

ELEG 1043

Computer Applications in Engineering





Chapter 3: Assignment, Formatting, and Interactive Input

C++ FOR ENGINEERS
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Assignment Operations

- **Assignment Statement:** Assigns the value of the expression on the right side of the = to the variable on the left side of the =
 - `int a = 2;`
 left right
- Another assignment statement using the same variable will overwrite the previous value with the new value

Examples:

```
slope = 3.7;
```

```
slope = 6.28; (Overwrite)
```

Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Right side** of an assignment statement may contain any expression that can be evaluated to a value

Examples:

```
newtotal = 18.3 + total;
```

```
taxes = .06*amount;
```

```
average = sum / items;
```

- **Only one variable** can be on the left side of an assignment statement

Assignment Operations (continued)



Program 3.1

```
// This program calculates the volume of a cylinder,  
// given its radius and height  
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main()  
{  
    double radius, height, volume;  
    radius = 2.5;  
    height = 16.0;  
    volume = 3.1416 * radius * radius * height;  
    cout << "The volume of the cylinder is " << volume << endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```


Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Assignment operator:** The = sign
- **C++ statement:** Any expression terminated by a semicolon
- **Multiple assignments** in the same expression are possible

Example:

```
a = b = c = 25;
```

Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Coercion:** Forcing a data value to another data type
 - Value of the expression on the right side of an assignment statement will be coerced (converted) to the data type of the variable on the left side during evaluation

```
double a = 4.3;  
int b = (int) a;
```
 - Variable on the left side may also be used on the right side of another assignment statement

Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Accumulation statement:** Has the effect of accumulating, or totaling

Syntax:

```
variable = variable + newValue;
```

```
int a = 0;
```

```
a = a + 2;
```

Assignment Operations (continued)

- Additional assignment operators provide short cuts: **+=**, **-=**, ***=**, **/=**, **%=**

Example:

```
sum = sum + 10;
```

is equivalent to: **sum += 10;**

```
price *= rate + 1;
```

is equivalent to:

```
price = price * (rate + 1);
```

Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Increment operator `++`**: Unary operator for the special case when a variable is increased by 1
- **Prefix increment operator** appears **before** the variable
 - Example: `++i`
- **Postfix increment operator** appears **after** the variable
 - Example: `i++`

Assignment Operations (continued)

- Example: `k = ++n; //prefix increment`
is equivalent to:

```
n = n + 1; //increment n first
k = n;      //assign n's value to k
```

- Example: `k = n++; //postfix increment`
is equivalent to

```
k = n;      //assign n's value to k
n = n + 1;   //and then increment n
```

Assignment Operations (continued)

- **Decrement operator --**: Unary operator for the special case when a variable is decreased by 1
- **Prefix decrement operator** appears before the variable
 - Example: `--i;`
- **Postfix decrement operator** appears after the variable
 - Example: `i--;`

Formatting Numbers for Program Output

- Proper output formatting contributes to **ease of use and user satisfaction**
- **cout** with stream manipulators can **control output formatting**

Formatting Numbers for Program Output (continued)

- Formatting **floating-point** numbers requires **three field-width** manipulators to:
 - Set the total width of the display
 - Force a decimal place
 - Set the number of significant digits after the decimal point

- Example:

```
#include <iomanip>
```

```
cout << "|" << setw(10) << fixed  
      << setprecision(3) << 25.67 << "|";
```

produces this output: | 25.670|

Formatting Numbers for Program Output (continued)

- Manipulators affect **only output**; the value stored internally does not change
- Manipulators can also be set using the **ostream** class methods
- Separate the **cout** object name from the method name with a period

Example:

```
cout.precision(2)
```

Formatting Numbers for Program Output (continued)

Method	Comment	Example
<code>precision(n)</code>	Equivalent to <code>setprecision()</code>	<code>cout.precision(2)</code>
<code>fill('x')</code>	Equivalent to <code>setfill()</code>	<code>cout.fill('*')</code>
<code>setf(ios::fixed)</code>	Equivalent to <code>cout.setf(ios::fixed)</code>	<code>setiosflags(ios::fixed)</code>
<code>setf(ios::showpoint)</code>	Equivalent to <code>cout.setf(ios::showpoint)</code>	<code>setiosflags(ios::showpoint)</code>
<code>setf(ios::left)</code>	Equivalent to <code>left</code>	<code>cout.setf(ios::left)</code>
<code>setf(ios::right)</code>	Equivalent to <code>right</code>	<code>cout.setf(ios::right)</code>
<code>setf(ios::flush)</code>	Equivalent to <code>endl</code>	<code>cout.setf(ios::flush)</code>

Table 3.4 ostream Class Functions