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- One of the most popular languages and fastest-growing in 2020
  - www.techrepublic.com/article/c-is-now-the-fastest-growing-programming-language
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- You are encouraged to learn and practice more advanced C++ syntax/features.
  - https://www.w3schools.com/cpp/cpp_intro.asp
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BClS40yzssA
  - Google search ‘C++ programming‘ or ‘introduction to C++ programming‘

Configure Your Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

VSCode + Docker:
https://github.com/SVF-tools/SVF-Teaching/wiki/Installation-of-Docker,-VSCode-and-its-extensions

Write Your First C++ Program

```cpp
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  cout << "Hello World! \n";
  return 0;
}
```

A Hello World example under SVF-Teaching:

https://github.com/SVF-tools/SVF-Teaching/blob/main/HelloWorld/hello.cpp

C++ Primitive Data Types and Variables

- ‘`type variable = value;` ‘
  - Primitive types including `int`, `float`, `double`, `char`, `bool`, `string`.

```
int myNum = 5;               // Integer (whole number)
float myFloatNum = 5.99;     // Floating point number
double myDoubleNum = 9.98;   // Floating point number
char myLetter = 'D';         // Character
bool myBoolean = true;       // Boolean
string myText = "Hello";     // String
```

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    int numOfNodes; // hidden attribute from outside
    int numOfEdges; // hidden attribute from outside
  public:           // public access specifier
    // interface to outside world
    int getNumOfNodes(){ return numOfNodes;}
    // interface to outside world
    void setNumOfNodes(int n){ numOfNodes = n;}
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```

```
int main() {
  // create an object of Graph
  Graph graphObj;
  // Access attribute via interface
  graphObj.setNumOfNodes(10);
  // print out value of the attribute
  cout << graphObj.getNumOfNodes();
  cout << "\n";
}
```

Constructor

- A constructor is a special method automatically called when an object is created.

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    int numOfNodes; // hidden attribute from outside
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  public:            // public access specifier
      Graph(int n, int e){  // constructor
        numOfNodes = n;
        numOfEdges = e;
    }
    // interface to outside world
    int getNumOfNodes(){ return numOfNodes;}
};
```

```
int main() {
  // Create an object via its constructor
  Graph graphObj(5,10);
  // print out value of the attribute
  cout << graphObj.getNumOfNodes();
  cout << "\n";
}
```

Containers/Collections

A container is an object that stores a collection of elements.

- Standard container type
  - Plain C array `int myNum[3] = {10, 20, 30};`
- C++ STL container types.
  - **Sequence containers** (data structures accessed sequentially)
    - `vector`: Dynamic contiguous array (class template)
    - `deque`: Double-ended queue (class template)
    - `list` : Doubly-linked list (class template)
    - `stack`: Last In First Out (class template)
  - **Associative containers** (sorted data structures that can be quickly searched)
    - `set`: Collection of unique keys, sorted by keys (class template)
    - `map`: Collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys, keys are unique (class template).

Containers/Collections

```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
  vector<int> nodeIDs;
  nodeIDs.push_back(1);
  nodeIDs.push_back(2);
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  // iterating elements via loop
  for(auto i : nodeIDs)
    cout << i << "\n";
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```cpp
#include <set>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
  set<int> nodeIDs;
  nodeIDs.insert(1);
  nodeIDs.insert(2);
  nodeIDs.insert(2);
  // iterating elements via loop
  for(auto i : nodeIDs)
    cout << i << "\n";
}
```

Containers/Collections Used in a Class

```
#include <set>
using namespace std;
class Graph {
  private:
    int numOfNodes;
    int numOfEdges;
    set<int> nodeIDs;
  public:
    Graph(int n, int e) {
        numOfNodes = n;
        numOfEdges = e;
    }
    void addNode(int id){
        nodeIDs.insert(id);
    }
};
```

```
int main() {
  // Create an object of Graph
  Graph graphObj(5,10);
  // Increase nodes;
  graphObj.addNode(1);
  graphObj.addNode(2);
}
```

Pointers for Primitive Types

- The memory address of a variable can be taken through the & operator.
- A pointer however, is a variable that stores the memory address as its value.

```
int nodeID = 5;  // A nodeID variable of type int
int* ptr = &nodeID;     // A pointer `ptr` storing the address of nodeID

cout << nodeID << "\n";

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cout << ptr << "\n";

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int* ptr = &nodeID;     // A pointer `ptr` storing the address of nodeID
// Output the value of NodeID (i.e., 5)
cout << nodeID << "\n";
// Output the memory address of NodeID (e.g., 0x6dfed4)
cout << &nodeID << "\n";
// Output the memory address of nodeID with the pointer (e.g., 0x6dfed4)
cout << ptr << "\n";
// Output the value of nodeID via dereferencing the pointer ptr
cout << *ptr << "\n";
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- When a variable is declared as a reference, it becomes an alternative name for an existing variable. A variable can be declared as a reference by putting '&' in the declaration.

```
int nodeID = 5;  // A nodeID variable of type int
int& ref = nodeID;    // `ref` is a reference to nodeID.

ref = 20;
cout << "nodeID = " << nodeID << endl ;

nodeID = 30;
cout << "ref = " << ref << endl ;
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int& ref = nodeID;    // `ref` is a reference to nodeID.

ref = 20;      // Value of nodeID is now changed to 20
cout << "nodeID = " << nodeID << endl ;

nodeID = 30;   // Both nodeID and ref are now 30
cout << "ref = " << ref << endl ;
```

C++ const Type Qualifier

- The **const** keyword allows you to specify whether or not a variable is modifiable. It can help (1) document your program more clearly and (2) enable more compiler optimization opportunities.

```
// a constant integer.
// modifying `nodeID` will get a compilation error.
const int nodeID = 5;

// pointer to a const variable.
// `ptr` is a pointer that can point to a const int type variable.
// modifying `nodeID` via `*ptr` will get a compilation error.
const int* ptr = &nodeID;

// const Pointer.
// `cptr` is a pointer, which is const, that points to an int.
// modifying `cptr` will get a compilation error
int* const cptr = &nodeID;
```

Parameter Passing using Pointers and References

- Both references and pointers can be used to change local variables of one function inside another function.

```
/// parameters as values
/// (pass by value)
void swap(int n1, int n2){
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/// parameters as pointers
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void swap(int* n1, int* n2){
    int tmp = *n1;
    *n1 = *n2;
    *n2 = tmp;
}
int main(){
  int node1 = 2, node2 = 3;
  swap (&node1, &node2);
  cout << node1 << " " << node2;
}
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    *n1 = *n2;
    *n2 = tmp;
}
int main(){
  int node1 = 2, node2 = 3;
  swap (&node1, &node2);
  cout << node1 << " " << node2;
}
```

pass by pointer: caller and callee share the same variable via pointer dereferences (effect visible to caller)

Parameter Passing using Pointers and References

- Both of them can also be used to **save copying of big objects** when passed as arguments to functions or returned from functions, to be more efficient.

```
class Graph {
public:
   int numOfNodes;
   int numOfEdges;
};

// If we remove `*` or `&` in below functions, a new  copy of the graph object is created.
// `const` used to avoid accidentally updates `g` as the purpose is to print `g` only.
void print(const Graph *g){
    cout << g->numOfNodes << "  " << g->numOfEdges << "  ";
}
void print(const Graph &g){
    cout << g.numOfNodes << "  " << g.numOfEdges << "  ";
}
```

Using Pointers in Classes

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Node {      // The class
  private:
    int nodeID;  // Node ID
  public:         // Access specifier
    Node(int i){ nodeID = i; } // constructor
    int getNodeID() { return nodeID;}
};

class Edge {      // The class
  private:         // Access specifier
    Node* src;   // source node of an edge
    Node* dst;   // target node of an edge
  public:
    Edge(Node* s,Node* d){  // constructor
        src = s; dst = d;
    }
    Node* getSrc() { return src;}
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    }
    Node* getSrc() { return src;}
    Node* getDst() { return dst;}
};
```

```
int main () {
 Node* srcNode = new Node(1);
 Node* dstNode = new Node(2);
 // Assess public member functions or attributes
 // through field access `->` operator
 // similar to pointer dereferences
 cout << srcNode->getNodeID() << " ";
 cout << dstNode->getNodeID() << "\n";

 Edge* edge = new Edge(srcNode,dstNode);
 cout << edge->getSrc()->getNodeID() << " ";
 cout << edge->getDst()->getNodeID() << "\n";
}
```

Putting All the Above Classes Together to Build a Graph

```
#include <set>
using namespace std; class Edge;
class Node {
  private:
    int nodeID;
    set<Edge*> outEdges; // outgoing edges
  public:
    Node(int i){ nodeID = i; }
    int getNodeID() { return nodeID;}
    set<Edge*>& getOutEdges(){ return outEdges;}
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class Graph {            // The class
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int main () {
 Node* src = new Node(1);
 Node* dst = new Node(2);
 Edge* edge = new Edge(src,dst);
 // add src's outgoing edge
 src->getOutEdges().insert(edge);
  // create a graph object
 Graph* graph = new Graph();
 // add two nodes into the graph
 graph->getNodes().insert(src);
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        // add two nodes into the graph
        graph->addNode(src);
        graph->addNode(dst);
    }
};
```

```
// SubGraphBuilder is a child (derived) class
// of GraphBuilder
class SubGraphBuilder : public GraphBuilder{
public:
    SubGraphBuilder(){}
};

int main () {
  SubGraphBuilder* builder = new SubGraphBuilder();
  // reuse the build method in GraphBuilder
  builder->build();
}
```

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        src->addOutEdge(edge);
        // create a graph object
        Graph* graph = new Graph();
        // add two nodes into the graph
        graph->addNode(src);
        graph->addNode(dst);
    }
};
```

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class SubGraphBuilder : public GraphBuilder{
public:
    SubGraphBuilder(){}
    // override `build` method in GraphBuilder
    void build(){
        cout << "child's way to build..\n";
    }
};

int main () {
  SubGraphBuilder* builder1 = new SubGraphBuilder();
  // Which `build` method will be called?
  builder1->build();

  GraphBuilder* builder2 = new SubGraphBuilder();
  // Which `build` method will be called?
  builder2->build();
}
```

C++ Virtual Function and Polymorphism

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public:
    GraphBuilder(){}
    virtual void build(){
        cout << "parent's way to build..\n";
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    }
};
```

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    }
};
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  builder1->build(); // Which `build` will be called?

  GraphBuilder* builder2 = new SubGraphBuilder();
  builder2->build(); // Which `build` will be called?

  GraphBuilder* builder3 = new GraphBuilder();
  builder3->build(); // Which `build` will be called?
}
```

Debugging Your C++ Programs

- VSCode (https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/cpp-debug)
- GDB (https://cs.baylor.edu/~donahoo/tools/gdb/tutorial.html)
- LLDB (https://lldb.llvm.org/use/tutorial.html)
- Eclipse CDT (https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/StandaloneDebugger)
- Other tactics, such as printing your results (https://www.learncpp.com/cpp-tutorial/basic-debugging-tactics/)