**C++ Introduction**

**Statement:** Type of instruction that causes the program to perform some action.

* End in ‘;’.
* Types of statement:
  + *Declaration*
  + *Jump*
  + *Expression*
  + *Compound*
  + *Selection (conditionals)*
  + *Iteration (Loops)*
  + *Try Blocks*

**Function:** Collection of statements that get executed sequentially (top to bottom).

* ***Identifier:*** Name of function.
* Note: Every C++ program must have a function named **main.** When the program is run, the **main** function is executed in sequential order.

**Cout: “**Character Output”

**Syntax:** Rules that govern how sentences are constructed in a language.

* **Syntax error:** Violating syntax rules of a language, detected by the compiler.

**Quiz:**

What is a statement?

*A statement is an instruction that performs an action.*

What is a function?

*A function is a collection of statements that gets executed sequentially.*

What is the name of the function that all programs must have?

*The* ***main*** *function.*

When a program is run, where does the execution start?

*The execution starts from top to bottom. X (*Sol. Execution starts with the first statement inside the **main** function.)

What symbols are statements in C++ often ended with?

*The ‘;’ or semicolon symbol is used to end statements.*

What is a syntax error?

*A syntax error is a compile error (*occurs at compilation) *that happens with incorrect grammar of a programming language.*

What is the C++ standard library?

*A library containing basic functions. (*Sol. A library file is a collection of precompiled code that has been “packaged up” for reuse in other programs. The C++ standard library is a library that ships with C++. It contains additional functionality to use in your programs.)

**Comment:** Programmer-readable note that is in the source code of the program. Used to help programmers document the code.

* *Single line comment:* Typed using ‘//’
  + Used to quick comments about **single** lines of code.
  + Example:
    - Std::cout <<”Hello World!\n”; // std:cout lives in the iostream library.
* Note: If lines are long, placing comments to the right can make your lines long, in that case single line comments are often placed ***above*** the line it is commenting.
* *Multi Line comments:* Typed using “/\* -- \*/”
  + **Beautify** example:
    - **/\*** This is a multi-line comment.  
       \* The matching asterisk to the left,  
       \* can make this easier to read.

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**Warning:** Don’t use multi-line comments inside other multi-line comments. Wrapping single-line comments inside a multi-line comment is okay.

**Proper use of comments –**

Comments should be used for three things:

* For a given library, program, or function, comments should be used to describe ***what*** the library, program, or function, does. *Placed* at the top of the file orimmediately preceding the function.

*Example:*

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**Second,** within a library, program, or function, comments can be used to describe ***how*** the code is going to accomplish its goal.

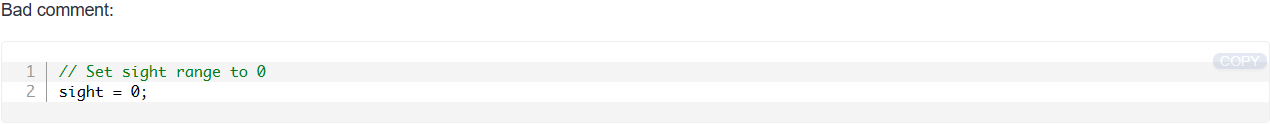
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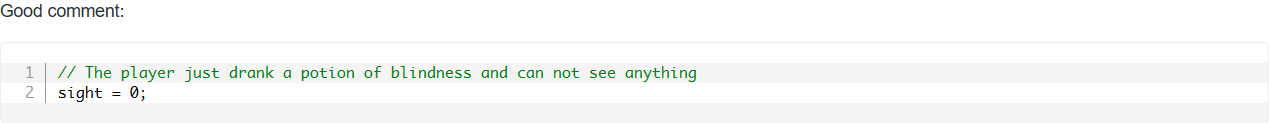
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**Third,** comments can be used to describe ***why*** the code is doing something.

*Bad comments* explain what the code is doing. If you ever write code that is so complex that needs a comment to explain what a statement is doing, you probably need to *rewrite your statement,* not comment it.



*Reason:* We can see that the sight is being set to 0 by looking at the statement.



*Reason:* Now we know why the player’s sight is being set to 0.

*Comments are a good way* to remind yourself (or somebody else) why you chose to solve a problem one way instead of another.

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**Commenting out code**: Converting one or more lines of code into a comment to temporary exclude parts of code from being included in your compiled program.

*Reasons to:*

* **Working on a new piece of code** that won’t compile *yet*, and you need to run the program. *Commenting out the code* *that won’t compile* will allow the program to compile so you can run it. When ready, you can uncomment the code, and continue working on it.
* **You’ve written some code** that *doesn’t work correctly*, and you don’t have time to fix it until later.
* **To find the source of an error**, it can sometimes to be useful to disable parts of your code to isolate the code that is *causing to program to not work* properly.
* **You want to replace one piece of code with another piece of code.** *Instead* of deleting you can comment your code until you’re sure your new code works properly.

For **Visual Studio Code**:

* *Comment a selection via* **Edit menu > Advanced > Comment Selection**