

# Advanced C++ programming

## ♦ Introduction to C++



- C++: from C and beyond
- Classes, objects and lifetime (vs. JAVA)
- Oriented-Object Programming (inheritance, polymorphism)

## ♦ Memory management & object manipulation

- References, « copy » / « move » object construction
- Overloading operators

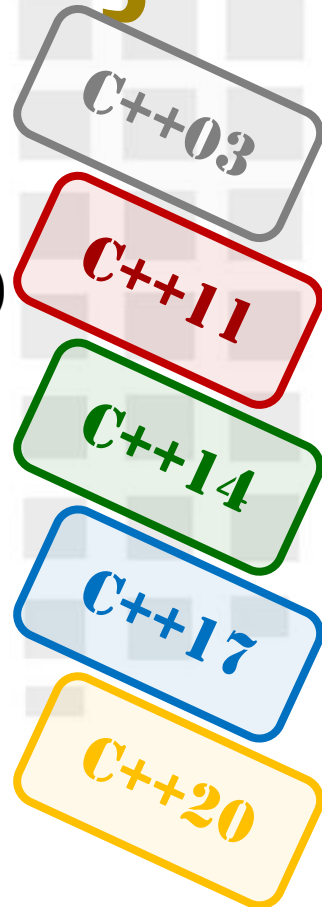
## ♦ Template vs OO programming

- Template functions and classes

## ♦ The Standard Template Library

- Containers, iterators and algorithms
- Using sequence & associative containers ...

## ♦ Smart pointers (STL & Boost)



# Resources



« *Effective STL* » - Meyers – Addison Wesley



« *Effective C++* » - Meyers – Addison Wesley



« *More Effective C++* » - Meyers – Addison Wesley



« *C++ Coding Standards: 101 rules, guidelines and best practices* »  
Herb Sutter – Addison Wesley



« *Modern C++ Design: Generic Programming and Design Patterns Applied* »  
Andrei Alexandrescu – Addison Wesley



C++ bible 1 - <http://www.cplusplus.com>



C++ bible 2 - <http://en.cppreference.com>



Boost – <http://www.boost.org>

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these !!!**



# Why C++ ?

- **Core libraries often implemented in C++**
  - ITK : « Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit »
    - Image processing (medical flavor)
  - OTB : « ORFEO Toolbox »
    - Algorithms : image processing, segmentation, classification, ...
    - Remote sensing main target (radar, satellite, ...)
  - QuantLib : Library for Quantitative Finance
    - Modeling, simulation, risk assessment, ...
- **Even as user, some concepts / tools are required**
  - « templates », « smart pointers », ...
  - Libraries : STL, Boost



# Once upon a time ...

- 
- First OOP (Object Oriented Programming) language  $\Rightarrow$  *Simula*

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- Imperative procedural language supporting structured programming  $\Rightarrow$  *C language*

- Denis Richie & Brian Kernighan (*Bell Labs*)
- Compiled, low-level system access (memory, speed)  $\Rightarrow$  UNIX system
- ANSI standard since 1989 (C ANSI)

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- Early stages of *C++ language*

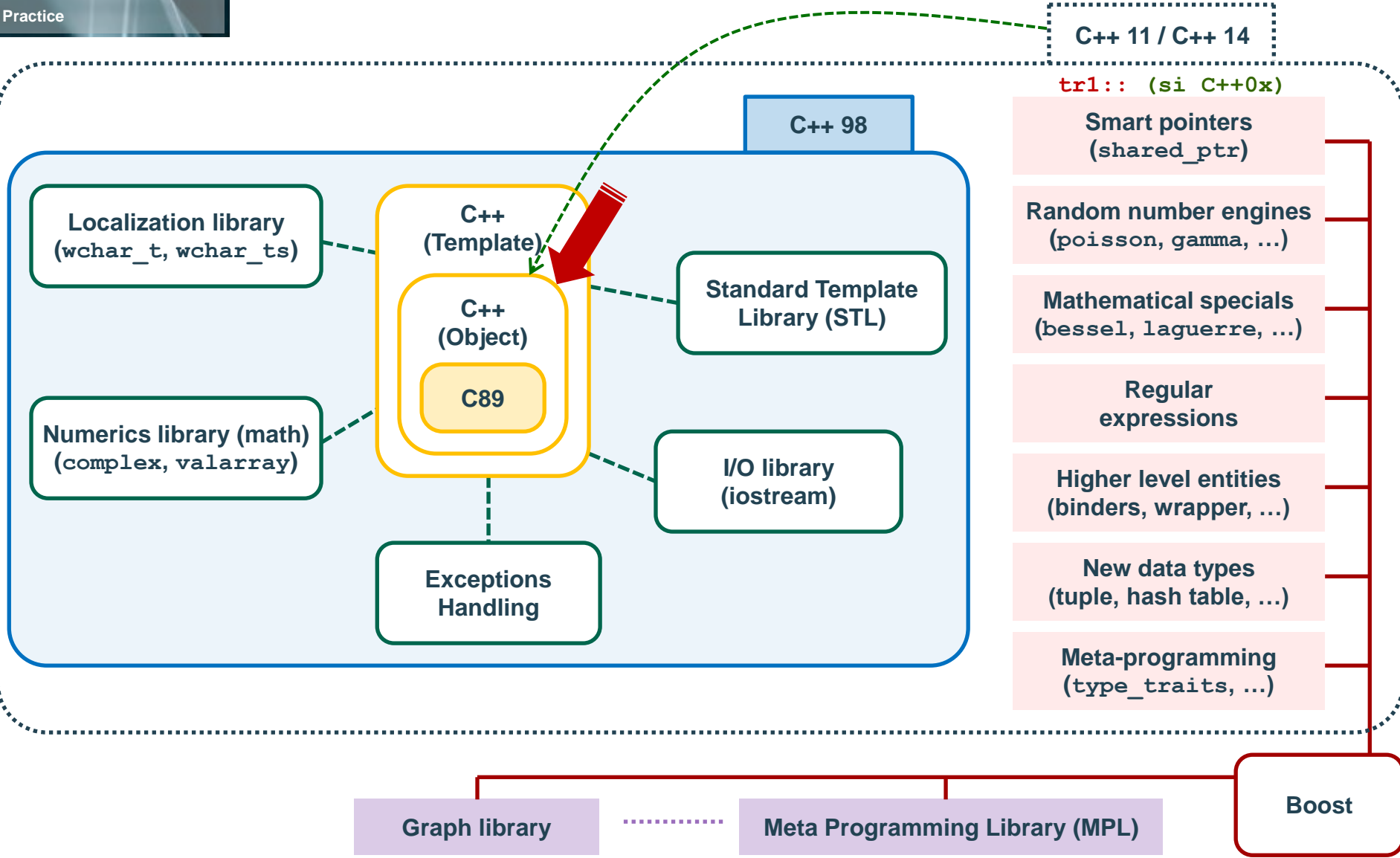
- Bjarne Stroustrup (*Bell Labs* ...)  $\Rightarrow$  provide Simula classes to C
- 1979  $\Rightarrow$  "C with classes" (acting more like a C pre-compiler)

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- *C++ genesis*

- "Named by" Rick Mascitti (coming from the ++ operator)
- 1982 – 1985 – 1989 : start – first commercial release – normalization
- "C++98" : first C++ standard only in 1998



# Core C++ and beyond



# Back to C language (1/4)

## • Basic types & variables

[const]	[signed] [unsigned]	[short] [long]	int	<i>nom_var = init_val;</i>
	[signed] [unsigned]	[short] [long]	char	
	[signed] [unsigned]	[short] [long]	float	
	[signed] [unsigned]	[short] [long]	double	



```

short int    i = -1;
int          j = 19, k = +123;
char         reponse = 'N';
unsigned char byte;

byte = 255;
  
```

```

float        x = 3.0;
float        y = .5;
double       z = +1.3e-6;
  
```

## • Functions

```

returned_type function_name ( parameters )
{
    local definitions ;

    statements ;

    return value_to_return ;
}
  
```



```

double carre( double x )
{
    double    retour;

    retour = x*x;

    return retour;
}
  
```



# Back to C language (2/4)

- Program startup ... where to start with ?
  - THE « main » function

```
int main( int argc, char * argv[] )
{
    /* Déclarations, instructions, appels
       de fonctions et méthodes */
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <iostream>

int main (int argc , char* argv[]) {
    std::cout << "Hello Laurent" << std::endl ;
    return 0 ;
}
```



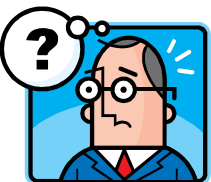
**Binary executable generation : "prog" ...**  
(How to make such a "prog" will be seen later)



**Runtime :**

```
> prog
Hello Laurent
```

- How can the program retrieve the data given (here "Jean-Marc") when called from the command line ?



```
> prog Jean-Marc
Hello Jean-Marc
```



# Back to C language (3/4)

## • C operators

### Logical :

! && ||

### Comparison :

== != < <= > >=

### Arithmetic (*binary too*) :

+ - \* / %

### Unary :

++ -- & \* sizeof()

+= -= \*=  
/= %=

## • C++ operators

- Dynamic storage : ~~malloc()~~ ~~free()~~  $\Rightarrow$  new delete
- Type conversion : ~~(new\_type)~~ var ;  $\Rightarrow$  static\_cast<>()
- I/O & streams :

`printf("%s : %d", "value", 12);`  $\Rightarrow$  `std::cout << "value : " << 12;`

Most of operators can be redefined: how ? ... coming soon !





# Back to C language (4/4)

## • Flow control

```
if ( condition )
    statements_true
[else
    statements_false]
```

```
while ( condition )
    statements
```

```
double mediane( double * sTab, int nVal )
{
    double    med;

    if ( (nVal % 2) == 0 )
    {
        int    sup = nVal/2;
        med = ( sTab[sup-1] + sTab[sup] )/2;
    }
    else
        med = sTab[ static_cast<int>(nVal/2) ];

    return med;
}
```

```
double sommeP( double * sConv, int nVal, double eps )
{
    double    somme, sauve = 0;
    int        i;

    somme = sConv[ 1 ];
    i = 2;
    while ( (i<nVal) && (fabs(somme-sauve) > eps) ) {
        sauve = somme;
        somme += sConv[ i++ ];
    }

    return somme;
}
```

```
int sommeEntiers( int N )
{
    int    somme = 0, i;

    for ( i = 1; i <= N; i++ )
        somme += i;

    return somme;
}
```

```
for ( init_statement ; condition ; iter_expression )
    statements
```



# Some comments ? (1/2)

- C or C++ style ?

- Single or multi-line

```

/*
    Ceci est un commentaire
    sur plusieurs lignes
*/

// Ceci est un commentaire de ligne ...
int var; // ... ou de fin de ligne

```

- External tools ("doxygen", ...)

- Structured and richer documentation (up to you !)
- Automatic HTML, LaTeX exports from the C++ code, ...

## MaClasse.h

```

/*! \file fileName.h
 * Documente le fichier complet
 * \author Moi
 * \date 20/10/2009
 */

/*! \class MaClasse
 * Documente la classe suivante
 * \brief Description brève
 */

class MaClasse
{
private :
    int attribut;    //!< Documente l'attribut
public :
    MaClasse();      //!< Documente le constructeur
    ~MaClasse();     //!< Documente le destructeur
    /*! Documente la méthode
    int uneMethode( int p );
    };

```

## MaClasse.cpp

```

#include "MaClasse.h"

/*! Constructeur de la class MaClasse
MaClasse::MaClasse() {}

/*! Destructeur de la class MaClasse
MaClasse::~~MaClasse() {}

/*! Description de la méthode
 * \param p    Un paramètre de type entier
 * \return     Valeur de p + 1
 */
int MaClasse::uneMethode( int p )
{
    return p + 1;
}

```



# Some comments ? (2/2)

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doxygen ...

doxygenwizard ...

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{
    return p + 1;
}

```

Page principale
Classes
Fichiers

Liste des classes
Membres de classe

### Référence de la classe MaClasse

Description brève. [Plus de détails...](#)

#include <MaClasse.h>

[Liste de tous les membres](#)

#### Fonctions membres publiques

<b>MaClasse ()</b>	Documente le constructeur.
int <b>uneMethode</b> (int p)	Documente la méthode.
<b>~MaClasse ()</b>	Destructeur de la class <b>MaClasse</b> .

#### Attributs privés

int <b>attribut</b>	Documente l'attribut.
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#### Description détaillée

Documente la classe suivante

#### Documentation des constructeurs et destructeur

<b>MaClasse ( )</b>	Constructeur de la class <b>MaClasse</b> .
<b>~MaClasse ( )</b>	



# Variables (1/2)

## • What is a variable ?

- Specific area in computer memory, containing an entity having a **type** (integer, float, ...)
  - location : **&** operator (memory address)
  - size : **sizeof** operator (how many bytes ?)
- Variable name = area ID (it gives the programmer an easy way to access this area)

```
// u is an integer type variable (2 bytes)
int u = 1000 ;           // 3*256+232 (03*FF+E8)

// Display variable "u" features
cout << u << endl ;      // contents
cout << sizeof(u) << endl ; // size
cout << &u << endl ;    // location
cout << hex << &u << endl ;

// Write access to variable u
u = 1024 ;               // 4*256+0 (04*FF+0)
```



		0x1A25
		0x1A24
		0x1A23
		0x1A22
		0x1A21
		0x1A20
		0x1A1F
		0x1A1E



# Variables (2/2)

## • What is an “array” ?

- Specific area in machine memory containing several consecutive items having the same type

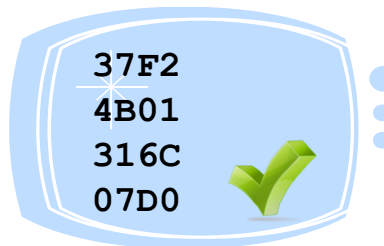
```
// tb is a 3-integer array (6 bytes in memory)
int tb[3] ;
```

## • How to access just one item ?

- array name (= variable name)
- offset (= item number starting from 0)

```
// Display array "tb" features
cout << hex << tb[0] << endl ; // 1st item
cout << hex << tb[1] << endl ; // 2nd item
cout << hex << tb[2] << endl ; // 3rd item
cout << hex << tb[3] << endl ; // 4th item ?????

// Write access to "tb" items
tb[1] = 1024 ; // 4*256+0 (04*FF+0)
```



		0x1A28
	D0	0x1A27
k	07	0x1A26
	6C	0x1A25
	31	0x1A24
	01 FF	0x1A23
	4B 04	0x1A22
	F2	0x1A21
tb	37	0x1A20
		0x1A1F
		0x1A1E



# Pointers ? (1/3)

## • What is a pointer ?

- Type  $T^*$  variable containing the address of :
  - one variable of type  $T$
  - an area of several consecutive type  $T$  variables (~tableau)

```
// pu is a variable whose type is « pointer to integer » and
// initialized with the address of variable u ⇒ « pu points to u »
int* pu = &u ;
```

## • Access to the variable ? (dereferencing)

```
// Read access
k = *pu ;           // get the integer located at the address stored in
                    // variable pu (here, this is 1000, the value of u)
                    // and assign it to variable k

// Write access
*pu = 2000 ;        // write the value 2000 (0x07D0) in memory,
                    // at the address stored in variable pu
                    // (here, at location 0x1A20)
```

```
// u et k are integer variables
// (2 bytes each)
int u = 1000 ;      // 0x03E8
int k = 43981 ;     // 0xABCD
```

		0x1A28
	CD D0	0x1A27
k	AB 07	0x1A26
	20	0x1A25
	1A	0x1A24
	00	0x1A23
pu	00	0x1A22
	E8 D0	0x1A21
u	03 07	0x1A20
		0x1A1F
		0x1A1E



# Pointers ? (2/3)

```
// k is an integer variable
// (2 bytes)
int k = 43981 ;      // 0xABCD
```

## • What is a pointer ?

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  - one variable of type  $T$
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```
// tb is a 3-integer array
int tb[3] ;
```

```
// tb may be seen as a "pointer to an integer" (int*) initialized with
// the address of the 3-integer area
```

## • Access to the area ? (dereferencing)

```
// Read access
k = *(tb+0) ; // get the array tb 1st item value and assign it to
              // variable k

// Write access
*(tb+1) = 2000 ; // set the array tb 2nd item value to 2000 (0x07D0)
```

		0x1A28
	CD F2	0x1A27
<b>k</b>	AB 37	0x1A26
	6C	0x1A25
	31	0x1A24
	01 D0	0x1A23
	4B 07	0x1A22
	F2	0x1A21
<b>tb</b>	37	0x1A20
		0x1A1F
		0x1A1E



# Pointers ? (3/3)

- **C-style strings (also available in C++)**
  - Characters array ended by character `\0`

```
// msg is a 6-character array (6 bytes)
char msg[6] = "Hello" ;
// OR
char msg[6] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'o', '\0'} ;
// OR
char msg[] = "Hello" ;
// OR
char* msg = "Hello" ;
```

- Code ASCII 0 character is used by all C string functions to know where the string ends (`strlen`, `strcpy`, ...)
- **C++ strings**
  - Classe `std::string`

		0x1A28
	D0	0x1A27
k	07	0x1A26
	0	0x1A25
	6F	0x1A24
	6C	0x1A23
	6C	0x1A22
	65	0x1A21
msg	48	0x1A20
		0x1A1F
		0x1A1E

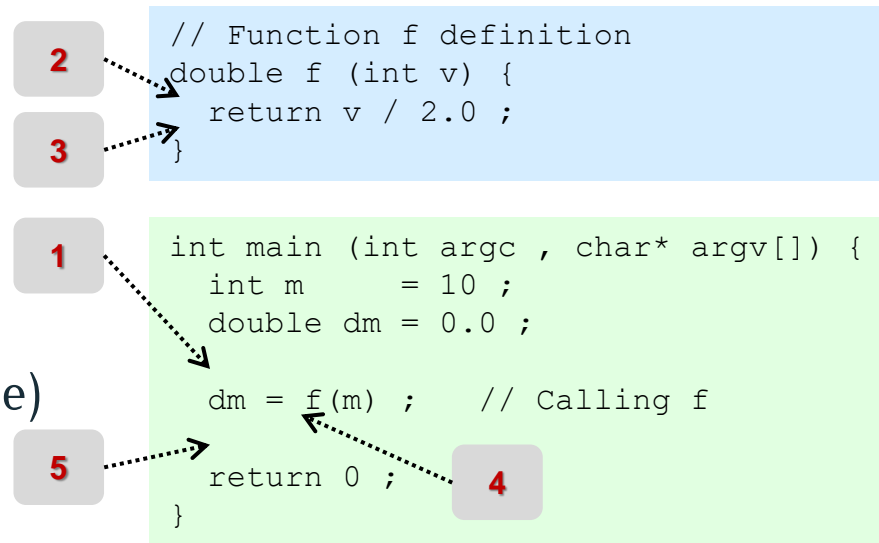




# Function call mechanism (1/2)

## • Through the stack

- Provide parameter values
  - passed by **value** (a copy)
  - lifetime (only the function scope)
- Output the result



(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)	
		<b>v</b>	10	<b>v</b>	10				
			Ø		Ø 5.0		5.0		
<b>dm</b>	0.0	<b>dm</b>	0.0	<b>dm</b>	0.0	<b>dm</b>	0.0	<b>dm</b>	5.0
<b>m</b>	10	<b>m</b>	10	<b>m</b>	10	<b>m</b>	10	<b>m</b>	10

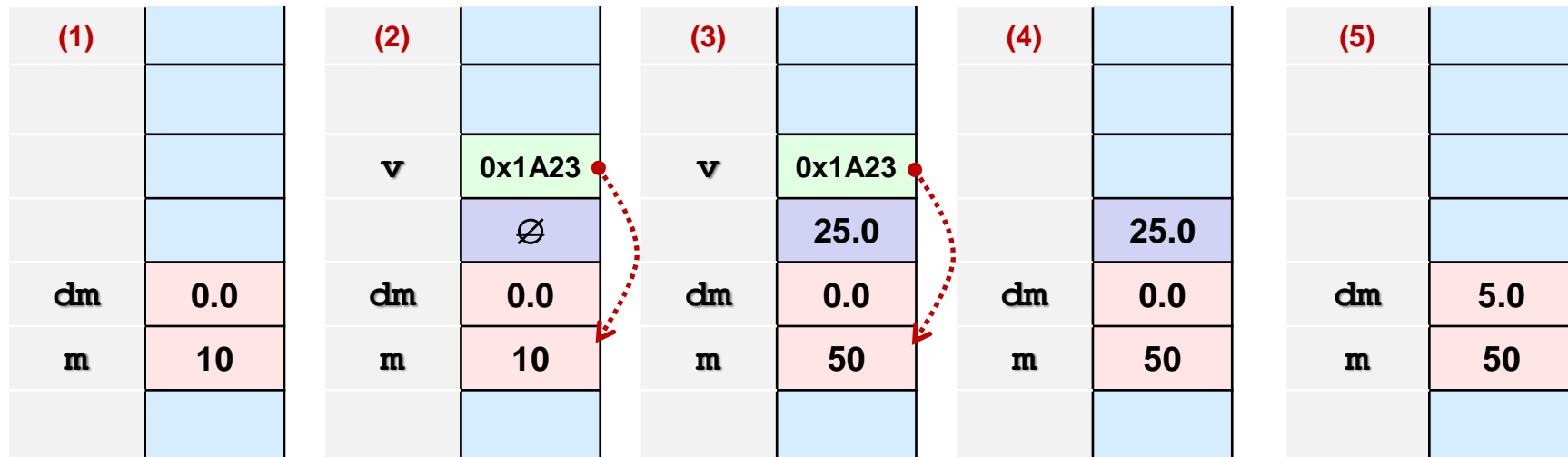
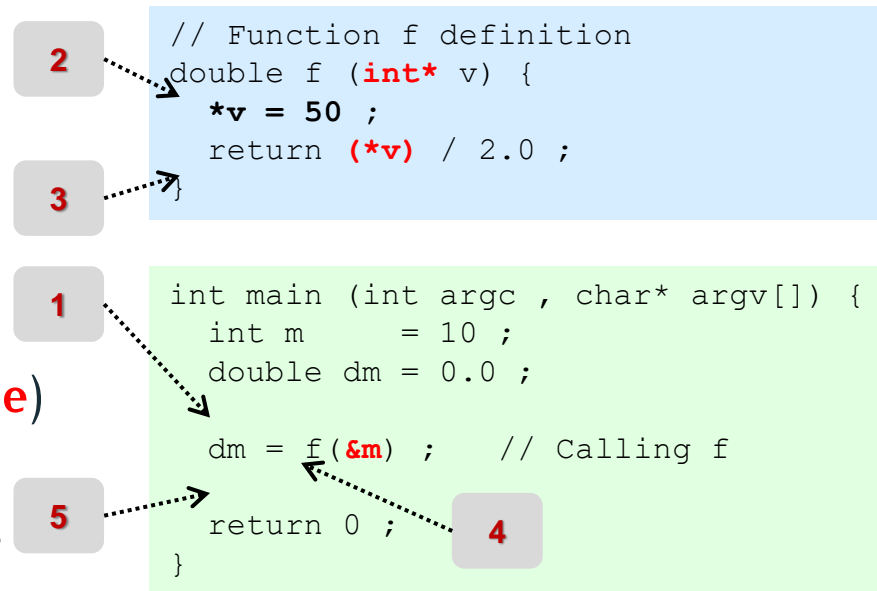


# Function call mechanism (2/2)

## • Read/write parameters?

- Pass the address of the variable to be modified

- The address is copied (by **value**)
- Dereferencing the pointer allow accessing to the variable



# Build a binary executable(1/3)



- C++ files organization
  - Header files (« .h ») :
    - **Declaration** : types, constants, functions,
      - Files to be included when the declared entities are needed.
  - Implementation files (« .cpp ») :
    - **Definition** : global variables, functions contents,
      - Files to be compiled to produce intermediate binaries and finally the binary executable.
- Only one entry point for one program
  - The « main » function

```
int main (int argc , char* argv[]) {  
    ... // Program ...  
    return 0 ;  
}
```



# Build a binary executable (2/3)

- **C++ preprocessor called prior to compiling**
  - First step when building a binary
  - Provides directives but only at a textual level
- **Some directives :**
  - **#define** : macros or textual symbol definition
  - **#include** : allow files inclusion
  - ...



# Build a binary executable (3/3)



main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>

int main (int argc, char* argv[])
{
    std::cout << "Hello World" << std::endl ;
    std::cout << "Résultat = " << std::cos(0) << std::endl ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

math.h

```
namespace std {
...
    double cos (double) ;
...
}
```

libm.so

01010110111  
10100010010  
01010000101

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Compiling:

`g++ -c main.cpp`

main.o

0101011  
1010001  
0101000

2

Linking:

`g++ -o mon_prog main.o -lm`

`-std=c++17`  
`-Wall`



mon\_prog

01010110111  
10100010010  
01010000101





# Practice

- **Building your first own program written in C++**

- Compiling

- Linking

- Running

- “Make” the process automatic ...



- **Bonus : using the command line !**

- The command line arguments ?

- Practical use of the command line ...

