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Decisions

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int number = 12;
    if(number % 2 == 0) {
        printf("yes\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Does it say “yes”?

if example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    int number = 12;  
    if(number % 2 == 0) {  
        printf("yes\n");  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
$ gcc -o if1 if1.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
```

```
$ ./if1
```

```
yes
```

if example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    int number = 13;  
    if(number % 2 == 0) {  
        printf("yes\n");  
    }  
    else {  
        printf("no\n");  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
$ gcc -o if2 if2.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
```

```
$ ./if2
```

```
no
```

if example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int number = 13;
    if(number = 1) {
        printf("yes\n");
    }
    else {
        printf("no\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

if / else

```
$ gcc -o if3 if3.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
if3.c: In function 'main':
if3.c:5:8: warning: suggest parentheses around assignment used as truth value
[-Wparentheses]
    if(number = 1) {
        ^~~~~~
$ ./if3
yes
```

Careful: Expression `number = 1` evaluates *to the assigned value*, which is 1

- Makes it easier to confuse `number = 1` and `number == 1`

Fortunately, modern compilers can warn us if we mistakenly use assignment in a condition

if / else if / else

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int x = 79;
    if(x >= 90) {
        printf("A\n");
    }
    else if(x >= 80) {
        printf("B\n");
    }
    else if(x >= 70) {
        printf("C\n");
    }
    else if(x >= 60) {
        printf("D\n");
    }
    else {
        printf("F\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```


if / else if / else

```
$ gcc -o grading grading.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra  
$ ./grading  
C
```

switch / case

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    char grade = 'C';
    int points = 0;
    switch(grade) {
        case 'A':
            points = 4;
            break;
        case 'B':
            points = 3;
            break;
        case 'C':
            points = 2;
            break;
        case 'D':
            points = 1;
            break;
        default:
            points = 0;
    }
    printf("Grade %c contributes %d GPA points\n", grade, points);
    return 0;
}
```

switch / case

```
$ gcc grading_switch.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra  
$ ./a.out  
Grade C contributes 2 GPA points
```

Compound assignments

Compound assignment operators perform an operation with a variable operand and assign the result back to the variable

Example	Equivalent
<code>a += 5</code>	<code>a = a + 5</code>
<code>a -= 5</code>	<code>a = a - 5</code>
<code>a *= 5</code>	<code>a = a * 5</code>
<code>a /= 5</code>	<code>a = a / 5</code>
<code>a %= 5</code>	<code>a = a % 5</code>

Increment and decrement

Increment and decrement operators act like `+= 1` and `-= 1`

Example	Equivalent	Evaluates to
<code>a++</code>	<code>a += 1</code>	original (smaller) a
<code>++a</code>	<code>a += 1</code>	new (larger) a
<code>a--</code>	<code>a -= 1</code>	original (larger) a
<code>--a</code>	<code>a -= 1</code>	new (smaller) a

for

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        printf("%d ", i);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc -o for_example for_example.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./for_example
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

while

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int i = 1;
    while((i % 7) != 0) {
        printf("%d ", i);
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc while_example.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
```

```
$ ./a.out
```

```
1 2 3 4 5 6
```

do / while

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int i = 0;
    do {
        printf("%d ", i);
        i++;
    } while((i % 7) != 0);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc do_while_example.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
```


scanf loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int sum = 0;
    while(1) {
        int addend = 0;
        if(scanf("%d", &addend) != 1) {
            break; // immediately exit loop
        }
        sum += addend;
    }
    printf("%d\n", sum);
    return 0;
}
```

This continues to scan even when you press enter. To signal end-of-input, press Ctrl-D (possibly twice).

Nesting

Loops can be nested inside other loops

Loops & decision statements can be arbitrarily nested

- We use terms *outer* & *inner* to distinguish levels of nesting

```
while(...) {           // OUTER LOOP
    if(...) {
        do {           // INNER LOOP
            if(...) {
                ...
            } else {
                ...
            }
        } while(...);
    }
}
```

break & continue

break exits a loop, continue advances to the next iteration

They affect the *most immediate loop* containing the break/continue.

```
while(...) {           // OUTER LOOP
    if(...) {
        break;         // exit outer loop
    }
    do {               // INNER LOOP
        if(...) {
            continue; // advance inner loop
        }
    } while(...);
}
```

break/continue work *only* with loops, not with if/else, functions, etc

Code blocks

In examples so far, we used `{...}` to delimit a block of code:

```
while(...) {  
    if(...) {  
        break;  
    }  
    do {  
        if(...) {  
            continue;  
        }  
    } while(...);  
}
```

If block consists of single statement, can omit { and }

```
while(...) {  
    if(...) break;           // { } omitted  
    do {  
        if(...) continue; // { } omitted  
    } while(...);  
}
```

Loop summary

- `while(boolean expression) { statements }`
 - Iterates ≥ 0 times, as long as expression is true
- `do { statements } while(boolean expression)`
 - Iterates ≥ 1 times; always once, then more times as long as expression is true
- `for(initialize; boolean exp; update) { stmts }`
 - initialize happens first; usually declares & assigns “index variable”
 - Iterates ≥ 0 times, as long as boolean expression is true
 - Right after `stmts`, `update` is run; often it increments the index variable (`i++`)
- `break` immediately exits loop
- `continue` immediately proceeds to next iteration of loop