

Learning Objectives

At the end of this chapter, student should be able to:

- ✓ Use the relational operator (>, >=, <, <=, ==, !=)
- ✓ Use the logical operator (!, &&, ||)
- ✓ Understand the Boolean expression
- ✓ Write the pseudocode for the selection structure
- ✓ Create flowchart for the selection structure
- ✓ Implement decision using one-way, two-ways, and multiple-ways selection structure (if, if-else)
- ✓ Recognize the correct ordering of decisions in multiple branches
- ✓ Program simple and complex decision

A. Comparison and Expression

- To make decisions, you must be able to make comparisons and express the conditions that are **true** or **false**.
- Comparison is done by using relational operator.
i.e. $i > j$, $x == y$, etc.
- An expression that has a value either **true** or **false** is called a logical (Boolean) expression.
- Condition is represented by a logical (Boolean) expression.

B. Relational and Logical Operator

1. Relational Operator

- There are 6 relational operators that allow to state conditions and make comparisons.
- They are all binary operations that accept 2 operands and compare them.
- The result is logical data, that is, it is always **true** (1) or **false** (0).

Relational Operator	Meaning
<	Less than
<=	Less or equal
>	Greater
>=	Greater or equal
==	Equal
!=	No equal

2. Logical Operator

- Logical operators enable you to combine logical expressions.
- C++ has three logical operators as below:

Operator	Description
!	not
&&	and
	or

- Logical operators take only logical values as operands and produce only logical values as result.
- The operator ! is unary, so it has only one operand.
- The operator && and || are binary operators, so it has more than one operand.

C. Simple Boolean Expression

- An expression in which two numbers (arithmetic values) are compared using a single relational operator.
- Each Boolean expression has the Boolean value true or false according to the arithmetic validity of the expression:
- Syntax of Boolean expression:
 $\langle \text{arithmetic value} \rangle \text{ relational operator } \langle \text{arithmetic value} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Boolean value}$
- Example of Boolean expression using relational operator:

Expression	Meaning	Value
8 < 15	8 is less than 15	True
6 != 6	6 is not equal to 6	False
2.5 > 5.8	2.5 is greater than 5.8	False
5.9 <= 7.5	5.9 is less than or equal to 7.5	True

1. The !(not) Operator

- Expression:

Expression	!(Expression)
true (1)	false (0)
false (0)	true (1)

- Example:

Expression	Value	Explanation
! ('A' > 'B')	true	Because 'A' > 'B' is false , ! ('A' > 'B') is true
! (6 <= 7)	false	Because 6 <= 7 is true , ! (6 <= 7) is false

2. The && (and) operator

- Expression:

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 && Expression2
true (1)	true (1)	true (1)
true (1)	false (0)	false (0)
false (0)	true (1)	false (0)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

- Example:

Expression	Value	Explanation
(14 >= 5) && ('A' < 'B')	true	Because (14 >= 5) is true , ('A' < 'B') is true , and true && true is true , the expression evaluates to true .
(24 >= 35) && ('A' < 'B')	false	Because (24 >= 35) is false , ('A' < 'B') is true , and false && true is false , the expression evaluates to false .

3. The || (or) operator

- Expression:

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 Expression2
true (1)	true (1)	true (1)
true (1)	false (0)	true (1)
false (0)	true (1)	true (1)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

- Example:

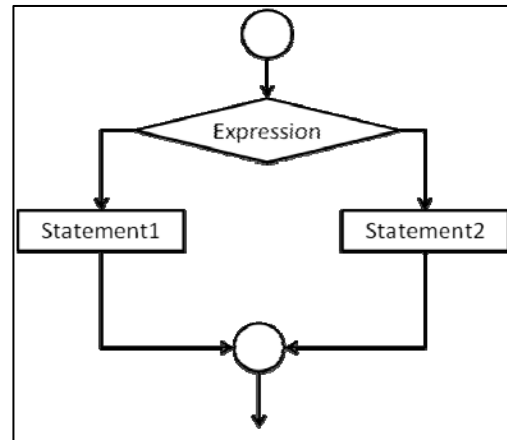
Expression	Value	Explanation
(14 >= 5) ('A' > 'B')	true	Because (14 >= 5) is true , ('A' > 'B') is false , and true false is true , the expression evaluates to true .
(24 >= 35) ('A' > 'B')	false	Because (24 >= 35) is false , ('A' > 'B') is false , and false && false is false , the expression evaluates to false .
('A' <='a') (7 !=7)	true	Because ('A' <='a') is true , (7 !=7) false , and true false is true , the expression is evaluates to true .

D. Precedence of Operator

Operators	Precedence
++, --	First
!, +, - (unary operators)	Second
*, /, %	Third
+, - (binary operator)	Fourth
<, <=, >=, >	Fifth
==, !=	Sixth
&&	Seventh
	Eighth
= (assignment operator)	Last

E. Decision Control Structure

- The program executes particular statements depending on some condition(s).
- This structure represents decision-making capabilities of the computer.
- You can use selection control structure in pseudocode/flowchart to illustrate a choice between two or more actions, depending on whether a condition is true or false.



- There a number of variations of the selection structures, as follows:
 - 1. One-way selection**
 - a. Simple selection with null false branch (null ELSE statement)
 - 2. Two-ways selection**
 - a. Simple selection (if-else statement)
 - b. Combined selection
 - i. && (AND)
 - ii. || OR
 - 3. Multi-ways (multiple) selection**
 - a. Linear nested if statement
 - b. Non-linear nested if statement
 - c. Switch statement

1. One Way Selection

- The null ELSE structure is a variation of the simple IF structure. It used when a task is performed only when a particular condition is true.
- If the condition is false, then no processing will take place and the IF statement will be passed.
- Syntax: if (expression)
 Statement

- Example:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

void main()
{
    int absoluteValue, negativeNumber;

    cout << "Enter negative number : ";
    cin >> negativeNumber;

    if (negativeNumber < 0)
        absoluteValue = fabs(negativeNumber);

    cout << "Absolute value for " << negativeNumber << " is "
         << absoluteValue;

    getch();
}
```

2. Two Way Selection

a. Simple selection (if-else)

- Simple selection occurs when a choice is made between two alternative paths, depending on the result of a condition being true or false.
- Only one of the selection will be followed, depending on the result of the condition in the IF clause.
- Syntax: if (expression)
 statement1
 else
 statement2

- Example:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main()
{
    double wages, rate, hours;

    cout << "Enter working hours and rate ";
    cin >> hours >> rate;

    if (hours > 40.0)
        wages = 40.0 * rate + 1.5 * rate * (hours - 40.0);
    else
        wages = hours * rate;

    cout << "The wages are RM " << wages;

    getch();
}
```

b. Combined selection

- A combined IF statement is one which contains multiple conditions, each connected with the logical operators AND and OR.
- If the condition are combined using the connector AND, then both conditions must be true for the combined condition to be true.
- If the connector OR is used to combine any two conditions, then only one of the conditions needs to be true for the combined condition to be considered true.
- If neither condition is true, then the combined condition is considered false.

i. Example of program using && (AND) selection

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

int number = 2;
void main ()
{
    if (number > 0 && number % 2 == 0)
        cout << "Number is positive and even";
    else
        cout << "Number is negative and odd" ;

    getch();
}
```

ii. *Example of program using || (OR)*

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

int number = 2;
void main ()
{
    if (number > 0 || number % 2 == 0)
        cout << "Number is positive or even";
    else
        cout << "Number is negative and odd";
    getch();
}
```

3. Multiway Selection

a. *Linear nested if statement*

- Linear IF statement is used when a field is being tested various values and a different action is to be taken for each value.
- This form of nested IF is called linear because each ELSE immediately follows the IF condition to which it corresponds,
- Comparisons are made until next ELSE statement is reached.
- There are an equal number of IF and ELSE statements.

- Syntax:

```
if (condition1)
    Statement1
else if (condition2)
    Statement2
else
    Statement3
```

- Example program:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main()
{
    double balance, interestRate;

    cout << "\n What is your balance? ";
    cout << "\n Balance RM ";
    cin >> balance;

    if (balance > 5000.00)
        dividendRate = 0.07;
    else if (balance >= 2500.00)
        dividendRate = 0.05;
    else if (balance >= 1000.00)
        dividendRate = 0.03;
    else
        dividendRate = 0.00;

    cout << "\n Your interest rate is RM " << dividendRate ;

    getch();
}
```


b. Non-linear nested if statement

- A non-linear nested IF occurs when a number of different conditions need to be satisfied before a particular action can occur,
- It called non-linear because the ELSE statement may be separated from the IF statement with which it is paired.
- Each ELSE statement should be aligned with the IF condition to which it corresponds.
- Syntax:

```
if (condition1)
    if (condition2)
        Statement1
    else
        Statement2
```
- Example of program:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main()
{
    char gender;
    int age;
    double policyRate;

    cout << "\n What is your gender and age? ";
    cout << "\n gender (M|F) ";
    cin >> gender;
    cout << "\n age ";
    cin >> age;

    if (gender == 'M' || gender == 'm')
        if (age < 21)
            policyRate = 0.05;
        else
            policyRate = 0.035;
    else if (gender == 'F' || gender == 'f')
        if (age < 21)
            policyRate = 0.04;
        else
            policyRate = 0.03;
    cout << "\n Your policy rate is RM " << policyRate;

    getch();
}
```

4. Compound (Block of) Statement for Selection Structure

a. Why compound statement

- The if and if...else structures control only one statement at a time.
- Suppose you want to execute more than one statement if the expression in an **if** or **if...else** statement evaluates to **true**, C++ provides a structure called compound statement or a block of statements.

- A compound statement consist of sequence of statements enclosed in curly braces, { and }.
- In an in **if** or **if...else** structure, a compound statement functions as if it was a single statement.
- A compound statements takes the following syntax form:

```
if (condition1)
{
    statement1
    statement2
    ...
    statementn
}
```

b. Example of program for compound statement

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main()
{
    char gender;
    int age;
    double policyRate;

    cout << "\n What is your gender and age? ";
    cout << "\n gender (M|F) ";
    cin >> gender;
    cout << "\n age ";
    cin >> age;

    if (gender == 'M' || gender == 'm')
    {
        if (age < 21)
        {
            policyRate = 0.05;
            cout << "\n Your policy rate is RM " << policyRate;
        }
        else
        {
            policyRate = 0.035;
            cout << "\n Your policy rate is RM " << policyRate;
        }
    }
    else if (gender == 'F' || gender == 'f')
    {
        if (age < 21)
        {
            policyRate = 0.04;
            cout << "\n Your policy rate is RM " << policyRate;
        }
        else
        {
            policyRate = 0.03;
            cout << "\n Your policy rate is RM " << policyRate;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        cout << "Unidentified code";
    }

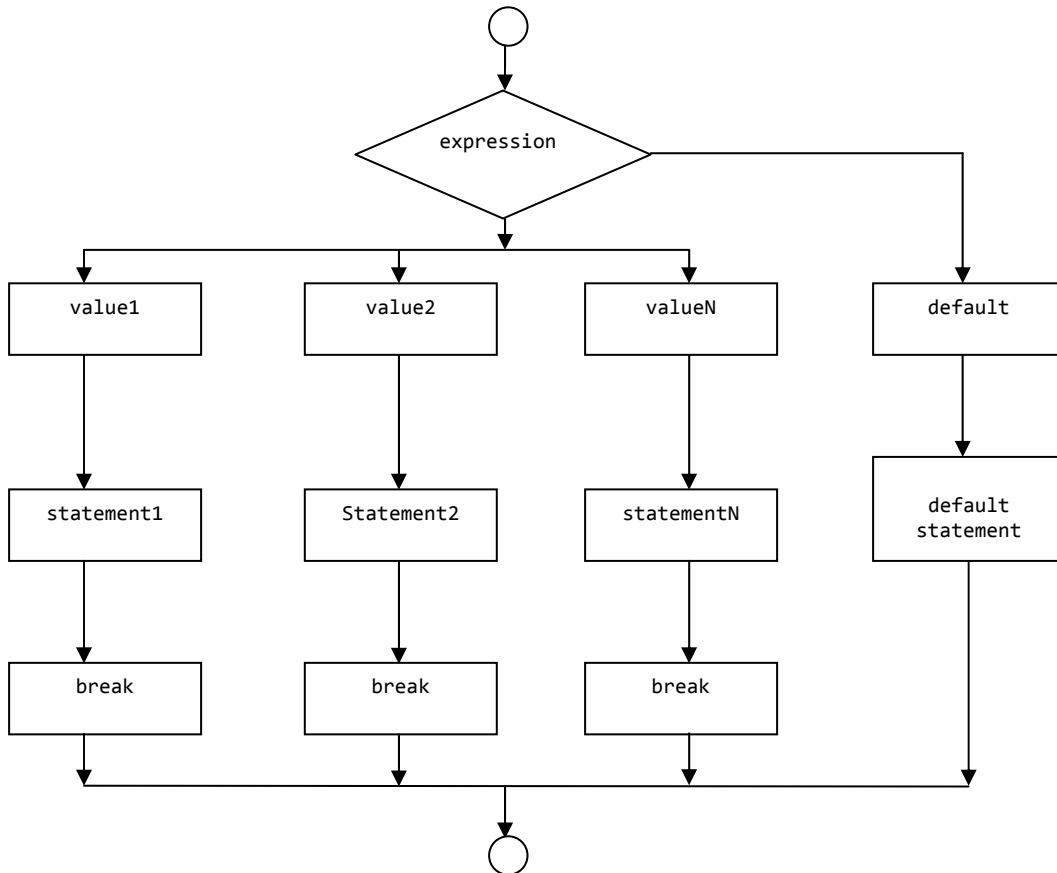
    getch();
}
```

Multiway Selections (Switch statement)

- switch statement is an alternative method for multiple selections.
- It is often used to replace the nested if statement to avoid confusion of deeply nested ifs.
- switch statement only evaluates an integer expression or a character constant value.
- Syntax form:

```
switch (expression)
{
    case value1: statement1;
                break;
    case value2: statement2;
                break;
    ...
    case valueN: statementN;
                break;
    default: default statement; //optional
}
```

- Flowchart



Comparison of if and switch statement

1. Using integer expression

if-else statement	switch statement
<pre>#include <iostream.h> #include <conio.h> void main() { int code; cout << "Enter code (1, 2, 3 or 4):" cin >> code; if (code == 1) cout << "Diploma in Computer Science"; else if (code == 2) cout << "Diploma in Accountancy"; else if (code == 3) cout << "Diploma in Business Study"; else if (code == 4) cout << "Diploma in Banking"; else cout << "Error in filling code"; cout << "\n End of Program."; getch(); }</pre>	<pre>#include <iostream.h> #include <conio.h> void main() { int code; cout << "Enter code (1, 2, 3 or 4):" cin >> code; switch (code) { case 1 : cout << "Diploma in Computer Science"; break; case 2 : cout << "Diploma in Accountancy"; break; case 3 : cout << "Diploma in Business Study"; break; case 4 : cout << "Diploma in Banking"; break; default: cout << "Error in filling code"; } cout << "\n End of Program."; getch(); }</pre>

2. Using character constant

if-else statement	switch statement
<pre>#include <iostream.h> #include <conio.h> void main() { char code; cout << "Enter code (G, Y, or R):" cin >> code; if (code == 'G' code == 'g') cout << "GREEN"; else if (code == 'Y' code == 'y') cout << "YELLOW"; else if (code == 'R' code == 'r') cout << "RED"; else cout << "Error in filling code"; cout << "\n End of Program."; getch(); }</pre>	<pre>#include <iostream.h> #include <conio.h> void main() { char code; cout << "Enter code (G, Y, or R):" cin >> code; switch (code) { case 'G' : case 'g' : cout << "GREEN"; break; case 'Y' : case 'y' : cout << "YELLOW"; break; case 'R' : case 'r' : cout << "RED"; break; default : cout << "Error in filling code"; } cout << "\n End of Program."; getch(); }</pre>

String Comparison

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- In C++, c-strings are compared character-by-character using the system's collating sequence.
- Predefined function that can be used in C++ to compare c-string is strcmp().

Format	Effect
strcmp(s1, s2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returns a value < 0 (-) if s1 less than s2• Returns 0 if s1 and s2 are the same• Returns a value > 0 (+) if s1 is greater than s2

- Assume that you use the ASCII character set.
 - i. The c-string **"Air"** is less than the c-string **"boat"** because the first character of **"Air"** is less than the first character of **"Boat"**.
 - ii. The c-string **"Air"** is less than c-string **"An"** because the first character of both string are the same, but the second character **'i'** of **"Air"** is less than the second character **'n'** of **"An"**.
 - iii. The c-string **"Bill"** is less than the c-string **"Billy"** because the first four characters of **"Bill"** and **"Billy"** are the same, but the fifth character of **"Bill"**, which is **'\0'** (the null character), is less than the fifth character of **"Billy"**, which is **'y'**.
 - iv. The c-string **"Hello"** is less than **"hello"** because the first character **'H'** of the c-string **"Hello"** is less than the first character **'h'** of the c-string **"hello"**.
- Example

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    char str1[20], str2[20];

    cout << "\nEnter first string ";
    cin >> str1;
    cout << "\nEnter second string ";
    cin >> str2;

    if (strcmp(str1, str2) == 0)
        cout << "Both string are identical";
    else if (strcmp(str1, str2) > 0)
        cout << "First string is greater than the second string";
    else if (strcmp(str1, str2) < 0)
        cout << "First string is less than the second string";

    return 0;
}
```