* Control Flow
- Selection - Dangling-else, short-circuiting of conditional exp, multi-way selection Oct 22
- Iteration: logically controlled loops, combination/enumeration loops, anatomy, issues

Control Flow: Selection (if-statements)

Lab#2 is posted
Assignment3 is posted.

C, C++, Java

```
if (<condition>) {
    <statement-1>
}
else {
    <statement-2>
}
```

optional
Plus, if <statement> is a single statement the braces are optional

Python

```
if <condition>:
    <statement-1>
else:
    <statement-2>
```

Also, for nested if-s

```
if <condition-1>:
    <statement-1>
elif <condition-2>:
    <statement-2>
...
else:
    <statement-N>
```

Dangling-else Problem

```
if <c1> if <c2> <s1> else <s2>
```

or

```
if <c1>
    if <c2> s1 else <s2>
```

Two interpretations

①
```
if <c1>
    if <c2>
        <s1>
else
    <s2>
```

②
```
if <c1>
    if <c2>
        <s1>
    else
        <s2>
```

Resolution in C, C++, Java

dangling else associates with the closest unmatched if —
i.e. ② is the correct interpretation.

Either interpretation can also be forced using curly braces.

what about Python?

Short-circuited conditional evaluation

C

```
int x[N];
while/if (i<N && x[i]>0) {
}
```

Java

```
int[] x = new int[N];
```

(A = `i<N`, B = `x[i]>0`)

≡

when $i = N$ (i.e. A is false), $x[i] > 0$ (i.e. B) is never evaluated. Since the expression A && B will always be false if A is false. i.e. **A && B is short-circuited**.

Q: What would happen if C/Java did not use short-circuiting??

A: When $i = N$ (i.e. A is false), it would still evaluate B (i.e. $x[N] > 0$). This would result in a run-time error in Java (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException).

In C, there is no bounds checking so it will examine some memory **after** x[] & compare it with 0.

Short-circuiting applies to all boolean expressions. C, C++, Java, Python do short-circuiting.

Q. What would happen if

① A || B and A is false?

② A && B and A is true?

Applies to conditions in if- & while- & for-statements.

Multi-Way Selection: More than 2 conditions.

e.g. Given a date d/m/y e.g. 22/10/2024
compute # days in month, m in year, y.

C, C++, Java

```
if (m==2) {                    // February
    if (leapYear(y))
        days=29;
    else
        days=28;
}
else if (m==1||m==3||m==5||m==7
    ||m==8||m==10||m==12)
    days=31;
else if (m==4||m==6||m==9||m==11)
    days=30;
else {//ERROR...
    }
```

Python

```
if m==2:
    if leapYear(y):
        days=29
    else:
        days=28
elif m==1 or m==3 or ... or m==12:
    days=31
elif m in [4,6,9,11]:          #another way to test
    days=30                    # better than the one above!
else:
    # ERROR...
```

C, C++, Java have a switch-case statement.

```
switch (m) {
    case 2 : if (leapYear(y))
                 days = 29;
             else
                 days = 28;
             break;
    case 3:
    case 5:
    case 7:
    case 8:
    case 10:
    case 12: days = 31;
             break;
    case 4:
    case 6:
    case 9:
    case 11: days = 30;
             break;
    default : { //ERROR...
              }
}
```

Ada

```
case m is
    when 2 => ---
    when 3|5|7|8|10|12 => days = 31;
    when 4|6|9|11 => days = 30;
    when others => --ERROR--.
end case;
```

Python: match-case (see Lab#2 handout)

```
match m:                                  <- OR pattern
    case 1|3|5|7|8|10|12:
        days = 31
    case 4|6|9|11:
        days = 30
    case 2:
        if leapYear(y):
            days = 29
        else
            days = 28
    case _: # ERROR...
```

Notes: C/C++: case values must be constants/literals of int or char type

Java: case values must be constants/literals and can be of int, char, boolean, or String type.
Also, constant expressions are allowed as case values.

Python: case value/pattern can be a simple value, a variable, or a more complex structure.
e.g.: or pattern (see above)
, use if-condition. e.g.

```
match n:
    case n if n>0: ____
    case n if n<0: ____
    case _: ____
```

complex structures can be lists, dictionary, etc. can get complex. See Python Reference.

Control Flow: Iteration/Loops

C, c++, Java

1. Logically Controlled Loops
   Have a loop condition and a loop body

   2 kinds: while- and do-while

pre-test

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

```
do {
    <statements>
} while (<condition>);
```

post-test

2. Combination/Enumeration Loops

```
for (<initialize>; <condition>; <update>) {
    <statements>
}
```

These are equivalent to the for-loop

```
<initialization>
while (<condition>) {
    <statements>
    <update>
}
```

Python

```
while <condition>:
    <statements>
```

```
for <variable> in <sequence>:
    <statements>
```

Anatomy of a loop

1. Loop index / Loop control variable
2. Loop condition
3. Loop update
4. Loop body.

e.g.

```
for (int i=0 ; i<n ; i++) {
    <statements>
}
```

initialization → `int i=0`; condition → `i<n`; update → `i++`; body → `<statements>`

Also

C, C++, Java + Python

- break — exits the loop
- continue — skips current iteration + goes to next.

Other loop designs

C, C++, Java

```
while (1) {
    ==
    if (<condition>)
        break;
    =
}
```

Python

```
while True:
    ==
    if <condition>:
        break
```

C, C++, Java

```
for (;;) {
    ==
    if (condition)
        break;
    =
}
```

These are written as infinite loops

Also, in Java

~~int[] x = new int[N];~~ `int x[] = new int[N];`

```
for (int a : x) {
    —do something with a—
}
```

same as

```
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {
    —do something with x[i]
}
```

Other languages

```
for i:=0 to n-1 do
begin
    <statements>
end
```

PASCAL

```
for i:=n-1 downto 0 do
begin
    <statements>
end
```

Modula 2

```
FOR i:=0 TO n-1 DO
    <statements>
END
```

```
FOR i=n-1 TO 0 BY -1 DO
    <statements>
END
```

Loop Design Issues

① Loop control variable ← not required in while-loops, also optional in for-loops

② Scope of LCV

```
int i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++){
    |
    =
    |
}
// i is visible here
```

```
for (int i=0; i<N; i++){
    |
    =
    |
}
//i is NOT visible here
```

③ Can the LCV be modified in the loop body??

C++, Java

```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++){
    printf("—", i)
    i=i+1;
}
```

Python

```
for i in range(10):
    print(i)
    i=i+1
```

what is printed? Try it!