

CSE 5910 Control Flow

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Flow of Control

A computer program is a sequence of statements.

Flow of control

- The order in which statements are executed

In a *simple* program, the statements are executed one after the other in the order that they are typed.

But in many situations we need programs in which

- statements are not necessarily executed in the order that they are typed.
- different commands are executed when the program runs with different input variables.

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Types of Control Flow

Three types of control flow structures:

- **Sequence**
 - A group of statements are executed in the order they are typed, which specifies sequential flow.
- **Branch**
 - The program chooses between alternatives.
 - Depending on a given condition, the program decides
 - whether a certain statement or group of statements should be executed.
 - which statement or group of statements should be executed.
- **Loop**
 - Repeatedly execute one statement or a group of statements

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Branch Example

To calculate the weekly wage of an employee there are two choices:

- Regular time (up to 40 hours)
 - $gross_pay = hourly_rate * hours;$
- Overtime (over 40 hours)
 - $gross_pay = hourly_rate * 40 + 1.5 * hourly_rate * (hours - 40);$
- The program must choose which of these expressions to use

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Designing the Branch

Let the user input the number of hours

Decide whether (hours >40) is true

- If it is true, then use
 $gross_pay = hourly_rate * 40 + 1.5 * hourly_rate * (hours - 40);$
- If it is not true, then use
 $gross_pay = hourly_rate * hours;$

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Implementing the Branch

The **if-else** statement is used in C++ to perform a branch

```
if (hours > 40)
    gross_pay = rate * 40 + 1.5 * rate * (hours - 40);
else
    gross_pay = rate * hours;
```

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Whole Program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int hours;
    double gross_pay, rate;
    cout << "Enter the hourly rate of pay: $";
    cin >> rate;
    cout << "Enter the number of hours worked,\n";
    cin >> hours;
    if (hours > 40)
        gross_pay = rate*40 + 1.5*rate*(hours - 40);
    else
        gross_pay = rate*hours;
    cout.setf(ios::fixed);
    cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
    cout.precision(2);
    cout << "Hours = " << hours << endl;
    cout << "Hourly pay rate = $" << rate << endl;
    cout << "Gross pay = $" << gross_pay << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sample Dialogue 1

```
Enter the hourly rate of pay: $20.00
Enter the number of hours worked,
rounded to a whole number of hours: 30
Hours = 30
Hourly pay rate = $20.00
Gross pay = $600.00
```

Sample Dialogue 2

```
Enter the hourly rate of pay: $10.00
Enter the number of hours worked,
rounded to a whole number of hours: 41
Hours = 41
Hourly pay rate = $10.00
Gross pay = $415.00
```

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Syntax for the if-else Statement

A single statement for each alternative: **() is a must**

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
    Yes_statement
else
    No_statement
```

A sequence of statements for each alternative:

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
{
    Yes_statement_1
    Yes_statement_2
    ...
    Yes_statement_last
}
else
{
    No_statement_1
    No_statement_2
    ...
    No_statement_last
}
```

Braces are necessary when there is more than one statement in a block! They make a compound statement.

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Compound Statements

A **compound statement** consists of one or more statements enclosed in **{ }**. It is also called a **block**.

Branches of **if-else** statements often need to execute more than one statement. A block should be used.

```
Example: if (my_score > your_score)
{
    cout << "I win!\n";
    wager = wager + 100;
}
else
{
    cout << "I wish these were golf scores.\n";
    wager = 0;
}
```

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Syntax for the if Statement

The **else** clause in **if-else** statement is **optional**:

Syntax:

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
    Yes_statement
```

OR

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
{
    Yes_statement_1
    Yes_statement_2
    ...
    Yes_statement_last
}
```

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Example of the if Statement

Display the ticket price

- senior has 10% discount

```
int price = 50;
cout << "Enter your age: ";
cin >> age;
if (age > 64)
    price = price*0.9;
cout << "Your ticket price is: $" << price << endl;
```

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Example of the if Statement

What is the output of the following piece of program?

```
float x, y;
cout << "Enter a value: ";
cin >> x;
y=x;
if (x<0)
    y=-x;
cout << y << endl;
```

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Boolean Expressions

Boolean expressions are expressions whose value is either **true** or **false**

Boolean expressions are formed by combining *variables, constants and expressions* using *relational* and/or *logical operators*

- A relational operator (<, >, ==, <=, >=, !=)
 - compares two values
 - forms a *relational expression*
- A logical operator (&&, ||, !)
 - exams true/false statements
 - forms a *logical expression*

Both are *boolean expressions*

Examples:

```
hours>40, age>=20, (x==y)&&(x!=z)
```

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Relational operators

Relational operators:

- <, >, ==, <=, >=, !=
- < less than
- > greater than
- == equal to or equivalent to
- <= less than or equal to
- >= greater than or equal to
- != not equal or inequality

No spaces are allowed between the symbols!

A relational operator compares two operands, which can be *numbers, variables, math expressions*.

Examples:

```
hours>40, age>=20, x==y, answer=='y', (x+y)!=2*z
```

These expressions are called *relational expressions*.

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Exercise 1

Assume **x** is 15 and **y** is 25, what are the values of the following expressions?

- **x!=y**
Value: **true**
- **x<x**
Value: **false**
- **x>=y-x**
Value: **true**
- **(x+5)==(y-x)**
Value: **false**

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Logical Operators

Logical operators:

&&, ||, !

- **&&** logic AND operator
 - **A && B** is true only if both **A** and **B** are true; otherwise it is false
- **||** logic OR operator
 - **A || B** is true if either **A** or **B** or both are true; otherwise it is false
- **!** logic NOT operator
 - **!A** is true if **A** is false; otherwise it is false

No spaces are allowed between the symbols in **&&** and **||**!

• Examples:

- **(score>70) && (score<=80)**
- **(answer=='y') || (answer=='Y')**
- **!(x==1)**

These expressions are called *logical expressions*.

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Logical Operators (Cont'd)

Operands for a logical operator are usually relational expressions:

- `x>2 && y<=2`
- `x>2 || y<=2`
- `!(x>2)`

Operands can be other logical expressions:

- `(x>2 && y==2) || (y<0)`
- `x>2 && (y<=2 || y>10)`

Operands can be numbers as well

- `3 && 0`

Value:

`false`

- `10`

Value:

`1`

- A nonzero number is true
- A zero number is false

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The NOT operator (!)

! negates any boolean expression

- `!(x < y)` equivalent to `x>=y`
 - True if x is NOT less than y

- `!(x == y)` equivalent to `x!=y`
 - True if x is NOT equal to y

! Operator can make expressions difficult to understand

- Before using the ! operator, see if you can express the same idea more clearly without the ! operator
- use only when appropriate

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Pitfall: Using = or ==

'=' is the assignment operator

- Used to assign values to variables
- Example: `x = 3;`

'==' is the equality operator

- Used to compare values
- Example: `if (x == 3)`

The compiler will accept the following:

```
if ( x = 3)
```

- `x=3` is an assignment expression, so it stores 3 in `x` instead of comparing `x` and 3
- In C++, an assignment expression has a value which is the value assigned to the variable
- The value is 3 in the above example. Since 3 is non-zero, the expression `(x=3)` is true

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Order of Precedence

Arithmetic, relational, and logical operators can all be used in expressions

When they are used together, the following order of precedence is used in C++:

Precedence	Operation
1	Parentheses (if nested parentheses exist, the inner have precedence)
2	Logical NOT (!), unary minus (-)
3	Multiplication, division, modulus (*, /, %)
4	Addition, subtraction (+, -)
5	Relational operators (>, <, >=, <=, ==, !=)
6	Logical AND (&&)
7	Logical OR ()

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Precedence Rules

Items in expressions are grouped by precedence rules for arithmetic and boolean operators

- Operators with higher precedence are performed first
- Binary operators with equal precedence are performed left to right

```
x>2 && y<=2
```

1 3 2

- Unary operators of equal precedence are performed right to left

```
!!(x>3)
```

3 2 1

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Precedence Rule Example

The expression

```
(x+1) > 2 || (x + 1) < -3
```

is equivalent to

```
((x + 1) > 2) || ((x + 1) < -3)
```

- Because > and < have higher precedence than ||

and is also equivalent to

```
x + 1 > 2 || x + 1 < - 3
```

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More Examples

Evaluating $x + 1 < -(3+2) \ || \ x + 1 > 2$

- Using the precedence rules
 - First apply the + in ()
 - Next apply the unary -
 - Next apply the other +'s
 - Now apply the < and >
 - Finally do the ||

Evaluating $x+2>1 \ || \ y<2 \ \&\& \ z \geq 3$



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Short-Circuit Evaluation

Some boolean expressions do not need to be completely evaluated

- if x is negative, the value of the expression $(x \geq 0) \ \&\& \ (y > 1)$ can be determined by evaluating only $(x \geq 0)$

C++ uses short-circuit evaluation

- If the value of the leftmost sub-expression determines the final value of the expression, the rest of the expression is not evaluated

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Evaluating Boolean Expressions

Assume that y is 8, the expression

```
!(y < 3 || y > 7)
```

is evaluated in the following sequence

```
!( false || y>7 )
```

```
!( false || true )
```

```
!( true )
```

```
false
```

If not sure, can use parenthesis

- The above expression can be equivalently written as:

```
!((y < 3) || (y > 7))
```

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Evaluating Boolean Expressions

Assume that y is 8, the expression

```
!(y < 3) || y > 7
```

is evaluated in the following sequence

```
!(false) || y>7
```

```
true || y>7
```

```
true
```

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Evaluating Boolean Expressions

Assume that y is 8, the expression

```
!y < 3 || y > 7
```

is evaluated in the following sequence

```
0 < 3 || y > 7
```

```
true || y>7
```

```
true
```

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Using Short-Circuit Evaluation

Short-circuit evaluation can be used to prevent run time errors

- Consider this `if`-statement

```
if ((kids != 0) && (pieces / kids >= 2) )  
    cout << "Each child may have two pieces!";
```

- If the value of `kids` is zero, short-circuit evaluation prevents evaluation of `(pieces/0 >= 2)`
 - Division by zero causes a run-time error

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Examples

How to express $1 < x \leq 2$ in C++ ?

```
(x>1)&&(x<=2)
```

Not:

```
1<x<=2
```

More examples:

```
x=2;
```

The value of `(x>1)&&(x<=2)` is:

```
true
```

```
x=2; y=1;
```

The value of `(x+y)>5 || (x-y)<1` is:

```
false
```

```
y=1;
```

The value of `!y` is:

```
false
```

```
y=5;
```

The value of `!y` is:

```
false
```

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Exercise 2

Write an expression to test each of the following:

- age is from 18 to 21 inclusive
`18<=age && age<=21`
- water is less than 1.5 and also greater than 0.1
`water<1.5 && water>0.1`
- speed is not greater than 55
`speed<=55`
- w is either equal to 6 or not greater than 3
`w==6 || w<=3`

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Exercise 3

Write a C++ program that

- prompts the user to input two numbers. The prompts are:
`Input the first number:`
`Input the second number:`
- output the bigger number on the screen by displaying:
`The bigger number is n.`
where `n` is the inputted bigger number.

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Solution to Exercise 3

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int x, y, bigger;

    cout << "Please enter the first number: ";
    cin >> x;
    cout << "Please enter the second number: ";
    cin >> y;

    if (x>y)
        bigger = x;
    else
        bigger = y;

    cout << "The bigger number is " << bigger << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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Exercise 4

Write a C++ program that tells whether an input number is divisible by 4. The program should do the following:

- Prompt the user to enter a number.
- If the number is divisible by 4, output the following message on the screen:
`It is divisible by 4`
- If the number is not divisible by 4, output the following message on the screen:
`It is not divisible by 4`

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Solution to Exercise 4

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int x;

    cout << "Please enter an integer: ";
    cin >> x;

    if (x%4 == 0)
        cout << "It is divisible by 4\n";
    else
        cout << "It is not divisible by 4\n";

    return 0;
}
```

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Multiway Branches

The **if-else** statement allows us to create two-way branches in a program

Sometimes, it is necessary to select one out of a number of alternative actions

- The **if-else** statement can be used to form multiway branches

An **if-else** statement can be a subpart of another **if-else** statement.

- This forms a nested **if-else** statements

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Nested Statements

A statement that is a subpart of another statement is a *nested statement*

- When writing nested statements it is normal to indent each level of nesting

Example:

```
if (gender == 'M')
  if ( hight > man_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
  else
    cout << "You are shorter than average" << endl;
else
  if ( hight > wonman_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
  else
    cout << "You are shorter than average" << endl;
```

39 Nested statements are *indented* to show the logical structure.

Nested if-else Statements

Nested **if-else** statements can implement multi-way branches.

But use care in nesting **if-else** statements

Example:

- For the example in the last slide, if we only output the message when the person's height is above the average, then you may want to write:

```
if (gender == 'M')
  if ( hight > man_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
else
  if ( hight > wonman_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
```

- This would compile and run, but does not produce the desired results
- The compiler pairs the "**else**" with the nearest previous "**if**"

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Braces and Nested Statements

To solve the problem in the last slide, use braces to enclose the nested **if** statement especially when it does not have an **else** part:

```
if (gender == 'M')
{
  if (hight > man_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
}
else
{
  if (hight > wonman_average_hight)
    cout << "You are taller than average" << endl;
}
```

Braces tell the compiler how to group things.

- They make a compound statement.

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Multi-way if-else-statements

An **if-else** statement is a two-way branch

Three or four (or more) way branches can be designed using nested **if-else** statements

Example:

- The following nested statements implement the hints for a number guessing game:

```
if (guess > number)
  cout << "Too high.";
else
  if (guess < number)
    cout << "Too low.";
  else
    if (guess == number)
      cout << "Correct!";
```

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Indenting Nested if-else

Notice how the code on the previous slide crept across the page leaving less and less space

Use the following for indenting such nested if-else-statements:

```
if (guess > number)
    cout << "Too high.";
else if (guess < number)
    cout << "Too low.";
else if (guess == number)
    cout << "Correct!";
```

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The Final if-else-statement

When the conditions tested in an if-else-statement include all the situations, the final "if" can be omitted.

The previous example can be written as

```
if (guess > number)
    cout << "Too high.";
else if (guess < number)
    cout << "Too low.";
else
    cout << "Correct!";
```

This is a commonly-used form of multi-way if-else statement.

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Syntax for Multiway if-else Statement

A multiway if-else statement is written as

```
if( Boolean_Expression_1)
    Statement_1
else if ( Boolean_Expression_2)
    Statement_2
...
else if ( Boolean_Expression_n)
    Statement_n
else
    Statement_For_All_Other_Possibilities
```

Statement_i can be a single statement or a compound statement (that is a sequence of statements enclosed by {})

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Exercise 5

Write a C++ program that

- prompts the user to input a value for variable x , and
- computes the value for y given the inputted value for x , where

$$y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} - 1 & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

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Solution to Exercise 5

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    double x, y;

    cout << "Enter a value for x: ";
    cin >> x;

    if (x <= 0)
        y = 0;
    else if (x <= 1)
        y = x*x/2;
    else if (x <= 2)
        y = 2*x - x*x/2 - 1;
    else
        y = 1;

    cout << "y=" << y << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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Exercise 6

Write a C++ program that

- Prompt the user to input his/her income
- computes tax according to the following rate schedule:

No tax on first \$15,000 of income

5% tax on each dollar from \$15,001 to \$25,000

10% tax on each dollar over \$25,000

- Output to the screen:

Your income tax is \$ x .

where x is calculated tax and should be shown with two decimal places.

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The switch statement

The switch-statement is an alternative for constructing multi-way branches

Syntax:

```
switch (controlling expression) ( ) is a must
{
    case Constant_1:
        Statement_Sequence_1
        break;
    case Constant_2:
        Statement_Sequence_2
        break;
    . . .
    case Constant_n:
        Statement_Sequence_n
        break;
    default:
        Default_Statement_Sequence
}
```

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Example of switch Statement

```
char grade;
cout << "Enter you grade: ";
cin >> grade;
switch (grade)
{
    case 'A':
        cout << "Excellent.\n";
        cout << "Keep up the good work!\n";
        break;
    case 'B':
        cout << "Very good.\n";
        break;
    case 'C':
        cout << "OK.\n";
        break;
    case 'D':
        cout << "Not good.\n";
        cout << "Go study!\n";
        break;
    case 'F':
        cout << "Not good.\n";
        cout << "Go study!\n";
        break;
    default:
        cout << "That is not a possible grade.\n";
}
```

- Grades 'A', 'B', and 'C' each have a branch
- Grades 'D' and 'F' use the same branch
- If an invalid grade is entered, a default branch is used

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The Controlling Expression

A switch statement's controlling expression must return a value of one of these types:

- A character
- An integer type
- A **bool** value
- An **enum** constant (to be described later if we have time)

The value returned is compared to the *constant* values after each "case"

- When a match is found, the code for that case is used

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The break Statement

The **break** statement

- terminates the execution of the **switch** statement (or a loop statement to be studied later)
- continues with the statements after the **switch** statement (or a loop statement)

Omitting the **break** statement in a branch of the **switch** statement will cause the code for the next case to be executed!

```
x=0;
switch (x)
{
    case 0: cout << "Hello\n";
    case 1: cout << "Goodbye\n";
}
```

What is printed?

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The break Statement (Cont'd)

The benefit of this "fall-through" by omitting **break**:

- Allow the use of the same code for multiple cases:

```
case 'D':
case 'F':
    cout << "Not good.\n";
    cout << "Go study!\n";
    break;
```

- Another example :

```
case 'A':
case 'a':
    cout << "Excellent.";
    break;
```

- Runs the same code for either 'A' or 'a'

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The default Branch

If no case label has a constant that matches the value of the controlling expression, the statements following the **default** label are executed

The **default** branch is optional

- If there is no default branch, nothing happens when no case label matches the value of the controlling expression
- It is a good idea to include a default section

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Case Labels in Switch

All *cases* must be:

- unique (cannot duplicate cases)
- a constant expression
 - **case 2** is ok
 - **case 2*3:** is ok.
 - **case C:** is ok if **C** is a named constant (e.g., defined by **const int C=8**)
 - **case C+1:** is ok if **C** is a named constant
 - **case 2*x:** is invalid if **x** is a variable

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Exercise 7

Write a C++ program that

- prompts the user to enter the wattage of a bulb
- outputs the expected brightness of a standard light bulb with the inputted wattage, according to the following table.

Watts	Brightness (in Lumens)
15	125
25	215
40	500
60	880
75	1000
100	1675

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Solution to Exercise 7

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Program Style

A program written with attention to style

- is easier to read
- easier to correct
- easier to change

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Program Style - Indenting

Items considered a group should look like a group

- Use an empty line between logical groups of statements
- Indent statements within statements

```
    if (x == 0)
        statement;
```

Braces {} create groups

- Indent within braces to make the group clear
- Braces placed on separate lines are easier to locate

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Program Style - Comments

Comments are explanatory notes in the program for the programmer to read.

Two ways to add comments in C++ programs:

- Use // for a single line comment
- Use /* and */ for multiple line comments

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Program Style - Comments

// is the symbol for a single line comment

- All text on the line following // is ignored by the compiler
- Example:

```
//calculate regular wages
gross_pay = rate * hours;
```

or put the comments at the end of a line:

```
gross_pay = rate * hours; //calculate regular wages
```

/* and */ enclose multiple line comments

- Example:

```
/* This is a program that displays
the expected brightness of a
standard light bulb with an
inputted wattage.
*/
```

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More on Comments

```
/* This is a valid comment */
```

```
/* So
is this.
*/
```

```
/* This works
* and looks nice
*/
```

```
/* This doesn't do
/* what you think it would do */
*/
```

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Exercise 8

Write a C++ program that

- asks the users to enter 5 numeric marks in the range of [0, 100].
- counts and outputs the number of input marks that are at least 60.

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