

# 5

## Control Statements: Part 2



*Not everything that can be counted counts, and not every thing that counts can be counted.*

— Albert Einstein

*Who can control his fate?*

— William Shakespeare

*The used key is always bright.*

— Benjamin Franklin

*Intelligence... is the faculty of making artificial objects, especially tools to make tools.*

— Henri Bergson

*Every advantage in the past is judged in the light of the final issue.*

— Demosthenes



# OBJECTIVES

In this chapter you will learn:

- The essentials of counter-controlled repetition.
- To use the for and do...while repetition statements to execute statements in a program repeatedly.
- To understand multiple selection using the switch selection statement.
- To use the break and continue program control statements to alter the flow of control.
- To use the logical operators to form complex conditional expressions in control statements.
- To avoid the consequences of confusing the equality and assignment operators.



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# 5.1 Introduction

- **Continue structured programming discussion**
  - **Introduce C++'s remaining control structures**
    - for, do...while, switch



## 5.2 Essentials of Counter-Controlled Repetition

- **Counter-controlled repetition requires:**
  - **Name of a control variable (loop counter)**
  - **Initial value of the control variable**
  - **Loop-continuation condition that tests for the final value of the control variable**
  - **Increment/decrement of control variable at each iteration**



## Outline

fi g05\_01. cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 5.1: fi g05_01. cpp
2 // Counter-controlled repetition.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     int counter = 1; // declare and initialize control variable
10
11     while ( counter <= 10 ) // loop-continuation condition
12     {
13         cout << counter << " ";
14         counter++; // increment control variable by 1
15     } // end while
16
17     cout << endl; // output a newline
18     return 0; // successful termination
19 } // end main
```

Control-variable name is **counter**  
with variable initial value **1**

Condition tests for  
**counter**'s final value

Increment the value in **counter**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



# Common Programming Error 5.1

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**Floating-point values are approximate, so controlling counting loops with floating-point variables can result in imprecise counter values and inaccurate tests for termination.**





# Error-Prevention Tip 5.1

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**Control counting loops with integer values.**



# Good Programming Practice 5.1

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**Put a blank line before and after each control statement to make it stand out in the program.**



## Good Programming Practice 5.2

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**Too many levels of nesting can make a program difficult to understand. As a rule, try to avoid using more than three levels of indentation.**



## Good Programming Practice 5.3

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**Vertical spacing above and below control statements and indentation of the bodies of control statements within the control statement headers give programs a two-dimensional appearance that greatly improves readability.**



## 5.3 for Repetition Statement

- **for repetition statement**
  - **Specifies counter-controlled repetition details in a single line of code**



## Outline

fig05\_02.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 5.2: fig05_02.cpp
2 // Counter-controlled repetition with the for statement.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     // for statement header includes initialization,
10    // loop-continuation condition and increment.
11    for ( int counter = 1; counter <= 10; counter++ )
12        cout << counter << " ";
13
14    cout << endl; // output a newline
15    return 0; // indicate successful termination
16 } // end main
```

Increment for **counter**

Condition tests for **counter**'s final value

Control-variable name is **counter** with initial value **1**

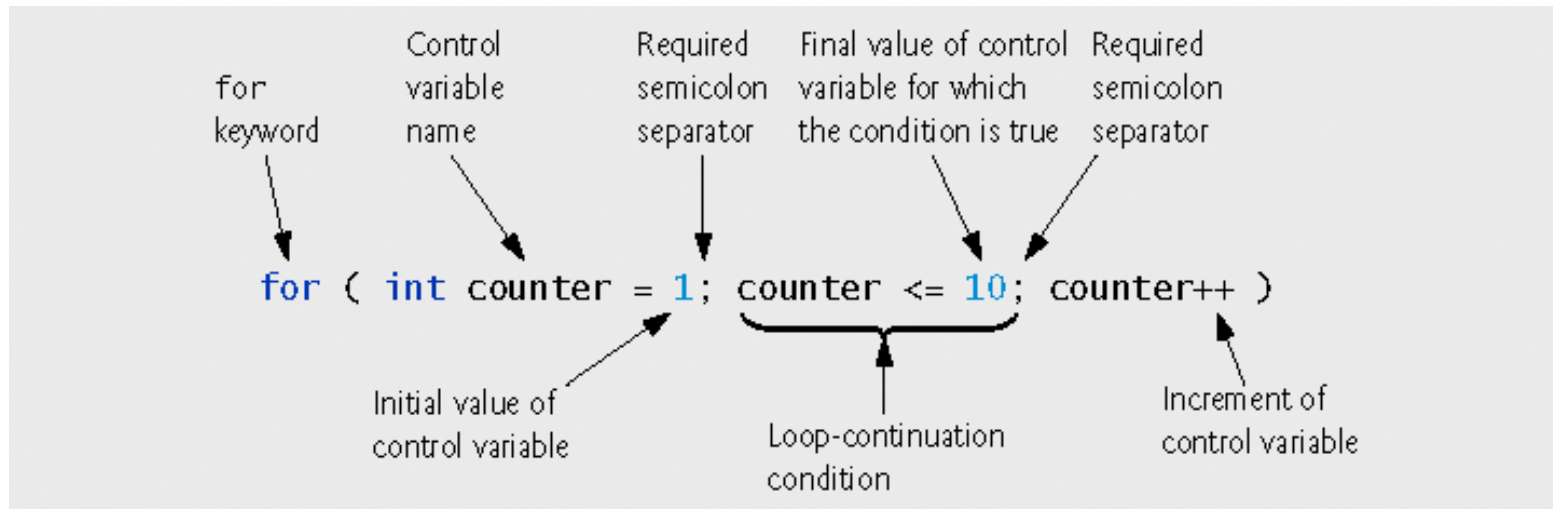


# Common Programming Error 5.2

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**Using an incorrect relational operator or using an incorrect final value of a loop counter in the condition of a `while` or `for` statement can cause off-by-one errors.**





**Fig. 5.3 | for statement header components.**





## Good Programming Practice 5.4

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Using the final value in the condition of a `while` or `for` statement and using the `<=` relational operator will help avoid off-by-one errors. For a loop used to print the values 1 to 10, for example, the loop-continuation condition should be `counter <= 10` rather than `counter < 10` (which is an off-by-one error) or `counter < 11` (which is nevertheless correct). Many programmers prefer so-called **zero-based counting**, in which, to count 10 times through the loop, `counter` would be initialized to zero and the loop-continuation test would be `counter < 10`.

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## 5.3 for Repetition Statement (Cont.)

- **General form of the for statement**

- `for ( initialization; loopContinuationCondition; increment )`  
`statement;`

- **Can usually be rewritten as:**

- `initialization;`  
`while ( loopContinuationCondition )`  
`{`  
`statement;`  
`increment;`  
`}`

- **If the control variable is declared in the *initialization* expression**

- It will be unknown outside the for statement



# Common Programming Error 5.3

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**When the control variable of a `for` statement is declared in the initialization section of the `for` statement header, using the control variable after the body of the statement is a compilation error.**



## Portability Tip 5.1

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**In the C++ standard, the scope of the control variable declared in the initialization section of a `for` statement differs from the scope in older C++ compilers. In pre-standard compilers, the scope of the control variable does not terminate at the end of the block defining the body of the `for` statement; rather, the scope terminates at the end of the block that encloses the `for` statement. C++ code created with prestandard C++ compilers can break when compiled on standard-compliant compilers. If you are working with prestandard compilers and you want to be sure your code will work with standard-compliant compilers, there are two defensive programming strategies you can use: either declare control variables with different names in every `for` statement, or, if you prefer to use the same name for the control variable in several `for` statements, declare the control variable before the first `for` statement.**

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## Good Programming Practice 5.5

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**Place only expressions involving the control variables in the initialization and increment sections of a FOR statement. Manipulations of other variables should appear either before the loop (if they should execute only once, like initialization statements) or in the loop body (if they should execute once per repetition, like incrementing or decrementing statements).**



## 5.3 for Repetition Statement (Cont.)

- **The *initialization* and *increment* expressions can be comma-separated lists of expressions**
  - **These commas are comma operators**
    - **Comma operator has the lowest precedence of all operators**
  - **Expressions are evaluated from left to right**
  - **Value and type of entire list are value and type of the rightmost expressions**



# Common Programming Error 5.4

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**Using commas instead of the two required semicolons in a `for` header is a syntax error.**



# Common Programming Error 5.5

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**Placing a semicolon immediately to the right of the right parenthesis of a `for` header makes the body of that `for` statement an empty statement. This is usually a logic error.**





## Software Engineering Observation 5.1

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**Placing a semicolon immediately after a `for` header is sometimes used to create a so-called **delay loop**. Such a `for` loop with an empty body still loops the indicated number of times, doing nothing other than the counting. For example, you might use a delay loop to slow down a program that is producing outputs on the screen too quickly for you to read them. Be careful though, because such a time delay will vary among systems with different processor speeds.**

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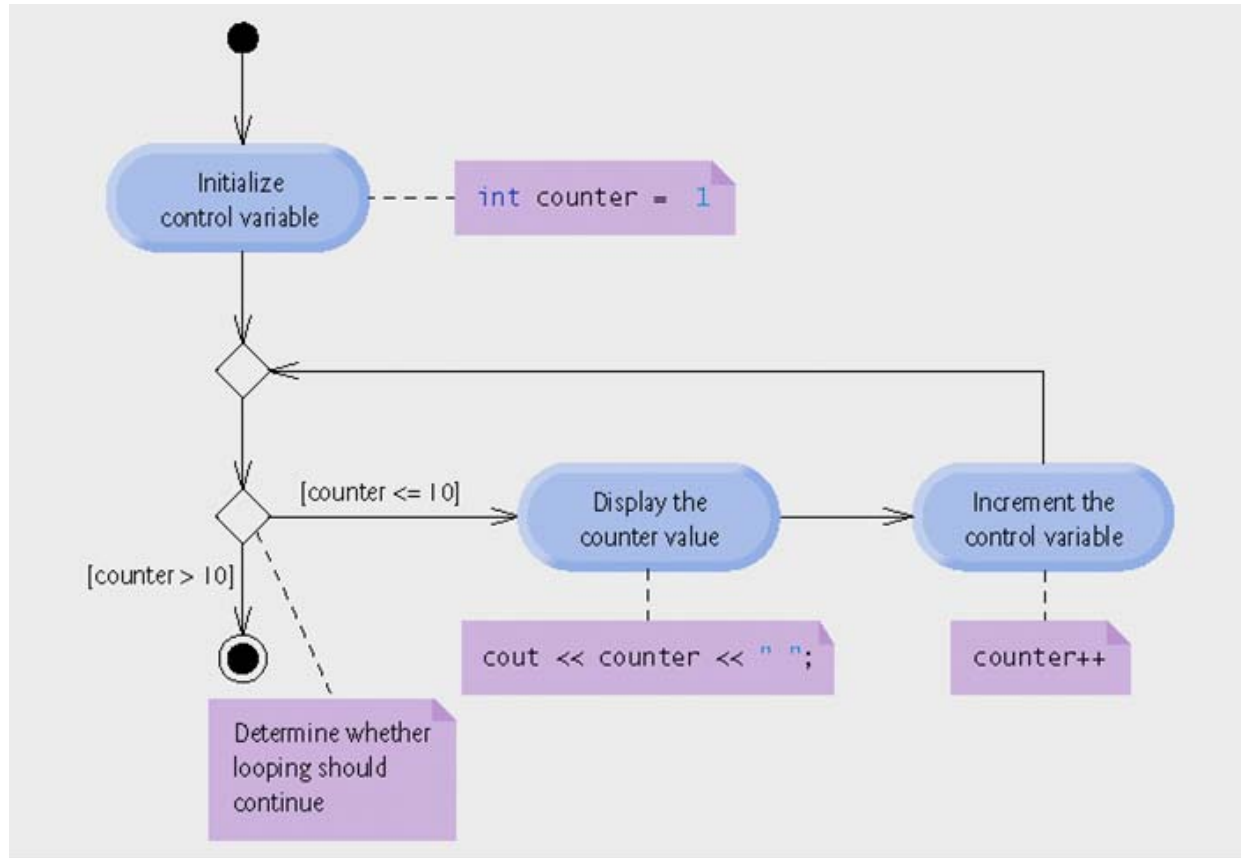


## Error-Prevention Tip 5.2

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**Although the value of the control variable can be changed in the body of a `for` statement, avoid doing so, because this practice can lead to subtle logic errors.**





**Fig. 5.4 | UML activity diagram for the for statement in Fig. 5.2.**



## 5.4 Examples Using the for Statement

- **for statement examples**

- Vary control variable from 1 to 100 in increments of 1
  - `for ( int i = 1; i <= 100; i ++ )`
- Vary control variable from 100 to 1 in increments of -1
  - `for ( int i = 100; i >= 1; i -- )`
- Vary control variable from 7 to 77 in steps of 7
  - `for ( int i = 7; i <= 77; i += 7 )`
- Vary control variable from 20 to 2 in steps of -2
  - `for ( int i = 20; i >= 2; i -= 2 )`
- Vary control variable over the sequence: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20
  - `for ( int i = 2; i <= 20; i += 3 )`
- Vary control variable over the sequence: 99, 88, 77, 66, 55, 44, 33, 22, 11, 0
  - `for ( int i = 99; i >= 0; i -= 11 )`



# Common Programming Error 5.6

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**Not using the proper relational operator in the loop-continuation condition of a loop that counts downward (such as incorrectly using  $i \leq 1$  instead of  $i \geq 1$  in a loop counting down to 1) is usually a logic error that yields incorrect results when the program runs.**



## Outline

fi g05\_05. cpp

```
1 // Fig. 5.5: fig05_05. cpp
2 // Summing integers with the for statement.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     int total = 0; // initialize total
10
11     // total even integers from 2 through 20
12     for ( int number = 2; number <= 20; number += 2 )
13         total += number;
14
15     cout << "Sum is " << total << endl; // display results
16     return 0; // successful termination
17 } // end main
```

Vary **number** from 2 to 20 in steps of 2

Add the current value of **number** to **total**

Sum is 110



## 5.4 Examples Using the for Statement (Cont.)

- **Using a comma-separated list of expressions**

- Lines 12-13 of Fig. 5.5 can be rewritten as

```
for ( int number = 2; // initialization
      number <= 20; // loop continuation condition
      total += number, number += 2 ) // total and
                                     // increment
; // empty statement
```



## Good Programming Practice 5.6

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**Although statements preceding a `for` and statements in the body of a `for` often can be merged into the `for` header, doing so can make the program more difficult to read, maintain, modify and debug.**





# Good Programming Practice 5.7

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**Limit the size of control statement headers to a single line, if possible.**



## 5.4 Examples Using the for Statement (Cont.)

- **Standard library function `std::pow`**
  - **Calculates an exponent**
  - **Example**
    - `pow( x, y )`
      - **Calculates the value of  $x$  raised to the  $y^{\text{th}}$  power**
  - **Requires header file `<cmath>`**



## Outline

fig05\_06.cpp

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```

1 // Fig. 5.6: fig05_06.cpp
2 // Compound interest calculations with for.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6 using std::fixed;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9 using std::setw; // enables program to
10 using std::setprecision;
11
12 #include <cmath> // standard C++ math library
13 using std::pow; // enables program to use function pow
14
15 int main()
16 {
17     double amount; // amount on deposit at end of each year
18     double principal = 1000.0; // initial amount before interest
19     double rate = .05; // interest rate
20
21     // display headers
22     cout << "Year" << setw( 21 ) << "Amount on deposit" << endl;
23
24     // set floating-point number format
25     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
26

```

**setw** stream manipulator  
will set a field width

standard library function **pow**  
(in header file **<cmath>**)

C++ treats floating-point values as type **double**

Specify that the next value output  
should appear in a field width of **21**



Outline

fi g05\_06. cpp

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```

27 // calculate amount on deposit for each of ten years
28 for ( int year = 1; year <= 10; year++ )
29 {
30     // calculate new amount for specified year
31     amount = principal * pow( 1.0 + rate, year );
32
33     // display the year and the amount
34     cout << setw( 4 ) << year << setw( 21 ) << amount << endl ;
35 } // end for
36
37 return 0; // indicate successful termination
38 } // end main

```

Calculate **amount** within **for** statement

Use the **setw** stream manipulator to set field width

Year	Amount on deposit
1	1050.00
2	1102.50
3	1157.63
4	1215.51
5	1276.28
6	1340.10
7	1407.10
8	1477.46
9	1551.33
10	1628.89



# Common Programming Error 5.7

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**In general, forgetting to include the appropriate header file when using standard library functions (e.g., `<cmath>` in a program that uses math library functions) is a compilation error.**



## Good Programming Practice 5.8

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**Do not use variables of type `float` or `double` to perform monetary calculations. The imprecision of floating-point numbers can cause errors that result in incorrect monetary values. In the Exercises, we explore the use of integers to perform monetary calculations. [Note: Some third-party vendors sell C++ class libraries that perform precise monetary calculations. We include several URLs in Appendix I.]**



## 5.4 Examples Using the for Statement (Cont.)

- **Formatting numeric output**
  - **Stream manipulator setw**
    - **Sets field width**
      - **Right justified by default**
        - **Stream manipulator left to left-justify**
        - **Stream manipulator right to right-justify**
      - **Applies only to the next output value**
    - **Stream manipulators fixed and setprecision**
      - **Sticky settings**
        - **Remain in effect until they are changed**



## Performance Tip 5.1

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**Avoid placing expressions whose values do not change inside loops—but, even if you do, many of today's sophisticated optimizing compilers will automatically place such expressions outside the loops in the generated machine-language code.**





## Performance Tip 5.2

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**Many compilers contain optimization features that improve the performance of the code you write, but it is still better to write good code from the start.**



## 5.5 do...while Repetition Statement

- **do...while statement**
  - **Similar to while statement**
  - **Tests loop-continuation after performing body of loop**
    - **Loop body always executes at least once**



## Good Programming Practice 5.9

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**Always including braces in a `do. . . while` statement helps eliminate ambiguity between the `while` statement and the `do. . . while` statement containing one statement.**



## Outline

fi g05\_07. cpp

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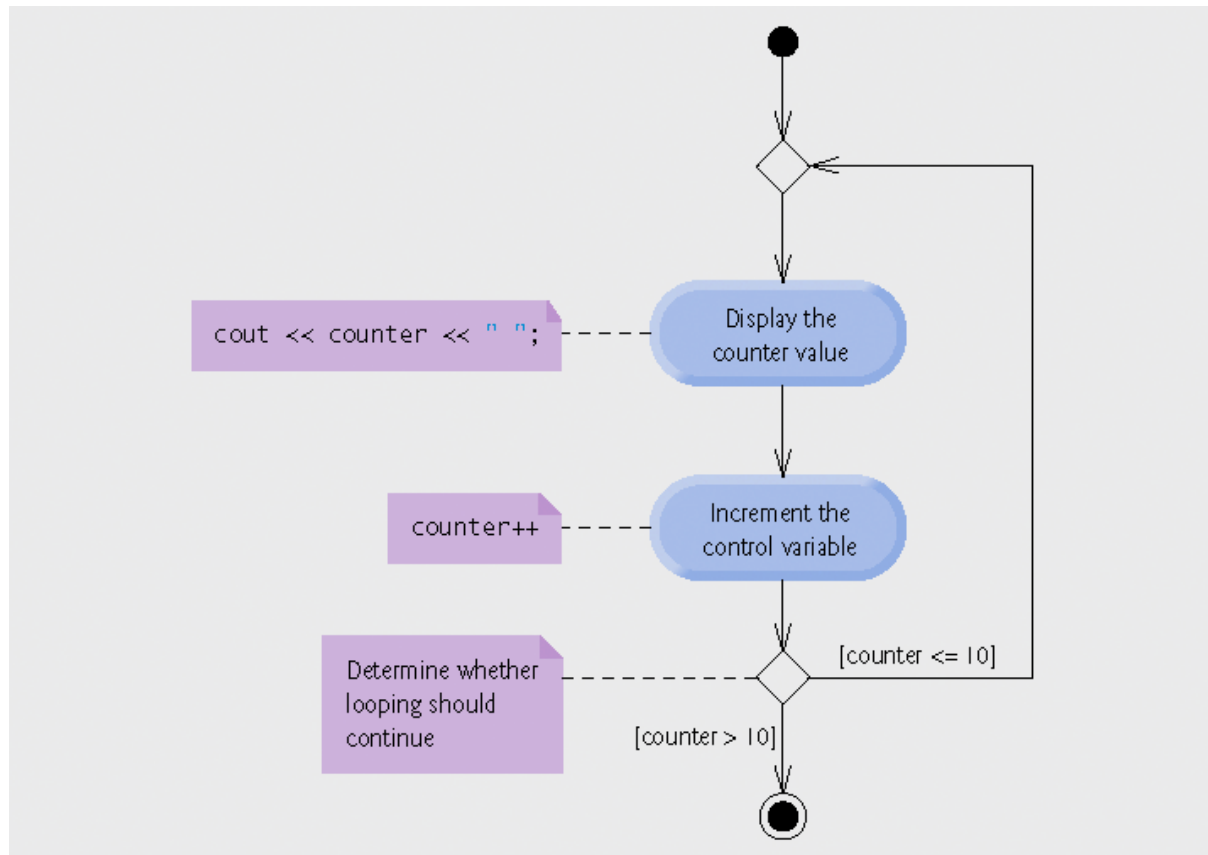
```
1 // Fig. 5.7: fi g05_07. cpp
2 // do...while repetition statement.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     int counter = 1; // initialize counter
10
11     do
12     {
13         cout << counter << " "; // display counter
14         counter++; // increment counter
15     } while ( counter <= 10 ); // end do...while
16
17     cout << endl; // output a newline
18     return 0; // indicate successful termination
19 } // end main
```

Declare and initialize  
control variable **counter**

**do...while** loop displays **counter**'s value  
before testing for **counter**'s final value

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10





**Fig. 5.8 | UML activity diagram for the do . . . while repetition statement of Fig. 5.7.**



## 5.6 switch Multiple-Selection Statement

- **switch statement**
  - **Used for multiple selections**
  - **Tests a variable or expression**
    - **Compared against constant integral expressions to decide on action to take**
      - **Any combination of character constants and integer constants that evaluates to a constant integer value**



## Outline

fi g05\_09. cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 5.9: GradeBook.h
2 // Definition of class GradeBook that counts A, B, C, D and F grades.
3 // Member functions are defined in GradeBook.cpp
4
5 #include <string> // program uses C++ standard string class
6 using std::string;
7
8 // GradeBook class definition
9 class GradeBook
10 {
11 public:
12     GradeBook( string ); // constructor initializes course name
13     void setCourseName( string ); // function to set the course name
14     string getCourseName(); // function to retrieve the course name
15     void displayMessage(); // display a welcome message
16     void inputGrades(); // input arbitrary number of grades from user
17     void displayGradeReport(); // display a report based on the grades
18 private:
19     string courseName; // course name for this GradeBook
20     int aCount; // count of A grades
21     int bCount; // count of B grades
22     int cCount; // count of C grades
23     int dCount; // count of D grades
24     int fCount; // count of F grades
25 }; // end class GradeBook
```

Counter variable for  
each grade category



## Outline

fi g05\_10. cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 5.10: GradeBook.cpp
2 // Member-function definitions for class GradeBook that
3 // uses a switch statement to count A, B, C, D and F grades.
4 #include <iostream>
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 #include "GradeBook.h" // include definition of class GradeBook
10
11 // constructor initializes courseName with string supplied as argument;
12 // initializes counter data members to 0
13 GradeBook::GradeBook( string name )
14 {
15     setCourseName( name ); // validate and store courseName
16     aCount = 0; // initialize count of A grades to 0
17     bCount = 0; // initialize count of B grades to 0
18     cCount = 0; // initialize count of C grades to 0
19     dCount = 0; // initialize count of D grades to 0
20     fCount = 0; // initialize count of F grades to 0
21 } // end GradeBook constructor
22
```

Initialize each counter  
variable to 0





## Outline

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```
23 // function to set the course name; limits name to 25 or fewer characters
24 void GradeBook::setCourseName( string name )
25 {
26     if ( name.length() <= 25 ) // if name has 25 or fewer characters
27         courseName = name; // store the course name in the object
28     else // if name is longer than 25 characters
29     { // set courseName to first 25 characters of parameter name
30         courseName = name.substr( 0, 25 ); // select first 25 characters
31         cout << "Name \"\" << name << "\" exceeds maximum length (25).\n"
32             << "Limiting courseName to first 25 characters.\n" << endl ;
33     } // end if...else
34 } // end function setCourseName
35
36 // function to retrieve the course name
37 string GradeBook::getCourseName()
38 {
39     return courseName;
40 } // end function getCourseName
41
42 // display a welcome message to the GradeBook user
43 void GradeBook::displayMessage()
44 {
45     // this statement calls getCourseName to get the
46     // name of the course this GradeBook represents
47     cout << "Welcome to the grade book for\n" << getCourseName() << "!\n"
48         << endl ;
49 } // end function displayMessage
50
```



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51 // input arbitrary number of grades from user; update grade counter
52 void GradeBook::inputGrades()
53 {
54     int grade; // grade entered by user
55
56     cout << "Enter the letter grades." << endl
57         << "Enter the EOF character to end input." << endl;
58
59     // loop until user types end-of-file key sequence
60     while ( ( grade = cin.get() ) != EOF )
61     {
62         // determine which grade was entered
63         switch ( grade ) // switch statement nested in while
64         {
65             case 'A': // grade was uppercase A
66             case 'a': // or lowercase a
67                 aCount++; // increment aCount
68                 break; // necessary to exit switch
69
70             case 'B': // grade was uppercase B
71             case 'b': // or lowercase b
72                 bCount++; // increment bCount
73                 break; // exit switch
74
75             case 'C': // grade was uppercase C
76             case 'c': // or lowercase c
77                 cCount++; // increment cCount
78                 break; // exit switch
79

```

Loop condition uses function **cin.get** to determine whether there is more data to input

**switch** statement determines which **case** label to execute, depending on controlling expression

**grade** is the controlling expression

**case** labels for a grade of A

**break** statement transfers control to after the end of the **switch** statement



## Outline

fi q05\_10.cpp

```
80 case 'D': // grade was uppercase D
81 case 'd': // or lowercase d
82     dCount++; // increment dCount
83     break; // exit switch
84
85 case 'F': // grade was uppercase F
86 case 'f': // or lowercase f
87     fCount++; // increment fCount
88     break; // exit switch
89
90 case '\n': // ignore newlines,
91 case '\t': // tabs,
92 case ' ': // and spaces in input
93     break; // exit switch
94
95 default: // catch all other characters
96     cout << "Incorrect letter grade entered."
97         << " Enter a new grade." << endl;
98     break; // optional; will exit switch anyway
99 } // end switch
100 } // end while
101 } // end function inputGrades
```

Ignore whitespace characters,  
do not display an error message

**default** case for an  
invalid letter grade



## Outline

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```
102
103 // display a report based on the grades entered by user
104 void GradeBook::displayGradeReport()
105 {
106     // output summary of results
107     cout << "\n\nNumber of students who received each letter grade: "
108         << "\nA: " << aCount // display number of A grades
109         << "\nB: " << bCount // display number of B grades
110         << "\nC: " << cCount // display number of C grades
111         << "\nD: " << dCount // display number of D grades
112         << "\nF: " << fCount // display number of F grades
113         << endl ;
114 } // end function displayGradeReport
```



## 5.6 switch Multiple-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- **Reading character input**
  - **Function `cin.get()`**
    - **Reads one character from the keyboard**
  - **Integer value of a character**
    - `static_cast<int>( character )`
  - **ASCII character set**
    - **Table of characters and their decimal equivalents**
  - **EOF**
    - `<ctrl> d` in **UNIX/Linux**
    - `<ctrl> z` in **Windows**



## Portability Tip 5.2

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**The keystroke combinations for entering end-of-file are system dependent.**



## Portability Tip 5.3

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**Testing for the symbolic constant EOF rather than  $-1$  makes programs more portable. The ANSI/ISO C standard, from which C++ adopts the definition of EOF, states that EOF is a negative integral value (but not necessarily  $-1$ ), so EOF could have different values on different systems.**



## 5.6 switch Multiple-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- **switch statement**
  - **Controlling expression**
    - **Expression in parentheses after keyword switch**
  - **case labels**
    - **Compared with the controlling expression**
    - **Statements following the matching case label are executed**
      - **Braces are not necessary around multiple statements in a case label**
      - **A break statements causes execution to proceed with the first statement after the switch**
        - **Without a break statement, execution will fall through to the next case label**





## 5.6 switch Multiple-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- **switch statement (Cont.)**
  - default case
    - Executes if no matching case label is found
    - Is optional
      - If no match and no default case
        - Control simply continues after the switch



# Common Programming Error 5.8

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**Forgetting a break statement when one is needed in a switch statement is a logic error.**



## Common Programming Error 5.9

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**Omitting the space between the word `case` and the integral value being tested in a `switch` statement can cause a logic error. For example, writing `case3:` instead of writing `case 3:` simply creates an unused label. We will say more about this in Appendix E, C Legacy Code Topics. In this situation, the `switch` statement will not perform the appropriate actions when the `switch`'s controlling expression has a value of 3.**



## Good Programming Practice 5.10

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**Provide a default case in switch statements. Cases not explicitly tested in a switch statement without a default case are ignored. Including a default case focuses the programmer on the need to process exceptional conditions. There are situations in which no default processing is needed. Although the case clauses and the default case clause in a switch statement can occur in any order, it is common practice to place the default clause last.**



# Good Programming Practice 5.11

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**In a switch statement that lists the default clause last, the default clause does not require a break statement. Some programmers include this break for clarity and for symmetry with other cases.**



# Common Programming Error 5.10

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**Not processing newline and other white-space characters in the input when reading characters one at a time can cause logic errors.**



## Outline

fig05\_11.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 5.11: fig05_11.cpp
2 // Create GradeBook object, input grades and display grade report.
3
4 #include "GradeBook.h" // include definition of class GradeBook
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     // create GradeBook object
9     GradeBook myGradeBook( "CS101 C++ Programming" );
10
11     myGradeBook.displayMessage(); // display welcome message
12     myGradeBook.inputGrades(); // read grades from user
13     myGradeBook.displayGradeReport(); // display report based on grades
14     return 0; // indicate successful termination
15 } // end main
```



## Outline

fig05\_11.cpp

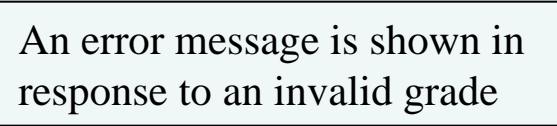
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Welcome to the grade book for  
CS101 C++ Programming!

Enter the letter grades.  
Enter the EOF character to end input.

```
a
B
C
C
A
d
f
C
E
Incorrect letter grade entered. Enter a new grade.
D
A
b
^Z
```

An error message is shown in  
response to an invalid grade



Number of students who received each letter grade:

```
A: 3
B: 2
C: 3
D: 2
F: 1
```



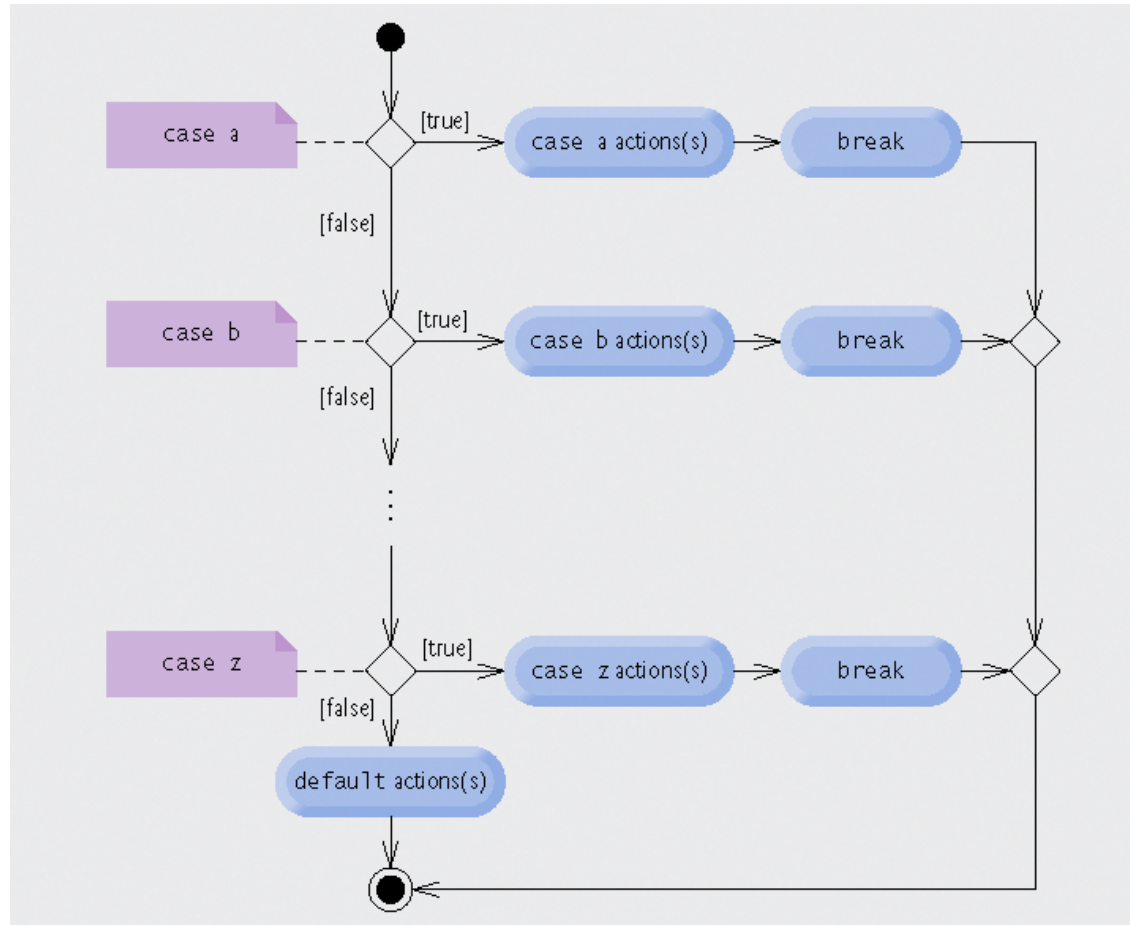


# Common Programming Error 5.11

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**Specifying an expression including variables (e.g.,  $a + b$ ) in a `switch` statement's case label is a syntax error.**





**Fig. 5.12 | switch multiple-selection statement UML activity diagram with break statements.**



## Common Programming Error 5.12

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**Providing identical case labels in a switch statement is a compilation error. Providing case labels containing different expressions that evaluate to the same value also is a compilation error. For example, placing case 4 + 1: and case 3 + 2: in the same switch statement is a compilation error, because these are both equivalent to case 5: .**



## 5.6 switch Multiple-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- **Integer data types**

- **short**

- Abbreviation of `short int`
- Minimum range is **-32,768 to 32,767**

- **long**

- Abbreviation of `long int`
- Minimum range is **-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647**

- **int**

- Equivalent to either `short` or `long` on most computers

- **char**

- Can be used to represent small integers



## Portability Tip 5.4

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**Because `int`s can vary in size between systems, use `long` integers if you expect to process integers outside the range  $-32,768$  to  $32,767$  and you would like to run the program on several different computer systems.**



## Performance Tip 5.3

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**If memory is at a premium, it might be desirable to use smaller integer sizes.**



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**Using smaller integer sizes can result in a slower program if the machine's instructions for manipulating them are not as efficient as those for the natural-size integers, i.e., integers whose size equals the machine's word size (e.g., 32 bits on a 32-bit machine, 64 bits on a 64-bit machine). Always test proposed efficiency "upgrades" to be sure they really improve performance.**

