

C++ Basics and Elementary Memory Management



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C++ Structure of Program

◆ Overall structure:

- Comments.
- Preprocessor-related parts : #-directives.
- C/C++ part : statements, declarations or definitions of functions and classes.

◆ A few notes:

- A statement ends with a semicolon (;).
- Blanks (spaces, tabs, newlines) do not affect the meaning, at least in C/C++ parts.

```
// Preprocessor processes #-directives.
#include <iostream>

using namespace std; /* Use std namespace */

int main() {
    cout << "hello_world\n"; // Print hello_world.
    return 0;
}
```

C++ Variables and Data Types

- Fundamental data types

- Integer : `int` (4), `char` (1), `short` (2), `long` (4), `long long` (8)
+ unsigned,
- Boolean : `bool` (1).
- Floating point numbers : `float` (4), `double` (8), `long double` (8).

- Variables

- Variables : specific memory locations (l-value vs. r-value)
- Declaration : `int a; double b = 1.0; char c, d = 'a'; ...`
- Scope : whether the variable is visible (= usable).

```
void MyFunc() {  
    int a = 0, b = 1;  
    {  
        int a = 2, c = 3;  
        cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << ", c = " << c << endl;  
    }  
    cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;  
}
```

Sizes of Data Types

- ◆ the size of an object or type can be obtained using the `sizeof` operator
- ◆ sizes
 - $1 \equiv \text{sizeof}(\text{char}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{short}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long})$
 - $1 \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{bool}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long})$
 - $\text{sizeof}(\text{float}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{double}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long double})$
 - $\text{sizeof}(N) \equiv \text{sizeof}(\text{signed } N) \equiv \text{sizeof}(\text{unsigned } N)$

C++ Constants

- Integer : `123` (123), `0123` (83), `0x123` (291) / `123u`, `123l`, `123ul`.
- Floating-points : `0.1` (d), `0.1f` (f). / `1e3`, `0.3e-9`.
- Character and string literal : `'c'`, `"a string\n"`.
- Boolean : `true`, `false`.

🔗 Defined constants vs. declared constants.

- Defined constant : `#define MY_NUMBER 1.234`
- Declared constant : `const double MY_NUMBER = 1.234;`

C++ Operators

🔗 C++ operators


- Increment/decrement : `++a`, `a++`, `--a`, `a--`.
- Arithmetic : `a + b`, `a - b`, `a * b`, `a / b`, `a % b`, `+a`, `-a`.
- Relational : `a == b`, `a != b`, `a < b`, `a <= b`, `a > b`, `a >= b`.
- Bitwise : `a & b`, `a | b`, `a ^ b`, `~a`, `a >> b`, `a << b`.
- Logical : `a && b`, `a || b`, `!a`.
- Conditional : `a ? b : c`
- (Compound) assignment : `a = b`, `a += b`, `a &&= b`, ...
- Comma : `a, b` (e.g. `a = (b = 3, b + 2);`)
- Other : type casting, `sizeof()`, ...

● Operator precedence.

- Enclose with `()` when not sure.
- Examples
 - `if (i&mask == 0)`
 - `if (0 <= x <= 99)`
 - `if (a = 7)`

Precedence of Operators (1/2)

Display 2.3 Precedence of Operators

::	Scope resolution operator	<i>Highest precedence (done first)</i> 
.	Dot operator	
->	Member selection	
[]	Array indexing	
()	Function call	
++ --	Postfix increment operator (placed after the variable) Postfix decrement operator (placed after the variable)	
++ -- ! - + * & new delete delete[] sizeof ()	Prefix increment operator (placed before the variable) Prefix decrement operator (placed before the variable) Not Unary minus Unary plus Dereference Address of Create (allocate memory) Destroy (deallocate) Destroy array (deallocate) Size of object Type cast	<i>Lower precedence (done later)</i>
* / %	Multiply Divide Remainder (modulo)	
+ -	Addition Subtraction	
<< >>	Insertion operator (console output) Extraction operator (console input)	

Precedence of Operators (2/2)

Display 2.3 Precedence of Operators

All operators in part 2 are of lower precedence than those in part 1.

<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
<hr/>	
==	Equal
!=	Not equal
<hr/>	
&&	And
<hr/>	
	Or

=	Assignment
+=	Add and assign
-=	Subtract and assign
*=	Multiply and assign
/=	Divide and assign
%=	Modulo and assign
<hr/>	
? :	Conditional operator
<hr/>	
throw	Throw an exception
<hr/>	
,	Comma operator

*Lowest precedence
(done last)*

Precedence Examples

◆ Arithmetic before logical

- $x + 1 > 2 \ || \ x + 1 < -3$ means:

- $(x + 1) > 2 \ || \ (x + 1) < -3$

◆ Short-circuit evaluation

- $(x \geq 0) \ \&\& \ (y > 1)$

- Be careful with increment operators!

- $(x > 1) \ \&\& \ (y++)$

◆ Integers as boolean values

- All non-zero values \rightarrow true

- Zero value \rightarrow false

C++ String, Basic Input/Output

- C++ strings

- `#include <string>`
- `std::string empty_str, my_str = "abc", str("def");`
- Many operations are possible including
`my_str += "123" + str.substr(0, 2);`

- C++ iostream

- `#include <iostream>`
- `std::cin, operator >>.`
- `std::cout, std::cerr, operator <<.`

✂ Buffer overflow?

Standard Class string

◆ Defined in library:

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

◆ String variables and expressions

- Treated much like simple types

◆ Can assign, compare, add:

```
string s1, s2, s3;  
s3 = s1 + s2;           // Concatenation  
s3 = "Hello Mom!"      // Assignment
```

- Note c-string "Hello Mom!" automatically converted to string type!

String Examples

Display 9.4 Program Using the Class string

```
1  //Demonstrates the standard class string.
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;

5  int main( )
6  {
7      string phrase;
8      string adjective("fried"), noun("ants");
9      string wish = "Bon appetite!";

10     phrase = "I love " + adjective + " " + noun + "!";
11     cout << phrase << endl
12         << wish << endl;

13     return 0;
14 }
```

Initialized to the empty string.

Two equivalent ways of initializing a string variable

SAMPLE DIALOGUE

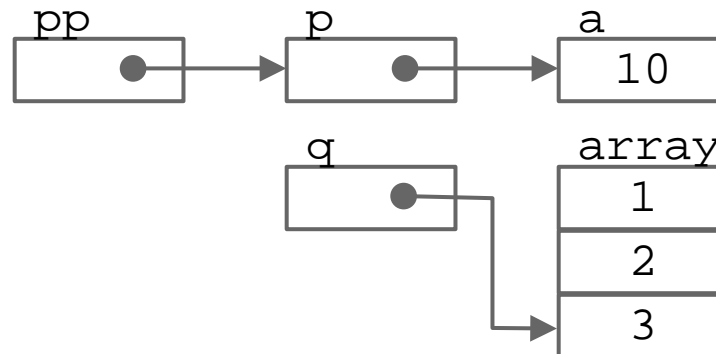
I love fried ants!
Bon appetite!

Pointer

- Pointer : a variable that contains the address of a memory block.
 - Point to a variable, array, struct (class) or function.

```
int a = 10;
int* p = &a;
cout << "*p = " << *p << endl;           // Outputs 10.
*p = 20;
cout << "a = " << a << endl;  // Outputs 20.

int array[3] = { 1, 2, 3 };
p = array;
int* q = &array[2];
int** pp = &p;
cout << "***pp = " << **pp << endl;       // Outputs 1.
pp = &q;
cout << "***pp = " << **pp << endl;       // Outputs 3
```



Pointer Example

Display 10.2 Basic Pointer Manipulations

```
1  //Program to demonstrate pointers and dynamic variables.
2  #include <iostream>
3  using std::cout;
4  using std::endl;

5  int main()
6  {
7      int *p1, *p2;

8      p1 = new int;
9      *p1 = 42;
10     p2 = p1;
11     cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;
12     cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;

13     *p2 = 53;
14     cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;
15     cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;
```

Pointer Example

```
16     p1 = new int;  
17     *p1 = 88;  
18     cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;  
19     cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;  
  
20     cout << "Hope you got the point of this example!\n";  
21     return 0;  
22 }
```

SAMPLE DIALOGUE

```
*p1 == 42  
*p2 == 42  
*p1 == 53  
*p2 == 53  
*p1 == 88  
*p2 == 53  
Hope you got the point of this example!
```

C malloc / free

- Allocate and deallocate memory block.
 - Example: C arrays are with fixed sizes.
 - How can we use variable size array?

```
void TestFunction(int n) {  
    int fixed_size_array[20];  
    int variable_size_array[n]; // Compile error.  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
        cout << fixed_size_array[i] << ", " // SEGFAULT if n > 20.  
            << variable_size_array[i];  
    }  
}
```


C malloc / free

- Allocate and deallocate memory block.
 - Example: C arrays are with fixed sizes.
 - Use malloc/free to manage memory allocation.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void TestFunction(int n) {
    int* variable_size_array = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        cout << variable_size_array[i] << endl;
    }
    free(variable_size_array);
}
```

- `malloc(n)` : allocates n bytes of memory block and return the pointer to the block.
- `free(ptr)` : deallocates the allocated memory block.

C malloc / free

- What happens if allocated blocks are not freed?
- Memory leak : an allocated but unused memory is not returned to OS.
 - Usually happens when the pointer to it gets lost.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void TestFunction(int n) {
    double* another_array = (double*) malloc(sizeof(double) * n);

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        int* variable_size_array = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * n);
        cin >> another_array[i]
            >> variable_size_array[i];
        // free(variable_size_array);
    }
    another_array = (double*) malloc(sizeof(double) * n);
    free(another_array);
}
```

C++ new / delete

☞ C++ has `new` and `delete` operators built-in.

- `new` : creates an instance of the class(type).
- `delete` : destructs an instance created by `new`.
- `new []` : creates an array of instances of the class.
- `delete[]` : destructs an object array created by `new[]`.

	One instance	Array
Allocate	<code>new</code>	<code>new []</code>
Deallocate	<code>delete</code>	<code>delete[]</code>

C++ new / delete

◆ C- and C++-version of the previous example.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void TestFunction(int n) {
    int* int_instance = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
    int* variable_size_array = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * n);

    *int_instance = 10;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) cin >> variable_size_array[i];

    free(int_instance);
    free(variable_size_array);
}
```

```
void TestFunction(int n) {
    int* int_instance = new int;
    int* variable_size_array = new int[n];

    *int_instance = 10;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) cin >> variable_size_array[i];

    delete int_instance;
    delete[] variable_size_array;
}
```

