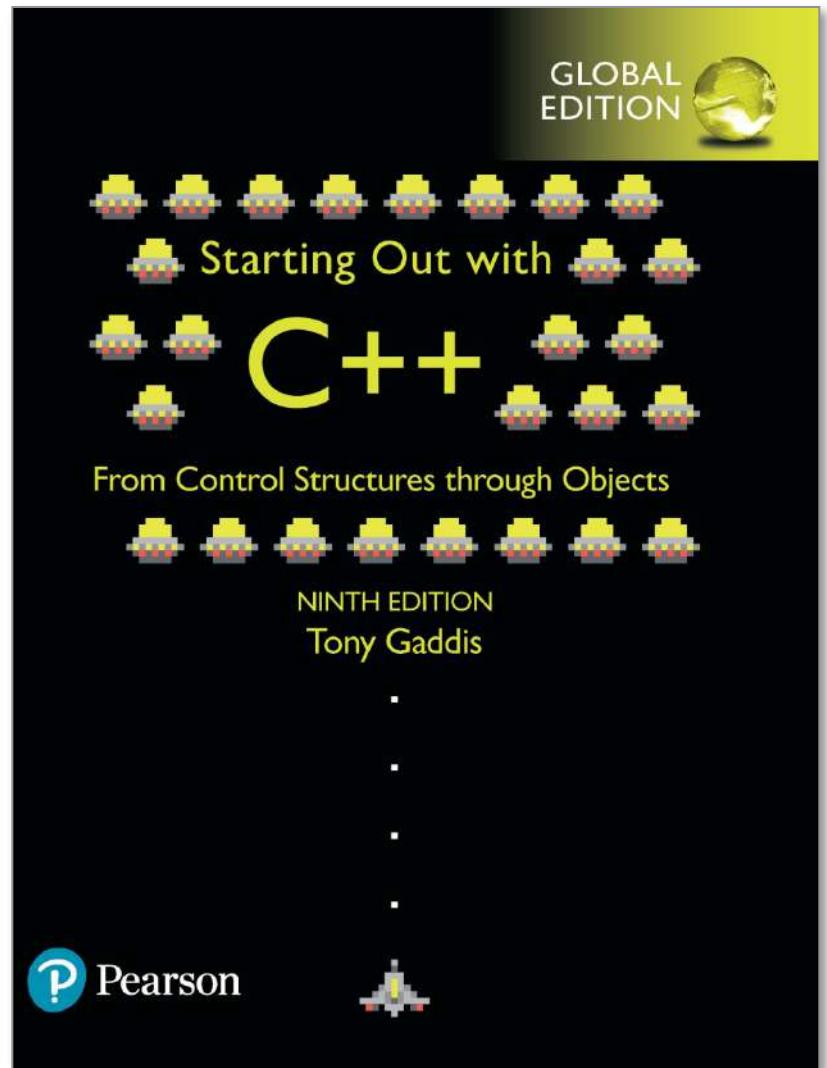
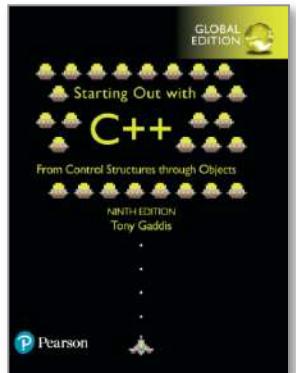


Chapter 6:

Functions





6.1

Modular Programming

Modular Programming

- Modular programming: breaking a program up into smaller, manageable functions or modules
- Function: a collection of statements to perform a task
- Motivation for modular programming:
 - Improves maintainability of programs
 - Simplifies the process of writing programs



This program has one long, complex function containing all of the statements necessary to solve a problem.



```
int main()
{
    statement;
    statement;
}
```

In this program the problem has been divided into smaller problems, each of which is handled by a separate function.



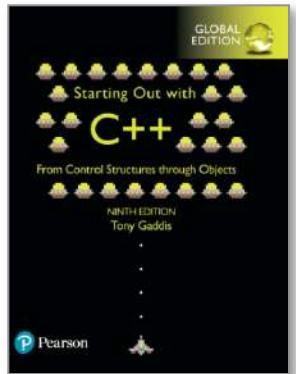
```
int main()
{
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
}

void function2()
{
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
}

void function3()
{
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
}

void function4()
{
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
}
```





6.2

Defining and Calling Functions

Defining and Calling Functions

- Function call: statement causes a function to execute
- Function definition: statements that make up a function



Function Definition

- Definition includes:

- return type: data type of the value that function returns to the part of the program that called it
- name: name of the function. Function names follow same rules as variables
- parameter list: variables containing values passed to the function
- body: statements that perform the function's task, enclosed in { }



Function Definition

```
Return type      Parameter list (This one is empty)  
↓             ↓  
int main ()  
{  
    cout << "Hello World\n";  
    return 0;  
}
```

Function name

Function body

Note: The line that reads `int main()` is the *function header*.



Function Return Type

- If a function returns a value, the type of the value must be indicated:

```
int main()
```

- If a function does not return a value, its return type is void:

```
void printHeading()
{
    cout << "Monthly Sales\n";
}
```



Calling a Function

- To call a function, use the function name followed by () and ;

```
printHeading();
```

- When called, program executes the body of the called function
- After the function terminates, execution resumes in the calling function at point of call.



Functions in Program 6-1

Program 6-1

```
1 // This program has two functions: main and displayMessage
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 //*****
6 // Definition of function displayMessage *
7 // This function displays a greeting. *
8 //*****
9
10 void displayMessage()
11 {
12     cout << "Hello from the function displayMessage.\n";
13 }
14
15 //*****
16 // Function main *
17 //*****
18
19 int main()
20 {
21     cout << "Hello from main.\n";
22     displayMessage();
23     cout << "Back in function main again.\n";
24     return 0;
25 }
```

Program Output

```
Hello from main.
Hello from the function displayMessage.
Back in function main again.
```



Flow of Control in Program 6-1

```
void displayMessage()
{
    cout << "Hello from the function displayMessage.\n";
}

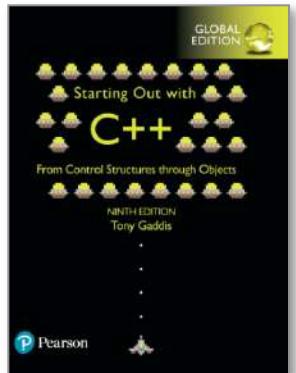
int main()
{
    cout << "Hello from main.\n"
    displayMessage();
    cout << "Back in function main again.\n";
    return 0;
}
```



Calling Functions

- main can call any number of functions
- Functions can call other functions
- Compiler must know the following about a function before it is called:
 - name
 - return type
 - number of parameters
 - data type of each parameter





6.3

Function Prototypes

Function Prototypes

- Ways to notify the compiler about a function before a call to the function:
 - Place function definition before calling function's definition
 - Use a function prototype (function declaration) – like the function definition without the body
 - Header: void printHeading()
 - Prototype: void printHeading();



Function Prototypes in Program 6-5

Program 6-5

```
1 // This program has three functions: main, First, and Second.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 // Function Prototypes  
6 void first();  
7 void second();  
8  
9 int main()  
10 {  
11     cout << "I am starting in function main.\n";  
12     first();    // Call function first  
13     second();   // Call function second  
14     cout << "Back in function main again.\n";  
15     return 0;  
16 }  
17
```

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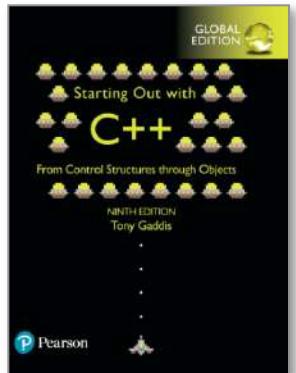
Function Prototypes in Program 6-5

```
18 //*****  
19 // Definition of function first.      *  
20 // This function displays a message.  *  
21 //*****  
22  
23 void first()  
24 {  
25     cout << "I am now inside the function first.\n";  
26 }  
27  
28 //*****  
29 // Definition of function second.      *  
30 // This function displays a message.  *  
31 //*****  
32  
33 void second()  
34 {  
35     cout << "I am now inside the function second.\n";  
36 }
```



Prototype Notes

- Place prototypes near top of program
- Program must include either prototype or full function definition before any call to the function – compiler error otherwise
- When using prototypes, can place function definitions in any order in source file



6.4

Sending Data into a Function

Sending Data into a Function

- Orange icon: Can pass values into a function at time of call:

```
c = pow(a, b);
```

- Orange icon: Values passed to function are arguments
- Orange icon: Variables in a function that hold the values passed as arguments are parameters

A Function with a Parameter Variable

```
void displayValue(int num)
{
    cout << "The value is " << num << endl;
}
```

The integer variable num is a parameter.
It accepts any integer value passed to the function.



Function with a Parameter in Program 6-6

Program 6-6

```
1 // This program demonstrates a function with a parameter.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 // Function Prototype  
6 void displayValue(int);  
7  
8 int main()  
9 {  
10    cout << "I am passing 5 to displayValue.\n";  
11    displayValue(5); // Call displayValue with argument 5  
12    cout << "Now I am back in main.\n";  
13    return 0;  
14 }  
15
```

(Program Continues)



Function with a Parameter in Program 6-6

Program 6-6

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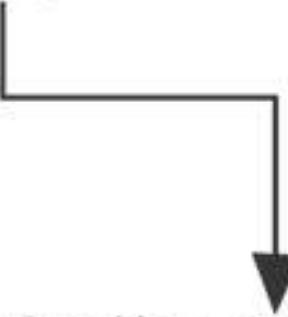
```
16 //*****  
17 // Definition of function displayValue. *  
18 // It uses an integer parameter whose value is displayed. *  
19 //*****  
20  
21 void displayValue(int num)  
22 {  
23     cout << "The value is " << num << endl;  
24 }
```

Program Output

```
I am passing 5 to displayValue.  
The value is 5  
Now I am back in main.
```



Function with a Parameter in Program 6-6

```
displayValue(5);  
  
void displayValue(int num)  
{  
    cout << "The value is " << num << endl;  
}
```

The function call in line 11 passes the value 5
as an argument to the function.

Other Parameter Terminology

- A parameter can also be called a formal parameter or a formal argument
- An argument can also be called an actual parameter or an actual argument



Parameters, Prototypes, and Function Headers

- For each function argument,
 - the prototype must include the data type of each parameter inside its parentheses
 - the header must include a declaration for each parameter in its ()

```
void evenOrOdd(int); //prototype  
void evenOrOdd(int num) //header  
evenOrOdd(val); //call
```



Function Call Notes

- Value of argument is copied into parameter when the function is called
- A parameter's scope is the function which uses it
- Function can have multiple parameters
- There must be a data type listed in the prototype () and an argument declaration in the function header () for each parameter
- Arguments will be promoted/demoted as necessary to match parameters



Passing Multiple Arguments

When calling a function and passing multiple arguments:

- the number of arguments in the call must match the prototype and definition
- the first argument will be used to initialize the first parameter, the second argument to initialize the second parameter, etc.

Passing Multiple Arguments in Program 6-8

Program 6-8

```
1 // This program demonstrates a function with three parameters.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 // Function Prototype  
6 void showSum(int, int, int);  
7  
8 int main()  
9 {  
10    int value1, value2, value3;  
11  
12    // Get three integers.  
13    cout << "Enter three integers and I will display "  
14    cout << "their sum: ";  
15    cin >> value1 >> value2 >> value3;  
16  
17    // Call showSum passing three arguments.  
18    showSum(value1, value2, value3);  
19    return 0;  
20 }  
21
```

(Program Continues)



Passing Multiple Arguments in Program 6-8

```
22 //*****  
23 // Definition of function showSum. *  
24 // It uses three integer parameters. Their sum is displayed. *  
25 //*****  
26  
27 void showSum(int num1, int num2, int num3)  
28 {  
29     cout << (num1 + num2 + num3) << endl;  
30 }
```

Program Output with Example Input Shown in Bold

Enter three integers and I will display their sum: **4 8 7 [Enter]**

19



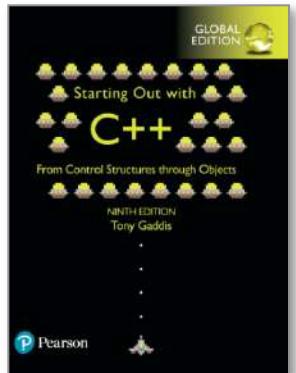
Passing Multiple Arguments in Program 6-8

Function Call → showSum(value1, value2, value3)

```
void showSum(int num1, int num2, int num3)
{
    cout << (num1 + num2 + num3) << endl;
}
```

The function call in line 18 passes value1, value2, and value3 as arguments to the function.





6.5

Passing Data by Value

Passing Data by Value

- Pass by value: when an argument is passed to a function, its value is copied into the parameter.
- Changes to the parameter in the function do not affect the value of the argument

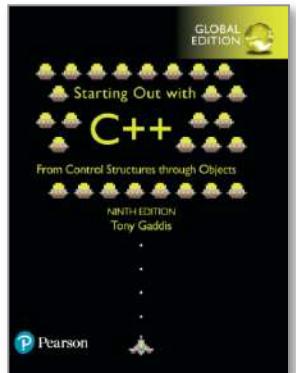
Passing Information to Parameters by Value

- Example: int val=5;

```
evenOrOdd(val);
```



- evenOrOdd can change variable num, but it will have no effect on variable val



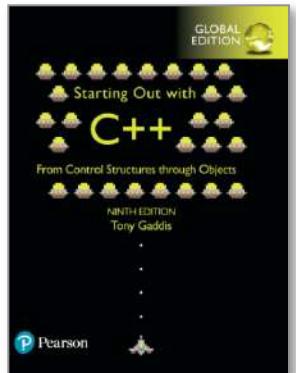
6.6

Using Functions in Menu-Driven Programs

Using Functions in Menu-Driven Programs

- Functions can be used
 - to implement user choices from menu
 - to implement general-purpose tasks:
 - Higher-level functions can call general-purpose functions, minimizing the total number of functions and speeding program development time
- See *Program 6-10 in the book*





6.7

The return Statement

The return Statement

- Used to end execution of a function
- Can be placed anywhere in a function
 - Statements that follow the `return` statement will not be executed
- Can be used to prevent abnormal termination of program
- In a `void` function without a `return` statement, the function ends at its last `}`

Performing Division in Program 6-11

Program 6-11

```
1 // This program uses a function to perform division. If division
2 // by zero is detected, the function returns.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 // Function prototype.
7 void divide(double, double);
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     double num1, num2;
12
13     cout << "Enter two numbers and I will divide the first\n";
14     cout << "number by the second number: ";
15     cin >> num1 >> num2;
16     divide(num1, num2);
17     return 0;
18 }
```

(Program Continues)



Performing Division in Program 6-11

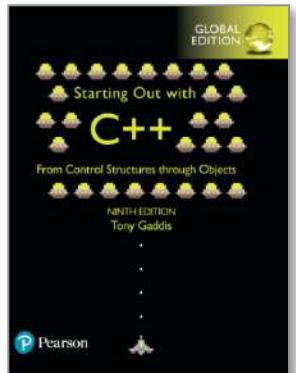
```
20 //*****  
21 // Definition of function divide. *  
22 // Uses two parameters: arg1 and arg2. The function divides arg1*  
23 // by arg2 and shows the result. If arg2 is zero, however, the *  
24 // function returns. *  
25 //*****  
26  
27 void divide(double arg1, double arg2)  
28 {  
29     if (arg2 == 0.0)  
30     {  
31         cout << "Sorry, I cannot divide by zero.\n";  
32         return;  
33     }  
34     cout << "The quotient is " << (arg1 / arg2) << endl;  
35 }
```

Program Output with Example Input Shown in Bold

Enter two numbers and I will divide the first number by the second number: **12 0 [Enter]**

Sorry, I cannot divide by zero.





6.8

Returning a Value From a Function

Returning a Value From a Function

- A function can return a value back to the statement that called the function.
- You've already seen the `pow` function, which returns a value:

```
double x;  
x = pow(2.0, 10.0);
```



Returning a Value From a Function

- In a value-returning function, the `return` statement can be used to return a value from function to the point of call. Example:

```
int sum(int num1, int num2)
{
    double result;
    result = num1 + num2;
    return result;
}
```



A Value-Returning Function

Return Type

```
int sum(int num1, int num2)
{
    double result;
    result = num1 + num2;
    return result;
}
```



Value Being Returned



A Value-Returning Function

```
int sum(int num1, int num2)
{
    return num1 + num2;
}
```

Functions can return the values of expressions, such as num1 + num2



Function Returning a Value in Program 6-12

Program 6-12

```
1 // This program uses a function that returns a value.
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 // Function prototype
6 int sum(int, int);
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int value1 = 20,    // The first value
11         value2 = 40,    // The second value
12         total;        // To hold the total
13
14     // Call the sum function, passing the contents of
15     // value1 and value2 as arguments. Assign the return
16     // value to the total variable.
17     total = sum(value1, value2);
18
19     // Display the sum of the values.
20     cout << "The sum of " << value1 << " and "
21         << value2 << " is " << total << endl;
22     return 0;
23 }
```

(Program Continues)



Function Returning a Value in Program 6-12

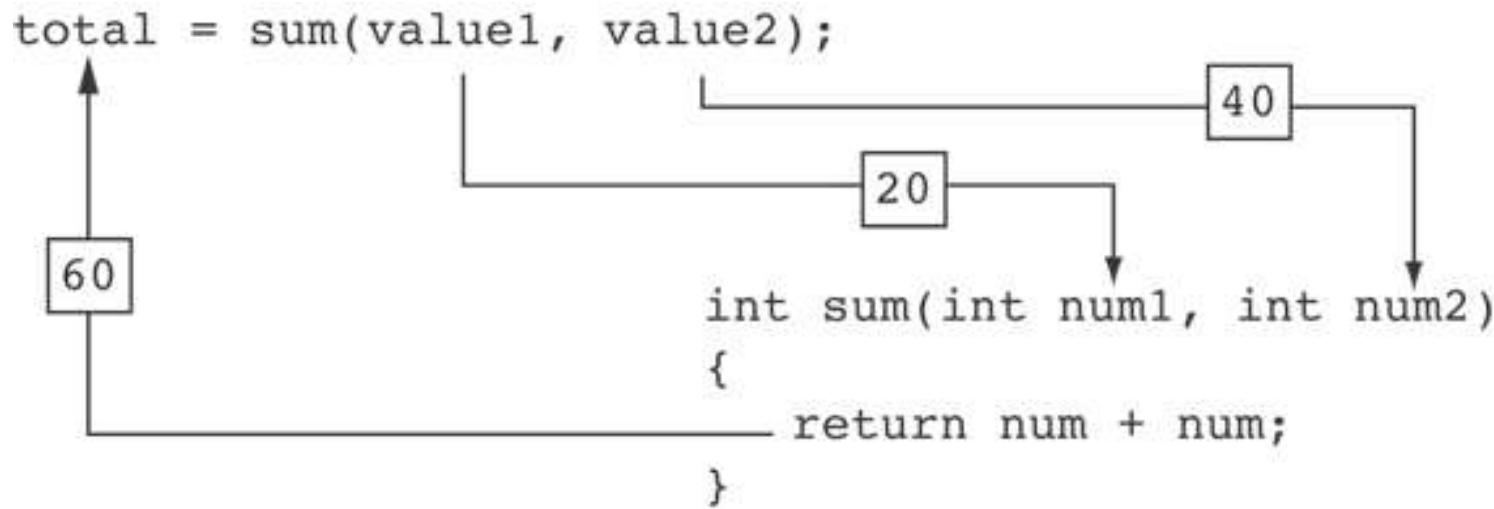
```
24
25 //*****
26 // Definition of function sum. This function returns *
27 // the sum of its two parameters. *
28 //*****
29
30 int sum(int num1, int num2)
31 {
32     return num1 + num2;
33 }
```

Program Output

The sum of 20 and 40 is 60



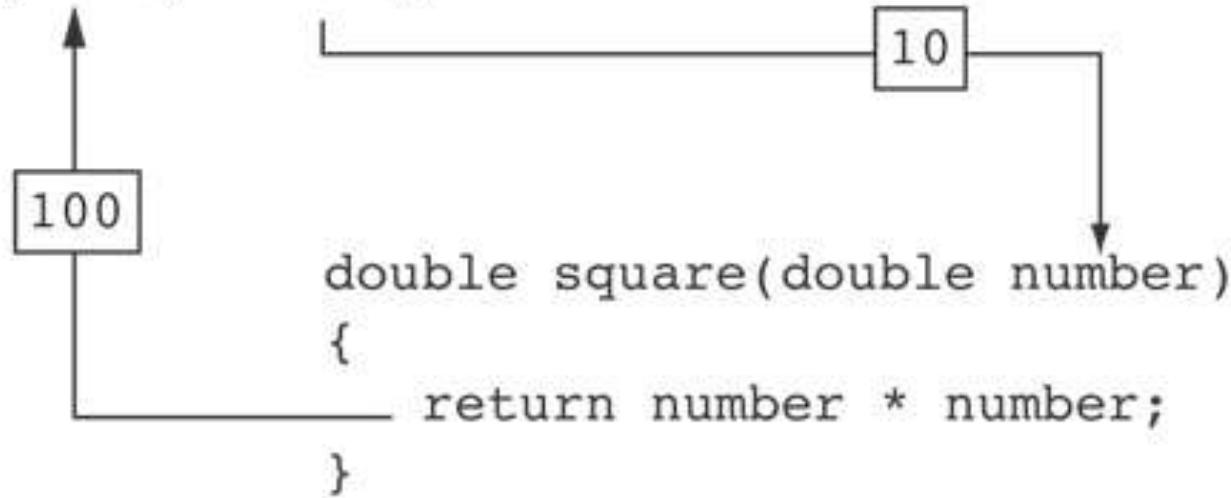
Function Returning a Value in Program 6-12



The statement in line 17 calls the `sum` function, passing `value1` and `value2` as arguments.
The return value is assigned to the `total` variable.

Another Example from Program 6-13

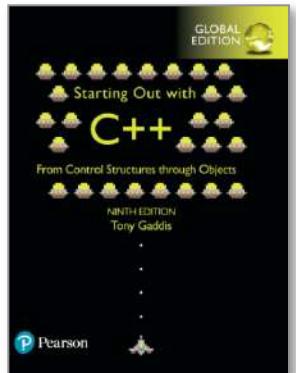
```
area = PI * square(radius);
```



Returning a Value From a Function

- The prototype and the definition must indicate the data type of return value (not `void`)
- Calling function should use return value:
 - assign it to a variable
 - send it to `cout`
 - use it in an expression





6.9

Returning a Boolean Value

Returning a Boolean Value

- Function can return true or false
- Declare return type in function prototype and heading as bool
- Function body must contain return statement(s) that return true or false
- Calling function can use return value in a relational expression



Returning a Boolean Value in Program 6-15

Program 6-15

```
1 // This program uses a function that returns true or false.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 // Function prototype  
6 bool isEven(int);  
7  
8 int main()  
9 {  
10     int val;  
11  
12     // Get a number from the user.  
13     cout << "Enter an integer and I will tell you "  
14     cout << "if it is even or odd: ";  
15     cin >> val;  
16  
17     // Indicate whether it is even or odd.  
18     if (isEven(val))  
19         cout << val << " is even.\n";  
20     else  
21         cout << val << " is odd.\n";  
22     return 0;  
23 }  
24
```

(Program Continues)



Returning a Boolean Value in Program 6-15

```
25 //*****  
26 // Definition of function isEven. This function accepts an      *  
27 // integer argument and tests it to be even or odd. The function  *  
28 // returns true if the argument is even or false if the argument   *  
29 // is odd. The return value is a bool.                          *  
30 //*****  
31  
32 bool isEven(int number)  
33 {  
34     bool status;  
35  
36     if (number % 2 == 0)  
37         status = true; // The number is even if there is no remainder.  
38     else  
39         status = false; // Otherwise, the number is odd.  
40     return status;  
41 }
```

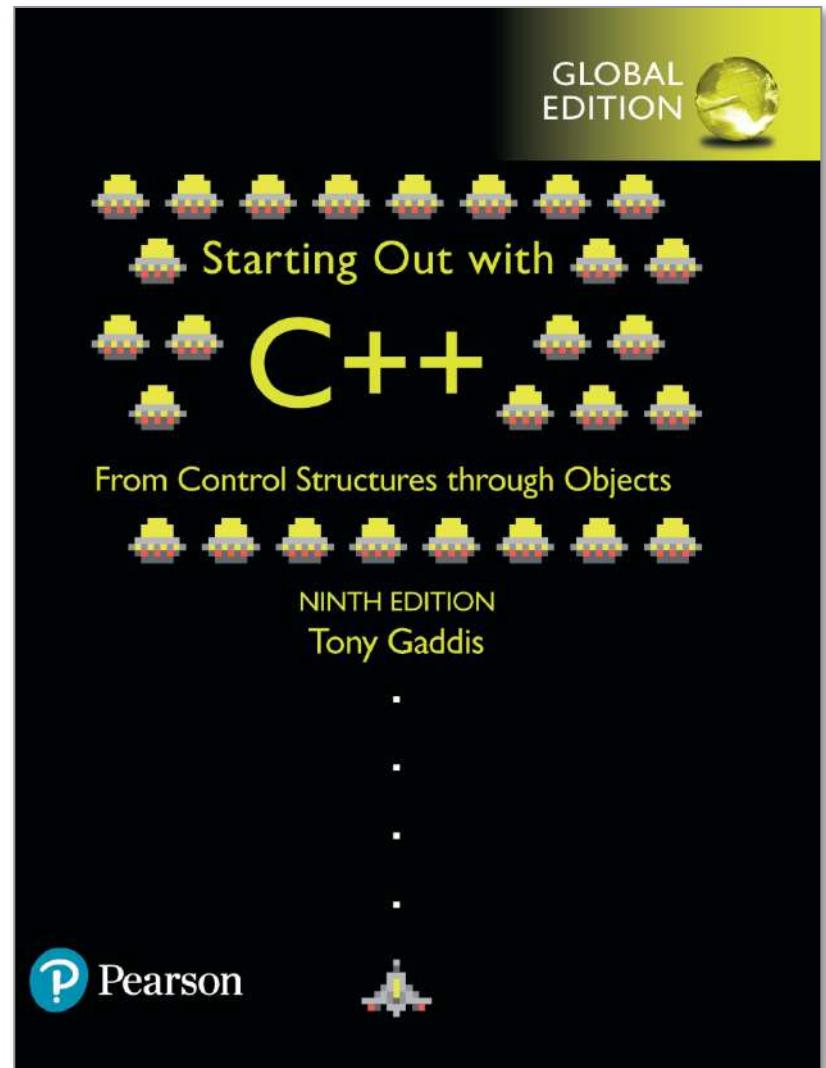
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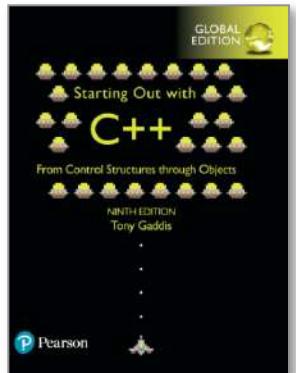
Enter an integer and I will tell you if it is even or odd: **5** [Enter]
5 is odd.



Chapter 6:

Functions





6.10

Local and Global Variables

Local and Global Variables

- Variables defined inside a function are *local* to that function. They are hidden from the statements in other functions, which normally cannot access them.
- Because the variables defined in a function are hidden, other functions may have separate, distinct variables with the same name.



Local Variables in Program 6-16

Program 6-16

```
1 // This program shows that variables defined in a function
2 // are hidden from other functions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 void anotherFunction(); // Function prototype
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int num = 1;    // Local variable
11
12     cout << "In main, num is " << num << endl;
13     anotherFunction();
14     cout << "Back in main, num is " << num << endl;
15     return 0;
16 }
17
18 //*****
19 // Definition of anotherFunction
20 // It has a local variable, num, whose initial value
21 // is displayed.
22 //*****
23
24 void anotherFunction()
25 {
26     int num = 20;   // Local variable
27
28     cout << "In anotherFunction, num is " << num << endl;
29 }
```

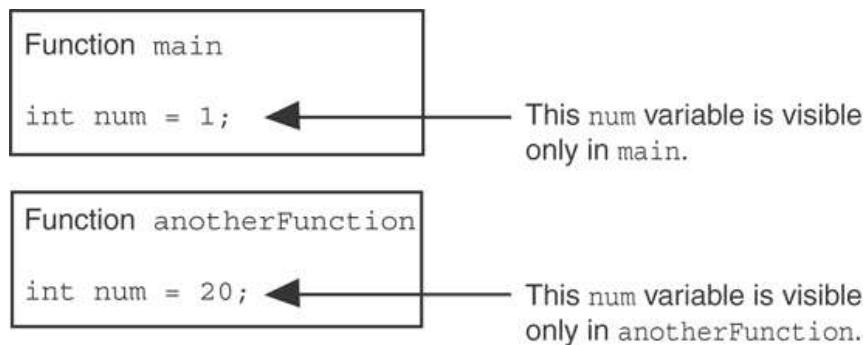


Local Variables in Program 6-16

Program Output

```
In main, num is 1  
In anotherFunction, num is 20  
Back in main, num is 1
```

When the program is executing in `main`, the `num` variable defined in `main` is visible. When `anotherFunction` is called, however, only variables defined inside it are visible, so the `num` variable in `main` is hidden.



Local Variable Lifetime

- A function's local variables exist only while the function is executing. This is known as the *lifetime* of a local variable.
- When the function begins, its local variables and its parameter variables are created in memory, and when the function ends, the local variables and parameter variables are destroyed.
- This means that any value stored in a local variable is lost between calls to the function in which the variable is declared.



Global Variables and Global Constants

- A global variable is any variable defined outside all the functions in a program.
- The scope of a global variable is the portion of the program from the variable definition to the end.
- This means that a global variable can be accessed by *all* functions that are defined after the global variable is defined.



Global Variables and Global Constants

- Orange You should avoid using global variables because they make programs difficult to debug.
- Orange Any global that you create should be *global constants*.



Global Constants in Program 6-19

Program 6-19

```
1 // This program calculates gross pay.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 #include <iomanip>  
4 using namespace std;  
5  
6 // Global constants  
7 const double PAY_RATE = 22.55;      // Hourly pay rate  
8 const double BASE_HOURS = 40.0;     // Max non-overtime hours  
9 const double OT_MULTIPLIER = 1.5;   // Overtime multiplier  
10  
11 // Function prototypes  
12 double getBasePay(double);  
13 double getOvertimePay(double);  
14  
15 int main()  
16 {  
17     double hours,           // Hours worked  
18         basePay,          // Base pay  
19         overtime = 0.0,    // Overtime pay  
20         totalPay;         // Total pay
```

Global constants defined for values that do not change throughout the program's execution.



Global Constants in Program 6-19

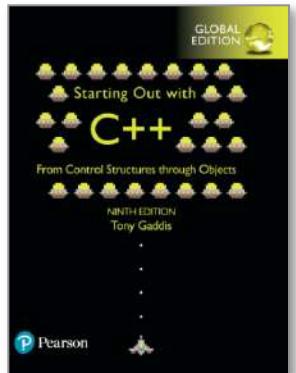
The constants are then used for those values throughout the program.

```
29     // Get overtime pay, if any.  
30     if (hours > BASE_HOURS)  
31         overtime = getOvertimePay(hours);  
  
56     // Determine base pay.  
57     if (hoursWorked > BASE_HOURS)  
58         basePay = BASE_HOURS * PAY_RATE;  
59     else  
60         basePay = hoursWorked * PAY_RATE;  
  
75     // Determine overtime pay.  
76     if (hoursWorked > BASE_HOURS)  
77     {  
78         overtimePay = (hoursWorked - BASE_HOURS) *  
79                         PAY_RATE * OT_MULTIPLIER;  
80     }  
81 }
```



Initializing Local and Global Variables

- Local variables are not automatically initialized. They must be initialized by programmer.
- Global variables (not constants) are automatically initialized to 0 (numeric) or NULL (character) when the variable is defined.



6.11

Static Local Variables

Static Local Variables

- Local variables only exist while the function is executing. When the function terminates, the contents of local variables are lost.
- static local variables retain their contents between function calls.
- static local variables are defined and initialized only the first time the function is executed. 0 is the default initialization value.

Local Variables Do Not Retain Values Between Function calls in Program 6-21

Program 6-21

```
1 // This program shows that local variables do not retain
2 // their values between function calls.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 // Function prototype
7 void showLocal();
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     showLocal();
12     showLocal();
13     return 0;
14 }
15
```

(Program Continues)



Local Variables Do Not Retain Values Between Function calls in Program 6-21

Program 6-21 *(continued)*

```
16 //*****  
17 // Definition of function showLocal. *  
18 // The initial value of localNum, which is 5, is displayed. *  
19 // The value of localNum is then changed to 99 before the *  
20 // function returns. *  
21 //*****  
22  
23 void showLocal()  
24 {  
25     int localNum = 5; // Local variable  
26  
27     cout << "localNum is " << localNum << endl;  
28     localNum = 99;  
29 }
```

Program Output

```
localNum is 5  
localNum is 5
```

In this program, each time `showLocal` is called, the `localNum` variable is re-created and initialized with the value 5.



A Different Approach, Using a Static Variable in Program 6-22

Program 6-22

```
1 // This program uses a static local variable.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 void showStatic(); // Function prototype  
6  
7 int main()  
8 {  
9     // Call the showStatic function five times.  
10    for (int count = 0; count < 5; count++)  
11        showStatic();  
12    return 0;  
13 }  
14
```

(Program Continues)



A Different Approach, Using a Static Variable in Program 6-22

Program 6-22 *(continued)*

```
15 //*****  
16 // Definition of function showStatic. *  
17 // statNum is a static local variable. Its value is displayed *  
18 // and then incremented just before the function returns. *  
19 //*****  
20  
21 void showStatic()  
22 {  
23     static int statNum;  
24  
25     cout << "statNum is " << statNum << endl;  
26     statNum++;  
27 }
```

Program Output

statNum is 0 ← statNum is automatically initialized to 0. Notice that it retains its value between function calls.
statNum is 1
statNum is 2
statNum is 3
statNum is 4



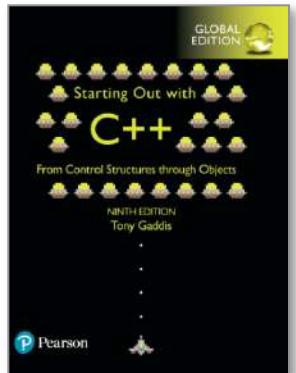
If you do initialize a local static variable, the initialization only happens once. See Program 6-23.

```
16 //*****  
17 // Definition of function showStatic. *  
18 // statNum is a static local variable. Its value is displayed *  
19 // and then incremented just before the function returns. *  
20 //*****  
21  
22 void showStatic()  
23 {  
24     static int statNum = 5;  
25  
26     cout << "statNum is " << statNum << endl;  
27     statNum++;  
28 }
```

Program Output

```
statNum is 5  
statNum is 6  
statNum is 7  
statNum is 8  
statNum is 9
```





6.12

Default Arguments

Default Arguments

A Default argument is an argument that is passed automatically to a parameter if the argument is missing on the function call.

- Must be a constant declared in prototype:
`void evenOrOdd(int = 0);`
- Can be declared in header if no prototype
- Multi-parameter functions may have default arguments for some or all of them:

```
int getSum(int, int=0, int=0);
```

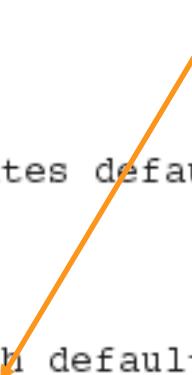


Default Arguments in Program 6-24

Default arguments specified in the prototype

Program 6-24

```
1 // This program demonstrates default function arguments.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 using namespace std;  
4  
5 // Function prototype with default arguments  
6 void displayStars(int = 10, int = 1);  
7  
8 int main()  
9 {  
10    displayStars();           // Use default values for cols and rows.  
11    cout << endl;  
12    displayStars(5);         // Use default value for rows.  
13    cout << endl;  
14    displayStars(7, 3);      // Use 7 for cols and 3 for rows.  
15    return 0;  
16 }
```



(Program Continues)



Default Arguments in Program 6-24

```
18 //*****  
19 // Definition of function displayStars. *  
20 // The default argument for cols is 10 and for rows is 1.*  
21 // This function displays a square made of asterisks. *  
22 //*****  
23  
24 void displayStars(int cols, int rows)  
25 {  
26     // Nested loop. The outer loop controls the rows  
27     // and the inner loop controls the columns.  
28     for (int down = 0; down < rows; down++)  
29     {  
30         for (int across = 0; across < cols; across++)  
31             cout << "*";  
32         cout << endl;  
33     }  
34 }
```

Program Output

```
*****  
  
*****  
  
*****  
*****  
*****
```



Default Arguments

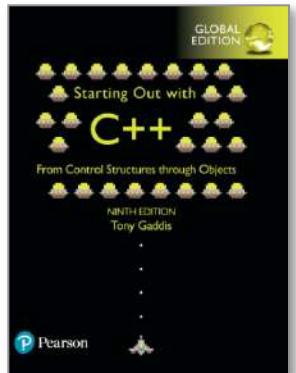
- If not all parameters to a function have default values, the defaultless ones are declared first in the parameter list:

```
int getSum(int, int=0, int=0); // OK  
int getSum(int, int=0, int); // NO
```

- When an argument is omitted from a function call, all arguments after it must also be omitted:

```
sum = getSum(num1, num2); // OK  
sum = getSum(num1, , num3); // NO
```





6.13

Using Reference Variables as Parameters

Using Reference Variables as Parameters

- A mechanism that allows a function to work with the original argument from the function call, not a copy of the argument
- Allows the function to modify values stored in the calling environment
- Provides a way for the function to ‘return’ more than one value

Passing by Reference

- A reference variable is an alias for another variable
- Defined with an ampersand (&)
`void getDimensions(int&, int&);`
- Changes to a reference variable are made to the variable it refers to
- Use reference variables to implement passing parameters *by reference*

Passing a Variable By Reference in Program 6-25

Program 6-25

```
1 // This program uses a reference variable as a function
2 // parameter.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 // Function prototype. The parameter is a reference variable.
7 void doubleNum(int &);
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     int value = 4;
12
13     cout << "In main, value is " << value << endl;
14     cout << "Now calling doubleNum..." << endl;
15     doubleNum(value);
16     cout << "Now back in main. value is " << value << endl;
17     return 0;
18 }
19
```

The & here in the prototype indicates that the parameter is a reference variable.

Here we are passing value by reference.

(Program Continues)



Passing a Variable By Reference in Program 6-25

The & also appears here in the function header.

```
20 //*****  
21 // Definition of doubleNum. *  
22 // The parameter refVar is a reference variable. The value *  
23 // in refVar is doubled. *  
24 //*****  
25  
26 void doubleNum (int &refVar)  
27 {  
28     refVar *= 2;  
29 }
```

Program Output

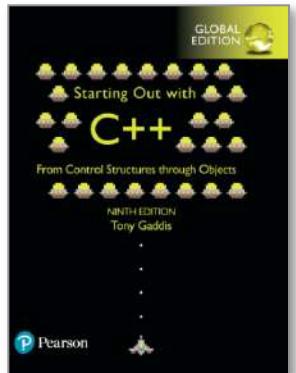
```
In main, value is 4  
Now calling doubleNum...  
Now back in main. value is 8
```



Reference Variable Notes

- Each reference parameter must contain &
- Space between type and & is unimportant
- Must use & in both prototype and header
- Argument passed to reference parameter must be a variable – cannot be an expression or constant
- Use when appropriate – don't use when argument should not be changed by function, or if function needs to return only 1 value





6.14

Overloading Functions

Overloading Functions

- Overloaded functions have the same name but different parameter lists
- Can be used to create functions that perform the same task but take different parameter types or different number of parameters
- Compiler will determine which version of function to call by argument and parameter lists



Function Overloading Examples

Using these overloaded functions,

```
void getDimensions(int);           // 1
void getDimensions(int, int);     // 2
void getDimensions(int, double);   // 3
void getDimensions(double, double); // 4
```

the compiler will use them as follows:

```
int length, width;
double base, height;
getDimensions(length);           // 1
getDimensions(length, width);    // 2
getDimensions(length, height);   // 3
getDimensions(height, base);     // 4
```



Function Overloading in Program 6-27

Program 6-27

```
1 // This program uses overloaded functions.  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 #include <iomanip>  
4 using namespace std;  
5  
6 // Function prototypes  
7 int square(int); ← The overloaded  
8 double square(double); ← functions have  
9  
10 int main()  
11 {  
12     int userInt;  
13     double userFloat;  
14  
15     // Get an int and a double.  
16     cout << fixed << showpoint << setprecision(2);  
17     cout << "Enter an integer and a floating-point value: ";  
18     cin >> userInt >> userFloat;  
19  
20     // Display their squares.  
21     cout << "Here are their squares: ";  
22     cout << square(userInt) << " and " << square(userFloat);  
23     return 0;  
24 }
```

The overloaded
functions have
different parameter
lists

Passing a double

Passing an int

(Program Continues)



Function Overloading in Program 6-27

```
26 //*****
27 // Definition of overloaded function square. *
28 // This function uses an int parameter, number. It returns the *
29 // square of number as an int. *
30 //*****
31
32 int square(int number)
33 {
34     return number * number;
35 }
36
37 //*****
38 // Definition of overloaded function square. *
39 // This function uses a double parameter, number. It returns *
40 // the square of number as a double. *
41 //*****
42
43 double square(double number)
44 {
45     return number * number;
46 }
```

Program Output with Example Input Shown in Bold

Enter an integer and a floating-point value: **12 4.2 [Enter]**

Here are their squares: 144 and 17.64

