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# C++ Basic Input/Output & More | C++ Tutorials for Beginners #5

In this tutorial, we will visualize basic input and output in the C++ language. In our last lesson, we discussed the variable's scope and data types. In this C++ tutorial, we are going to cover basic input and output.

## Basic Input and Output in C++

C++ language comes with different libraries, which helps us in performing input/output operations. In C++ sequence of bytes corresponding to input and output are commonly known as streams. There are two types of streams.

### Input stream

In the input stream, the direction of the flow of bytes occurs from the input device (for ex keyboard) to the main memory.

### Output stream

In output stream, the direction of flow of bytes occurs from main memory to the output device (for ex-display).

## Practical Explanation of Input/Output

We will see the actual code for input/output, and it's working. Consider the code below:

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int num1, num2;
    cout<<"Enter the value of num1:\n"; /* '<<' is called Insertion operator */
    cin>>num1; /* '>>' is called Extraction operator */

    cout<<"Enter the value of num2:\n"; /* '<<' is called Insertion operator */
    cin>>num2; /* '>>' is called Extraction operator */

    cout<<"The sum is "<< num1+num2;

    return 0;
}
```

Figure 1: Basic input/output program

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In this piece of code, we have declared two integer variables **"num1"** and **"num2"**. Firstly we used **"cout"** to print **"Enter the value of num1:"** as it is on the screen, and then we used **"cin"** to take the input in **"num1"** at run time from the user.

Secondly, we used **"cout"** to print **"Enter the value of num2:"** as it is on the screen, and then we used **"cin"** to take the input in **"num2"** at run time from the user.



In the end, we used **"cout"** to print **"The sum is"** as it is on the screen and also gave the literal **"num1+num2"** which will add the values of both variables and print it on the screen.

The output of the following program is shown in figure 2.

```
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PS D:\Business\code playground\C++ course> cd "d:\Business\code playground\C++ course\" ; if ($?) {
Enter the value of num1:
54
Enter the value of num2:
4
The sum is 58
PS D:\Business\code playground\C++ course> .\a.exe
Enter the value of num1:
5
Enter the value of num2:
8
The sum is 13
```

Figure 2: Output of the Program

We have executed our program two times, which can be seen in figure 2. In our 1<sup>st</sup> execution, we had input the value **"54"** for the variable **"num1"** and value **"4"** for the variable **"num2"**. This gives us the sum of both numbers as **"58"**.

In our 2<sup>nd</sup> execution, we had input the value **"5"** for the variable **"num1"** and value **"8"** for the variable **"num2"**. This gives us the sum of both numbers as **"13"**.

### Important Points

- 1. The sign **"<<"** is called insertion operator
- 2. The sign **">>"** is called extraction operator
- 3. **"cout"** keyword is used to print
- 4. **"cin"** keyword is used to take input at run time.

### Reserved keywords in C++

Reserved keywords are those keywords that are used by the language itself, which is why these keywords are not available for re-definition or overloading. In short, you cannot create variables with these names. A list of reserved keywords is shown in figure 3.

<code>alignas (since C++11)</code>	<code>default(1)</code>	<code>register(2)</code>
<code>alignof (since C++11)</code>	<code>delete(1)</code>	<code>reinterpret_cast</code>
<code>and</code>	<code>do</code>	<code>requires (since C++20)</code>
<code>and_eq</code>	<code>double</code>	<code>return</code>
<code>asm</code>	<code>dynamic_cast</code>	<code>short</code>
<code>atomic_cancel (TM TS)</code>	<code>else</code>	<code>signed</code>
<code>atomic_commit (TM TS)</code>	<code>enum</code>	<code>sizeof(1)</code>
<code>atomic_noexcept (TM TS)</code>	<code>explicit</code>	<code>static</code>
<code>auto(1)</code>	<code>export(1)(3)</code>	<code>static_assert (since C++11)</code>
<code>bitand</code>	<code>extern(1)</code>	<code>static_cast</code>
<code>bitor</code>	<code>false</code>	<code>struct(1)</code>
<code>bool</code>	<code>float</code>	<code>switch</code>
<code>break</code>	<code>for</code>	<code>synchronized (TM TS)</code>
<code>case</code>	<code>friend</code>	<code>template</code>
<code>catch</code>	<code>goto</code>	<code>this</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>if</code>	<code>thread_local (since C++11)</code>
<code>char8_t (since C++20)</code>	<code>inline(1)</code>	<code>throw</code>
<code>char16_t (since C++11)</code>	<code>int</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>char32_t (since C++11)</code>	<code>long</code>	<code>try</code>
<code>class(1)</code>	<code>mutable(1)</code>	<code>typedef</code>
<code>compl</code>	<code>namespace</code>	<code>typeid</code>
<code>concept (since C++20)</code>	<code>new</code>	<code>typename</code>
<code>const</code>	<code>noexcept (since C++11)</code>	<code>union</code>
<code>constexpr (since C++20)</code>	<code>not</code>	<code>unsigned</code>
<code>constexpr (since C++11)</code>	<code>not_eq</code>	<code>using(1)</code>
<code>constinit (since C++20)</code>	<code>nullptr (since C++11)</code>	<code>virtual</code>
<code>const_cast</code>	<code>operator</code>	<code>void</code>
<code>continue</code>	<code>or</code>	<code>volatile</code>
<code>co_await (since C++20)</code>	<code>or_eq</code>	<code>wchar_t</code>
<code>co_return (since C++20)</code>	<code>private</code>	<code>while</code>
<code>co_yield (since C++20)</code>	<code>protected</code>	<code>xor</code>
<code>decltype (since C++11)</code>	<code>public</code>	<code>xor_eq</code>
	<code>constexpr (reflection TS)</code>	

Figure 3: Reserved keywords in C++

## Code as described/written in the video

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    cin>>num1; /* '>>' is called Extraction operator */

    cout<<"Enter the value of num2:\n"; /* '<<' is called Insertion operator */
    cin>>num2; /* '>>' is called Extraction operator */

    cout<<"The sum is "<< num1+num2;

    return 0;
}
```

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