9. Control Flow
ENEE 140

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Today's Lecture

- Where we've been
  - Scalar data types (`int, long, float, double, char`)
  - Basic control flow (`while` and `if`)
  - Functions
  - Random number generation
  - Arrays and strings
  - Variable scope
  - Header and source files
- Where we're going today
  - Other control flow statements
  - *Loop invariants*
- Where we're going next
  - File Input/Output

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Review of printf

- We've seen

```
printf("This is ENEE %d\n", 140);
```

  - Format specifiers: %d, %f, %s, …
  - Special characters: \n, \t, …

- How to print escape characters with printf?

`printf("%%");`	Prints %
`printf("\\");`	Prints \
`printf("\"");`	Prints "
`printf("\xHH");`	Prints character with ASCII code HH (in hexa)

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Review: `if-else`

- Evaluating a multi-way decision
  - What's the difference between these two constructs:

```
if (cond1) {
        statement1;
}
if (cond2) {
        statement2;
}
statement3;
```

```
if (cond1) {
        statement1;
} else if (cond2) {
        statement2;
} else {
        statement3;
}
```

- An `else` branch is associated with the closest `if` that lacks an `else`
  - Common source of errors in C programs
- **Good programming practice: use curly braces around `if` and `else` branches**
  - Especially if you have nested `if`s

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Review of Loops

- Loops are used for repeating statements in a cycle, until a condition becomes false
- We've seen

```
while (condition) {
  statements
}
```

condition tested **before** the loop body

```
for (init; condition; increment) {
  statements
}
```

equivalent to

```
init;
while (condition) {
        statements
        increment;
}
```

- `for` loop variations

```
for (;;) { … }
```
infinite loop

```
for (a=0, i=0; … ; …) { … }
```
multiple initializations, separated by ,

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Reading Files Line-by-Line

Needed for Project 2

- We've seen: `getchar()`, `scanf()`
- Reading a file line-by-line:

```
#include <stdio.h>
char line[MAX_LINE];
FILE *file_in, *file_out;
```
variables representing the files

```
file_in = fopen("input_file.txt", "r");
```
open file for reading

```
file_out = fopen("output_file.txt", "w");
```
open file for writing

```
if (file_in == NULL) {
 printf ("Could not open the input_file.txt file.\n");
    exit (-1);
}
```
`fopen()` failed

also do this check for file_out

```
while (fgets(line, MAX_LINE, file_in) != NULL) {
   fprintf (file_out, "%s", line);
}
```
read a line from file_in

write a line to file_out

```
fclose(file_in); fclose(file_out);
```

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do-while Loops

- In C there is another kind of loop

```
do {
  statements
}while (condition)
```

condition is tested **after** the loop body

- With a `do-while` loop, the body is always executed at least once
  - With `while` and `for` loops, the condition is tested before each iteration => the body is not executed if the condition is false when entering the loop
  - Convert this `do-while` loop to a `for` loop:

```
do {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    i++;
} while (i < 10);
```

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Invariants

- Contracts that your code must not breach
  - **Loop invariant**: expression that is true when you enter the loop and remains true during each loop iteration
  - **Pre-condition**: expression that is true before entering the loop
  - **Post-condition**: expression that is true after exiting the loop

```
// From strncpy(), as implemented in class
for (i=0; i < dst_size-1 && src[i] != '\0'; i++) {
  dst[i] = src[i];
}

dst[i] = '\0';
```

Pre-conditions:

Loop invariants:

Post-conditions:

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Invariants and Defensive Programming

- Asserting invariants

```
#include <assert.h>
assert(condition);
```

exits the program if *condition* is false

  - Use `assert()` liberally
  - Assertions allow you to diagnose mistakes in your program
  - They also reveal your program's invariants to other programmers who review your code

```
for (i=0; i < dst_size-1 && src[i] != '\0'; i++) {
 dst[i] = src[i];
 assert (dst[i] != `\0`);
}

assert (i < dst_size);
dst[i] = '\0';
```

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Early Loop Exit

- `break` and `continue`
  - `break` causes the innermost loop or `switch` statement (described next) to exit
  - `continue` skips over the remaining statements in the loop body and starts the next iteration

```
for (x=1; x<10; x++) {
 if (x == 5)
     break;          // exit the loop
 …
}
…
```

- `goto label`
  - Jumps to a label that can be placed anywhere in the code
  - `goto` makes it difficult to reason about invariants => DO NOT USE!!
  - The only accepted modern usage of `goto` is to break out of nested loops

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continue

- How many times does this loop execute:

```
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
    if (i > 5)
        continue;

    i++;
}
```

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break

- How many times does this loop execute:

```
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
    if (i > 5)
        break;

    i++;
}
```

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break and continue

- How many times does this loop execute:

```
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
  if (i < 5)
    continue;

  if (i % 2)
    break;
}
```

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The switch Statement

- We've seen

```
if (a == 1 || a == 2) {
 printf ("one-two");
} else if (a==3) {
 printf ("three");
} else {
 printf ("other");
}
```

- The switch statement implements a multi-way decision

```
switch (a) {
case 1:
case 2:
 printf ("one-two");
 break;
case 3:
 printf ("three");
 break;
default:
 printf ("other");
}
```

- Note: switch tests whether an expression matches a set of **constant integer** values

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switch

- What does this print out:

```
int a = 4;
int b = 5;

switch (a) {
case 1:
case 2:
case 3:
  b++;
  break;
case 4:
case 5:
  b += 2;
case 6:
  b *= 2;
  break;
default:
  b--;
  break;
}

printf("%d\n", b);
```

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Conditional Expressions

- We've seen

```
if (a > 10) {
 b = 1;
} else {
 b = 2;
}
```

- Conditional expression

```
b = (a > 10) ? 1 : 2;
```

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Review of Logical and Relational Operators

- We've seen:

  `== != < > <= >=` **relational** operators

  - **Logical** operators, for more complex conditions

`!cond1`	cond1 is **not true**
`cond1 && cond2`	**both** cond1 and cond2 are true
`cond1 || cond2`	**either** cond1 or cond2 are true

- De Morgan's laws

`!(cond1 && cond2)`	same as	`!cond1 || !cond2`
`!(cond1 || cond2)`	same as	`!cond1 && !cond2`

  - More on this in ENEE 244

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Review of Truth Values

- We've seen: **truth values**
  - The results of relational operators can be assigned to variables
    - The type of these variables is integer: **0** is **false** and **1** is **true**
    - In a condition, any integer other than 0 will be accepted as true

`int a = (1==0);`	a is 0
`int b = !a;`	b is 1

  - You can apply logical operators to these variables

a	b	!a	!b	a && b	a || b
		NOT a	NOT b	a AND b	a OR b
0	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	1

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Review of Bitwise vs. Logical Operators

- Note: & is bitwise AND, while && is logical AND (what's the difference?)

```
unsigned a, b;
a = 1;                0000 0001 in binary
b = 2;                0000 0010 in binary
assert(a && b);       true: both a and b are != 0
assert(a & b);        false: binary a & b == 0000 0000
```

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Review of Operator Precedence

- Operator precedence (complete rules in K&R Table 2.1)

```
1.  [] .
2.  ! ~ ++ -- + - * (as in FILE *f) & (type) sizeof   (unary operators)
3.  * / %
4.  + -
5.  << >>
6.  < <= > >=
7.  == !=
8.  &
9.  ^
10. |
11. &&
12. ||
13. ?:
14. = += -= *= /= /% &= ^= |= <<= >>=
```

- Rule of thumb:
  - Division and multiplication come before addition and subtraction
  - Put parentheses around everything else

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Review of Lecture

- What did we learn?

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Next Steps

- Next lecture
  - File input/output
- Assignments for this week
  - **Project 2** out
    - Partial implementation due on Friday, 17 April 2026
  - Read **K&R Chapters 7.1, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, B1** and review **K&R Chapters 7.2, 7.4**
  - Weekly challenge: **cat.c**
  - **Quiz 7** due on Sunday
  - Homework: `lab09.pdf`, due on Friday at 11:59 pm

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