Chapter 3: More Flow of Control

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Overview

- Using Boolean Expressions
 - Truth table, evaluate boolean expression
 - Precedence
- Multiway Branches
 - Embeded if-else statement
- More about C++ Loop Statements
- Designing Loops

Flow Of Control

- Flow of control refers to the order in which program statements are performed
 - We have seen following ways to specify flow of control
 - if-else-statement, if statement
 - while-statement
 - New methods
 - switch-statements
 - for-statements

Review: if statements

• To implement branching, use if statements

```
if (boolean_expression)
    statement1
else
    statement2
```

```
if (boolean_expression)
    statement
```

- Boolean expression is enclosed by ()
- **statements** should be indented by one more level. It can be
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- 4. loop statement
- 5. if statement, i.e., nested if statement

Using Boolean Expressions

- A Boolean Expression is an expression that is either true or false
 - Using relational operations such as
 - \bullet = = , < , and >= which produce a boolean value
 - boolean operations
 - &&, | |, and!
- Type bool allows declaration of variables that store value true or false

Evaluating Boolean Expressions

- Boolean expressions are evaluated step-by-step
 - Refer to truth tables
 - e.g., if y is 8, expression

is evaluated in following sequence

```
! (false | true)
```

! (true)

false

Truth Tables

AND

Exp_1	Exp_2	Exp_1 && Exp_2
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

OR

Exp_1	Exp_2	Exp_1 Exp_2
true	true	true
true	false	true
false	true	true
false	fa1se	false

NOT

Exp	!(Exp)
true	false
false	true

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Order of Precedence: boolean expression

- If parenthesis are omitted from boolean expressions, default precedence of operations is:
 - Perform ! operations first
 - Perform relational operations such as < next
 - Perform && operations next
 - Perform | operations last

Precedence Rules

- Items in expressions are grouped by precedence rules for arithmetic and boolean operators
 - Operators with higher precedence are performed first
 - Binary operators with equal precedence are performed left to right
 - Unary operators of equal precedence are performed right to left

Precedence Rules

```
The unary operators +, -, ++, --, and !.

The binary arithmetic operations *, /, %

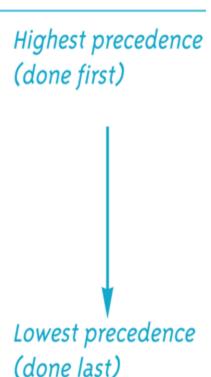
The binary arithmetic operations +, -

The Boolean operations <, >, <=, >=

The Boolean operations ==, !=

The Boolean operations &&

The Boolean operations | |
```



Precedence Rule Example

The expression

$$(x+1) > 2 \mid (x+1) < -3$$

is equivalent to
 $((x+1) > 2) \mid ((x+1) < -3)$

 Because > and < have higher precedence than | |, and is equivalent to

$$x + 1 > 2 \mid x + 1 < -3$$

- Evaluating $x + 1 > 2 \mid |x + 1 < -3|$
 - First apply the unary —
 - Next apply the +'s
 - Now apply the > and <
 - Finally do the | |

Short-Circuit Evaluation (lazy evaluation)

- Sometimes, boolean expressions do not need to be completely evaluated
 - E.g., if x is negative, the value of expression $(x \ge 0)$ && $(y \ge 1)$ can be determined by evaluating only $(x \ge 0)$
- C++ short-circuit evaluation
 - If value of leftmost sub-expression determines final value of expression, rest of expression is not evaluated
 - E.g., $(x==1 \mid | x==2)$ if x equals to 1, second part is not evaluated

Using Short-Circuit Evaluation

- to prevent run-time errors
 - Consider

```
if ((kids != 0) && (pieces / kids >= 2) )
cout << "Each child may have two pieces!";
```

- If value of kids is zero, short-circuit evaluation prevents evaluation of (pieces $/ 0 \ge 2$)
 - Division by zero causes a run-time error

Type bool and Type int

- C++ can use integers as if they were Boolean values
 - Any non-zero number (typically 1) is true
 - 0 (zero) is false

```
• E.g., int n = 10;

while (n)

{

cout <<"*";

n--;
}
```

Problems with!

• The expression (! time > limit), with limit = 60, is evaluated as

```
(!time) > limit
```

- If time is an int with value 36, what is !time?
 - False or zero since it will be compared to an integer
 - The expression is further evaluated as 0 > limit

false

• The intent of the previous expression was most likely the expression

Avoiding!

- Just as not in English can make things not undifficult to read, the! operator can make C++ expressions difficult to understand
- Before using the ! operator see if you can express the same idea more clearly without the ! operator

Exercise

- Determine the value of these Boolean expressions, assuming count is 0 and limit is 10?
 - (count == 0) && (limit \leq 20)
 - !(count == 12)
 - (limit \leq 0) && ((limit /count) \geq 7)
 - (limit && count==0)

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Multiway Branches

- A branching mechanism selects one out of a number of alternative actions
 - An if-else-statement is a two-way branch
 - Three or four (or more) way branches: can be designed using nested if-else-statements
 - Where an if-else statement is a part of another if-else statement

```
    e.g., if (count < 10)</li>
    if (x < y)</li>
    cout << x << " is less than " << y;</li>
    else
    cout << y << " is less than " << x;</li>
```

An if-else Statement within an if Statement

```
if (count > 0)

if (score > 5)

cout << "count > 0 and score > 5\n";

else

cout << "count > 0 and score <= 5\n";</pre>
```

Nested if-else statements

• Example: To design an if-else statement to warn a driver when fuel is low, but tells the driver to bypass pit stops if the fuel is close to full. Otherwise there should be no output.

```
Pseudocode: if fuel gauge is below ¾ then:

if fuel gauge is below ¼ then:

issue a warning

otherwise (gauge > ¾) then:

output a statement saying don't stop
```

First Try Nested if's

• Translating the previous pseudocode to C++ could yield

```
if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.75)
      if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.25)
      cout << "Fuel very low. Caution!\n";
else
      cout << "Fuel over 3/4. Don't stop now!\n";</pre>
```

- compile and run, but does not produce desired results
 - When fuel_gauge_reading is 0.3, it prints "Fuel over ¾, Don't stop now!"
- Why?

Dangling else problem

- There is **ambiguity** in the code below
 - There are two if, only one else
 - Which if is this "else" for?

This is sometimes called Dangling else problem.

```
if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.75)
     if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.25)
        cout << "Fuel very low. Caution!\n";
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```

• C++ standard: pairs the "else" with nearest previous "if"

Braces and Nested Statements

- Braces in nested statements are like parenthesis in expressions
 - To pair else with first if: use {} to enclose the if statement.

```
if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.75)
{
    if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.25)
        cout << "Fuel very low. Caution!\n";
}
else
    cout << "Fuel over 3/4. Don't stop now!\n";</pre>
```

```
//Illustrates the importance of using braces in if-else statements.
  #include <iostream>
  using namespace std;
  int main()
       double fuel_gauge_reading;
       cout << "Enter fuel gauge reading: ";</pre>
       cin >> fuel_gauge_reading;
       cout << "First with braces:\n";</pre>
       if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.75)</pre>
           if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.25)</pre>
                cout << "Fuel very low. Caution!\n";</pre>
       e1se
            cout << "Fuel over 3/4. Don't stop now!\n";</pre>
       cout << "Now without braces:\n";</pre>
                                                                  This indenting is nice,
       if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.75)</pre>
                                                                  but is not what the
           if (fuel_gauge_reading < 0.25)</pre>
                                                                  computer follows.
                cout << "Fuel very low. Caution!\n";</pre>
       e1se
           cout << "Fuel over 3/4. Don't stop now!\n";</pre>
       return 0;
  }
Sample Dialogue 1
       Enter fuel gauge reading: 0.1
                                                      Braces make no difference in
       First with braces:
                                                      this case, but see Dialogue 2.
       Fuel very low. Caution!
       Now without braces:
       Fuel very low. Caution!
Sample Dialogue 2
                                                  There should be no output here,
       Enter fuel gauge reading: 0.5
                                                  and thanks to braces, there is none.
       Now without braces:
                                                     Incorrect output from the
                                                     version without braces.
       Fuel over 3/4. Don't stop now!
```

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Multi-way if-else-statements: Number Guessing

• number guessing game:

```
if (guess > number)
  cout << "Too high.";
else
  if (guess < number)
     cout << "Too low.");
  else
  if (guess == number)
     cout << "Correct!";</pre>
```

If there are more nested if statements, indentation levels keep increasing, less and less space ...

Indenting Nested if-else

• Alternative indentation for nested if-else-statements:

```
if (guess > number)
  cout << "Too high.";
else if (guess < number)
  cout << "Too low.");
else if (guess == number)
  cout << "Correct!";</pre>
```

Final if-else-statement

• When conditions tested in an if-else-statement are mutually exclusive, final if can sometimes be omitted.

```
if (guess> number)
    cout << "Too high.";
else if (guess < number)
    cout << "Too low.");
else // (guess == number), sure guess must be equal to number
    cout << "Correct!";</pre>
```

Nested if-else Syntax

```
if (Boolean_Expression_1)
   Statement_1
else if (Boolean_Expression_2)
   Statement_2
   ...
else if (Boolean_Expression_n)
   Statement_n
else
   Statement_For_All_Other_Possibilities
```

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Making sense of statements...

• By default language is English. If the country is USA and the state is PR, then set the language to Spanish. If the country is China, set the language to Chinese.

```
string language="English";
if (country=="USA")
if (state=="PR") language="Spanish";
else if (country=="China")
language="Chinese";
```

First: try to rewrite it using our indentation convention

Exercise

 Write a code segment that assign appropriate value to variable days_in_month, based on value of variable month

```
int month,days_in_month;
cin >> month;
//your code here ... assuming month takes value between
// 1 and 12, and assuming it's not leap year
```

Program Example: State Income Tax

• Write a program for a state that computes tax according to rate schedule:

No tax on first \$15,000 of income

5% tax on each dollar from \$15,001 to \$25,000

10% tax on each dollar over \$25,000

Multiway if-else Statement (part 2 of 2)

```
if (net_income <= 15000)
    return 0;
else if ((net_income > 15000) && (net_income <= 25000))
    //return 5% of amount over $15,000
    return (0.05*(net_income - 15000));
else //net_income > $25,000
{
    //five_percent_tax = 5% of income from $15,000 to $25,000.
    five_percent_tax = 0.05*10000;
    //ten_percent_tax = 10% of income over $25,000.
    ten_percent_tax = 0.10*(net_income - 25000);
    return (five_percent_tax + ten_percent_tax);
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter net income (rounded to whole dollars) $25100
Net income = $25100.00
Tax bill = $510.00
```

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Program Style

- A program written with attention to style
 - is easier to read
 - easier to correct
 - easier to change
- Indentations, Comments, Named Constants

Program Style - Indenting

- Items considered a group should look like a group
 - Skip lines between logical groups of statements
 - Indent statements within statements

if
$$(x = 0)$$

statement;

- Braces {} create groups
 - Indent within braces to make the group clear
 - Braces placed on separate lines are easier to locate

Program Style - Comments

- // is the symbol for a single line comment
 - Comments are explanatory notes for the programmer
 - All text on the line following // is ignored by the compiler

```
• Example: //calculate regular wages gross_pay = rate * hours;
```

• /* and */ enclose multiple line comments

```
• Example: /* This is a comment that spans multiple lines without a comment symbol on the middle line */
```

Program Style - Constants

- Number constants have no mnemonic value
- Number constants used throughout a program are difficult to find and change when needed
- Constants
 - Allow us to name number constants so they have meaning
 - Allow us to change all occurrences simply by changing the value of the constant

Constants

- const is the keyword to declare a constant
- Example:

```
const int WINDOW_COUNT = 10; declares a constant named WINDOW_COUNT
```

- Its value cannot be changed by program like a variable
- It is common to name constants with all capitals
- Create a named constant of type double with its value being 3.1415?

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switch-statement

• switch-statement: for constructing multi-way branches

```
switch (controlling expression)
   case constant_1:
                statement_Sequence_1
                break;
    case constant_2:
                statement_Sequence_2
                break;
    case constant_n:
                statement_Sequence_n
                break;
    default:
                default_Statement_Sequence
```

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```
//Program to illustrate the switch statement.
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    char grade;
    cout << "Enter your midterm grade and press Return: ";
    cin >> grade;
    switch (grade)
    {
         case 'A':
             cout << "Excellent. "</pre>
                   << "You need not take the final.\n";
             break:
         case 'B':
             cout << "Very good. ";</pre>
             grade = 'A';
             cout << "Your midterm grade is now "</pre>
                   << grade << endl;
             break;
         case 'C':
             cout << "Passing.\n";</pre>
             break;
         case 'D':
         case 'F':
             cout << "Not good. "</pre>
                   << "Go study.\n";
             break;
         default:
             cout << "That is not a possible grade.\n";</pre>
```

Understanding switch statement

```
switch (controlling expression)
   case constant_1:
         statement_Sequence_1
         break;
    case constant_2:
         statement_Sequence_2
         break;
    case constant_n:
         statement_Sequence_n
         break;
    default:
        default_Statement_Sequence
```

- A switch statement's **controlling expression** must be one of these types: bool, int, long, char
- Control expression's value is first evaluated, and then compared to constant values after each "case"
 - When a match is found, the code for that case is executed

Understand switch statement (cont'd)

- **break** statement: "break out" of switch statement, i.e., go to next statement after the switch
- **Usually**: we use a break at the end of the statement sequence for each case
- Omitting break statement will cause the code for the next case to be executed!
 - Cascading effect, or falling-through ...
 - This allows us to use multiple case labels for a section of code

```
case 'A':case 'a':cout << "Excellent.";</li>break;
```

Runs the same code for either 'A' or 'a'

default case

- If no case label has a constant that matches controlling expression, statements following default label are executed
 - If there is no default label, nothing happens when the switch statement is executed
- It is a good idea to include a default section

Nested if/else vs switch

- Nested if-else statements are more versatile than a switch statement
 - Question: can switch statement be used to computes tax according to rate schedule:

No tax on first \$15,000 of income 5% tax on each dollar from \$15,001 to \$25,000 10% tax on each dollar over \$25,000

- Switch-statements can make some code more clear
 - A menu is a natural application for a switch-statement

switch statement exercise

- Can we use switch statement to rewrite the expression.cpp?
 - What is used to control/select which branch to execute?
- Can we use switch statement to set the days_in_month based upon month? (i.e., if month is 1,3,5,7,8,10,12, days_in_month is set to 31, ...)?
 - Would you choose nested if/else or switch?

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Loop statement to repeat an action

- To repeat an action, we use a **loop**
- For example, to output "Hello" for ten times, we can:

```
e.g.,
    int count=10;
    while (count> 0)
    {
        cout << "Hello ";
        count -= 1;
    }
Output: Hello Hello Hello Hello Hello .... Hello</pre>
```

```
#include <iostream>
  using namespace std;
  int main()
  {
      int count_down;
      cout << "How many greetings do you want? ";</pre>
      cin >> count_down;
      while (count_down > 0)
           cout << "Hello ";</pre>
          count_down = count_down - 1;
      cout << endl;</pre>
      cout << "That's all!\n";</pre>
      return 0;
Sample Dialogue 1
          How many greetings do you want? 3
          Hello Hello Hello
          That's all!
Sample Dialogue 2
          How many greetings do you want? 1
          Hello
          That's all!
Sample Dialogue 3
                                                             The loop body
          How many greetings do you want? 0
                                                             is executed
                                                             zero times.
          That's all!
```

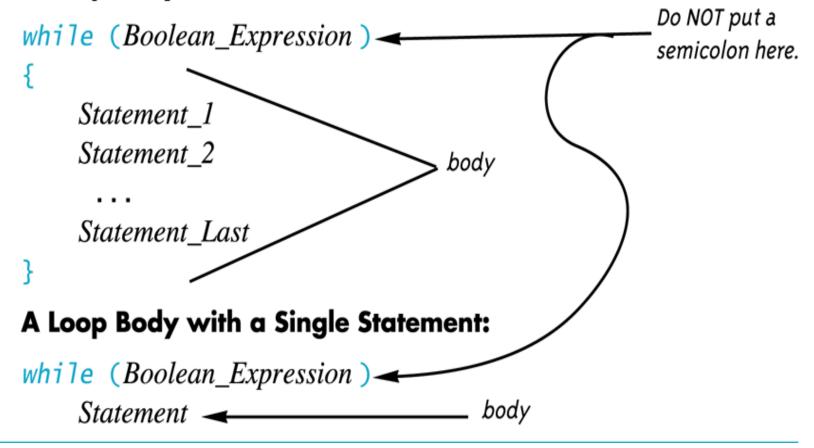
While Loop Operation

```
Boolean expression
count_down = 3;
while (count_down > 0)
      cout << "Hello ":
      count down -= 1;
Statement follows while
loop
The body of loop
```

- First, boolean expression is evaluated
 - If false, program skips to line following while loop
 - If true, body of loop is executed
 - During execution, some item from boolean expression is changed
- After executing loop body, boolean expression is checked again: repeating process until expression becomes false
- A while loop might not execute at all if boolean expression is false on the first check

Syntax of the while Statement

A Loop Body with Several Statements:



Exercise



- Can you write a program that prints numbers 1,2,3...,100 to the terminal?
- Write a program that
 - Ask the user to enter an integer
 - Calculate the sum of all numbers from 1 to this number
 - Output the result
- Write some code segment to keep reading from cin the number of 12 inch pizza until the user enter a non-negative number.

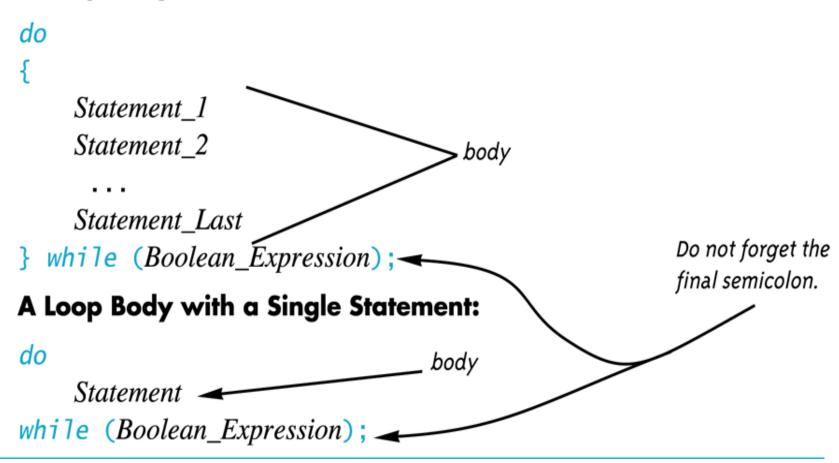
do-while loop

- A do-while loop is always executed at least once
 - body of the loop is first executed
 - boolean expression is checked after the body has been executed

```
Syntax:do
{
    statements to repeat
} while (boolean_expression);
```

Syntax of the do-while Statement

A Loop Body with Several Statements:



A do-while Loop

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
    char ans;
    do
    {
        cout << "Hello\n";</pre>
        cout << "Do you want another greeting?\n"</pre>
              << "Press y for yes, n for no,\n"
              << "and then press return: ";
        cin >> ans;
    } while (ans == 'y' || ans == 'Y');
    cout << "Good-Bye\n";</pre>
    return 0;
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Hello
Do you want another greeting?
Press y for yes, n for no,
and then press return: y
Hello
Do you want another greeting?
Press y for yes, n for no,
and then press return: Y
Hello
Do you want another greeting?
Press y for yes, n for no,
```

Sample Program

- Bank charge card balance of \$50
- 2% per month interest
- How many months without payments before your balance exceeds \$100
- After 1 month: \$50 + 2% of \$50 = \$51
- After 2 months: \$51 + 2% of \$51 = \$52.02
- After 3 months: \$52.02 + 2% of \$52.02 ...

Charge Card Program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
    double balance = 50.00;
    int count = 0;
    cout << "This program tells you how long it takes\n"</pre>
         << "to accumulate a debt of $100, starting with\n"</pre>
         << "an initial balance of $50 owed.\n"
         << "The interest rate is 2% per month.\n";
    while (balance < 100.00)
    {
        balance = balance + 0.02 * balance;
        count++;
    }
    cout << "After " << count << " months,\n";</pre>
    cout.setf(ios::fixed);
    cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
    cout.precision(2);
    cout << "your balance due will be $" << balance << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

Infinite Loops

- infinite loops: loops that never stop are
 - loop body should contain a line that will eventually cause boolean expression to become false

```
    e.g.,: print odd numbers less than 12
        x = 1;
        while (x != 12)
        {
            cout << x << endl;
            x = x + 2;
        }</li>
```

• Better to use this comparison: while ($x \le 12$)

Exercises

Can you show the output of this code if x is of type int?

```
x = 10;
while (x > 0)
{
cout << x << endl;
x = x - 3;
}
```

- Show the output of the previous code using the comparison x < 0 instead of x > 0?

C++ Loop Statements

- A **loop** is a program construction that repeats a statement or sequence of statements a number of times
 - The body of the loop is the statement(s) repeated
 - Each repetition of the loop is an iteration
- Loop design questions:
 - What should loop body be?
 - How many times should the body be iterated?

Syntax of the while Statement and do-while Statement

A while Statement with a Single Statement Body

```
while (Boolean_Expression)
Statement ← Body
```

A while Statement with a Multistatement Body

A do-while Statement with a Single Statement Body

```
Statement ← Body
while (Boolean_Expression);
```

A do-while Statement with a Multistatement Body

```
do
{
    Statement_1
    Statement_2
    .
    .
    Statement_Last
} while (Boolean_Expression);
```

Review: while and do-while

- A while loop checks the Boolean expression at the beginning of the loop
 - A while loop might never be executed!
- A do-while loop checks the Boolean expression at the end of the loop
 - A do-while loop is always executed at least once

What's the problem with the code?

• Prompt the user to enter the month, check if the input is valid (whether the value is between 1 and 12). Repeat it until the input is valid.

```
cout << "Enter the month::";
int month;
cin >> month;
while (month >12 || month <1);
  cout << "Invalid input. Try again:";
  cin >> month;
```



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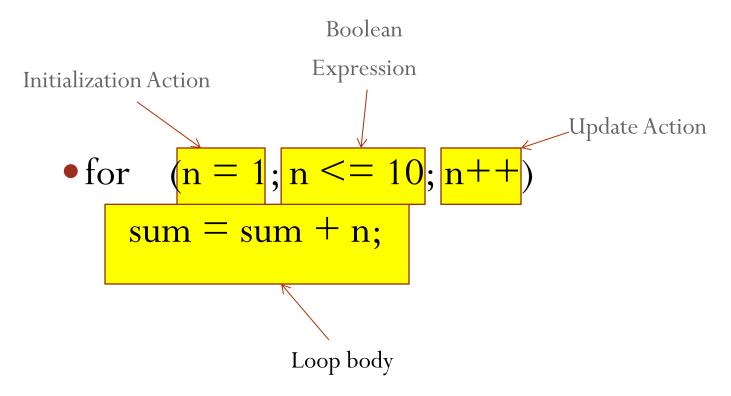
- For loop: more compact form
 - Normally used to write a loop with known iteration numbers
- for loop to add the numbers 1 10

```
sum = 0;
for (n = 1; n \le 10; n++)
sum = sum + n;
```

while loop for same task

```
sum = 0;
n = 1;
while (n <= 10)
{
    sum = sum + n;
    n++;
}</pre>
```

For Loop Dissection



- 1. initialize n with value1
- 2. Continue to iterate the body as long as n <= 10
- 3. Increment n by one after each iteration

For loop => while loop

```
sum = 0;
for (n = 1; n \le 10; n++)
 sum = sum + n;
sum = 0;
n = 1;
while (n <= 10)
  sum = sum + n;
  n++;
```

for Loop Alternative

- A for loop can also include a variable declaration in initialization action
 - for (int n = 1; n < = 10; n++)

This line means

- Create a variable, n, of type int and initialize it with 1
- Continue to iterate the body as long as $n \le 10$
- Increment n by one after each iteration

The for Statement

for Statement

Syntax

```
for (Initialization_Action; Boolean_Expression; Update_Action)

Body_Statement
```

Example

```
for (number = 100; number >= 0; number--)
  cout << number
  << " bottles of beer on the shelf.\n";</pre>
```

Equivalent while loop

Equivalent Syntax

```
Initialization_Action;
while (Boolean_Expression)
{
    Body_Statement
    Update_Action;
}
```

Equivalent Example

```
number = 100;

while (number >= 0)
```

for-loop Details

 Initialization and update actions of for-loops often contain more complex expressions

for
$$(n = 1; n < = 10; n = n + 2)$$

for $(n = 0; n > -100; n = n - 7)$
for $(double x = pow(y, 3.0); x > 2.0; x = sqrt(x))$

for Loop with a Multistatement Body

Syntax

Example

Exercise: how many Hello?

```
for(int count = 1; count <= 10; count++);
cout << "Hello\n";
```

- prints one "Hello", but not as part of the loop!
- The empty statement is the body of the loop
- cout << "Hello\n"; is not part of the loop body!

Break statement

- There are times to exit a loop before it ends
 - If loop checks for invalid input that would ruin a calculation, it is often best to end the loop
- Break statement can be used to exit a loop before normal termination
- In nested loops, break only exits loop in which breakstatement occurs

```
//Sums a list of ten negative numbers.
  #include <iostream>
  using namespace std;
  int main()
  {
      int number, sum = 0, count = 0;
      cout << "Enter 10 negative numbers:\n";</pre>
      while (++count <= 10)</pre>
          cin >> number;
          if (number >= 0)
          {
              cout << "ERROR: positive number"</pre>
                    << " or zero was entered as the\n"
                    << count << "th number! Input ends "
                    << "with the " << count << "th number.\n"
                    << count << "th number was not added in.\n";
              break;
          sum = sum + number;
      cout << sum << " is the sum of the first "
           << (count - 1) << " numbers.\n";
      return 0;
Sample Dialogue
         Enter 10 negative numbers:
         -1 -2 -3 4 -5 -6 -7 -8 -9 -10
         ERROR: positive number or zero was entered as the
         4th number! Input ends with the 4th number.
         4th number was not added in.
         -6 is the sum of the first 3 numbers.
```

Explicitly Nested Loops

```
//Determines the total number of green-necked vulture eggs
//counted by all conservationists in the conservation district.
#include <iostream>
using namespace std:
void instructions();
int main()
    instructions();
    int number_of_reports;
    cout << "How many conservationist reports are there? ";
    cin >> number_of_reports:
    int grand_total = 0, subtotal, count;
    for (count = 1; count <= number_of_reports; count++)</pre>
        cout << endl << "Enter the report of "
             << "conservationist number " << count << endl;</pre>
        cout << "Enter the number of eggs in each nest.\n"
             << "Place a negative integer"
             << " at the end of your list.\n";
        subtotal = 0;
        int next:
        cin >> next;
        while (next >= 0)
            subtotal = subtotal + next;
            cin >> next:
        cout << "Total egg count for conservationist"
             << " number " << count << " is "
             << subtotal << endl:
        grand_total = grand_total + subtotal;
    cout << endl << "Total egg count for all reports = "
         << grand_total << endl;
    return 0;
```

Nested Loops

- The body of a loop may contain any kind of statement, including another loop, if statement
- When loops are nested, all iterations of inner loop are executed for each iteration of the outer loop

Exercise

Determine the output of the following?
 for(int count = 1; count < 5; count++)
 cout << (2 * count) << " ";

• Write a for loop to calculate the sum $1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + \dots + 1/10$

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Designing Loops

- Designing a loop involves designing
 - The body of the loop
 - The initializing statements
 - The conditions for ending the loop

Which Loop To Use?

- Choose the type of loop late in the design process
 - First design the loop using **pseudocode**
- Translate pseudocode into C++
 - for-loops: when doing numeric calculations, especially when using a variable changed by equal amounts each time the loop iterates
 - While-loops:
 - When a for-loop is not appropriate
 - When there are circumstances for which loop body should not be executed at all
 - Do-while loops:
 - When a for-loop is not appropriate
 - When the loop body must be executed at least once

Sums and Products

- A common task is reading a list of numbers and computing the sum
- Pseudocode for this task might be:

Pseudocode containing the line

repeat the following "this many times"

is often implemented with a for-loop

for-loop for a sum

```
int sum = 0;
for(int count=1; count <= this_many; count++)
    {
      cin >> next;
      sum = sum + next;
    }
}
```

- A for-loop is generally the choice when there is a predetermined number of iterations
- sum must be initialized prior to the loop body!

for-loop For a Product

• Forming a product is very similar to the sum example seen earlier

```
int product = 1;
for(int count=1; count <= this_many; count++)
{
  cin >> next;
  product = product * next;
}
```

- product must be initialized prior to the loop body
- Notice that product is initialized to 1, not 0!

Ending a read input Loop

- Four common methods to terminate a loop that reads inputs from keyboard
 - List headed by size
 - When we can determine the size of the list beforehand
 - Ask before iterating
 - Ask if the user wants to continue before each iteration
 - List ended with a sentinel value
 - Using a particular value to signal the end of the list
 - Running out of input
 - Using the eof function to indicate the end of a file

List Headed By Size

• The for-loops we have seen provide a natural implementation of the list headed by size method of ending a loop

```
int items;
cout << "How many items in the list?";
cin >> items;
for(int count = 1; count <= items; count++)
{
    int number;
    cout << "Enter number " << count;
    cin >> number;
    cout << endl;
    // statements to process the number
}</pre>
```

Ask Before Iterating

• A while loop is used here to implement the ask before iterating method to end a loop

```
sum = 0;
cout << "Are there numbers in the list (Y/N)?";
char ans;
cin >> ans;

while (( ans = 'Y') || (ans = 'y'))
{
    //statements to read and process the number
    cout << "Are there more numbers(Y/N)? ";
    cin >> ans;
}
```

List Ended With a Sentinel Value

• A while loop is typically used to end a loop using the list ended with a sentinel value method

```
cout << "Enter a list of nonnegative integers.\n"
    << "Place a negative integer after the list.\n";
sum = 0;
cin >> number;
while (number > 0)
{
      //statements to process the number
      cin >> number;
}
```

Notice that the sentinel value is read, but not processed

Running Out of Input

• while loop is typically used to implement running out of input method of ending a loop

General Methods To Control Loops

- Counter controlled loops: the number of iterations predetermined before loop begins
 - E.g., list headed by size
- Ask before iterating
- Exit on flag condition: loops ended when a particular flag condition exists
 - A variable that changes value to indicate that some event has taken place is a flag
 - E.g., List ended with a sentinel value, running out of input

Exit on Flag Caution

• Consider this loop to identify a student with a grade of 90 or better

```
int n = 1;
  grade = compute_grade(n);
while (grade < 90)
{
  n++;
  grade = compute_grade(n);
}
cout << "Student number " << n
  << " has a score of " << grade << endl;</pre>
```

What if no student has a grade of 90 or higher?

Exit On Flag Solution

• This code solves the problem of having no student grade at 90 or higher

a second flag: ensure there are still students to consider

Debugging Loops

- Off-by-one errors: loop executes one too many or one too few times
 - Check your comparison: should it be < or <=?
 - Check that the initialization uses the correct value
 - Does the loop handle the zero iterations case?
- Infinite loops: usually result from a mistake in Boolean expression that controls the loop
 - Check direction of inequalities:

- Test for < or > rather than equality (==)
 - Remember that doubles are really only approximations

Loop Debugging Tips

- Be sure that the mistake is really in the loop
- Trace variable to observe how the variable changes
 - Tracing a variable is watching its value change during execution
 - Many systems include utilities to help with this
 - cout statements can be used to trace a value

Debugging Example

• following code is supposed to conclude with variable *product* containing the product of the numbers 2 through 5, i.e., 2*3*4*5

```
int next = 2, product = 1;
while (next < 5)
{
    next++;
    product = product * next;
}</pre>
```

Tracing Variables

Add temporary cout statements to trace variables

```
int next = 2, product = 1;
        while (next \leq 5)
               next++;
               product = product * next;
               cout << "next = " << next
                      << "product = " << product
                      << endl;
next=3 product=3
next=4 product=12
                          Problem: 2 is not multiplied into product...
next=5 product=60
```

First Fix

Solve the problem by moving the statement next++

• There is still a problem!

Second Fix

- New problem: loop never multiplies by 5
 - The fix is to use <= instead of < in our comparison

```
int next = 2, product = 1;
while (next <= 5)
{
    product = product * next;
    next++;
}</pre>
```

Loop Testing Guidelines

- Every time a program is changed, it must be retested
 - Changing one part may require a change to another
- Every loop should at least be tested using input to cause:
 - Zero iterations of the loop body
 - One iteration of the loop body
 - One less than the maximum number of iterations
 - The maximum number of iterations

Starting Over

- Sometimes it is more efficient to throw out a buggy program and start over
 - The new program will be easier to read
 - The new program is less likely to be as buggy
 - You may develop a working program faster than if you repair the bad code
 - The lessons learned in the buggy code will help you design a better program faster

Summary

- Using Boolean Expressions
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 - Nested if-else statement
 - Switch statement
- More about C++ Loop Statements
- Designing Loops