

Lecture Notes 1

Compiled vs. Interpreted Programming Languages

- Compiled
 - Code → Compiler → Assembler* → Linker → Execution
 - Compiler – Converts the code into either assembly or object code
 - Object Code – Package of “annotated” machine code
 - Assembler – Converts assembly into object code
 - * – Assembly step may be skipped in modern compiler (clang, gcc, etc.)
 - Linker – Combines object code files into larger files, libraries, or full executables
 - Symbol Resolution – Connects symbol (e.g. function name) to an address
 - C and C++ Traditional Pipeline
 - Code → Preprocessor → Compiler → Assembler → Linker → Execution
 - Preprocessor – Macro based text replacement system
- Interpreted
 - Code → Execution (on interpreter)
 - Interpreter – Program that understands programming language code and executes the commands
- Hybrid
 - Mixed Compiled & Interpreted
 - Compilation – Interpreted language is converted into byte code and executed on Virtual Machine
 - Just-In-Time (JIT) Compilation – Byte code is translated into machine code dynamically

Python to C++ Brief Overview

- Python Types to C++ (close equivalent)

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
bool	bool	
True	true	
False	false	
int	int	Or short , long , etc.
42	42	
0x03	0x03	
0b10	0b10	
034	034	
float	float	
1.2	1.2	
2.3e4	2.3e4	
str	std::string	Must include string header

"Hello"	"Hello"	
'Hello'	"Hello"	
str[i] (or chr())	char	Single character of string.
"X"	'X'	
'X'	'X'	
list	std::vector<type>	Or std::list<> must include header, must be container of specific type.
tuple	std::tuple<...>	Must include header and specify all types of the tuple.
set	std::set<type>	Must include set header and specify the type of the set.
dict	std::map<t1,t2>	Or std::unordered_map , must include header, and specify the mapping types.

- Comparisons, assignment and arithmetic

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
==, !=, <, >, <=, >=	==, !=, <, >, <=, >=	All same.
and	&&, and	C++ allows for and or && for logical and
or	 , or	C++ allows for or , or for logical or
not	!, not	C++ allows for not , or ! for logical not
&	&, bitand	C++ allows for bitand , or & for bitwise and
 	 , bitor	C++ allows for bitor , or for bitwise or
~	~, compl	C++ allows for compl , or ~ for bitwise complement
^	^, xor	C++ allows for xor , or ^ for bitwise exclusive or
= += -= *=	= +=, ++ -=, -- *=	C++ has a special case for adding/decrementing 1.
a *= 5	a *= 5;	
a += 1	a++;	
&= = ^=	&=, and_eq =, or_eq ^=, xor_eq	C++ has two options.
+, -, *	+, -, *	All same.

<code>a = b + 4</code>	<code>a = b + 4;</code>	Don't forget semicolon!
<code>/, //</code> <code>/=, /=</code>	<code>/</code> <code>/=</code>	Division will be done on the type, so integer division will only be done if both operands are integers.
<code>a = b / 3.0</code>	<code>a = b / 3.0;</code>	b can be an integer of float.
<code>a = b // 3</code>	<code>a = b / 3;</code>	Assumes b is an integer.
<code>%</code> <code>%=</code>	<code>%, fmod()</code> <code>%=, = fmod()</code>	Modulus can only be done on integral types in C++, use fmod for floating point modulus. Must include math header for fmod.
<code>a = b % 3</code>	<code>a = b % 3;</code>	Assumes b is an integer.
<code>a = b % 3.0</code>	<code>a = fmod(b, 3.0)</code>	b can be integer of float
<code>**</code>	<code>pow()</code>	Must include math header for pow.
<code>a = b ** c</code>	<code>a = pow(b, c)</code>	

- Control Flow

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
if cond: <i>block</i>	if(cond) { <i>block</i> }	Don't forget the curly braces {}!
if a == b: c = 5	if(a == b) { c = 5; }	
if cond: <i>block1</i> else: <i>block2</i>	if(cond) { <i>block1</i> } else{ <i>block2</i> }	Don't forget the curly braces {}!
if cond1: <i>block1</i> elif cond2: <i>block2</i> else: <i>block3</i>	if(cond1) { <i>block1</i> } else if(cond2) { <i>block2</i> } else{ <i>block3</i> }	Don't forget the curly braces {}!
while cond: <i>block</i>	while(cond) { <i>block</i> }	Don't forget the curly braces {}!
while a < 5: a = a + 1	while(a < 5) { a++; }	

for x in cont: <i>block</i>	for(auto x: cont) { <i>block</i> }	C++11 added range based for loops.
for x in y: x = x + 1	for(auto &a:y) { a++; }	
for x in range(y,z): <i>block</i>	for(int x=y;x<z;x++) { <i>block</i> }	C++11 added range based for loops.
for x in range(0,3): y[x] = 3	for(int x=0;x<3;x++) { y[x]=3; }	

- Functions

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
def foo(<i>parms</i>): <i>block</i> return val	rtype foo(ptype p) { <i>block</i> return val; }	C++ functions need to specify the return type and the type of each parameter.
def foo(x): return x + 4	int foo(int x){ return x + 4; }	

- Misc (Entry Point, and Imports)

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
if __name__=='__main': <i>block</i>	int main(int argc, char *argv[]){ <i>block</i> }	The entry point for C++ is main.

- Parameter Types

Python	C++ (Equivalent)	Notes
<pre>def foo(x): x = 4 return x + 3 y = 5 z = foo(y) # y == 5, z == 7</pre>	<pre>int foo(int x){ x = 4; return x + 3; } ... y = 5; z = foo(y); // y == 5, z == 7</pre>	When basic numeric types are passed, they act like passing a copy of the value in C++.
<pre>def foo(x): x.append(1) y = [2, 3] foo(y) # y == [2, 3, 1]</pre>	<pre>void foo(std::vector< int > &x){ x.push_back(1); } ... std::vector<int> y = {2, 3}; foo(y); // y == {2, 3, 1}</pre>	When a list, or dict, is passed to a function they act like a C++ reference, so modification actually changes the variable argument.