

# Lecture 1 - C++ Basics

Meng-Hsun Tsai CSIE, NCKU

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "Hello NCKU!" << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

#### First Program in C++: Printing a Line of Text



#### Where is *iostream*?

- In Cygwin
  - > find /usr -name iostream

/usr/lib/gcc/i686-pc-cygwin/3.4.4/include/c++/iostream

/usr/lib/gcc/i686-pc-mingw32/3.4.4/include/c++/iostream

- In FreeBSD
  - > find /usr -name iostream

/usr/include/c++/4.2/iostream



#### What's Inside *iostream*?

```
> cat /usr/include/c++/4.2/iostream
// Standard iostream objects -*- C++ -*-
#include <ostream>
#include <istream>
namespace std
  extern istream cin;
                        ///< Linked to standard input
                         ///< Linked to standard output
  extern ostream cout;
                         ///< Linked to standard error (unbuffered)
  extern ostream cerr;
                         ///< Linked to standard error (buffered)
  extern ostream clog;
 // namespace std
```



# A Simple Example using #include

```
included_file.h
std::cout << "included_file!\n";

1 #include <iostream>
2 int main()
3 {
4 #include "included_file.h"
5 std::cout << "including_file.cpp

1 #include <iostream>
2 int main()
3 {
4 #include "included_file.h"
5 return 0;
7 }
```

```
> g++ -o including_file including_file.cpp
> ./including_file
included_file!
including_file!
```



### Output of Preprocessor

```
$ g++ -E including_file.cpp
namespace std
# 63 "/usr/lib/gcc/i686-pc-cygwin/3.4.4/include/c++/iostream" 3
 extern istream cin;
 extern ostream cout;
# 2 "including_file.cpp" 2
int main()
# 1 "included_file.h" 1
std::cout << "included_file !\n";
# 5 "including_file.cpp" 2
std::cout << "including_file !\n" ;</pre>
return 0;
```

From g++'s man page: -E Stop after the preprocessing stage; do not run the compiler.

# Using #ifdef to Turn on/off Debugging Messages

```
> g++ -o str_len str_len.cpp
1 #include <iostream>
                                      > ./str_len NCKU
2 #include <cstring>
                                      4
3 int main(int argc, char ** argv)
                                      > g++ -DDEBUG -o str_len str_len.cpp
4 {
                                      > ./str_len NCKU
5 #ifdef DEBUG
                                      NCKU
6
      std::cout << argv[1] << "\n";
                                      4
7 #endif
      std::cout << strlen(argv[1]) << "\n";
8
9
      return 0;
```



10 }

#### Preprocessor Wrapper

16 #endif

"Preprocessor wrappers" in header files to prevent the code in the header from being included into the same source code file more than once.

```
main.cpp
                                                                class Clock {
                              1 #include "Sudoku.h"
      Sudoku.h
                              2 #include "Clock.h
 1 #ifndef SUDOKU_H
 2 #define SUDOKU_H
                                                                class Sudoku {
                                   Clock clk;
                             10
 3 #include "Clock.h"
                                   Sudoku su;
 4 class Sudoku {
                                                                };
20 };
                      Clock.h
21 #endif
                1 #ifndef CLOCK H
               2 #define CLOCK_H
                                                          10
                                                                 Clock clk;
                                                                 Sudoku su;
               3 class Clock {
                                                           11
```

#### Preprocessor Wrapper (cont.)

• The clock class definition is enclosed in the following preprocessor wrapper:

```
#ifndef CLOCK_H
#define CLOCK_H
...
#endif
```

- This prevents the code between **#ifndef** and **#endif** from being included if the name CLOCK\_H has been defined.
- If the header has not been included previously in a file, the name CLOCK\_H is defined by the #define directive and the header file statements are included.
- If the header has been included previously, CLOCK\_H is defined already and the header file is not included again.

#### **Preprocessor Directive**

- A preprocessor directive is a message to the C++ preprocessor.
- Lines that begin with # are processed by the preprocessor before the program is compiled.
- #include <iostream> notifies the preprocessor to include in the program the contents of the input/output stream header file <iostream>.
  - Must be included for any program that outputs data to the screen or inputs data from the keyboard using C++-style stream input/output.



#### Comments and using Declaration

- // indicates that the remainder of each line is a comment.
  - You insert comments to document your programs and to help other people read and understand them.
  - Comments are ignored by the C++ compiler and do not cause any machine-language object code to be generated.
- You also may use C's style in which a comment—possibly containing many lines—begins with /\* and ends with \*/.
- using declaration eliminates the need to repeat the std:: prefix.



#### Getting Return Value in Unix

```
> cat return_minus1.cpp
int main()
    return -1;
> g++ -o return_minus1 return_minus1.cpp
> echo $?
> ./return_minus1
> echo $?
255
> echo $?
```



## The cout Object

- When a **cout** statement executes, it sends a stream of characters to the **standard output stream object—std::cout**—which is normally "connected" to the screen.
- The notation std::cout specifies that we are using a name, in this case cout, that belongs to "namespace" std.
- The << operator is referred to as the stream insertion operator. The value to the operator's right, the right operand, is inserted in the output stream.



#### The endl Stream Manipulator

- std::endl is a so-called stream manipulator.
- The name endl is an abbreviation for "end line" and belongs to namespace std.
- The std::endl stream manipulator outputs a newline, then "flushes the output buffer."
  - This simply means that, on some systems where outputs accumulate in the machine until there are enough to "make it worthwhile" to display them on the screen, std::endl forces any accumulated outputs to be displayed at that moment.
  - This can be important when the outputs are prompting the user for an action, such as entering data.



#### Adding Two Integers

```
1 #include <iostream>
                                     > ./add
 2 using namespace std;
                                     Please enter the first number: 3
 3 int main()
                                     Please enter the second number: 5
 4 {
                                     Sum of the two numbers are: 8
 5
     int num1, num2;
     cout << "Please enter the first number: ";
     cin >> num1;
 8
     cout << "Please enter the second number: ";
 9
     cin >> num2;
     cout << "Sum of the two numbers are: " << num1 + num2 << endl;
10
11
      return 0;
12 }
```

#### The cin Object

- A cin statement uses the input stream object cin (of namespace std) and the stream extraction operator, >>, to obtain a value from the keyboard.
- When the computer executes an input statement that places a value in an int variable, it waits for the user to enter a value for variable num1.
- The computer converts the character representation of the number to an integer and assigns this value) to the variable num1.

