

Multiple Choices Implemented with `switch`

In `C`, we write

```
switch (operator) {
  case '+': // add
    break;
  case '-': // subtract
    break;
  case '*': // multiply
    break;
  case '/': // divide
    break;
}
```

Annotations:

- `operator`: an expression
- `'+', '-', '*', '/'`: constant values
- `break;`: leave the switch

Constant Values, Break after Each Block of Code

Switch allows any expression, but **values must be constant**.

Normally, **use `break` at end of each case**.

- **No `break`** means keep going, such as
- **when two values require the same code.**

```
case 1:
case 2:
  // code for both 1 and 2
  break;
```

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Leaving out `break` is usually an error.

```
case 1:
  // do this first
  // code continues with next case
case 2:
  // both cases execute this code!
  break;
```

Annotation: `// code continues with next case` is highlighted in blue.

People may “fix” the code. **Always comment!**

Use `default` to Catch All Remaining Values

```
switch (<expression>) {
  case <value1>:
    break;
  ...
  default:
    // code for other values
    break;
}
```

Annotation: `default:` is highlighted in green.

default catches any other values (and should be the last case)