

Why we need control structures

- So far, all we have seen is how to make a program do a *sequence* of things.
 - goNorth()
 - goEast()
 - goNorth()
- There is more to life than this!
- We want to be able to make a program:
 - Choose between doing different things
 - Do the same thing several times
- C++ gives us *control structures* which allow us to do these things.

roombaGame

LOGICAL OPERATIONS, CONTROL STRUCTURES

Today

- The `if` statement
- Relational operators
- Logical operators
- Truth tables
- The `if-else` statement.
- The `while` statement

Boolean expressions

- Boolean expressions are things that are true or false.
- Boolean variables: true (1) or false (0)
- Logical operators:

!	not
&&	and
	or

- Example:

```
boolean a, b;  
x = 1; // true  
y = 0; // false
```

```
if(x && y){  
    cout << "This is false\n";  
}
```

```
if(x || y){  
    cout << "This is true\n";  
}
```

The if branching statement

- **roombaGame** used several new features of C++.
- Perhaps the simplest is the if statement.
- To tell when the roomba is at the dirt, we need to do:

```
if(x == dirtX) {  
    cout << "The roomba found the dirt" << endl;  
}
```

- Let's look at it in a bit more detail.

The if branching statement

- The if is a *conditional*
 - Means the computer makes a choice
- It is also a *control structure*
- General structure:

```
if(<something that is true or false>)  
{  
  
    <some instructions>  
  
}
```

The if branching statement (again)

```
// Is the robot still in the world?  
  
if ((x < 10) && (y < 10))  
{  
    cout << "The roomba is on the grid\n";  
}
```

- And the actual code from the **roombaGame**:

```
if((x == dirtX)&&(y == dirtY))  
{  
    cout << "You found the dirt\n";  
}
```

Truth tables

a	!a
false	true
true	false

a	b	a && b
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

a	b	a b
true	true	true
true	false	true
false	true	true
false	false	false

Relational operators

==	equality
!=	inequality
>	greater than
<	less than
>=	greater than or equal to
<=	Less than or equal to

example:

```
int x, y;  
x = -5;  
y = 7;
```

some truths:

(x < y)	true
(x == y)	false
(x >= y)	false

- General structure:

```
if(<something that is true or false>
{
    <some instructions>
}
else
{
    <alternative instructions>
}
```

the while looping statement.

- while allows us to repeat things:

```
// Go north 4 times

count = 0;

while (count <= 4)
{
    goNorth();
}
```

The if-else branching statement

- A neater way of doing some branching.
- This:

```
if((x == dirtX)&&(y == dirtY)){
    cout << "You found the dirt\n";
}

if((x != dirtX)|| (y != dirtY)){
    cout << "You missed the dirt\n";
}
```

- Is a bit neater as:

```
if((x == dirtX)&&(y == dirtY))
{
    cout << "You found the dirt\n";
}
else
{
    cout << "You missed the dirt\n";
}
```

- General structure:

```
while(<something that is true or false>)  
{  
    <some instructions>  
}
```

- This structure looks a lot like `if`

Summary

- We covered some of the basic control structures:
 - `if`, `while`
- Along the way we looked at boolean expressions and relational operators as well.
- Now it is time to read Chapter 2 of the textbook.