  c = a * 3;
  a = b - c; } else
  a = c + 5;
```

 This code is technically correct, but it is difficult for humans to read and understand the intended logic

```
// Pretty if-else example
if (a < b)
{
    c = a * 3;
    a = b - c;
}
else
    a = c + 5;</pre>
```

Notice that the else part is only one line long so we omitted the curly brackets

 This is the same portion of code with proper indentation so it is much easier for humans to read and understand

- How can we convert test scores to letter grades?
 - We must read test scores with values between 0..100
 - We want to output corresponding A,B,C,D,F letter grades
- To find the letter grade, we need a series of if statements
 - If score is between 90..100 output A
 - If score is between 80..89 output B
 - If score is between 70..79 output C
 - If score is between 60..69 output D
 - If score is between 0..59 output F

- It is very important to develop and test programs incrementally, just a few lines at a time
 - Start by writing comments that describe the steps you want the program to take
 - Then add some code under each comment that implements that part of the program
 - Then compile and run the partial program to make sure there are no syntax errors, and that the part you have implemented is working correctly
 - Continue adding small pieces of code, compiling and testing the program until it is complete

```
// Program to convert test scores into letter grades
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
                                                The first step is to write
 // Local variable declarations
                                                comments in the main
 // Read test score
                                                program to explain our
 // Calculate letter grade
                                                approach
 // Print output
                                                This will compile and run
  return 0;
                                                but not do anything
```

// Program to convert test scores into letter grades

```
int main()
{
    // Local variable declarations

float Score = 0;
    char Grade = '?';
    // Read test score
    cout << "Enter test score: ";
    cin >> Score;
    cout >> "Score: " << Score << endl;</pre>
```

Next, we_add code to the main program to get the input test score

This will compile and run but only read and print the input test score

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

```
// Local variable declarations
float Score = 0;
char Grade = '?';
// Read test score
cout << "Enter test score: ";
cin >> Score;
cout >> "Score: " << Score << endl:
// Calculate letter grade
if ((Score >= 90) && (Score <= 100))
  Grade = 'A';
// Print output
cout << "Grade: " << Grade << endl;</pre>
```

Next, we add more code calculate one letter grade and then print output

This will compile and run but it will only calculate A grades correctly

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```
// Calculate letter grade
if ((Score >= 90) && (Score <= 100))
  Grade = 'A';
if ((Score >= 80) && (Score < 90))
  Grade = 'B';
if ((Score >= 70) && (Score < 80))
  Grade = 'C';
if ((Score >= 60) && (Score < 70))
  Grade = 'D';
if ((Score >= 0) \&\& (Score < 60))
  Grade = 'F';
```

Finally, we add more code to calculate the remaining letter grades

This will compile and run and hopefully calculate all grades

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We should start testing with "expected" input values

- Try test scores that we know are in the middle of the A,B,C,D,F letter ranges (e.g. 95,85,75,65,55)
- Try input values that are "on the border" of the letter grade ranges to make sure we have our ">=" and ">" conditions right (e.g. 79,80,81)

We should then test "unexpected" input values

- Try entering test values that are outside the 0..100 range to see what the program will output
- Finally, see what happens if the user enters something other than an integer test score (e.g. 3.14159, "hello")

SUMMARY

- In this section we have studied the syntax and use of the C++ if statement and the if-else statement
- We have also seen how flow chart diagrams can be used to visualize different execution paths in a program
- Finally, we showed how if statements can be used to implement a simple grade calculation program

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PART 3

NESTED IF STATEMENTS

- We can have two or more if statements inside each other to check multiple conditions
 - These are called nested if statements
- Use indentation to reflect nesting and aid readability
 - Typically indent 3-4 spaces or one tab per nesting level
- Need to be careful when matching up { } brackets
 - This way you can decipher the nesting of conditions

```
if (logical expression1)
 if ( logical expression2 )
   // Statements to execute if expressions1 and expression2 are true
 else
   // Statements to execute if expression1 true and expression2 false
else
 // Statements to execute if expression1 false
```

```
// Simple nested if example
cin >> a >> b;
if (a < b)
  cout << "A is smaller than B\n";
  if ((a > 0) \&\& (b > 0))
    cout << "A and B are both positive\n";
  else
    cout << "A or B or both are negative\n";
```

```
// Ugly nested if example
if (a > 0) {
  if (b < 0) {
    a = 3 * b;
    c = a + b; } }
else {
    a = 2 * a;
    c = b / a; }</pre>
```

It is hard to see what if statement the else code goes with

```
// Pretty nested if example
if (a > 0)
  if (b < 0)
    a = 3 * b;
    c = a + b;
else
  a = 2 * a;
  c = b / a;
```

Now we can see the else goes with the first if statement

- We can use nested if statements to calculate grades with fewer comparison operations then the previous example
- The key is to make use of what we know is true when we go into the "else" block of code and not test this again

```
if (Score \geq 90)
 Grade = 'A';
else
                                  We also know Score < 90 so
  if (Score >= 80)
                                  the score is in the B range
    Grade = 'B';
 else
                      We know Score < 80 so we do
                      not need to test for this again
```

```
if (Score \geq 90)
  Grade = 'A';
else if (Score \geq 80)
  Grade = 'B';
else if (Score \geq 70)
 Grade = 'C';
else if (Score \geq 60)
  Grade = 'D';
else if (Score >= 0)
  Grade = 'F';
```

Since each else block is only one line long we can omit the curly brackets to save space

We can also line up all of the "else if" statements with the original if statement

- In C++ we can store true/false values in Boolean variables
- The constants <u>true</u> and <u>false</u> can be used to initialize bool variables
 - bool Done = true;
 - bool Quit = false;
- Boolean expressions can also be used to initialize bool variables
 - int a = 2, b = 3;
 - bool Positive = (a >= 0);
 - bool Negative = (b < 0);</p>

- Boolean variables and true/false constants can also be used in logical expressions
 - (Done == true) is true
 - (Quit != true) is true
 - (Done == Quit) is false
 - (true == Positive) is true
 - ((a < b) == false) is false
 - (Negative) is false

- Internally C++ stores Boolean variables as integers
 - 0 is normally used for false
 - 1 is normally used for true
 - Any value not equal to 0 is considered true
- It is considered "bad programming style" to use integers instead of the true/false keywords
 - bool Good = 0;
 - bool Bad = 1;
 - bool Ugly = 2;

- Integers are used when writing Boolean values
 - cout << Good will print 0</p>
 - cout << Bad will print 1</p>
 - cout << Ugly will also print 1
- Integers are also used when reading Boolean values
 - cin >> Good;
 - Entering 0 sets Good variable to false
 - Entering any value >= 1 sets Good variable to true
 - Entering value < 0 also sets Good variable to true
 - Entering "true" or "false" will not work

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- Boolean variables are often used for status flags
 - Set status flag to initial value
 - Test to see if certain condition occurs
 - Update status flag when necessary

```
bool Positive = true;
if (a < 0) Positive = false;
if (b < 0) Positive = false;
if (c < 0) Positive = false;
```

- How can we test a number to see if it is prime?
 - We are given numerical values between 1..100
 - We need to see if it has any factors besides 1 and itself
 - If no factors found then number is prime
- We need some nested if statements
 - Test if input number is between 1..100
 - If so, then test if 2,3,5,7 are factors of input number
 - Then print out "prime" or "not prime"

- How can we test a if F is a factor of N?
 - By definition "A factor of N is an integer F that may be multiplied by some other integer to produce N"
 - N = F * V for some integer V
 - N / F = V with no remainder
 - (F * (N / F) == N) true if F a factor
 - (N % F == 0) true if F a factor
- To be a prime factor, F can not equal N
 - ((N != F) && (N % F == 0))

```
// Check for prime numbers using a factoring approach
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
 // Local variable declarations
                                                For the first version
 // Read input parameters
                                               of program we just
                                               write comments in
 // Check input is valid
                                               the main program to
 // Check if number is prime
                                               explain our approach
 // Print output
  return 0;
```

// Check for prime numbers using a factoring approach

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
 // Local variable declarations
 int Number = 0;
 bool Prime = true;
 // Read input parameters
 cout << "Enter a number [1..100]:";
 cin >> Number;
```

For the second version of program we initialize variables and read the input value from user

```
cout << "Enter a number [1..100]:";
cin >> Number;
// Check input is valid
if ((Number < 1) || (Number > 100))
  cout << "Error: Number is out of range\n";</pre>
else
  // Check if number is prime
  // Print output
```

For the next version of the program we add code to verify the range of input value

```
cout << "Enter a number [1..100]:";
cin >> Number;
// Check input is valid
if ((Number >= 1) && (Number <= 100))
  // Check if number is prime
  // Print output
else
  cout << "Error: Number is out of range\n";</pre>
```

For the next version of the program we add code to verify the range of input value

PRIME NUMBER EXAMPLE

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// Check if number is prime

```
if (Number == 1) Prime = false;
if ((Number != 2) && (Number % 2 == 0)) Prime = false;
if ((Number != 3) && (Number % 3 == 0)) Prime = false;
if ((Number != 5) && (Number % 5 == 0)) Prime = false;
if ((Number != 7) && (Number % 7 == 0)) Prime = false;
// Print output
if (Prime)
 cout << "Number " << Number << " IS prime\n";
else
 cout << "Number " << Number << " is NOT prime\n";
```

In the final version we finish
← the prime number

calculation and print the output

PRIME NUMBER EXAMPLE

How should we test the prime number program?

- Test the range checking code by entering values "on the border" of the input range (e.g. 0,1,2 and 99,100,101)
- Test program with several values we know <u>are</u> prime
- Test program with several values we know are <u>not</u> prime
- To be really compulsive we could test all values between
 1..100 and compare to known prime numbers

What is wrong with this program?

- It only works for inputs between 1..100
- It will not "scale up" easily if we extend this input range

SUMMARY

- In this section we showed how if statements and if-else statements can be nested inside each other to create more complex paths through a program
- We also showed how proper indenting is important to read and understand programs with nested if statements
- We have seen how Boolean variables can be used to store true/false values in a program
- Finally, we used an incremental approach to create a program for checking the factors of input numbers to see if they are prime or not

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PART 4
SWITCH STATEMENTS

- The switch statement is convenient for handling multiple branches based on the value of one decision variable
 - The program looks at the value of the decision variable
 - The program jumps directly to the matching case label
 - The statements following the case label are executed
- Special features of the switch statement:
 - The "break" command at the end of a block of statements will make the program jump to the end of the switch
 - The program executes the statements after the "default" label if no other cases match the decision variable

```
switch (decision variable)
{
 case value1:
   // Statements to execute if variable equals value1
   break;
 case value2:
   // Statements to execute if variable equals value2
   break;
 default:
   // Statements to execute if variable not equal to any value
```

```
int Age = 0;
                                   The program will execute this
cin >> Age;
                                   code only if Age == 0
switch (Age)
  case 0:
    cout << "Stop being such a baby" << endl;</pre>
    break;
  case 7:
   cout << "Are you going to first grade now?" << endl;</pre>
    break;
```

```
case 21:
  cout << "Lets go for a drink" << endl;</pre>
  break;
case 42:
  cout << "This is the ultimate age" << endl;
  break;
default:
 cout << "Your age is boring" << endl;</pre>
```

```
char Choice = ' ';
                                  The program will execute this
cin >> Choice;
                                  code only if Choice is 'd' or 'D'
switch (Choice)
  case 'd': case 'D':
   cout << "Deposit money in bank" << endl;</pre>
    break;
  case 'w': case 'W':
   cout << "Withdraw money from bank" << endl;</pre>
    break;
```

```
case 't': case 'T':
 cout << "Transfer money between accounts" << endl;</pre>
  break;
case 'q': case 'Q':
 cout << "Quit banking program" << endl;</pre>
  break;
default:
 cout << "Invalid command" << endl;</pre>
```

- The main advantage of switch statement over a sequence of if-else statements is that it is much faster
 - Jumping to blocks of code is based on a lookup table instead of a sequence of variable comparisons
- The main disadvantage of switch statements is that the decision variable must be an integer or a character
 - We can <u>not</u> use a switch with a float or string decision variable or with complex logical expressions

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- How can we create a user interface for banking?
 - Assume user selects commands from a menu
 - We need to see read and process user commands
- We can use a switch statements to handle menu
 - Ask user for numerical code for user command
 - Jump to the code to process that banking operation
 - Repeat until the user quits the application

```
// Simulate bank deposits and withdrawals
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
 // Local variable declarations
                                              For the first version
                                              of program we just
 // Print command prompt
                                              write comments in
 // Read user input
                                              the main program to
                                              explain our approach
 // Handle banking command
 return 0;
```

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```
// Local variable declarations

int Command = 0;

// Print command prompt

cout << "Enter command number:\n";

// Read user input

cin >> Command;
```

For the next version of program we add the code to read the user command

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// Handle banking command

```
switch (Command)
case 0: // Quit code
 break;
case 1: // Deposit code
 break;
case 2: // Withdraw code
 break;
case 3: // Print balance code
 break;
```

Then we add the skeleton of the switch statement to handle the user command

```
// Simulate bank deposits and withdrawals
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
 // Local variable declarations
 int Command = 0;
 int Money = 0;
 int Balance = 100;
 // Print command prompt
 cout << "Enter command number:\n"
       << " 0 - quit\n"
       << " 1 - deposit money\n"
       < " 2 - withdraw money\n"
       < " 3 - print balance\n";
```

In the final version add bank account variables and add code to perform banking operations

```
// Read and handle banking commands
cin >> Command;
switch (Command)
case 0: // Quit code
 cout << "See you later!" << endl;</pre>
 break;
case 1: // Deposit code
 cout << "Enter deposit amount: ";</pre>
 cin >> Money;
 Balance = Balance + Money;
 break;
```

```
case 2: // Withdraw code
   cout << "Enter withdraw amount: ";</pre>
   cin >> Money;
   Balance = Balance - Money;
   break;
  case 3: // Print balance code
   cout << "Current balance = " << Balance << endl;</pre>
   break;
  default: // Handle other values
   cout << "Ooops try again" << endl;
   break;
// Print final balance
cout << "Final balance = " << Balance << endl;</pre>
}
```

- First, we should test program with "normal" inputs
 - Try entering all valid menu commands
 - Try variety of deposit/withdraw amounts
- Then, we should test with "abnormal" inputs
 - What happens if we enter an invalid menu command?
 - What happens if we enter a negative input value?
 - What happens if the withdraw amount is larger then the account balance?
- If we find problems, we should fix them or document them

- To improve the menu, we can use letters that match the commands d=deposit, w=withdrawal instead of numbers
 - Print letter based command menu
 - Read in letters from user
 - Convert switch cases to letters
- To avoid negative balances, we must check to see if there is enough money in account before doing the withdrawal
 - This requires an if statement inside the switch
 - Only do the withdrawal if the amount is valid
 - Print error message if withdrawal amount is invalid

```
// Print command prompt
cout << "Enter command character:\n"
     << " q / Q - quit\n"
     << " d / D - deposit money\n"
      << " w / W - withdraw money\n"
      << " p / P - print balance\n";</pre>
```

```
// Read user input
char Command = ' ';
cin >> Command;

Read single letter
for user command
```

// Handle banking command

```
switch (Command)
case 'q': case 'Q': // Quit code
 break;
case 'd': case 'D': // Deposit code
 break;
case 'w': case 'W': // Withdraw code
 break;
case 'p': case 'P': // Print balance code
 break;
```

Our new switch statement will use single character to select a command

```
case 'w': case 'W': // Withdraw code

cout << "Enter withdraw amount: ";

cin >> Money;

if ((Money <= Balance) && (Money > 0))

Balance = Balance - Money;

else

cout << "Can not withdraw money\n";

break;

This if statement does error checking before withdrawing the money
```

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- There are many ways to write conditional code
 - Your task is to find the simplest correct code for the task
- Make your code easy to read and understand
 - Indent your program to reflect the nesting of blocks of code
- Develop your program incrementally
 - Compile and run your code frequently
- Anticipate potential user input errors
 - Check for normal and abnormal input values

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

Common programming mistakes

- Missing or unmatched () brackets in logical expressions
- Missing or unmatched { } brackets in conditional statement
- Missing break statement at bottom of switch cases
- Never use & instead of && in logical expressions
- Never use | instead of || in logical expressions
- Never use = instead of == in logical expressions
- Never use ";" directly after logical expression

SUMMARY

- In this section we have studied the syntax and use of the C++ switch statement
- We also showed an example where a switch statement was used to create a menu-based banking program
- Finally, have discussed several software engineering tips for creating and debugging conditional programs