

Programming Choice Statements with Boolean (bool) Variables

Larry Caretto
Computer Science 106

Computing in Engineering and Science

February 28, 2006

California State University
Northridge

Outline

- Review last week
 - Simple if statements
 - if-else-if statements
- Boolean (bool) variables
- Programming with bool variables
- Input validation
- DeMorgan's Laws
- Nested if statements

California State University
Northridge

2

Review if Statements

- Implementation of choice statements in most high-level languages uses an if statement
 - The C++ format is
- ```
if (<condition>)
{
 <statements done if condition true>
}
```

California State University  
Northridge

3

## Review if-else Statements

- Executes different statement blocks if condition is true or false

```
if (<condition>)
{
 <statements done if condition true>
}
else
{
 <statements done if condition false>
}
<Next statement after one block done>
```

California State University  
Northridge

4

## Review if – else – if Structure

```
if (<condition1>)
{
 <statements done if condition1 true>
}
else if (<condition2>)
{
 <statements done if condition2 true>
}
// Place additional conditions here
// Continue on next chart
```

California State University  
Northridge

5

## Review if – else – if Structure II

```
// Continued from previous chart
else if (<conditionN>)
{
 <statements done if conditionN true>
}
else // optional to have this final else
{
 <statements done if all conditions false>
}
<Next statement after any block done>
```

California State University  
Northridge

6

## Review if – else – if Operation

- In this structure only one block of code – the code associated with the first true condition – is executed
- Conditions are scanned from top to bottom until the first true condition is found
- The code associated with that condition is executed and control is transferred to the first statement after the final block in the if – else – if structure

## Boolean (bool) Variables

- Variables of type bool can hold values of expressions that are true or false
- Can be used to hold results of relational expressions
- Useful for testing complex conditions
- Variable name can give meaning to condition
- Use leap year algorithm as example

## Leap Year Example

- A year is a leap year if
  - It is evenly divisible by four
  - But is not evenly divisible by 100
  - Except years evenly divisible by 400 are leap years
- Calendar programs need an algorithm to determine if a year is a leap year
- What is condition for N to be evenly divisible by M

$$N \% M == 0$$

## Leap Year Pseudocode

If the year is not evenly divisible by four  
 The year is **not** a leap year; quit  
 But, if the year is evenly divisible by 400  
 The year **is** a leap year; quit  
 But, if the year is evenly divisible by 100  
 The year is **not** a leap year; quit  
 If no statements above are true  
 The year **is** a leap year

## Example – Leap Year

```
bool leap
if (year % 4 != 0)
{ leap = false; }
else if (year % 400 == 0)
{ leap = true; }
else if (year % 100 == 0)
{ leap = false; }
else
{ leap = true; }
```

## Simpler Leap Year Example

```
bool leap = year % 4 == 0 &&
(year % 100 != 0 || year % 400 == 0);
```

- This single statement gives the same result as code on previous slide
- Check for following test cases
  - 2000 is a leap year
  - 2008 is a leap year
  - 2006 is not a leap year
  - 2100 is not a leap year

## Data Validation

- Programs should test input data to make sure they are reasonable
  - Lengths should be positive
  - Physical variables have known scales
  - Accounting systems expect transactions in certain ranges
  - Age as a variable is nonnegative and less than some arbitrary age (150 years?)
- Can test maximum and minimum

## Data Validation Example

```
int xMin = -3, xMax = 22;
cout <<
"Enter a value for x between "
<< xMin << " and " << xMax;
int x;
cin >> x;
bool badData =
x < xMin || x > xMax;
```

## Programming Data Validation

- Will later show how to use loops
- Keep sending error message and requesting new data while user enters incorrect data
- With only if statements halt execution if user enters bad data
  - Can also use if-else-if to give user two or three tries to enter correct data then quit
  - Wait for looping to show easier way

## Data Validation Example II

```
if (badData)
{
 cout << "Your entry for x = "
 << x << " is out of range"
 << "\nMinimum x = " << xMin
 << ", Maximum x = " << xMax
 << ".\nProgram will halt.";
 return EXIT_FAILURE
}
```

## What is goodData

- Contrast badData on last chart with goodData definition below
- ```
bool badData = x < xMin || x >
xMax;
bool goodData = x >= xMin && x <=
xMax;
```
- How are these conditions related?
- ```
goodData = !badData;
```
- General relations: DeMorgan's Law

## DeMorgan's Laws

- Have two bool variables, a and b, that can have values of true or false
- Combinations of conditions for a and b satisfy both of the following
  - $!(a \ \&\& \ b) = !a \ || \ !b$
  - $!(a \ || \ b) = !a \ \&\& \ !b$
- Can construct a truth table to verify this by looking at all possible conditions

**!(a && b) = !a || !b**

| a     | b     | !a    | !b              | a && b                   |
|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| true  | true  | false | false           | true                     |
| true  | false | false | true            | false                    |
| false | true  | true  | false           | false                    |
| false | false | true  | true            | false                    |
|       |       |       | <b>!a    !b</b> | <b>!(a &amp;&amp; b)</b> |
|       |       |       | false           | false                    |
|       |       |       | true            | true                     |
|       |       |       | true            | true                     |
|       |       |       | true            | true                     |

California State University Northridge 19

**!(a || b) = !a && !b**

| a     | b             | !a               | !b                      |  |
|-------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| true  | true          | false            | false                   |  |
| true  | false         | false            | true                    |  |
| false | true          | true             | false                   |  |
| false | false         | true             | true                    |  |
|       | <b>a    b</b> | <b>!(a    b)</b> | <b>!a &amp;&amp; !b</b> |  |
|       | true          | false            | false                   |  |
|       | true          | false            | false                   |  |
|       | true          | false            | false                   |  |
|       | false         | true             | true                    |  |

California State University Northridge 20

**Review Data Validation**

- Apply DeMorgan's Law to Validation

```

badData = x < Min || x > Max;
goodData = x >= Min && x <= Max;
goodData = !badData;
goodData = !(x < Min || x > Max);
DeMorgan: !(a || b) = !a && !b
goodData = !(x < Min) && !(x > Max);
goodData = x >= Min && x <= Max;

```

Application of DeMorgan's Law to goodData = !badData gives expected result for goodData

California State University Northridge 21

**Exercise Background**

- An example of an iteration problem, shown below, computes  $x = \sqrt{A}$

$$x^{(n+1)} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{A}{2x^{(n)}}$$

- Iterations continue until converged, defined as  $|x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)}| \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |x^{(n+1)}|$
- Note use of absolute values in computing convergence condition
- Allowed error,  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$ , set by user

California State University Northridge 22

**Exercise Background II**

- What is meaning of  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  in the condition  $|x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)}| \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |x^{(n+1)}|$ ?
- Absolute error is given by  $\epsilon_1$ 
  - The error cannot be less than this regardless of the values of  $x^{(n+1)}$
  - Controls iterations for small  $x^{(n+1)}$
- Relative error given by  $\epsilon_2$ 
  - Governs when  $x$  is large
- Combination accounts for range of  $x$

California State University Northridge 23

**Numerical Example**

- Use algorithm to find  $x = \sqrt{A}$ , with  $A = 2$  and initial guess,  $x^{(0)} = 1$

$$x^{(n+1)} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{A}{2x^{(n)}} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{2}{2x^{(n)}} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{1}{x^{(n)}}$$

$$x^{(1)} = \frac{x^{(0)}}{2} + \frac{1}{x^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{1} = 1.5 \quad |x^{(1)} - x^{(0)}| = 0.5$$

$$x^{(2)} = \frac{x^{(1)}}{2} + \frac{1}{x^{(1)}} = \frac{1.5}{2} + \frac{1}{1.5} = 1.417 \quad |x^{(2)} - x^{(1)}| = 0.083$$

$$x^{(3)} = \frac{x^{(2)}}{2} + \frac{1}{x^{(2)}} = \frac{1.417}{2} + \frac{1}{1.417} = 1.414 \quad |x^{(3)} - x^{(2)}| = 0.003$$

California State University Northridge 24

### More Accurate Results

| n | $x^{(n)}$    | $ x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)} $ | True error |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 0 | 2            |                         | 0.585786   |
| 1 | 1.5          | 0.5                     | 0.085786   |
| 2 | 1.416666667  | 0.083333                | 0.002453   |
| 3 | 1.414215686  | 0.002451                | 2.12E-06   |
| 4 | 1.4142135624 | 2.12E-06                | 1.59E-12   |
| 5 | 1.4142135624 | 1.59E-12                | 2.22E-16   |

California State University Northridge 25

### At Last, The Exercise

$$x^{(n+1)} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{A}{2x^{(n)}} \quad \text{until } |x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)}| \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |x^{(n+1)}|$$

- We want to **iterate until the solution is converged**:  $|x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)}| \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |x^{(n+1)}|$
- Define C++ variables for the mathematical terms in this iteration
  - xNew is  $x^{(n+1)}$
  - xOld is  $x^{(n)}$
  - e1 is  $\epsilon_1$
  - e2 is  $\epsilon_2$

$|xNew - xOld| \leq e1 + e2 |xNew|$

California State University Northridge 26

### At Last, The Exercise

$$x^{(n+1)} = \frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{A}{2x^{(n)}} \quad \text{until } |x^{(n+1)} - x^{(n)}| \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |x^{(n+1)}|$$

- Define a bool variable, converged, that is true when  $|xNew - xOld| \leq e1 + e2 |xNew|$  using fabs(x) for |x|

```
bool converged = fabs(xNew - xOld) <= e1 + e2 * fabs(xNew);
```

- What condition is true the solution is converged or iterations > maximum

```
converged || iterations > maximum
```

California State University Northridge 27

### Nested If Statements

- Can have one if block inside another
- Example: Find days for month number
  - If the number of the month is 4, 6, 9, or 11 the answer is 30
  - If the number of the month is 2
    - If it is a leap year, the answer is 29
    - Otherwise the answer is 28
  - For all other month numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 12) the answer is 31

California State University Northridge 28

### Days in Month

```
if (month == 4 || month == 6
 || month == 9 || month == 11)
{
 days = 30;
}
else if (month == 2)
{
 if (leapYear) // bool var
 {
 days = 29;
 } // continue on next chart
}
```

California State University Northridge 29

### Days in Month Continued

```
else
{
 days = 28;
}
} // ends else if (month==2)
else
{
 days = 31;
}
```

California State University Northridge 30

## Assignments

---

- Reading pages in text
  - Today – pp 179 – 180 and pp 196 – 199
  - Thursday – pp 226 – 240
  - March 7 – pp 262 – 266
- This week's homework problems
  - Pages 208 and 209, checkpoints 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, and 4.24
- Exercise 5 due Tuesday, March 7