

# Handling Control Flow

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# Options

- Handling control flow
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  - Handle Control dependences separately (what has already been covered)
- We focus on **Converting control dependences to data dependences.**

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# Putting it all together

For *complete* If-Conversion:

- relocate exit branches (recursively)
- remove forward branches (while handling effects of backward branches)
- recurse for nested *DO* loops

# Improvements

After removing all branches, further improvements can be made

## Simplification

The boolean conditions of the guard statements can be simplified

## Iterative Dependence

Control dependences which are not covered by If-conversion must be handled

## If-Reconstruction

In case the code resulting from If-conversion cannot be vectorized, apply an inverse transformation to avoid overhead

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