

# Unit 3: Conditional Statements: Programming and Video Game Design

Content Area: **Computer Science**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
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## BRIEF SUMMARY OF UNIT

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In this unit, students will learn what conditional statements are and how they are used within a computer program. Students will identify how conditional statements are used in computer programs that they presently use and how we can use conditional statements in real life. Students will use conditional statements in their final game project.

## STANDARDS

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MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Cr	Creating
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Cr2	Organizing and developing ideas.
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Pr	Producing
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Re	Responding
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Re9	Applying criteria to evaluate products.
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Cn	Connecting
MA.9-12.1.2.12prof.Cn11	Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.  Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables and clarifying arguments and models.
SCI.MS-ETS1-2	Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
SCI.MS.ETS1.B	Developing Possible Solutions
SCI.MS-ETS1-3	Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.
SCI.MS.ETS1.B	Developing Possible Solutions
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.3	Design and iteratively develop programs that combine control structures, including nested loops and compound conditionals.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.4	Decompose problems and sub-problems into parts to facilitate the design, implementation, and review of programs.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.5	Create procedures with parameters to organize code and make it easier to reuse.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.6	Refine a solution that meets users' needs by incorporating feedback from team members and users.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.7	Design programs, incorporating existing code, media, and libraries, and give attribution.

CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.8	Systematically test and refine programs using a range of test cases and users.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.9	Document programs in order to make them easier to follow, test, and debug.
CS.6-8.AP	Algorithms & Programming
WRK.K-12.P.5	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
WRK.K-12.P.8	Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
TECH.9.4.8.CI.2	Repurpose an existing resource in an innovative way (e.g., 8.2.8.NT.3).
TECH.9.4.8.CI.3	Examine challenges that may exist in the adoption of new ideas (e.g., 2.1.8.SSH, 6.1.8.CivicsPD.2).
TECH.9.4.8.TL.6	Collaborate to develop and publish work that provides perspectives on a real-world problem.  Multiple solutions often exist to solve a problem.  Programs use procedures to organize code and hide implementation details. Procedures can be repurposed in new programs. Defining parameters for procedures can generalize behavior and increase reusability.  Gathering and evaluating knowledge and information from a variety of sources, including global perspectives, fosters creativity and innovative thinking.  Control structures are selected and combined in programs to solve more complex problems.

## TRANSFER

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- Apply logic to real life situations and other subjects of study.
- Write code for if statements, if/then, and if/else statements in various computer programming languages.
- Create programs that require user interactions.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

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- How can the conditional statement code be debugged?
- Does my program need a conditional statement code?
- Does the conditional statement code serve its purpose?
- How can adding user interactions to your program can change the final results?
- How will the conditional statement code be designed to serve its purpose?
- What is the purpose of the conditional statement code?
- What type of conditional statement code does my program require?

## ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS

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- Conditional statement codes make computers perform a different calculation based on some condition.
- Conditional statement codes make the computer do something entirely different based on condition

the user inputs.

- The user creates conditional statement codes by creating a set of conditions and the computer does what it's supposed to based on the condition.

## **STUDENTS WILL KNOW**

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- Conditional statements (If commands) are used in the Selection structure.
- How to add user interactions to their program.
- Running code in response to a question or input is called Selection.
- Selection is one of the three basic logic structures in computer programming.
- The reason for using a conditional statement command.

## **STUDENTS WILL BE SKILLED AT**

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- How to use if and else commands in various computer languages.
- Adding user interactions.
- Determining the need for if and else commands.
- How to debug if and else commands.

## **EVIDENCE/PERFORMANCE TASKS**

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### Assessments

- Formative: Daily assessments using examples from class notes and CodeHS.com
- Summative: Teacher-created assessments/projects and CodeHS Computer Science Projects
- Benchmark: Check for understanding benchmark assessments on CodeHS
- Alternative Assessments: Student-centered activities such as a doorbell coding project, game design projects, and other activities involving real world applications
- [Activities/Assessments Folder](#)

Core instructional materials: [Core Book List](#)

Supplemental materials: Khan Academy

- Students will use If commands to create games.
- Students will complete coding exercises/projects in Khan Academy, Codehs, Scratch and other coding platforms.
- Students will create a program that will change based on different user interaction.
- Students will use if and else commands to create programs that can change based on different factors in their code.

## **LEARNING PLAN**

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- In groups students will develop a list of daily tasks that can be described using a series of if and if - else commands.
- Use if and if-else commands in programs.
- Have students write a program that has multiple outcomes depending on the user interaction.

## **MATERIALS**

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Core instructional materials: [Core Book List](#)

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Supplemental materials: CodeHS

<https://codehs.com/>

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<https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-programming>

- Codehs.com

## **SUGGESTED STRATEGIES FOR MODIFICATIONS**

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vYMnvzfcj-MbasliUC38xuHWyiyDFxOFXTBcccADZy8/edit?usp=sharing>