

CHAPTER 3: CONTROL FLOW STATEMENTS

Control flow structures in C allow you to control the execution order of statements based on conditions. In this session, we'll cover decision-making using if-else statements, nested if-else and switch-case statements, various types of loops (while, do-while, and for loops), and the use of break and continue statements.

Absolutely, I'll provide you with examples of each control flow construct along with explanations.

1. Simple `if` Statement:

Syntax:

```
if (condition) {  
    // Code to execute if condition is true  
}
```

Explanation:

The simple `if` statement checks whether a given condition is true. If the condition is true, the code inside the curly braces is executed.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int number = 10;  
  
    if (number > 0) {  
        printf("The number is positive.\n");  
    }  
  
    return 0;}
```

2. `if-else` Statement:

Syntax:

```
if (condition) {  
    // Code to execute if condition is true  
} else {  
    // Code to execute if condition is false  
}
```

Explanation:

The `if-else` statement checks a condition and executes one block of code if the condition is true, and a different block of code if the condition is false.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int age = 15;  
  
    if (age >= 18) {  
        printf("You are eligible to vote.\n");  
    } else {  
        printf("You are not eligible to vote.\n");  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

3. Nested `if` Statement:

Syntax:

```
if (condition_1) {  
    // Code for condition_1 being true  
    if (condition_2) {  
        // Code to execute if condition_2 is true  
    } else {  
        // Code to execute if condition_2 is false  
    }  
}
```

```
    }  
} else {  
    // Code to execute if condition_1 is false  
}
```

Explanation:

A nested `if` statement is an `if` statement inside another `if` statement. It allows you to check multiple conditions in a hierarchical manner.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int num = 6;  
  
    if (num > 0) {  
        if (num % 2 == 0) {  
            printf("Number is positive and even.\n");  
        } else {  
            printf("Number is positive and odd.\n");  
        }  
    } else {  
        printf("Number is not positive.\n");  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

4. `else if` Ladder:

Syntax:

```
if (condition_1) {  
    // Code for condition_1 being true  
} else if (condition_2) {  
    // Code for condition_2 being true  
} else {  
    // Code if all conditions are false  
}
```

Explanation:

An `else if` ladder allows you to test multiple conditions sequentially. The code block associated with the first true condition is executed.

Example:

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

```
int main() {  
    int score = 85;  
  
    if (score >= 90) {  
        printf("Grade A\n");  
    } else if (score >= 80) {  
        printf("Grade B\n");  
    } else if (score >= 70) {  
        printf("Grade C\n");  
    } else {  
        printf("Grade F\n");  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

5. `switch-case` Statement:**Syntax:**

```
switch (expression) {  
    case value_1:  
        // Code to execute if expression matches value_1  
        break;  
    case value_2:  
        // Code to execute if expression matches value_2  
        break;  
    // More cases...  
    default:  
        // Code to execute if no cases match expression  
}
```

Explanation:

The `switch-case` statement provides a way to execute different code blocks based on the value of an expression. The `break` statement is used to exit the switch block.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int day = 3;

    switch (day) {
        case 1:
            printf("Monday\n");
            break;
        case 2:
            printf("Tuesday\n");
            break;
        case 3:
            printf("Wednesday\n");
            break;
        default:
            printf("Unknown day\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

3. Looping with while, do-while, and for Loops:

Loops in C allow you to execute a block of code repeatedly.

a. while loop:

```
while (condition) {
    // Code to execute as long as the condition is true
}
```

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int num = 1;
    while (num <= 5) {
        printf("%d\n", num);
        num++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

b. do-while loop:

```
do {
    // Code to execute at least once
} while (condition);
```

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int num = 1;
    do {
        printf("%d\n", num);
        num++;
    } while (num <= 5);
    return 0;
}
```

c. for loop:

```
for (initialization; condition; increment/decrement) {
    // Code to execute for each iteration
}
```

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
        printf("%d\n", i);
    }
    return 0;}
}
```

4. Break and Continue Statements:

a. break:

The `break` statement is used to exit a loop prematurely.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
        if (i == 3) {
            break;
        }
        printf("%d\n", i);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

b. continue:

The `continue` statement is used to skip the rest of the current loop iteration and move to the next iteration.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
        if (i == 3) {
            continue;
        }
        printf("%d\n", i);
    }
    return 0;
}
```