Writing Program in C Expressions and Control Structures (Selection Statements and Loops)

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Lecture 02

BE5B99CPL - C Programming Language

Overview of the Lecture

- Part 1 Expressions
 - Operators Arithmetic, Relational, Logical, Bitwise, and Other
 - Associativity and Precedence
 - Assignment

- K. N. King: chapter 4 and 20
- Part 2 Control Structures: Selection Statements and Loops
 - Statements and Coding Styles
 - Selection Statements
 - Loops
 - Conditional Expression

K. N. King: chapters 5 and 6

Part 1 – Expressions

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- Expression prescribes calculation using operands, operators, and brackets
- Expression consists of
 - literals

unary and binary operators

variables

brackets

function call

- constants
- The order of operation evaluation is prescribed by the operator precedence and associativity.

```
10 + x * y // order of the evaluation 10 + (x * y)

10 + x + y // order of the evaluation (10 + x) + y

* has higher priority than +

+ is associative from the left-to-right
```

 A particular order of evaluation can be precisely prescribed by fully parenthesized expression

Simply: If you are not sure, use brackets.

Operators

- Operators are selected characters (or a sequences of characters) dedicated for writting expressions
- Five types of binary operators can be distinguished
 - Arithmetic operators additive (addition/subtraction) and multiplicative (multiplication/division)
 - Relational operators comparison of values (less than, ...)
 - Logical operators logical AND and OR
 - Bitwise operators bitwise AND, OR, XOR, bitwise shift (left, right)
 - Assignment operator = a variable (I-value) is on its left side
- Unary operators
 - Indicating positive/negative value: + and -

Operator — modifies the sign of the expression

- Modifying a variable : ++ and --
- Logical negation: !
- Bitwise negation: ~
- Ternary operator conditional expression ? :

Reminder

Arithmetic Operators

Operands of arithmetic operators can be of any arithmetic type
 The only exception is the operator for the integer reminder %

defined for the int type

Multiplication Multiplication of x and y x * yDivision Division of x and y x / v Reminder x % y Reminder from the x / yAddition Sum of x and y x + vSubtraction Subtraction x and y x - y Value of x Unary plus +xUnary minus Value of -x-xIncrement ++x/x++Incrementation before/after the evaluation of the expression x Decrement --x/x--Decrementation before/after the evaluation of the expression x

Integer Division

The results of the division of the operands of the int type is the integer part of the division

E.g..
$$7/3$$
 is 2 and $-7/3$ is -2

- For the integer reminder, it holds x%y = x (x/y) * yE.g., 7 % 3 is 1 -7 % 3 is -1 7 % -3 is 1 -7 % -3 is -1
- C99: The result of the integer division of negative values is the value closer to 0.
 - It holds that (a/b)*b + a%b = a.

For older versions of C, the results depends on the compiler.

Implementation-Defined Behaviour

- The C standard deliberately leaves parts of the language unspecified
- Thus, some parts depend on the implementation, i.e., compiler, environment, computer architecture
 - E.g., Reminder behavior for negative values and version of the C prior C99.
- The reason for that is to the focus of C on efficiency, i.e., match the hardware behavior
- Having this in mind, it is best to rather avoid writing programs that depends on implementation-defined behavior.

K.N.King: Page 55

Unary Arithmetic Operators

- Unary operator (++ and --) change the value of its operand

 The operand must be the 1-value, i.e., an expression that has memory space, where the value of the expression is stored, e.g., a variable.
 - It can be used as **prefix** operator, e.g., ++x and --x
 - or as postfix operator, e.g., x++ and x--
 - In each case, the final value of the expression is different!

int i; int a;	value of i	value of a
i = 1; a = 9;	1	9
a = i++;	2	1
a = ++i;	3	3
a = ++(i++);	Not allowed!, va	llue of i++ is not the I-value

Notice, for the unary operator i++ it is necessary to store the previous value of i and then the variable i is incremented. The expression ++i only increments the value of i. Therefore, ++i can be more efficient.

Relational Operators

 Operands of relational operators can be of arithmetic type, pointers (of the same type) or one operand can be NULL or pointer of the void type

```
Less than
                              x < y 1 if x is less than y; otherwise 0
Less than or equal
                              x \le y 1 if x is less then or equal to y;
                                       otherwise 0
      Greater than
                                       1 if x is greater than y; otherwise 0
                              x > y
      Greater than or equal
                                       1 if x is greater than or equal to y;
                              x >= v
                                       otherwise 0
      Equal
                              x == y 1 if x is equal to y; otherwise 0
                                       1 if x is not equal to y; otherwise 0
      Not equal
                              x != v
```

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- Operands can be of arithmetic type or pointers
- Resulting value 1 means true, 0 means false
- In the expressions && (Logical AND) and || (Logical OR), the left operand is evaluated first
- If the results is defined by the left operand, the right operand is not evaluated

Short-circuiting behavior – it may speed evaluation of complex expressions in runtime.

 Operands && a || have the short-circuiting behavior, i.e., the second operand is not evaluated if the result can be determined from the value of the first operand.

Bitwise Operators

Bitwise operators treat operands as a series of bits

Low-Level Programming – A programming language is low level when its programs require attention of the irrelevant. K.N.King: Chapter 20.

&	Bitwise AND	x & y	1 if x and y is equal to 1 (bit-by-bit)
	Bitwise inclusive OR	хІу	1 if x or y is equal to 1 (bit-by-bit)
^	Bitwise exclusive or (XOR)	x ^ y	1 if only x or only y is 1 (bit-by-bit)
\sim	Bitwise complement (NOT)	\sim x	1 if x is 0 (bit-by-bit)
<<	Bitwise left shift	х << у	Shift of x about y bits to the left
>>	Bitwise right shift	x >> y	Shift of x about y bits to the right

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Bitwise Shift Operators

- Bitwise shift operators shift the binary representation by a given number of bits to the left or right
 - Left shift Each bit shifted off a zero bit enters at the right
 - Right shift Each bit shift off
 - a zero bit enters at the left for positive values or unsigned types
 - for negative values, the entered bit it can be either 0 (logical shift) or 1 (arithmetic shift right). Depends on the compiler.
- Bitwise shift operators have lower precedence than the arithmetic operators!
 - i << 2+1 means i << (2+1)

Do not be surprise - parenthesized the expression!

Example – Bitwise Expressions

```
uint8_t a = 4;
uint8_t b = 5;
    dec: 4 bin: 0100
a
b
     dec: 5 bin: 0101
a & b dec: 4 bin: 0100
a | b dec: 5 bin: 0101
a ^ b dec: 1 bin: 0001
a >> 1 dec: 2 bin: 0010
a << 1 dec: 8 bin: 1000
```

lec02/bits.c

Operators for Accessing Memory

Here, for completeness, details in the further lectures.

- In C, we can directly access the memory address of the variable
- The access is realized through a pointer

It allows great options, but it also needs responsibility.

Operator	Name	Example	Result
&	Address	&x	Pointer to x
*	Indirection	*p	Variable (or function) addressed by the pointer p
[]	Array sub- scripting	x[i]	*(x+i) – item of the array x at the position i
•	Structure/union member	S.X	$\begin{array}{l} \text{Member } x \text{ of the struct/union} \\ s \end{array}$
->	Structure/union member	p->x	Member x of the struct/union addressed by the pointer p
It is not allowed an operand of the & operator is a bit field or variab of the register class. Operator of the indirect address * allows to access to the memousing pointers.			•

Other Operators

Operator	Name	Example	Result
()	Function call	f(x)	Call the function f with the argument x
(type) sizeof	Cast Size of the item	<pre>(int)x sizeof(x)</pre>	Change the type of x to int Size of x in bytes
?:	Conditional Comma	x?y:z x,y	Do y if x != 0; otherwise z Evaluate x and then y, the result is the result of the last expression

■ The operand of sizeof() can be a type name or expression

```
int a = 10;
printf("%lu %lu\n", sizeof(a), sizeof(a + 1.0));
lec02/sizeof.c
```

■ Example of the comma operator

```
for (c = 1, i = 0; i < 3; ++i, c += 2) {
   printf("i: %d c: %d\n", i, c);
}</pre>
```

Cast Operator

- Changing the variable type in runtime is called type case
- Explicit cast is written by the name of the type in (), e.g.,

```
int i;
float f = (float)i;
```

- Implicit cast is made automatically by the compiler during the program compilation
- If the new type can represent the original value, the value is preserved by the cast
- Operands of the char, unsigned char, short, unsigned short, and the bit field types can be used everywhere where it is allowed to use int or unsigned int.

C expects at least values of the int type.

• Operands are automatically cast to the int or unsigned int.

Operators Associativity and Precedence

- Binary operation op is associative on the set S if $(x \circ p y) \circ p z = x \circ p(y \circ p z)$, for each $x, y, z \in S$
- For not associative operators, it is required to specify the order of evaluation
 - Left-associative operations are grouped from the left E.g., 10-5-3 is evaluated as (10-5)-3
 - Right-associative operations are grouped from the right E.g. $3 + 5^2$ is 28 or $3 \cdot 5^2$ is 75 vs $(3 \cdot 5)^2$ is 225
- The assignment is left-associative

First, the whole right side of the operator = is evaluated and then, the results is assigned to the variable on the left.

The order of the operator evaluation can be defined by the fully parenthesized expression.

Summary of the Operators and Precedence 1/3

Precedence	Operator	Associativity	Name
1	++	$L{ ightarrow}R$	Increment (postfix)
			Decrementation (postfix)
	()		Function call
			Array subscripting
	>		Structure/union member
2	++	$R{\rightarrow}L$	Increment (prefix)
			Decrementation (prefix)
	!		Logical negation
	~		Bitwise negation
	-+		Unary plus/minus
	*		Indirection
	&		Address
	sizeof		Size

Summary of the Operators and Precedence 2/3

Precedence	Operator	Associativity	Name
3	()	$R{ ightarrow}L$	Cast
4	*, /, %	$L{\to}R$	Multiplicative
5	+ -		Additive
6	>>, <<		Bitwise shift
7	<, >, <=, >=		Relational
8	==, !=		Equality
9	&		Bitwise AND
10	^		Bitwise exclusive OR (XOR)
11	^		Bitwise inclusive OR (OR)
12	&&		Logical AND
13			Logical OR

Summary of the Operators and Precedence 3/3

Precedence	Operator	Associativity	Name
14	?:	R→L	Conditional
15	=		Assignment
	+=, -=		additive
	* =, / =, % =	$R{\rightarrow}L$	multiplicative
	<<=,>>=		bitwise shift
	& =, ^=, =		Bitwise AND, XOR, OR
15	,	$L{\to}R$	Comma

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http://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/operator_precedence

Simple Assignment

- Set the value to the variable Store the value into the memory space referenced by the variable name.
- The form of the assignment operator is

```
\langle \text{variable} \rangle = \langle \text{expression} \rangle
```

Expression is literal, variable, function call, ...

- C is statically typed programming language
 - A value of an expression can be assigned only to a variable of the same type

Otherwise type case it necessary

Example of implicit type case

```
int i = 320.4; // implicit conversion from 'double' to 'int'
    changes value from 320.4 to 320 [-Wliteral-conversion]
```

```
char c = i; // implicit truncation 320 -> 64
```

- C is type safe only within a limited context of the compilation,
 e.g., for printf("%d\n", 10.1); A compiler reports an error
- In general, C is not type safe

In runtime, it is possible to write out of the allocated memory space.

Compound Assignment

A short version of the assignment to compute a new value of the variable from itself:

```
⟨variable⟩ = ⟨variable⟩ ⟨operator⟩ ⟨expression⟩
```

can be written as

```
\langle variable \rangle \langle operator \rangle = \langle expression \rangle
```

Example

```
int i = 10;
double j = 12.6;
i = i + 1;
j = j / 0.2;
int i = 10;
double j = 12.6;
i += 1;
j /= 0.2;
```

Notice, assignment is an expression

The assignment of the value to the variable is a side effect

```
int x, y;
x = 6;
y = x = x + 6;
```

Assignment Expression and Assignment Statement

The statement performs some action and it is terminated by ;

```
robot_heading = -10.23;
robot_heading = fabs(robot_heading);
printf("Robot heading: %f\n", robot_heading);
```

Expression has type and value

```
23
14+16/2 int type, value is 23
y=8 int type, value is 22
int type, value is 8
```

- Assignment is expression and its value is assigned to the left side
- The assignment expression becomes the assignment statement by adding the semicolon

Undefined Behaviour

 There are some statements that can cause undefined behavior according to the C standard.

```
c = (b = a + 2) - (a - 1);

i = i * i++;
```

- The program may behaves differently according to the used compiler, but also may not compile or may not run; or it may even crash and behave erratically, produce meaningless results.
- It may also happened if variables are used without initialization
- Avoid statements that may produce undefined behavior!

Example of Undefined Behaviour

- Standard C does not defined the behaviour for the overflow of the integer value (signed)
 - E.g., For the complement representation the expression can be
 127 + 1 of the char equal to -128 (see lec02/demo-loop_byte.c)
 - Representation of integer values may depend on the architecture and can be different, e.g., binary or inverse codes
- Implementation of the defined behaviour can be computationally expensive, and thus the behaviour is not defined by the standard
- Behaviour is not defined and depends on the compiler, e.g. clang and gcc without/with the optimization -02

```
for (int i = 2147483640; i >= 0; ++i) {
    printf("%i %x\n", i, i);
}
    lec02/int_overflow-1.c
Without the optimization, the program prints 8 lines, for -02, the
program compiled by clang prints 9 lines and gcc produces infinite loop.
```

```
for (int i = 2147483640; i >= 0; i += 4) {
   printf("%i %x\n", i, i);
}
lec02/int_overflow-2.c
```

A program compiled by gcc with -02 is crashing

Loops

Part II

Part 2 – Control Structures: Selection Statements and Loops

Statement and Compound Statement (Block)

Statement is terminated by ;

Statement consisting only of the semicolon is empty statement.

- Block consists of sequences of declarations and statements
- ANSI C, C89, C90: Declarations must be placed prior other statements

 It is not necessary for C99
- Start and end of the block is marked by the { and }
- A block can be inside other block

Notice the coding styles.

Coding Style

It supports clarity and readability of the source code https://www.gnu.org/prep/standards/html_node/Writing-C.html

Selection Statements

Formatting of the code is the fundamental step

Setup automatic formatting in your text editor

- Appropriate identifiers
- Train yourself in coding style even at the cost of slower coding. Readability and clarity is important, especially during debugging.

Notice, sometimes it can be better to start from scratch

Recommend coding style (CPL)

```
void function(void)
{ /* function block start */
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
      //inner for-loop block
      if (i == 5) {
         break:
   }
```

- Use English, especially for identifiers
- Use nouns for variables
- Use verbs for function names

Lecturer's preference: indent shift 3. space characters rather than tabular.

Coding Styles – Links

- There are many different coding styles
- Inspire yourself by existing recommendations
- Inspire yourself by reading representative source codes

Selection Statements

```
http://users.ece.cmu.edu/~eno/coding/CCodingStandard.html
           https://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/lab/cplus/cstyle.html
                http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indent_style
        https://google.github.io/styleguide/cppguide.html
     https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/CodingStyle
```

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Control Statements

- Selection Statement
 - Selection Statement: if () or if () ... else
 - Switch Statement: switch () case ...
- Control Loops
 - for ()
 - while ()
 do ... while ()
 - **=** do ... while ()
- Jump statements (unconditional program branching)
 - continue
 - break
 - return
 - goto

Selection Statement - if

- if (expression) statement₁; else statement₂
- For expression != 0 the statement₁ is executed; otherwise statement₂

The statement can be the compound statement

- The else part is optional
- Selection statements can be nested and cascaded

```
int max;
if (a > b) {
   if (a > c) {
      max = a;
   } else if (a < c) {
      ...
}
else if (a == b) {
   ...
} else {
   ...
}</pre>
```

The switch Statement

- Allows to branch the program based on the value of the expression of the enumerate (integer) type, e.g., int, char, short, enum
- The form is

```
switch (expression) {
   case constant1: statements1; break;
   case constant2: statements2; break;
   ...
   case constantn: statementsn; break;
   default: statementsdef; break; }
```

where *constants* are of the same type as the *expression* and *statements*; is a list of statements

Switch statements can be nested.

Semantics: First the expression value is calculated. Then, the statements under the same value are executed. If none of the branch is selected, statements_{def} under default branch as performed (optional)

The switch Statement – Example

```
switch (v) {
   case 'A':
        printf("Upper 'A'\n");
        break;
   case 'a':
        printf("Lower 'a'\n");
        break;
   default:
        printf(
        "It is not 'A' nor 'a'\n");
        break;
}
```

```
if (v == 'A') {
    printf("Upper 'A'\n");
} else if (v == 'a') {
    printf("Lower 'a'\n");
} else {
    printf(
    "It is not 'A' nor 'a'\n");
}
```

lec02/switch.c

■ The statement break terminates the branch. If not presented, the execution continues with the statement of the next case label

Example

```
int part = ?
                                                             \blacksquare part \leftarrow 1
    switch(part) {
2
                                                                Branch 1
        case 1:
3
            printf("Branch 1\n");
                                                                part \leftarrow 2
            break:
                                                                Branch 2
        case 2:
                                                                Branch 3
            printf("Branch 2\n");
        case 3:
            printf("Branch 3\n");
                                                             ■ part ← 3
                                                                Branch 3
            break:
10
11
        case 4:
            printf("Branch 4\n");
12
                                                             \blacksquare part \leftarrow 4
            break:
13
                                                                Branch 4
        default:
14
            printf("Default branch\n");
15
                                                             ■ part ← 5
            break:
16
                                                                Default branch
    }
17
```

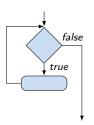
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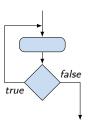
Loops

 Loop statements for and while test the controlling expression before the enter to the loop body

Selection Statements

 The do loop tests the controlling expression after the first loop





The **for** Loop

- The basic form is: for (expr₁; expr₂; expr₃) statement
- All expr_i are expression and typically they are used for
 - expr₁ initialization of the controlling variable (side effect of the assignment expression)
 - 2. expr₂ Test of the controlling expression
 - If expr₂ !=0 the statement is executed; Otherwise the loop is terminated
 - 4. expr₃ updated of the controlling variable (performed at the end of the loop
- Any of the expressions expr_i can be omitted
- break statement force termination of the loop
- continue force end of the current iteration of the loop
 The expression expr₃ is evaluated and test of the loop is performed.
- An infinity loop can be written by omitting the expressions for (::) {...}

■ for ()

The continue Statement

- It transfers the control to the evaluation of the controlling expressions of the loops
- The continue statement can be used inside the body of the loops

```
■ while ()
                                      for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
                                         printf("i: %i ", i);
      do...while ()
                                         if (i % 3 != 0) {
 Examples
                                             continue:
                                         printf("\n");
int i;
for (i = 0; i < 20; ++i) {</pre>
                                                 lec02/demo-continue.c
   if (i % 2 == 0) {
      continue;
                                      clang demo-continue.c
                                      ./a.out
   printf("%d\n", i);
                                      i:4 i:5 i:6
               lec02/continue.c
                                      i:7 i:8 i:9
```

The break Statement – Force Termination of the Loop

- The program continue with the next statement after the loop
- Example in the while loop

```
int i = 10:
while (i > 0) {
   if (i == 5) {
      printf("i reaches 5, leave the loop\n");
      break;
  printf("End of the while loop i: %d\n", i);
```

lec02/break.c

Example in the for loop

```
clang demo-break.c
for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {</pre>
                                          ./a.out
   printf("i: %i ", i);
                                          i:0
   if (i % 3 != 0) {
                                          i:1 i:2 i:3
      continue;
                                          i:4 i:5 i:6
   printf("\n");
   if (i > 5) {
      break;
```

lec02/demo-break.c

The goto Statement

Allows to transfers the control to the defined label

It can be used only within a function body

- Syntax goto label;
- The jump goto can jump only outside of the particular block
- Can be used only within a function block

```
int test = 3;
   for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
      for (int j = 0; j < 5; ++j) {
          if (j == test) {
             goto loop_out;
          fprintf(stdout, "Loop i: %d j: %d\n", i, j);
      }
   }
   return 0:
10
11
   loop_out:
   fprintf(stdout, "After loop\n");
12
   return -1;
13
```

lec02/goto.c

Nested Loops

■ The break statement terminates the inner loop

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 3; ++j) {
        printf("i-j: %i-%i\n", i, j);
        if (j == 1) {
            break;
        }
    }
}</pre>
i-j: 0-0
i-j: 0-1
i-j: 1-0
i-j: 1-1
i-j: 2-0
i-j: 2-1
```

■ The outer loop can be terminated by the goto statement

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
   for (int j = 0; j < 3; ++i) {
      printf("i-j: %i-%i\n", i, j);
      if (j == 2) {
          goto outer;
      }
   }
}</pre>
```

outer:

Loops

Example - isPrimeNumber() 1/2

```
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <math.h>
_Bool isPrimeNumber(int n)
{
   _Bool ret = true;
   for (int i = 2; i <= (int)sqrt((double)n); ++i) {</pre>
      if (n % i == 0) {
         ret = false;
         break;
   return ret;
                                         lec02/demo-prime.c
```

Once the first factor is found, call break to terminate the loop
 It is not necessary to test other numbers

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Example - isPrimeNumber() 2/2

■ The value of (int)sqrt((double)n) is not changing in the loop

```
for (int i = 2; i <= (int)sqrt((double)n); ++i) {
    ...
}</pre>
```

■ We can use the comma operator to initialize the maxBound variable

```
for (int i = 2, maxBound = (int)sqrt((double)n);
    i <= maxBound; ++i) {
...</pre>
```

Or, we can declare maxBound as constant

```
_Bool ret = true;
const int maxBound = (int)sqrt((double)n);
for (int i = 2; i <= maxBound ; ++i) {
    ...
}</pre>
```

E.g., Compile and run demo-prime.c: clang demo-prime.c -lm; ./a.out 13

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Loops

Conditional Expression – Example Greatest Common Divisor

```
int getGreatestCommonDivisor(int x, int y)
{
    int d;
    if (x < y) {
        d = x;
    } else {
        d = y;
    }
    while ((x % d != 0) || (y % d ! = 0)) {
        d = d - 1;
    }
    return d;
}</pre>
```

■ The same with the conditional expression: expr₁ ? expr₂ : expr₃

```
int getGreatestCommonDivisor(int x, int y)
{
   int d = x < y ? x : y;
   while ( (x % d != 0) || (y % d ! = 0)) {
      d = d - 1;
   }
   return d;
}</pre>
```

lec02/demo-gcd.c

Summary of the Lecture

Topics Discussed

- Expressions
 - Operators Arithmetic, Relational, Logical, Bitwise, and others
 - Operator Associativity and Precedence
 - Assignment and Compound Assignment
 - Implementation-Defined Behaviour
 - Undefined Behaviour
- Coding Styles
- Select Statements
- Loops
- Conditional Expression
- Next: Data types, memory storage classes, function call