

DataVariablesAndOperations

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1 Data, Variables and Operations

1.1 Topics

- data and values
- C++ fundamental data types
- digital units and number systems
- variables and data assignment
- keywords and operators
- order of operations
- operators for numbers and strings
- constants
- type casting

1.2 Data and values

- data and values are the fundamentals to any computer language and program
- a value is one of the fundamental things – like a letter or a number – that a program manipulates
- almost all computer programs use and manipulate some data values

1.3 Literal values and representations

- at a high level, we deal with two types of data values: Numbers and Texts
- numbers can be further divided into two types:
 - Whole number literal values: 109, -234, etc.
 - Floating point literal values: 123.456, -0.3555, etc.
- text is a collection of 1 or more characters (symbols, digits or alphabets)
 - single character is represent using single quote (')
 - * char literal values: 'A', 'a', '%', '1', etc.
 - 2 or more characters are called string
 - * represented using double quotes (")
 - * string literal values: "CO", "John Doe", "1100", etc.
- programming languages need to represent and use these data correctly

1.4 C++ fundamental types

- there are many fundamental types based on the size of the data program needs to store

- most fundamental types are numeric types
- see here for all the supported types: <https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/types>
- the most common types we use are:

	Type	Description	Storage size	Value range
void		an empty set of values; no type	system dependent: 4 or 8 bytes	NA
bool		true or false	1 byte or 8 bits	true or false 1 or 0
char		one ASCII character	1 byte or 8 bits	-2^7 to $2^7 - 1$
unsigned char		one ASCII character	1 byte or 8 bits	0 to $2^8 - 1$
int		+/-ve integers	4 bytes	-2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$
unsigned int		only positive integers	4 bytes or 32 bits	0 to $2^{32} - 1$
long		+ve and -ve big integers	8 bytes or 64 bits	-2^{63} to $2^{63} - 1$
unsigned long		positive big integers	8 bytes or 64 bits	0 to $2^{64} - 1$
float		single precision floating points	32 bits	7 decimal points
double		double precision floating points	64 bits	15 decimal points

- in C++, there's no fundamental type available to work with string data
- two common ways to store string data:
 - use C-string or array of characters
 - use `basic_string` defined in `<string>` library
 - * more on `basic_string`: https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/string/basic_string
 - * must include `<string>` library and `std` namespace
- we'll dive into string more in depth in **Strings** chapter

1.4.1 sizeof operator

- one may want to know the size of memory allocated for the fundamental types
 - some of these types are system dependent (e.g., `long` is 32 bit in x86 and 64 bit in x64)
- **sizeof(type)** operator gives size of fundamental types in bytes
- let's check the size of some fundamental types on my 64-bit MacBook Pro laptop

```
[1]: sizeof(bool)
```

```
[1]: 1
```

```
[2]: sizeof(char)
```

```
[2]: 1
```

```
[3]: sizeof(int)
```

```
[3]: 4
```

```
[4]: sizeof(long)
```

```
[4]: 8
```

```
[5]: sizeof(float)
```

```
[5]: 4
```

```
[6]: sizeof(double)
```

```
[6]: 8
```

1.5 Units of digital data

- digital computers use binary number system consisting of two digits (0 and 1)
- every data and code is represented using binary values
 - hence the name binary or byte code for executable programs
 - letter A is encoded as 1000001 (7 binary digits)
- humans use decimal number system with 10 digits (0 to 9)
 - we have ways to represent texts using alphabets for English language e.g.: Hello Bond 707!
 - texts must be encoded into numbers, if we lived in the world that only understood numbers
- the following table shows the various units of digital data

Unit	Equivalent
1 bit (b)	0 or 1
1 byte (B)	8 bits (b)
1 kilobyte (KB)	1,024 B
1 megabyte (MB)	1,024 KB
1 gigabyte (GB)	1,024 MB
1 terabyte (TB)	1,024 GB
1 petabyte (PB)	1,024 TB
...	...

1.6 Number systems

- there are several number systems based on the base digits
 - base is number of unique digits number system uses to represent numbers
- binary (base 2), octal (base 8), decimal (base 10), hexadecimal (base 16), etc.

1.6.1 Decimal number system

- also called Hindu-Arabic number system
- most commonly used number system that uses base 10
 - has 10 digits or numerals to represent numbers: 0..9
 - e.g., 1, 79, 1024, 12345, etc.
- numerals representing numbers have different place values depending on position:
 - ones (10^0), tens (10^1), hundreds (10^2), thousands (10^3), ten thousands (10^4), etc.
 - e.g., $543.21 = (5 \times 10^2) + (4 \times 10^1) + (3 \times 10^0) + (2 \times 10^{-1}) + (1 \times 10^{-2})$

1.7 Number system conversion

- since computers understand only binary, everything (data, code) must be converted into binary
- all characters (alphabets and symbols) are given decimal codes for electronic communication
 - these codes are called ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
 - $A \rightarrow 65; Z \rightarrow 90; a \rightarrow 97; z \rightarrow 122, * \rightarrow 42$, etc.
 - see ASCII chart: <https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/ascii>

1.7.1 Converting decimal to binary number

- algorithm steps:
 1. repeatedly divide the decimal number by base 2 until the quotient becomes 0
 - note remainder for each division
 2. collect all the remainders in reverse order
 - the first remainder is the last (least significant) digit in binary
- example 1: what is decimal $(10)_{10}$ in binary $(?)_2$?
 - step 1:
$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{10}{2} = \text{quotient: } 5, \text{ remainder: } 0 \\ \frac{5}{2} = \text{quotient: } 2, \text{ remainder: } 1 \\ \frac{2}{2} = \text{quotient: } 1, \text{ remainder: } 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} = \text{quotient: } 0, \text{ remainder: } 1 \end{array}$$
 - step 2:
 - * collect remainders from bottom up: 1010
 - so, $(10)_{10} = (1010)_2$
- example 2: what is decimal $(13)_{10}$ in $(?)_2$?
 - step 1:
$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{13}{2} = \text{quotient: } 6, \text{ remainder: } 1 \\ \frac{6}{2} = \text{quotient: } 3, \text{ remainder: } 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} = \text{quotient: } 1, \text{ remainder: } 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} = \text{quotient: } 0, \text{ remainder: } 1 \end{array}$$
 - step 2:
 - * collect remainders from bottom up: 1101
 - so, $(13)_{10} = (1101)_2$

1.7.2 Converting binary to decimal number

- once the computer does the computation in binary, it needs to convert the results back to decimal number system for humans to understand
- algorithm steps:
 1. multiply each binary digit by its place value in binary
 2. sum all the products
- example 1: what is binary $(1010)_2$ in decimal $(?)_{10}$?
 - step 1:
$$\begin{array}{l} * 0 \times 2^0 = 0 \\ * 1 \times 2^1 = 2 \\ * 0 \times 2^2 = 0 \\ * 1 \times 2^3 = 8 \end{array}$$
 - step 2:
$$* 0 + 2 + 0 + 8 = 10$$
 - so, $(1010)_2 = (10)_{10}$

- example 2: what is binary $(1101)_2$ in decimal $(?)_{10}$?
 - step 1:
 - * $1 \times 2^0 = 1$
 - * $0 \times 2^1 = 0$
 - * $1 \times 2^2 = 4$
 - * $1 \times 2^3 = 8$
 - step 2:
 - * $1 + 0 + 4 + 8 = 13$
 - so, $(1101)_2 = (13)_{10}$
- we got the same decimal vales we started from in previous examples
- food for thought: think how you'd go about writing a program to convert any positive decimal number into binary and vice versa!

1.8 Negative (signed) integers - Two's complement

- most common method of storing negative numbers on computers is a mathematical operation called Two's complement
- Two's complement of an N-bit number is defined as its complement with respect to 2^N
 - the sum of a number and its two's complement is 2^N
- e.g.: for the 3-bit binary number 010_2 , the two's complement is 110_2
 - because $010_2 + 110_2 = 1000_2 = 2_{10}^3$
- Two's complement of N-bit number can be found by flipping each bit and adding one to it
- e.g. find two's complement of 010
 - Algorithm steps:
 1. flipped each bit; 0 is flipped to 1 and 1 is flipped to 0
 $010 \rightarrow 101$
 2. add 1 to the flipped binary

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ +1 \\ \hline 110 \end{array}$$

1.8.1 Example: What is -3 decimal in 8-bit binary representation?

- convert 3_{10} to an 8-bit binary
 - $3_{10} \rightarrow 00000011_2$
- 1. find Two's complement of 8-bit binary
 - $00000011_2 \rightarrow 11111100_2 + 1 = 11111101_2$
- 2. Sanity check:
 - $00000011_2 + 11111101_2 = 100000000_2 = 2_{10}^8$
- So, $-3_{10} = 11111101_2$ in an 8-bit representation

1.9 Exercise

1. Convert decimal integer 7 into binary with 16 bits.
2. Convert -7 decimal integer into binary with 16 bits.

1.10 Variables

- programs must load data values into memory to manipulate them
- data may be large and used many times during the program
 - typing the data values literally all the time is not efficient and fun
 - most importantly error prone due to typos
 - you may not even know that values may be if they're read from standard input, files, etc.
- variables are named memory location where data can be stashed for easy access and manipulation
- one can declared and use as many variables as necessary
- C++ is statically and strongly typed programming language
 - variables are tied to their specific data types that must be explicitly declared when declaring variables

1.10.1 Variable declaration

- statements that create variables/identifiers to store some data values
- as the name says, value of variables can vary/change over time
- syntax:

```
type varName;  
type varName1, varName2, ...; //declare several variables all of the same type
```

Variable name	Memory Space	Memory address
int StudentID	int ?	0x...10
string firstName	string ?	0x...14
string lastName	string ?	0x...99
char MI	char ?	0x...2a
float GPA	float ?	0x...2b

Fig. C++ Variables and Memory

1.10.2 Rules for creating variables

- variable names are case sensitive

- must declare variables before they can be used
- can't define variable with the same name more than once
- can't use keywords as variable names
- data stored must match the type of variable
- variable names can't contain symbols (white spaces, #, &, etc.) except for _ and \$ (underscore and dollar)
- variable names can contain digits but can't start with a digit
- variable names can start with only alphabets (lower or upper) and _ symbol

1.10.3 Best practices

- use descriptive and meaningful but concise name
 - one should know quickly what data you're storing
- use lowercase; camelCase or (_ underscore) to combine multiple words

1.10.4 C++ keywords

- keywords are reserved names and words that have specific purpose in C++
 - they can only be used what they're intended for
- e.g., char, int, unsigned, signed, float, double, bool, if, for, while, return, struct, class, operator, try, etc.
- all C++ keywords are listed here: <https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/keyword>

```
[7]: // examples of variable declaration
bool done;
char middleInitial;
char middleinitial; // hard to read all lowercase name
int temperature;
unsigned int age;
long richest_persons_networth;
float interestRate;
float length;
float width;
double space_shuttle_velocity;
```

```
[8]: // TODO:
// Declare 10 variables of atleast 5 different types
```

1.10.5 String variables

- declare variables that store string data
 - 1 or more string of characters
- an easy way to use string is by using C++ advanced type defined in <string> header file
- must include <string> header file or library to use string type
- must also use **std** namespace
- strings are represented using a pair of double quotes ("string")
- more on string type is covered in **Strings** chapter
- the following are some examples of string variables

```
[9]: // string variables
#include <string>

using namespace std;

string fullName;
string firstName;
string address1;
string country;
string state_name;
std::string state_code; // :: name resolution operator
```

```
[10]: // TODO:
// Declare 5 string variables
```

1.11 Assignment operator (=)

- once variables are declared, data can be stored using assignment operator, \$ = \$
- **assignment statements** have the following syntax:

```
varName = value;
```

- since C++ is a strongly typed language, the type of value must match the type of variable
 - strongly typed languages enforces type safety and matching during the compile time

```
[11]: // assignment examples
done = false;
middleInitial = 'J'; // character is represent using single quote
middleinitial = 'Q';
temperature = 73;
age = 45;
richest_persons_networth = 1200000000000; // 120 billion
interestRate = 4.5;
length = 10.5;
width = 99.99f; // number can end with f to represent as float
space_shuttle_velocity = 950.1234567891234567; // 16 decimal points
```

```
[11]: 950.123
```

```
[12]: // string assignment examples
fullName = "John Doe";
firstName = "John";
address1 = "1100 North Avenue"; // number as string
country = "USA";
state_name = "Colorado";
state_code = "CO";
```

```
[13]: // TODO: assign different values to variables defined above
```


1.11.1 Variable declaration and initialization

- variables can be declared with initial value at the time of construction
- if you know what value a variable should start with; this saves you typing
- often times its the best practice to initialize variable with default value
- several ways to initialize variables: <https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/initialization>
- two common ways:
 1. Copy initialization (using = operator)
 2. Value initialization (using { } curly braces)
 - also called uniform initialization
 - useful in initializing advanced types such as arrays, objects, etc.

```
[14]: // Copy initialization
float price = 2.99f;
char MI = 'B'; //middle initial
string school_name = "Grand Junction High";
```

```
[15]: // Value/uniform initialization
char some_letter{'U'};
int some_length{100};
float some_float{200.99};
string some_string = {"Hello World!"; // can also combine the two!
```

1.11.2 Variable's value can be changed

- variable's value can vary through out the program
 - hence the name variable
- however, type of the value must be same as the type of the variable declared
- C++ is a strongly and statically typed programming language!

```
[16]: price = 3.99;
price = 1.99;
MI = 'Q';
school_name = "Fruita Monument High";
some_string = "Goodbye, World!";
```

```
[17]: price = "4.99"; // is this valid?
```

```
input_line_34:2:10: error: assigning to 'float' from
incompatible type 'const char [5]'
price = "4.99";
~~~~~
```

Interpreter Error:

1.11.3 auto type

- if variable is declared and initialized in one statement, you can use **auto** keyword to let compiler determine type of variable based on the value it's initialized with

```
[18]: auto var1 = 10; // integer
      auto var2 = 19.99f; // float
      auto var3 = 99.245; // double
      auto var4 = '@'; // char
```

```
[19]: // char * (pointer) type and not string type
      auto full_name = "John Doe";
```

```
[20]: // can automatically declare string type
      #include <string>
      using namespace std;

      auto full_name1 = string("Jake Smith"); // string type!
```

```
[21]: // use typeid function to find the name of the types
      // typeid is defined in typeid library
      #include <typeinfo>
```

```
[22]: typeid(full_name1).name()
```

```
[22]: "NSt3__112basic_stringIcNS_11char_traitsIcEENS_9allocatorIcEEEE"
```

```
[23]: // should print "i" -> short for integer
      // Note: may also print invalid memory address in Jupyter notebook!
      typeid(var1).name()
```

```
[23]: "i"
```

1.11.4 Visualize variables and memory with pythontutor.com

1.12 Operators

- special symbols used to represent simple computations
 - like addition, multiplication, modulo, etc.
- C++ has operators for numbers, characters, and strings
- operators and precedence rule: https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/operator_precedence
- arithmetic operators: https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/operator_arithmetic

1.12.1 Unary operators

- takes one operand
- operands are values that operators work on
- there are two unary operators for numeric operands

	Operator	Symbol	Syntax	Operation
positive	+	+100	positive 100 (default)	
negative	-	-23.45	negative 23.45	

1.12.2 Binary operators

- binary operators take two operands (left operator right)
- the following table shows the binary operators for numeric operands

		Operator	Symbol	Name	Syntax	Operation
add	+	plus	x + y	add the value of y with the value of x		
subtract	-	hyphen	x - y	subtract y from x		
multiply	*	asterick	x * y	product of x and y		
divide	/	slash	x / y	divide x by y (int division if x and y are both ints)		
modulo	%	percent	x % y	remainder when x is divided by y		

1.12.3 Adding numbers

- + symbol is used to add literal values or variables

```
[24]: // adding literal integer values
+1 + (-1)
```

```
[24]: 0
```

```
[25]: // adding literal floating points
99.9 + 0.1
```

```
[25]: 100
```

```
[26]: // adding int variables
int num1, num2, sum;
```

```
[27]: num1 = 10;
num2 = 5;
sum = num1 + num2;
```

```
[28]: // let's see the value of sum
sum
```

```
[28]: 15
```

```
[29]: // adding float variables
float n1 = 3.5;
float n2 = 2.5;
float total = n1+n2;
```

```
[30]: // see total values
total
```

```
[30]: 6f
```

1.12.4 Subtracting numbers

- - symbol is used to subtract literal numbers or variables

```
[31]: // subtracting literal integers
10-1
```

```
[31]: 9
```

```
[32]: // subtracting literal floating points
99.99 - 10.99
```

```
[32]: 89
```

```
[33]: // subtracting variables
num1-num2
```

```
[33]: 5
```

1.12.5 Multiplying numbers

- * asterick symbol is used to multiply literal numbers and variables

```
[34]: // multiplying literal integers
2*3
```

```
[34]: 6
```

```
[35]: // multiplying literatl floats
2.5 * 2.0
```

```
[35]: 5
```

```
[36]: // multiplying numeric variables
n1*n2
```

```
[36]: 8.75f
```

1.12.6 Dividing numbers

- / symbol is used to divide literal numbers or variables

```
[37]: // dividing literal integers
10/2
```

```
[37]: 5
```

```
[38]: 9/2 // integer division; remainder is discarded
```

```
[38]: 4
```

```
[39]: // dividing literal floats
// if one of the operands is floating point number, C++ performs float division
9.0/2
```

```
[39]: 4.5
```

```
[40]: // dividing numeric variables
n1/n2
```

```
[40]: 1.4f
```

1.12.7 Capturing remainder from a division

- use modulo or remainder (%) operator to find the remainder of literal values or variables
- only works on positive integers

```
[41]: // modulo or remainder operator
5%2 // testing for odd number
```

```
[41]: 1
```

```
[42]: 4%2 // testing for even number
```

```
[42]: 0
```

```
[43]: // can't divide 10 by 11
10%11
```

```
[43]: 10
```

```
[44]: // expressions with variables and literals
// declare some variables
int hour, minute;
```

```
[45]: // assign some values
hour = 11;
minute = 59;
```