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Computer Applications in Engineering





Chapter 6: Modularity Using Functions

C++ FOR ENGINEERS
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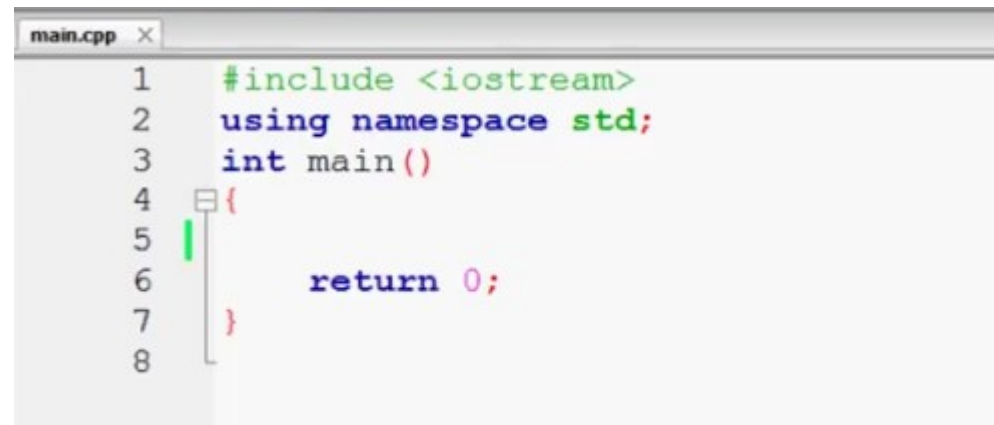
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Objectives

- In this chapter, you will learn about:
 - Function and parameter declarations
 - Returning a single value
 - Returning multiple values
 - Rectangular to polar coordinate conversion
 - Variable scope
 - Variable storage categories
 - Common programming errors

Function



A screenshot of a code editor window titled 'main.cpp'. The code is as follows:

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  int main()
4  {
5
6      return 0;
7  }
```

The code is color-coded: `#include` is green, `using namespace` is blue, `std;` is green, `int` is blue, `main()` is red, `{` is red, `return` is blue, `0;` is red, and `}` is red. A green vertical bar is on line 5, and a small square icon is on line 4.

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Function and Parameter Declarations

- Interaction with a function includes:
 - **Passing data (Arguments)** to a function correctly when its called
 - **Returning values** from a function when it ceases operation
- A function is called by (1) **giving the function's name** and (2) **passing arguments in the parentheses** following the **function name**

function-name (*data passed to function*);
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This identifies the This passes data
called function to the function

Figure 6.1 Calling and passing data to a function

Function and Parameter Declarations (continued)

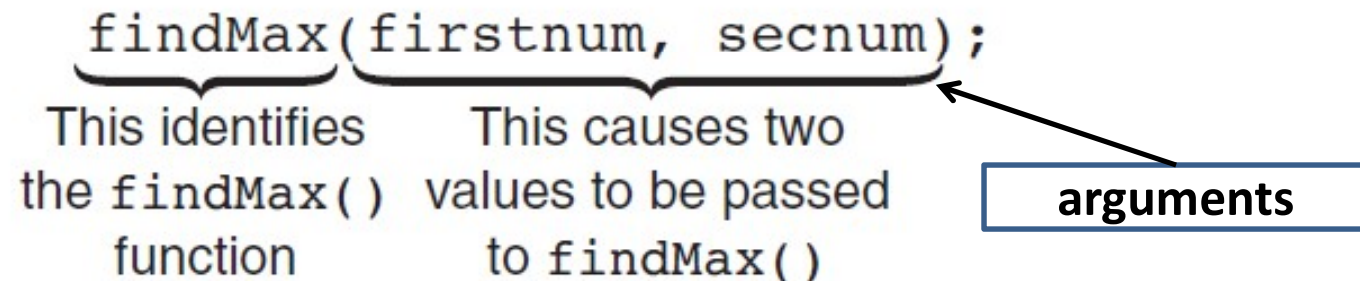
- Before a function is called, it must be declared to function that will do calling
- Declaration statement for a function is referred to as function prototype
- Function prototype tells calling function:
 - Type of value that will be formally returned, if any
 - Data type and order of the values (arguments) the calling function should transmit to the called function
- Function prototypes can be placed with the variable declaration statements above the calling function name or in a separate header file

Calling a Function

- Requirements when calling a function include:
 - Using the **name** of the function
 - Enclosing **any data passed (Arguments)** to the function in the parentheses following the function name, using the **same order and type** declared in the function prototype

Calling a Function (continued)

- The items enclosed in the parentheses are called **arguments** of the called function



The diagram shows the function call `findMax(firstnum, secnum);`. A bracket under `findMax` is annotated with "This identifies the `findMax()` function". A bracket under `(firstnum, secnum)` is annotated with "This causes two values to be passed to `findMax()`". An arrow points from a box labeled "arguments" to the opening parenthesis of the argument list.

```
findMax(firstnum, secnum);
```

This identifies the `findMax()` function This causes two values to be passed to `findMax()`

arguments

Figure 6.2 Calling and passing two values to `findMax()`

Calling a Function (continued)

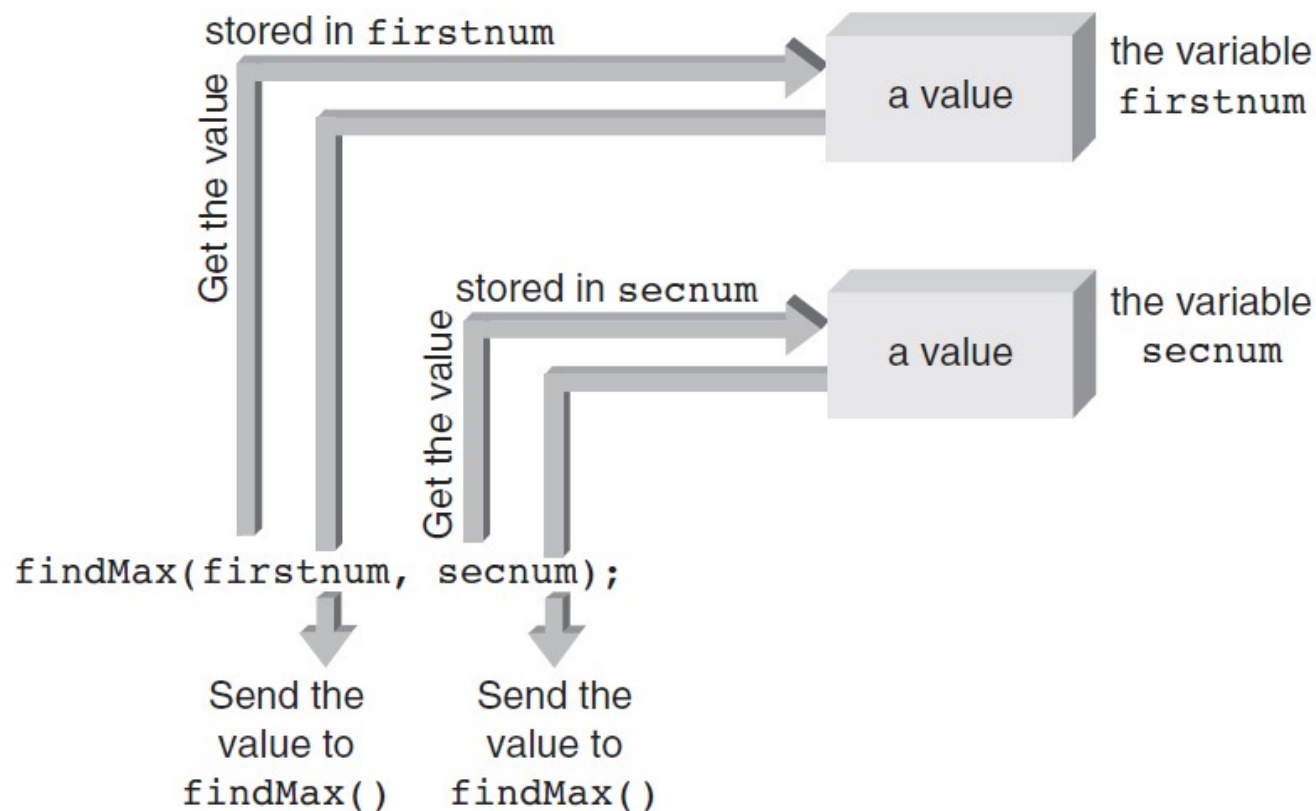


Figure 6.3 The `findMax()` function receives actual values

Defining a Function

- Every C++ function consists of two parts:
 - **Function header**
 - **Function body**
- Function header's purpose:
 - **Identify data type** of value function returns, **provide** function with **name**, and **specify** number, order, and type of **arguments** function expects
- Function body's purpose:
 - To operate on passed data and return, **at most**, one value directly back to the calling function

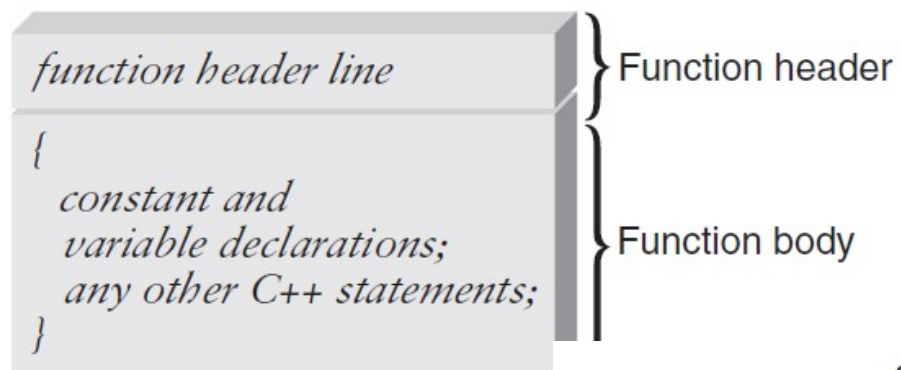


Figure 6.4 The general format of a function

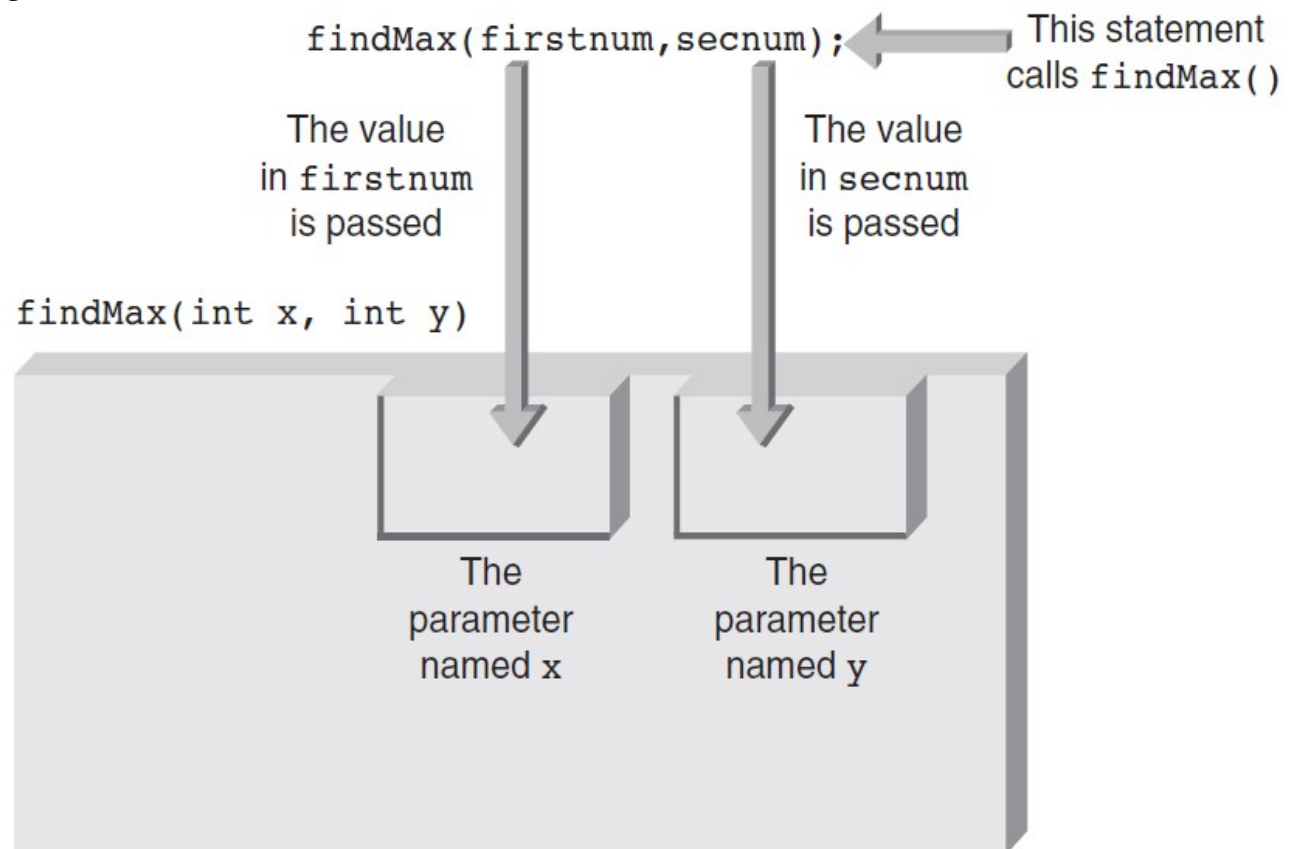


Figure 6.5 Storing values in parameters

Placement of Statements

- General rule for placing statements in a C++ program:
 - All preprocessor directives, named constants, variables, and functions must be declared or defined before they can be used
 - Preprocessor directives are lines included in the code of programs preceded by a hash sign (#)
 - Example: #define TABLE_SIZE 100
 - Although this rule permits placing both preprocessor directives and declaration statements throughout the program, doing so results in poor program structure

Functions with Empty Parameter Lists

- Although useful functions having an empty parameter list are extremely limited, **they can occur**
- Function prototype for such a function requires writing the keyword **void** or **nothing** at all between the parentheses following the function's name
- Examples:

```
int display();  
int display(void);
```

Default Arguments

- C++ provides **default arguments** in a function call for added flexibility
 - Primary use: to **extend parameter list** of existing functions **without requiring any change** in calling parameter lists already used in a program
 - Listed in the function prototype and transmitted automatically to the called function when the corresponding arguments are **omitted** from the function call
 - Example: Function prototype with default arguments
`void example(int, int = 5, double = 6.78)`

Reusing Function Names (Overloading)

- C++ provides the capability of using the **same function name for more than one function**
 - Referred to as **function overloading**
- **Only requirement** for creating more than one function with same name:
 - Compiler must be able to determine which function to use based on **the parameters' data types** (not the data type of the return value, if any)
 - Which of the functions is called **depends on the argument type** supplied at the time of the call

Function Templates

- Function template: Single complete function that serves **as a model for a family of functions**
 - Function from the family that is actually created depends on the specific function call
- Generalize the writing of functions that perform essentially **the same operation**, but on **different parameter data types**
- Make it possible to write a general function that handles all cases but where the compiler can set parameters, variables, and even return type based on the actual function call

Function Templates

(1)

```
int max(int x, int y)
{
    return (x > y) ? x : y;
}
```

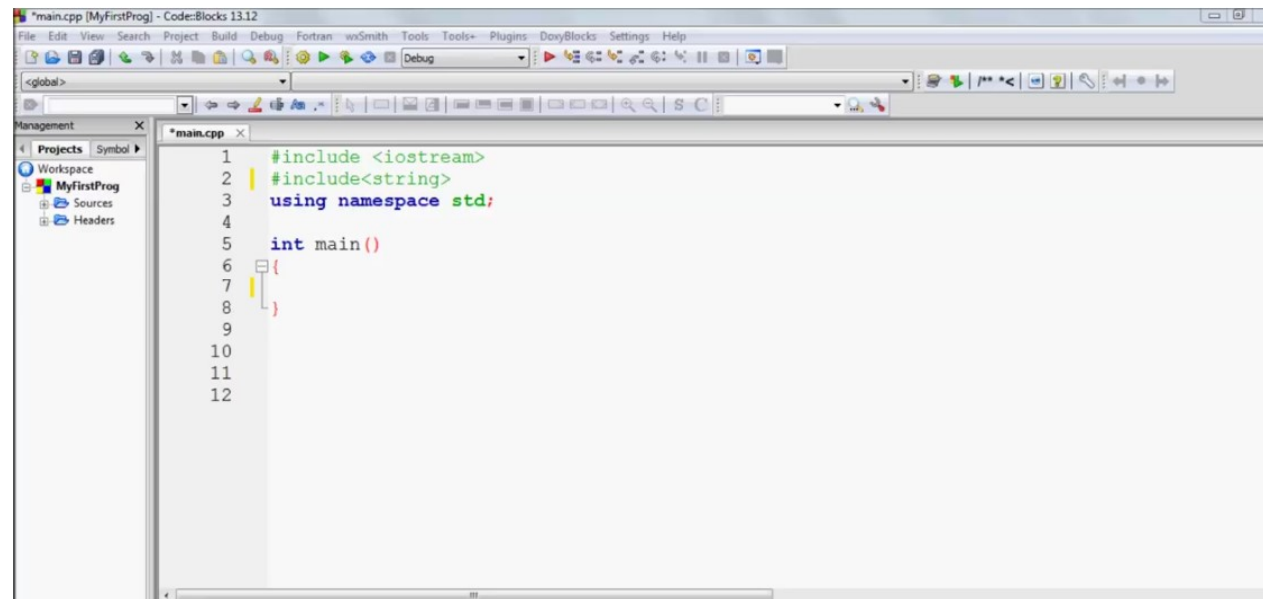
(2)

```
double max(double x, double y)
{
    return (x > y) ? x : y;
}
```

Function Templates

```
template <typename T>  
T max (T a, T b)  
{  
    T result;  
    result = (a>b)? a : b;  
    return (result);  
}
```

Example: Function Templates



The screenshot shows the Code::Blocks IDE interface. The main editor window displays the following C++ code in a file named `*main.cpp`:

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  | #include<string>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main()
6  {
7
8  }
9
10
11
12
```

The left sidebar shows the 'Management' pane with 'Projects' and 'Symbol' tabs. The 'Projects' tab is active, showing a workspace named 'MyFirstProg' with sub-items 'Sources' and 'Headers'.

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