

# CS101C: Introduction to Programming (Using C)

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Week3: Operator precedence, accepting input from terminal,  
if-else

# So far..

- Printing on the terminal (printf)
- Data Types (int, float, double, char),
- Constants, Variables and their initialization using constants
- Operators and related background (bit representation)
  - Arithmetic (+, -, \*, /, %)
  - Relational (==, !=, >, <, >=, <=)
  - Assignment (=, +=, -=, \*=, /=, %, <<=, >>=, &=, ^=, |=)
  - Increment / Decrement (++ , --)
  - Special: ternary, sizeof, comma
  - Logical (&&, ||, !)
  - Bitwise (&, |, ^, ~, <<, >>)

# Today's class (18/8/2025)

- Operator precedence
- Accepting input from terminal
- C program to demonstrate:
  - Operator precedence
  - Accept input from terminal using scanf

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
1	++ --	Suffix/postfix increment and decrement	Left-to-right
	()	Function call	
	[]	Array subscripting	
	.	Structure and union member access	
	->	Structure and union member access through pointer	
	(type){list}	Compound literal(C99)	
2	++ --	Prefix increment and decrement <sup>[note 1]</sup>	Right-to-left
	+ -	Unary plus and minus	
	! ~	Logical NOT and bitwise NOT	
	(type)	Cast	
	*	Indirection (dereference)	
	&	Address-of	
	sizeof	Size-of <sup>[note 2]</sup>	
	_Alignof	Alignment requirement(C11)	
3	* / %	Multiplication, division, and remainder	Left-to-right
4	+ -	Addition and subtraction	
5	<< >>	Bitwise left shift and right shift	
6	< <=	For relational operators < and ≤ respectively	
	> >=	For relational operators > and ≥ respectively	
7	== !=	For relational = and ≠ respectively	
8	&	Bitwise AND	
9	^	Bitwise XOR (exclusive or)	
10		Bitwise OR (inclusive or)	
11	&&	Logical AND	
12		Logical OR	
13	?:	Ternary conditional <sup>[note 3]</sup>	Right-to-left
14 <sup>[note 4]</sup>	=	Simple assignment	Right-to-left
	+= -=	Assignment by sum and difference	
	*= /= %=	Assignment by product, quotient, and remainder	
	<<= >>=	Assignment by bitwise left shift and right shift	
	&= ^=  =	Assignment by bitwise AND, XOR, and OR	
15	,	Comma	Left-to-right

# Operator Precedence and Associativity

source:

[https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/operator\\_precedence.html](https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/operator_precedence.html)

a=10, b=20, c=5. Evaluate:

d=a+b\*c

d=a\*b/c

d=b<a\*c

d+=a=b

d+=a?b:c;

d=a+-b

challenge Q: d=++a+-b;?

## Sample Program - Operator Precedence

```
int main(){
    int a=10, b=20, c=5, d;
    d=a+b*c;
    printf("result of d=a+b*c: %d\n", d);
    d=a*b/c;
    printf("result of d=a*b/c: %d\n", d);
    d=b<a*c;
    printf("result of d=b<a*c: %d\n", d);
    d=0;
    d+=a?b:c;
    printf("result of d+=a?b:c %d\n", d);
    d=0;
    d+=a=b;
    printf("result of d+=a=b: %d. current value of a: %d\n", d, a);
    a=10;
    d=a+-b;
    printf("result of d=a+-b: %d.\n", d);
}
```

# Scanf - a way to accept user input

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
    scanf("%d",&a);  
    printf("%d",a);  
}
```

- Reads user input from terminal (stdin) and stores in variables
- **&** - address of operator.
- **Arguments of scanf:** 1st = string, 2nd and subsequent (if present) = address of variables. How do you know if second and subsequent arguments are present?

# Today's class (20/8/2025)

- Control-flow: `if-else`
- C program to demonstrate:
  - How the flow of execution can be controlled using the `if-else` construct

# Control flow with `if-else`

- So far you have seen flow of control, where an instruction on a line executed after the instruction on the previous line.
- *The `if-else` construct in C changes that* i.e. the previously executed instruction need not necessarily be the one on the previous line.

- E.g. Execution of lines
  - 4 not preceded by 3
  - 6 not necessarily after 4

```
0: scanf("%d",&age);  
1: if(age<18){  
2: printf("cannot drive");  
3: } else {  
4: printf("drive safe");  
5: }  
6: printf("bye");
```

# Control flow with if-else

- Curly braces {} can be omitted if you have a single statement within **if-block** /

**else-block**

- The else part can be skipped. But if you have else part, you must have if part
- **Meaning of if-else:**

If the condition is true, execute the if-block

Otherwise execute the else-block

*Which operator allowed conditional execution of an expression?*

```
if(condition){
```

```
    statement1;
```

```
    ..
```

```
    statementn;
```

```
} else {
```

```
    statement1;
```

```
    ..
```

```
    statementn;
```

```
}
```

# Control flow with if-else

- Can have if-else within another if and/or else
- New lines can be skipped. But having new lines makes your code readable.

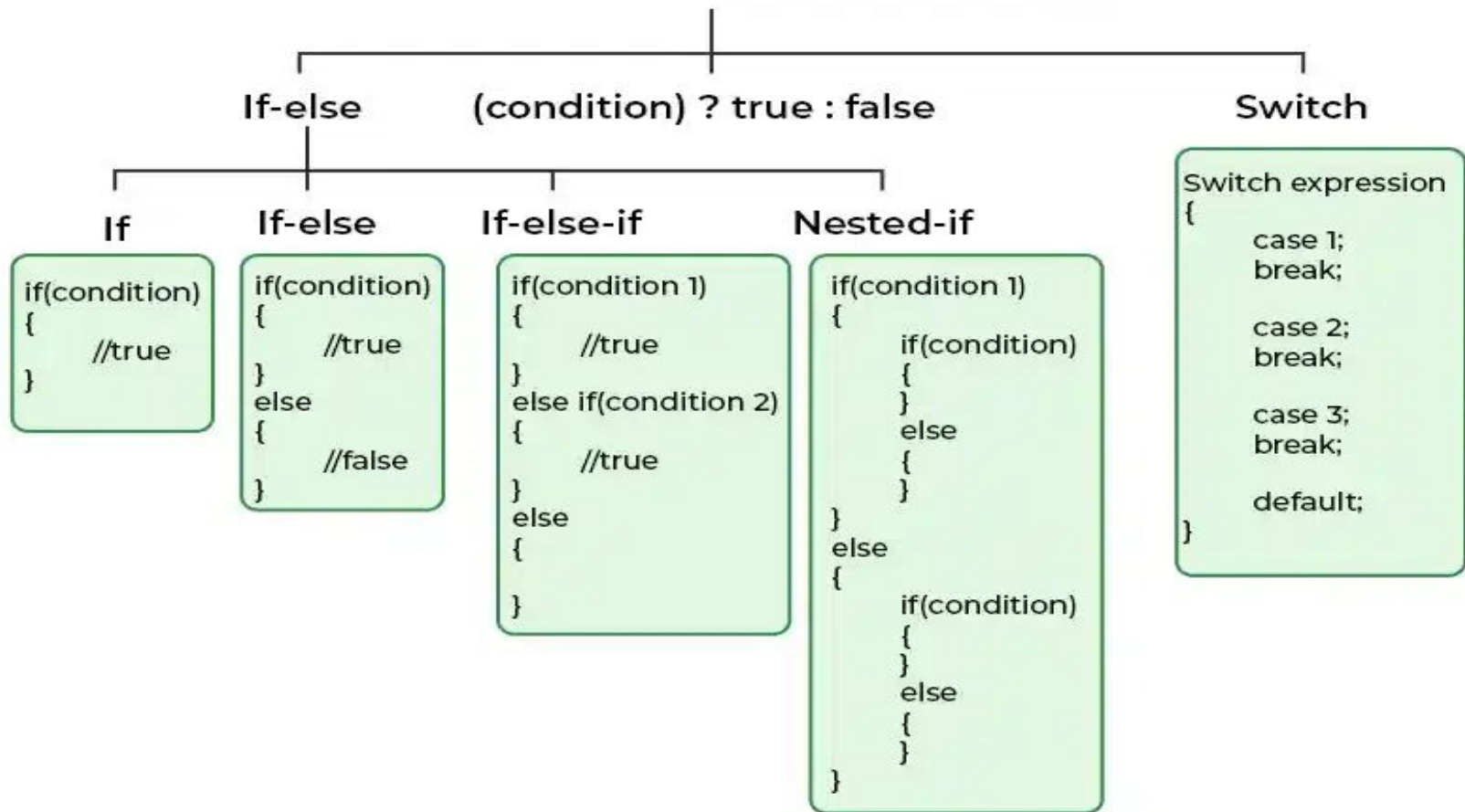
```
if(a<10){  
    if(a>5){x=10;}  
    else{x=100;}  
} else {  
    if(a>5){x=20;}  
    else{x=200;}  
}
```

# Control flow with if-else

- There is else-if as well:
- The last else part is optional

```
if(a < 10){  
    x=10;  
  
} else if (a < 20){  
    x=100;  
  
} else if (a<30){  
    x=1000;  
  
} else {  
    x=10000;  
  
}
```

# Conditional Statements in C



# Control flow with switch-case

- if-else gives you two-way branching
- with else-if you get multi-way branching
- switch-case construct in C also gives you multi-way branching.

```
switch(class){  
    case 1: printf("MON");  
            break;  
    case 2: printf("WED");  
            break;  
    case 3: printf("FRI");  
            break;  
    default: printf("no  
class");  
}
```