



- ✓ Even to compare a single character variable with a single character, *two* equal signs are used.
- ✓ Yes, this program has its limitations. Most of them are covered in Chapter 14.

## Using the `if` Keyword to Compare Two Strings

The `if` keyword cannot be used to compare strings. It can be used only to compare single-character variables.



- ✓ If you try to use `if` to compare two strings, the result is, as they say, unpredictable. The program is compiled without any errors (maybe), but it definitely doesn't run the way you anticipated.
- ✓ *C All-in-One Desk Reference For Dummies* (Wiley) has information about comparing strings.