# 3. Logical Values

Boolean Functions; the Type bool; logical and relational operators; shortcut evaluation

# The Type bool in C++

- **Boolean Values in Mathematics**
- Boolean expressions can take on one of two values:

0 or 1

- 0 corresponds to "false"
- corresponds to "true"

#### **Our Goal**

```
int a;
std::cin >> a;
if (a \% 2 == 0)
   std::cout << "even";
else
   std::cout << "odd";
```

Behavior depends on the value of a Boolean expression

- represents logical values
- Literals false and true
- Domain { false, true}

bool b = true: // Variable with value true

# **Relational Operators**

arithmetic type  $\times$  arithmetic type  $\rightarrow$  bool

R-value  $\times$  R-value  $\rightarrow$  R-value

# **Table of Relational Operators**

	Symbol	Arity	Precedence	Associativity
smaller	<	2	11	left
greater	>	2	11	left
smaller equal	<=	2	11	left
greater equal	>=	2	11	left
equal		2	10	left
unequal	!-	2	10	left

arithmetic type  $\times$  arithmetic type  $\rightarrow$  bool

R-value  $\times$  R-value  $\to$  R-value

#### **Boolean Functions in Mathematics**

Boolean function

$$f: \{0,1\}^2 \to \{0,1\}$$

- 0 corresponds to "false".
- 1 corresponds to "true".

# AND(x, y)

"logical And"

$$f: \{0,1\}^2 \to \{0,1\}$$

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$\boldsymbol{x}$	Λ	z
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x	y	AND(x, y)
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

bool  $b = (n < 0) \mid \mid (0 < p); // b = false$ 

# **Logical Operator!**

!ъ (logical not)

 $\mathtt{bool} o \mathtt{bool}$  R-value o R-value

int n = 1;
bool b = !(n < 0); // b = true</pre>

# **Table of Logical Operators**

	Symbol	Arity	Precedence	Associativity
Logical and (AND)	kk	2	6	left
Logical or (OR)	11	2	5	left
Logical not (NOT)		1	16	right

# Precedences

!b && a

(!b) && a

a && b || c && d

(a && b) || (c && d)

a || b && c || d

\$\frac{1}{4}\$
a || (b && c) || d

#### **Precedences**

The unary logical operator!
binds more strongly than
binary arithmetic operators. These
bind more strongly than
relational operators,
and these bind more strongly the

and these bind more strongly than binary logical operators.

- AND, OR and NOT are the boolean functions available in C++.
- Any other binary boolean function can be generated from them.

x	y	XOR(x, y)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

# XOR(x, y) = AND(OR(x, y), NOT(AND(x, y))). $x \oplus y = (x \lor y) \land \neg (x \land y).$

(x | | y) && !(x && y)

# **Completeness Proof**

Identify binary boolean functions with their characteristic vector.

x	y	XOR(x, y)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

characteristic vector: 0110  $XOR = f_{0110}$ 

# **Completeness Proof**

■ Step 1: generate the *fundamental* functions  $f_{0001}$ ,  $f_{0010}$ ,  $f_{0100}$ ,  $f_{1000}$ 

$$f_{0001} = AND(x, y)$$
  
 $f_{0010} = AND(x, NOT(y))$   
 $f_{0100} = AND(y, NOT(x))$   
 $f_{1000} = NOT(OR(x, y))$ 

# **Completeness Proof**

■ Step 2: generate all functions by applying logical or

$$f_{1101} = OR(f_{1000}, OR(f_{0100}, f_{0001}))$$

 $\blacksquare$  Step 3: generate  $f_{0000}$ 

$$f_{0000} = 0.$$

# bool vs int: Conversion

- bool can be used whenever int is expected and vice versa
- Many existing programs use int instead of bool

This is bad style originating from the language C.



 $bool \rightarrow int$ 

# **DeMorgan Rules**

- | (a && b) == (|a| | |b|)
- !(a || b) == (!a && !b)
- ! (rich and beautiful) == (poor or ugly)

# Application: either ... or (XOR)

#### Short circuit Evaluation

- Logical operators && and || evaluate the left operand first.
- If the result is then known, the right operand will *not be* evaluated.

$$x != 0 \&\& z / x > y$$

$$\Rightarrow No division by 0$$

# 4. Defensive Programming

Constants and Assertions

#### **Sources of Errors**

- Errors that the compiler can find: syntactical and some semantical errors
- Errors that the compiler cannot find: runtime errors (always semantical)

# The Compiler as Your Friend: Constants

#### Constants

- are variables with immutable value
- const int speed\_of\_light = 299792458;
- Usage: const before the definition

# The Compiler as Your Friend: Constants

■ Compiler checks that the const-promise is kept

```
const int speed_of_light = 299792458;
...
speed_of_light = 300000000;
```

compiler: error

■ Tool to avoid errors: constants guarantee the promise :"value does not change"

## The const-guideline

#### const-quideline

For each variable, think about whether it will change its value in the lifetime of a program. If not, use the keyword const in order to make the variable a constant.

A program that adheres to this guideline is called const-correct.

#### **Constants: Variables behind Glass**



# **Avoid Sources of Bugs**

- 1. Exact knowledge of the wanted program behavior
- 2. Check at many places in the code if the program is still on track
- 3. Question the (seemingly) obvious, there could be a typo in the code

# Against Runtime Errors: Assertions

#### assert(expr)

- halts the program if the boolean expression expr is false
- requires #include <cassert>
- can be switched off (potential performance gain)

```
Assertions for the gcd(x,y)
```

```
Check if the program is on track ...

// Input x and y
std::cout << "x =? ";
std::cin >> x;
std::cout << "y =? ";
std::cin >> y;

// Check validity of inputs
assert(x > 0 && y > 0); 	— Precondition for the ongoing computation
... // Compute gcd(x,y), store result in variable a
```

# Assertions for the $\gcd(x,y)$

```
... and question the obvious! ...
...
assert(x > 0 && y > 0); 	— Precondition for the ongoing computation
```

 $\dots$  // Compute gcd(x,y), store result in variable a

```
assert (a >= 1);

assert (x % a == 0 && y % a == 0);

for (int i = a+1; i <= x && i <= y; ++i)

assert(!(x % i == 0 && y % i == 0));
```

```
Properties of the gcd
```

#### Switch off Assertions

```
#include<cassert>
...
assert(x > 0 && y > 0); // Ignored
... // Compute gcd(x,y), store result in variable a
assert(a >= 1); // Ignored
...
```

#define NDEBUG // To ignore assertions

#### Fail-Fast with Assertions

- Real software: many C++ files, complex control flow
- Errors surface late(r) → impedes error localisation
- Assertions: Detect errors early



#### 5. Control Structures I

Selection Statements, Iteration Statements, Termination, Blocks

#### **Control Flow**

- Up to now: *linear* (from top to bottom)
- Interesting programs require "branches" and "jumps"



# **Selection Statements**

implement branches

- if statement
- if-else statement

#### if-Statement

if ( condition ) statement

int a;
std::cin >> a;
if (a % 2 == 0)
 std::cout << "even";</pre>

If *condition* is true then *state-*

- statement: arbitrary
- statement (body of the if-Statement)

  condition: convertible to
- bool

#### if-else-statement

if (condition) statement1 else statement2

int a;

std::cin >> a;
if (a % 2 == 0)
 std::cout << "even";
else
 std::cout << "odd";</pre>

If *condition* is true then *state-ment1* is executed, otherwise *statement2* is executed.

- condition: convertible to bool.
- statement1: body of the if-branch
- statement2: body of the else-branch

# Layout!

# **Iteration Statements**

implement "loops"

- for-statement
- while-statement
- do-statement

# Compute $1+2+\ldots+n$

// Program: sum\_n.cpp // Compute the sum of the first n natural numbers.

#include <iostream>
int main()

return 0:

// input std::cout << "Compute the sum 1+...+n for n =? "; unsigned int n; std::cin >> n;

// computation of sum\_[i=1]^n i
unsigned int s = 0;
for (unsigned int i = 1; i <= n; ++i) s += i;
// output
std::cout << "1+...+" << n << " = " << s << ".\n";</pre>

Gauß as a Child (1777 - 1855)

- As you probably know, there exists a more efficient way to compute the sum of the first n natural numbers. Here's a corresponding anecdote:
- Math-teacher wanted to keep the pupils busy with the following task:

Compute the sum of numbers from 1 to 100!

Gauß finished after one minute.

for-Statement Example
for (unsigned int i=1; i <= n; ++i)</pre>

s += i;

s == 3

# The Solution of Gauß

The requested number is

■ This is half of

 $1+2+3+\cdots+98+99+100$ 

**Answer**:  $100 \cdot 101/2 = 5050$ 

## for-Statement: Syntax

- for (init statement; condition; expression)
   body statement
- init statement: expression statement, declaration statement, null statement
- condition: convertible to bool
- expression: any expression
- body statement: any statement (body of the for-statement)

#### for-Statement: Termination

```
for (unsigned int i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
s += i;</pre>
```

Here and in most cases:

- expression changes its value that appears in condition.
- After a finite number of iterations condition becomes false:
   Termination

#### for-Statement: semantics

for ( init statement condition ; expression )
 statement

- init-statement is executed
- condition is evaluated ←
  - true: Iteration starts statement is executed expression is executed •
  - false: for-statement is ended.

## **Infinite Loops**

Infinite loops are easy to generate:

```
for (;;);
```

- Die empty condition is true.
- Die *empty expression* has no effect.
- Die null statement has no effect.
- ... but can in general not be automatically detected.

```
for (init cond; expr) stmt;
```

# **Halting Problem**

#### Undecidability of the Halting Problem

There is no  ${\bf C}++$  program that can determine for each  ${\bf C}++$ -Program P and each input I if the program P terminates with the input I.

This means that the correctness of programs can in general not be automatically checked.  $^4$ 

### **Example: Termination**

```
unsigned int d;
for (d=2; n%d != 0; ++d); // for n >= 2
```

- Progress: Initial value d=2, then plus 1 in every iteration (++d)
- Exit: n¼d != 0 evaluates to false as soon as a divisor is found
   at the latest, once d == n
- Progress guarantees that the exit condition will be reached

# **Example: Prime Number Test**

**Def.:** a natural number  $n\geq 2$  is a prime number, if no  $d\in\{2,\dots,n-1\}$  divides n .

A loop that can test this:

```
unsigned int d;
for (d=2; n%d != 0; ++d);
```

## **Example: Correctness**

```
unsigned int d;
for (d=2; n%d != 0; ++d); // for n >= 2
```

Every potential divisor  $2 \le d \le n$  will be tested. If the loop terminates with d = n then and only then is n prime.

<sup>4</sup>Alan Turing, 1936. Theoretical questions of this kind were the main motivation for Alan Turing to construct a computing machine.

### **Blocks**

■ Blocks group a number of statements to a new statement

```
{statement1 statement2 ... statementN}
```

Example: body of the main function

```
int main() { ... }
```

Example: loop body

```
for (unsigned int i = 1; i <= n; ++1) {
    s += 1;
    std::cout << "partial sum is " << s << "\n";
}</pre>
```

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