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Lecture 8 Functions

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Functions

Course Overview

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8.1 Function

A **function** is **a block of statements** called by name to carry out a specific task

- In order to reduce the complexity of programs, they have to be broken into smaller, less complex parts.

- **Functions** and **classes** are the building blocks of a C++ program.

8.1 Function

- Functions in the standard library: built-in, pre-written in C++

```
 3  #include <iostream>
 4  #include <string>
 5  #include <cmath>
 6  using namespace std;
 7
 8  int main()
 9  {
10      for( int n = 1 ; n < 11 ; n++)
11          cout << sqrt( n ) << endl;
12  }
```

Line 11 calls the function *sqrt()* to calculate the square root of the value in the variable n

8.1 Function

```
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include <string>
5  using namespace std;
6
7  void stars( void );
```

```
void stars() ;
```

Return nothing Receive nothing

- Like variables, functions must be declared before they are used.
- Line 7 declares stars (identifier) to be a function
- The first void on line 7 declares the type of the function stars()
- The second void informs the compiler that 'stars' will **not receive any data** from the calling program. The second void is optional.

8.1 Function

- Program Example

```
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include <string>
5  using namespace std;
6
7  void stars( void );
8
9  int main()
10 {
11     string text = "some text";
12
13     stars();   //Call the function to display the top of the box
14     cout << endl;
15     cout << "*";    //Left side of the box
16     cout << text;   //Text in middle of the box
17     cout << "*" <<endl; //Right side of the box
18     stars();
19     cout << endl;
20 }
21
22 void stars( void )
23 {
24     for( int counter = 0 ; counter < 11 ; counter++ )
25     cout << '*';
26 }
```

Running Results

```
**********
*some text*
**********
```

- Lines 22 to 26 define the function
- Line 22: function header
- Line 24- 25: function body

8.1 Function

```
6  int minimum ( int num1, int num2 );
7
8  main()
9  {
10     int val1, val2, min_val ;
11     cout << "Please enter two integers: " ;
12     cin >> val1 >> val2 ;
13     min_val = minimum( val1 ,val2 );
14
15     cout << "Minmum of " << val1 << " and " << val2
16          << " is " << min_val << endl;
17 }
18
19
20
21
22 int minimum ( int num1, int num2 )
23 {
24     if( num1 < num2 )
25         return num1;
26     else
27         return num2;
28 }
```

To define and call a function with return value, you should notice:

- function prototype
- function header

8.1 Function

- The general format of the return statement:
  - Examples:

```
return expression ;
```

```
return 10.3;
return ;
return variable;
return variable + 1;
```

  - These two blocks are equivalent:

```
if( num1 < num2 )
    return num1;
else
    return num2;
```

```
return ( num1 > num2 ) ? num1 : num2 ;
```

8.1 Function

- A function call can be used anywhere in a program where a variable can be used

```
cout << "Minimum of " << val1 << " and " << val2
     << " is " << minimum( val1, val2 ) << endl ;
```

8.2 Function arguments

- Function star() can display 11 asterisks, then how to display a variable number of asterisks?
- New function stars():

  take a value passed to it and display the number of asterisks specified in that value.

```
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include <string>
5  using namespace std;
6
7  void stars( int ); //function prototype
```

8.2 Function arguments

- Program Example

```
 9  int main()
10  {
11      string text = "some text";
12
13      stars( 11 );
14      cout << endl;
15      stars( 1 );
16      cout << endl
17      stars( 1 );
18      cout << endl;
19      stars( 11 );
20      cout << endl
21  }
22
23  void stars( int num )
24  {
25      for( int counter = 0 ; counter < num ; counter++ )
26      cout << '*';
27  }
```

Remark
•This number is called an ***argument***
• Received by the parameter *num* declared as an integer in line 23

Remark
•The parameters of a function are known only within the function.
• Line 25 of the function stars() now uses the variable num to decide how many times * is displayed.

8.2 Function arguments

- A new program specifies:
  - the number
  - character to display

8.2 Function arguments

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

void disp_chars( int num, char ch) ;
main()
{
    string text = "some text" ;

    cout << endl;
    //Bottom of the box.
    disp_chars( 35, ' ') ;
    disp_chars( 11, '+') ;
    cout << endl;
}

void disp_chars(int num, char ch)
```

Return nothing

Receive an int and an char

disp_chars() uses two parameters:

- *num* (the number of times to display a character)
- *ch* (the character to display)

8.2 Function arguments

- The variable names used in the prototype are often the same as those used for the parameters in the function header.
- It is good practice to **leave comments** after the function prototype to **describe** the function and its parameters.
- The prototype and the accompanying comments are known as the *function interface*.

8.2 Function arguments

- A function parameter that is not passed a value can be assigned a *default value*.

```
void disp_chars (int num = 1, char ch = ' ') ;

disp_chars(35) ;
disp_chars(35,' ') ;

disp_chars() ;
disp_chars(1,' ') ;
```

- The second argument is omitted.
- These two are equivalent.

```
void disp_chars(int num = 1, char ch) ;   ×
void disp_chars(int num, char ch = ' ') ;   √
```

- If a parameter is provided with a default value, all the parameters to its right must also have a default value.

8.3 Passing arguments

- *Passing by value*
  - A copy of the argument values is passed to the function parameters
  - The value of the argument cannot be changed within the function

```
 6  void any_function ( int p );
 7
 8  main()
 9  {
10      int a = 1;
11      cout << "a is" << a << endl ;
12
13      any_function (a) ;
14
15      cout << "a is still " << a << endl  ;
16  }
17
18  void any_function( int p )
19  {
20      cout << "p is" << p << endl ;
21      p = 2 ;
22  }
```

A copy of the value of *a* is passed to *p*

Running Results

```
a is 1
p is 1
a is still 1
```

Changing the value of *p* (inside the function) has no effect on *a*

8.3 Passing arguments

- The value of the parameter can be prevented from any changes within a function by making it a constant.
  - To do this, place the keyword ***const*** before the parameter in the function prototype and function header .

```
6   void any_function( const int p ) ;
    ...
18  void any_function( const int p )
```

8.3 Passing arguments

- ***Passing by reference***: A ***reference*** is a synonym or an alias for an existing variable.
  - A reference to a variable is defined by **adding & after the variable's data type**.

```
int n = 1 ;   int& r = n ;

n = 2 ;   // Changes both n and r.
```

- *r* is a reference to *n*
- ***n* and *r* both refer to the same value**
- *r* is not a copy of *n*, but is merely another name for *n*
- A change to *n* will also result in a change to *r*

  - A reference must always be initialized when it is defined

```
int& r ;   // Illegal: a reference must be initialised.
```

8.3 Passing arguments

- Program Example

```
 6  void any_function ( int& p );
 7
 8  main()
 9  {
10      int a = 1;
11      cout << "a is" << a << endl ;
12
13      any_function (a) ;
14
15      cout << "a is now " << a << endl  ;
16  }
17
18  void any_function( int& p )
19  {
20      cout << "p is" << p << endl ;
21      p = 2 ;
22  }
```

a and *p* refer to the same storage location

Running Results

```
a is 1
p is 1
a is now 2
```

Changing the value of p also changes the value of a

8.3 Passing arguments

```
 6  void swap_vals ( float& val1, float& val2 );
 7  //Purpose : To swap the values of two float variables
 8  main()
 9  {
10      float num1,num2;
11      cout << "Please enter two numbers"  ;
12      cin >> num1;
13      cin >> num2;
14      if( num1 > num2 )
15          swap_vals( num1 , num2 );
16      cout << "The numbers in order are"
17           << num1 << "and" << num2 << endl;
18  }
19
20  void swap_vals ( float& val1, float& val2 );
21  {
22     float temp = val1;
23
24     val1 = val2 ;
25     val2 = temp ;
26  }
```

```
Please enter two numbers: 12.1 6.4
The numbers in order are 6.4 and 12.1
```

Arguments passed by reference

local variable

- The variable temp is a *local variable to the function* swap_vals().
- Local variables are known only within the function where they are defined.

8.3 Passing arguments

- **Arrays** can **only** be **passed by reference** to a function.
  - To avoid the overhead of copying all the elements of an array
  - Program Example: contains a function sum_array() that sums the elements of an integer array passed to it from main().

```
int sum_array ( const int array [], int no_of_elements) ;
// Purpose : Sums the elements of a 1-D integer array
// Parameters : An array and the number of the elements in the array.
// Returns :The sum of tje arrat elements.
```

8.3 Passing arguments

```
11  int main()
12  {
13      int values[10] = { 12, 4, 5, 3, 4, 0, 1, 8, 2, 3 } ;
14      int sum ;
15
16      sum = sum_array( values , 10 ) ;
17      cout << "The sum of the array elements is" << sum <<endl;
18  }
19
20  int sum_array ( const int array [], int no_of_elements)
21  {
22      int total = 0;
23
24      for( int index = 0 ; index < no_of_elements ; index++ )
25          total += array[index] ;
26      return total ;
27  }
```

- Line 16 calls sum_array() to calculate the sum of the values in the array values.
- The arguments are the name and the number of elements in the array.

- In line 20 *array* is a reference to values. Because arrays can only be passed by reference, & is not required.

8.3 Passing arguments

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15
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18  }
19
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21  {
22      int total = 0;
23
24      for( int index = 0 ; index < no_of_elements ; index++ )
25          total += array[index] ;
26      return total ;
27  }
```

- [and] are necessary to indicate that the parameter is a reference to an array.
- The number of elements is not required in the brackets for a one-dimensional array to handle different size array.
- Const informs the compiler that within the function *sum_array*(), array is read-only and cannot be modified.

8.3 Passing arguments

- Passing a **structure** variable to a function
  - **pass a copy of the member values** to that function, this means that the values in the (original, outside the function) **structure** variable cannot be changed within the function.
  - The values in a structure variable can be changed from within a function if the variable is passed by reference to the function.

8.3 Passing arguments

- Program Example

•When a structure template is defined **outside** *main(),* it makes the structure template ***global***.
•This means that the structure template is known in *main()* and in *display_student_data*() and *get_student_data().*

```
4  #include <iostream>
5  #include <iomanip>
6  using namespace std ;
7
8  void display_student_data( struct student_rec student_data ) ;
9  // Purpose : This function displays student data.
10 // Parameter: A student record structure variable.
11
12 void get_student_data( struct student_rec& student_ref ) ;
13 // Purpose : This function reads student data from the keyboard.
14 // Parameter: A reference to a student record structure variable.
15
16 struct student_rec // Student structure template.
17 {
18   int number ;
19   float scores[5] ;
20 } ;
```

8.3 Passing arguments

- The same considerations should be kept in mind when using **strings** as arguments as when using **structure** variables as arguments, i.e. passing a string by value means copying all the characters of the string to a function parameter.
  - To avoid this overhead it is preferable to pass strings **by reference**.

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8.3 Passing arguments

```
12  main()
13  {
14    string s = "This string contains vowels" ;
15    int n = vowel_count( s ) ;
16    cout << "The number of vowels in \"" << s << "\" is " << n << endl ;
17  }
18
19  int vowel_count( const string& str )
20  {
21    int str_len = str.length();
22    char ch ;
23    int vowel_count = 0 ;
24    for ( int i = 0 ; i < str_len ; i++ )
25    {
26      ch = str.at( i ) ;
27      if ( ch == 'A' || ch == 'a' ||
28           ch == 'E' || ch == 'e' ||
29           ch == 'I' || ch == 'i' ||
30           ch == 'O' || ch == 'o' ||
31           ch == 'U' || ch == 'u' )
32        vowel_count++ ;
33    }
34    return vowel count ;
35  }
```

demonstrates passing a C++ string by **const reference** to a function that counts the number of vowels in the string.

Running Results

```
The number of vowels in "This string contains vowels" is 7
```

8.4 Mathematical functions

- To use any of the mathematical functions place the statement *#include <cmath>* at the start of the program.
- **Some trigonometric functions**

Function	Description
`cos( x )`	Cosine of angle `x` in radians. `x` is a `double` value.
	Returns a `double` value.
`sin( x )`	Sine of angle `x` in radians. `x` is a `double` value.
	Returns a `double` value.
`tan( x )`	Tangent of angle `x` in radians. `x` is a `double` value.
	Returns a `double` value.

8.4 Mathematical functions

- Program Example: demonstrates sin(), cos() and tan() functions.

```
 5  #include <cmath>
 6  using namespace std ;
 7
 8  main()
 9  {
10      const double RADIANS_IN_A_DEGREE = 57.29578 ;
11
12      double degrees, radians ;
13
14      cout << "Input the angle in degrees:" ;
15      cin >> degrees ;
16      radians = degrees / RADIANS_IN_A_DEGREE ;
17      cout << fixed << setprecision( 3 )
18           << "sin(" << degrees << ")=" << sin(radians) << endl
19           << "cos(" << degrees << ")=" << cos(radians) << endl
20           << "tan(" << degrees << ")=" << tan(radians) << endl ;
21  }
```

```
Input the angle in degrees: 60
sin(60.000)= 0.866
cos(60.000)= 0.500
tan(60.000)= 1.732
```

8.4 Mathematical functions

- **Pseudo-random number functions**
  - To use the **pseudo-random generating functions** *rand()* and *srand()*, place the statement *#include <cstdlib>* at the start of the program.

Function	Description
`rand()`	Returns a pseudo-random integer value. Each call to `rand()` will produce a pseudo-random integer value. However, each time the program is executed the same sequence of integer values will be returned, unless a different seed value is used with the `srand()` function.
`srand( n )`	Use this function to set the seed (starting value) for pseudo-random numbers generated by `rand()`. The seed value, `n`, is an `unsigned int`.

8.4 Mathematical functions

- Program Example

```
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include <cstdlib>
5  #include <ctime>
6  using namespace std;
7
8  main()
9  {
10     time_t t; // Define t as variable of type time_t.
11
12     t = time(0);// Current time in seconds.
13     // Use the time to initialise the random number generator.
14     srand(t); // Set the seed to the time.
15     // Generate five random numbers between 0 and 20.
16     cout << "Five random numbers in the range 0-20" << endl;
17     for( int i= 0; i < 5; i++ )
18     {
19        int r=rand() % 21; // %21 ensures a number between 0 and 20.
20        ocut << r << endl ;
21     }
22 }
```

- Line 12 assigns to t the current time (measured in seconds since midnight on 1 January 1970, GMT) which is used as the random number seed on line 14.
- Without line 14, the program displays the same sequence of random numbers every time the program is run.

8.5 Function overloading

- **Function overloading** is used when there is a need for two or more functions to perform similar tasks, but where each function requires a different number of arguments and/or different argument data types.

```
int add(int x, int y);

int add(float x, float y);

int add(int x, int y, int z);
```

8.5 Function overloading

- Using **different functions** with the **same name** in a program is called *function overloading* and the functions are called *overloaded functions*.
  - Function overloading requires that each overloaded function have **a different parameter list**, i.e. a **different number** of parameters or at least one parameter with a **different data type**.

8.5 Function overloading

- Program Example

```
 6  int sum_array ( const: int array [] , int no_of_elements ) ;
 7  // Purpose : Sums the elements of a 1-D integer array.
 8  // Parameters: An array and the number of elements in the array.
 9  // Returns : The sum of the array elements.
10  int sum_array( const int array[][2] int no_of_rows ) ;
11  // Purpose : Sums the elements of a 2-D integer array.
12  // Parameters: A 2-D array and the number of rows in the array.
13  // Returns : The sum of the array elements.
14
15  main()
16  {
17    int one_d_array[5] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 } ;
18    int sum ;
19
20    sum = sum_array( one_d_array, 5 ) ;
21    cout << "The sum of the 1-D array elements is "
22         << sum << endl ;
23
24    int two_d_array[3][2] = { { 0, 1 },
25                              { 11. 12 },
26                              { 21, 22 } } ;
27
28    sum = sum_array( two_d_array, 3 ) ;
29    cout << "The sum of the 2-D array elements is " << sum << endl;
30  }
```

The compiler decides which of the two sum_array() functions to call based on matching arguments with parameters.

8.5 Function overloading

- Program Example···continued

```
32  int sum_array ( const: int array [] , int no_of_elements )
33  {
34      int total = 0;
35
36      for(int index = 0 ; index < no_of_elements ; index ++ )
37          total += array[index] ;
38      return total;
39  }
40
41  int sum_array ( const int array[][2] int no_of_rows )
42  {
43      int total = 0;
44
45      for(int row = 0 ; index < no_of_rows ; row ++ )
46      {
47          for(int col = 0 ; col < 2 ; col++ )
48              total += array[row][col] ;
49      }
50      return total;
51  }
```

Running Results

```
The sum of the 1-D array elements is 10
The sum of the 2-D array elements is 67
```

8.6 Recursion

- **Recursion** is a programming technique in which a problem can be defined in terms of itself. The technique involves solving a problem by reducing the problem to smaller versions of itself.

8.6 Recursion

- A mathematical example

The **factorial** of a positive integer is the **product of the integers from 1 through to that number:**

$$n! \text{ is } \begin{cases} 1 \text{ when n is } 0 \\ \\ n * (n-1)! \text{ when } n>0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) 0!=1. This is called the *base case*.
- (b) For a positive integer n, factorial n is n times the factorial of n-1.This is called the *general case* clearly indicates that factorial is defined in terms of itself.

8.6 Recursion

- Using the definition, factorial 3 is calculated as follows:
  - The value of n is 3 so, using (b) above, 3! = 3 * 2!
    - Next find 2! Here n = 2 so, using (b) again, 2! = 2 * 1!
      - Next find 1! Here n = 1 so, using (b) again, 1! = 1 * 0!
        - Next find 0! In this case using (a), 0! is defined as 1.
      - Substituting for 0! gives 1! = 1 * 1 = 1.
    - Substituting for 1! gives 2! = 2 * 1! = 2 * 1 = 2.
  - Finally, substituting for 2! gives 3! = 3 * 2! = 3 * 2 = 6.

8.6 Recursion

- Program Example

```
 6  main()
 7  {
 8    unsigned int factorial( int n ) ;
 9    unsigned int fact_n ;
10    int n ;
11
12    do // Read a number from the keyboard
13    {
14      cout << "Enter zero or a positive number " ;
15      cin >> n ;
16    }
17    while ( n < 0 ) ;
18
19    fact_n = factorial( n ) ;
20    cout << "Factorial " << n << " is " << fact_n << endl ;
```

8.6 Recursion

- Program Example

```
23  unsigned int factorial( int n )
24  // Purpose : Recursive function to calculate n!
25  // Parameter: The number for which the factorial is required.
26  // Returns : n!
27  {
28    if ( n == 0 )
29      return 1 ;          // Base case
30    else
31      return ( n * factorial(n-1) ) // Function calls itself
32  }
```

Note that
- Every recursive function must have at least one base case which stops the recursion
- The general case eventually reduces to a base case.

8.6 Recursion

- The factorial function could be written using **iteration**

```
unsigned int factorial( int n )
// Purpose : Recursive function to calculate n!
// Parameter: The number for which the factorial is required.
// Returns : n!
{
    unsigned int fact;
    int i ;

    fact = 1 ;
    for( i = 2 ; i <= n ; i++ )
        fact *= i;

    return fact;
}
```

- The recursive version will execute more **slowly** than the iterative equivalent because of the added overhead of the function calls.
- The advantage of the recursive version is that it is clearer because it follows the actual mathematical definition of factorial.

8.7 The scope of a variable

- The scope of a variable refers to the part of the program in which a variable can be accessed.
  - *block scope*
  - *global scope*

- **Block scope**
  - A block is one or more statements enclosed in braces { and } that also includes variable declarations.
  - A variable declared in a block is accessible only within that block.

8.7 The scope of a variable

- **Block scope**

The scope of the variable *f*

```
void f( int x )

main()
{
    float f = 0;
    ...
    if( f > 0 )
    {
        // f is accessible everywhere in the block.
        char c ; //c is accessible from here to the end of this block.
        if( f == 1 )
        {
            double d ; // d is accessible here.
            ...
        }// d is destroyed.
        //f and c are accessible , d is not.
    }// c is destroyed at the end of block.
    //f is still accessible here , but c is not.
    ...
}//f is destroyed at the end of the block.
```

8.7 The scope of a variable

```
void f ( int x )
{
    // x is accessible here.
    int y ;
    ...
    if( x == 1 )
    {
        int z;
        //x, y and z are accessible here.
        ...
    }// z is destroyed here.
    // x and y are accessible here, but z is not.
    ...
}// x and y are destroyed when the function terminates.
```

The scope of the variable x , *y*

The scope of the variable z

8.7 The scope of a variable

- Variables declared inside the parentheses of a for are accessible within the parentheses, as well as in the statement(s) contained in the for loop.

```
for(int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; row ++ ) // i is declare inside the ().
{                                 // i is accessible inside the () .
    // i is also accessible here.
    ...
    cout << i ;
}// i is destroyed at the end of the block.
// i is no longer accessible.
...
for ( int j = 0 ; j < 10 ; j++)
    cout << j ; // The for loop controls only 1 statement.
  // j is destroyed and is no longer accessible.
 ...
```

8.7 The scope of a variable

- **Global scope**
  - A variable declared **outside** main() is **accessible from anywhere within the program** and is known as a global variable.

```
int g; // g is a global variable.

void f1() ;
void f2() ;

main
{
    int a ;
    // a and g are accessible here.
    ...
    // Program ends, a and g are destroyed.
}
```

```
void f1()
{
    int b ;
    // b and g are accessible here.
    ...
    // Function ends, b is destroyed.
}

void f1()
{
    // g is accessible here .
}
```

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    // a and g are accessible here.
    ...
    // Program ends, a and g are destroyed.
}
```

•Because global variables are known, and therefore **can be modified within every function**, they can make a program **difficult to debug and maintain**.
•Global variables are **not a substitute for function arguments**. Apart from its own local variables, a function should have access only to the data specified in the function parameter list.

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 7
 8  void f();
 9
10  main()
11  { // Start of program block.
12
13      cout << "Global variable i=" << i << endl;
14
15      int i = 2; // i is reused here.
16      cout << "Variable i declared in main() = "<< i <<end1;
17
18      // The global variable i can be accessed by using ::
19      cout << "Global variable i = " << ::i << end1 ;
```

If a variable is declared in an inner block and if a variable with the same name is declared in a surrounding block, the variable in the **inner block *hides* the variable of the surrounding block**.

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If a global variable is hidden by a local variable, the global variable can still be accessed using the **unary scope resolution operator ::**

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- 1. Identify the errors of the following functions:

(a)
```
void max(a, b) ;
    if ( a > b )
       return a ;
    else
       return b ;
```

(b)
```
bool test(int)
   {
   for(int i=1;i< n;i++)
     cout << "x";
   }
```

(c)
```
float min()
     int a, b ;
     if ( a < b )
       return a
     return b ;
  }
```

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- 2. What is the output from the following?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std ;
int f( int val1, int val2 = 0 ) ;

main()
{
    int var ;

    var = f( 1, 2 ) + 1 ;
    var = f( var + 1 ) ;
    var = f( f( 1, 2 ), f( 3, var ) ) ;
    cout <<  " The value of var is  "  << var << endl ;
}

int f( int val1, int val2 )
{
    if ( val1 > val2 )
        return ( val1 - val2 ) ;
    else
        return ( val2 - val1 ) ;
}
```

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- 3. What is the output from the following?

```
void f( int val1, int val2 = 2 ) ;
void f( string& s ) ;
void f( char c ) ;

main()
{
  string str = "this is a string" ;

  f( 1 ) ;
  f( str ) ;
  f( 'a' ) ;
}

void f( int i, int j )
{
  cout << "i = " << i << " j = " << j << endl ;
}

void f( string& s )
{
  cout << "s = " << s << endl ;
}

void f( char c )
{
  cout << "c = " << c << endl ;
}
```

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- 4. (a) Write a function to return the minimum value in an integer array. (b) Overload the function in (a) with a function to return the minimum value in a floating-point array.
- 5. What does this recursive function do?

```
void recur_fun( int n )
{
   cout << n ;
   if ( n == 1 )
     return ;
   recur_fun ( n - 1 ) ;
}
```