

C++ Basics



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C and C++





C Programming Language

- High-level general-purpose language developed in 1972 at AT&T
 Bell Lab by Dennis Ritchie from two previous programming BCPL and B
- Originally developed to write the UNIX operating system.
- Hardware independent (portable).
- \circ By late 1970's $\mathbb C$ had evolved to "Traditional $\mathbb C$ "
- The current standard in C is ANSI C.
- C++ is a more advanced version of C, incorporating among other things, the object-oriented constructs.



C Programming Language

- Standardization
 - Many slight variations of C existed, and were incompatible
 - Committee formed to create a "unambiguous, machine-independent" definition
 - Standard created in 1989, updated in 1999
 - C has become a popular language industry due its power and flexibility



The C Standard Library

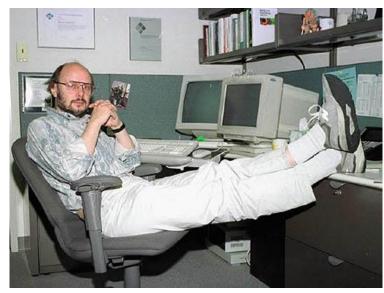
- C programs consist of pieces/modules called functions
 - A programmer can create his own functions
 - Advantage: the programmer knows exactly how it works
 - Disadvantage: time consuming
 - Programmers will often use the C library functions
 - Use these as building blocks
 - Avoid re-inventing the wheel
 - If a pre-made function exists, generally best to use it rather than write your own
 - Library functions carefully written, efficient, and portable



Origins of the C++ Language

- C is somewhere in between the two extremes of a high-level language and a low-level language.
 - strength
 - weakness
- Bjarne Stroustrup (AT&T Bell Labs) developed
 C++ in early 1980s.
 - the 2018 winner of the **Charles Stark Draper Prize for Engineering**, "for conceptualizing and developing the C++ programming language".
- C++: better C (C with Classes).
- Most of C is subset of C++.







Origins of the C++ Language

- 1985: first commercial implementation released
- 1989: C++ version 2.0
- 1998: C++98 (standardizing version)
- 2003: C++03 (minor update)
- 2011: C++11 (adding numerous features)
- 2014: C++14 (minor update)
- o 2017: C++17
- o 2020: C++20



Reading

Stroustrup'S FAQ:

http://www.stroustrup.com/bs faq.html#invention





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C++ Terminology

- Functions: procedure-like entities
 - procedures, methods, functions, subprograms
- Program: a function called main.





A Sample C++ Program

```
//Text-printing program
#include <iostream>
//function main begins program execution
//using namespace std;
int main()
     std::cout << "Welcome to C++!\n"; //display message</pre>
     return 0; //indicate that program ended successfully
} //end function main
```



Comments

- Comments are for the reader, not the compiler
- Two types:
 - Single line

```
// This is a C++ program. It prints the sentence:
// Welcome to C++ Programming.
```

Multiple lines

```
/*
   You can include comments that can
   occupy several lines.
*/
```



Another Sample C++ Program

```
#include <iostream>
    int main()
4 ₩
           int numberofLanguages;
 5
           std::cout << "Hello.\n"
                 << "Welcome to C++.\n";
           std::cout << "How many programming languages have you used? ";</pre>
           std::cin >> numberofLanguages;
11
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           if (numberofLanguages < 1)</pre>
13
                 std::cout << "Please read the preface carefully.\n";</pre>
14
           else
15
                 std::cout << "Enjoy the book.\n";</pre>
16
17
           return 0;
18
19 ▲
```



Layout of a Simple C++ Program

```
#include <iostream>
 3
    int main()
 4 ₩
           Variable_Declarations;
 5
 6
           Statement_1;
           Statement_2;
 8
 9
10
           . . .
11
           Statement_n;
12
13
           return 0;
14
15 ▲
```



Variables, Expressions, Assignment Statements

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Identifiers

- Name of an item be declared or defined in a program.
- Consist of letters, digits, and the underscore character (_)
- Must begin with a letter or underscore
 - Avoid starting with the underscore for informally being reserved for system,...
- C++ is case-sensitive
 - NUMBER is not the same as number
- Some predefined identifiers are main, cout and cin
- Unlike reserved words, predefined identifiers may be redefined, but it is not a good idea.



Identifiers

- Legal identifiers in C++:
 - first
 - conversion
 - payRate
- Illegal identifiers in C++:

Illegal Identifier	Description
employee Salary	There can be no space between employee and Salary.
Hello!	The exclamation mark cannot be used in an identifier.
one+two	The symbol + cannot be used in an identifier.
2nd	An identifier cannot begin with a digit.



Identifiers

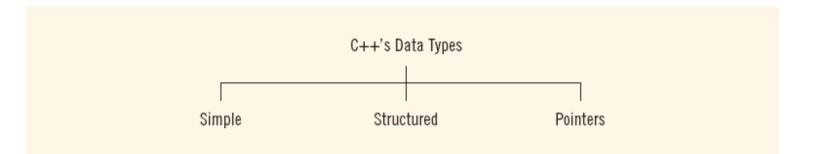
- Special classes of identifiers: keywords, reserved words.
- Examples:
 - auto, bool, break, case, const
 - ..

- More keywords in Appendix 1
 - Ref: https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/keyword
 - Ref: https://www.w3schools.in/cplusplus-tutorial/keywords/



Data Types

- Data type: set of values together with a set of operations
- C++ data types fall into three categories:
 - Simple
 - Structured
 - Pointer



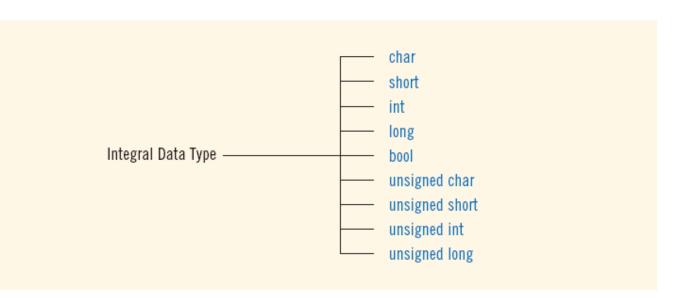


- Three categories of simple data
 - Integral: integers (numbers without a decimal)
 - Floating-point: decimal numbers
 - Enumeration type: user-defined data type





- Integral data types
 - char
 - short
 - int
 - long
 - bool
 - unsigned char
 - unsigned short
 - unsigned int
 - unsigned long





- Floating-point data types: float, double, long double
 - float: single precision
 - double: double precision

C++ uses scientific notation to represent *real* numbers (floating-point

notation)

Real Number	C++ Floating-Point Notation	
75.924	7.592400E1	
0.18	1.800000E-1	
0.0000453	4.530000E-5	
-1.482	-1.482000E0	
7800.0	7.800000E3	

Different compilers
 (systems) may allow
 different ranges of
 values.

TYPE NAME	MEMORY USED	SIZE RANGE	PRECISION
short (also called short int)	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767	Not applicable
int	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	Not applicable
long (also called long int)	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	Not applicable
float	4 bytes	approximately 10 ⁻³⁸ to 10 ³⁸	7 digits
double	8 bytes	approximately 10 ⁻³⁰⁸ to 10 ³⁰⁸	15 digits
long double	10 bytes	approximately 10 ⁻⁴⁹³² to 10 ⁴⁹³²	19 digits
char	1 byte	All ASCII characters (Can also be used as an integer type, although we do not recommend doing so.)	Not applicable
bool	1 byte	true, false	Not applicable



- C++11 Fixed-Width Integer Types
- o Including <cstdint>

TYPE NAME	MEMORY USED	SIZE RANGE
int8_t	1 byte	–128 to 127
uint8_t	1 byte	0 to 255
int16_t	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
uint16_t	2 bytes	0 to 65,535
int32_t	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
uint32_t	4 bytes	0 to 4,294,967,295
int64_t	8 bytes	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
uint64_t	8 bytes	0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615
long long	At least 8 bytes	



bool Data Type

- o bool type
 - Two values: true and false
 - Manipulate logical (Boolean) expressions
- true and false are called logical values
- bool, true, and false are reserved words.



char Data Type

- The smallest integral data type
- Used for characters: letters, digits, and special symbols
- Each character is enclosed in single quotes
 - 'A', 'a', '0', '*', '+', '\$', '&'
- A blank space is a character and is written ' ', with a space left between the single quotes.





Arithmetic Operators

- C++ arithmetic operators:
 - + addition
 - subtraction
 - * multiplication
 - / division
 - % modulus operator
- +, -, *, and / can be used with integral and floating-point data types
- Operators can be unary or binary



Arithmetic Operators

C++ operation	C++ arithmetic operator	Algebraic expression	C++ expression
Addition	+	f + 7	f + 7
Subtraction	-	p-c	р - с
Multiplication	*	bm or b + m	b * m
Division	/	x/y or $\frac{x}{y}$ or $x \div y$	x / y
Modulus	%	r mod s	r % s



Arithmetic Operators

- Rules of operator precedence
 - Same manner as in algebraic expressions
 - Operators in parentheses evaluated first
 - Nested/embedded parentheses
 - Operators in innermost pair first
 - Multiplication, division, modulus applied next
 - Operators applied from left to right
 - Addition, subtraction applied last
 - Operators applied from left to right



Variables

- Location in memory where value can be stored
- Declare variables with name and data type before use.
 - int integer1;
 - int integer2;
 - float sum;
 - int numberofBeans;
- Can declare several variables of same type in one declaration (Comma-separated list)
 - int num1, num2, count;
 - double oneWeight, totalWeight;



Variable Declarations

Syntax:

```
Type_Name Variable_Name_1, Variable_Name_2,..;
```

o Examples:

```
int count, numberofDragons, numberofTrolls;
double distance;
```



- To change the value of a variable.
- Equal sign (=) used as the assignment operator.

Syntax:

- Expression can be a variable, a number or a more complicated expression (made up of variables, numbers, operators, function invocations,..)
- Expression is evaluated and its value is assigned to the variable on the left side.



Examples:

```
distance = rate * time;
count = count + 2;
```



More Examples:

```
int num1, num2;
double sale;
char first;
string str;
num1 = 4;
num2 = 4 * 5 - 11;
sale = 0.02 * 1000;
first = 'D';
str = "It is a sunny day.";
```



More Examples:

```
int num1, num2;
int num3;

num1 = 18;
num2 = num1 + 27;
num2 = num1;
num3 = num2 / 5;
num3 = num3 / 4;
```



Assignment Statements

- Assignment statements can be used as expressions.
 - DO NOT use (coding errors).
- o Examples:
 - n = (m = 2);
 - n = m = 2;



Named Constant

- Named constant: memory location whose content cannot change during execution.
- The syntax to declare a named constant is:

```
const dataType identifier = value;
```

- const is a reserved word
- o Examples:
 - const double CONVERSION = 2.54;
 - const int NO OF STUDENTS = 20;
 - const char BLANK = ' ';
 - const double PAY RATE = 15.75;



Initializing Variables in Declarations

Syntax:

Examples:

```
int count(0), limit(10);
double distance(999.99);
```



More Statement Assignments

Syntax:

```
variable Operator = Expression
variable = variable Operation Expression
```

o Examples:

```
count += 2;
total -= discount;
bonus *= 2;
time /= rushFactor;
change %= 100;
amount *= cnt1 + cnt2;
```



Assignment Compatibility

 General rule: cannot store a value of one type in a variable of another type.

o Errors?

```
int intVar;
intVar = 2.99; //2.99 is of type double.
```

• Depends on *compilers*.



Assignment Compatibility

- o int to double:
 - double doubleVar;
 - doubleVar = 2;

- integers and Booleans:
 - int values can be assigned to bool type.
 - nonzero: true; zero: false
 - bool values can be assigned to int type.
 - true: 1; false: 0.



Type cast: changing a value of one type to a value of another type.

- Implicit type coercion: when value of one type is automatically changed to another type
 - double d = 5; //converting 5 to 5.0
 - int t = 5/2; //value of t?
 - double res = 5.0/2; //value of res?
- Cast operator: provides explicit type conversion



- Four kinds of type casting:
 - static cast<Type> (Expression)
 - const cast<Type> (Expression)
 - dynamic_cast<Type> (Expression)
 - reinterpret_cast<Type> (Expression)





Expression Evaluates to static cast<int>(7.9) static cast<int>(3.3) static cast<double>(25) 25.0 static cast<double>(5+3) = static cast<double>(8) = 8.0 static cast<double>(15) / 2 =15.0/2(because static cast<double>(15) = 15.0) =15.0/2.0=7.5static cast<double>(15/2) = static cast<double> (7) (because 15 / 2 = 7) = 7.0static cast<int>(7.8 + static cast<double>(15) / 2) = static cast<int>(7.8+7.5) = static cast<int>(15.3) = 15static cast<int>(7.8 + static cast<double>(15/2)) = static cast<int>(7.8 + 7.0) = static cast<int>(14.8)

= 14



Example 01:

```
int i1 = 4, i2 = 8;
std::cout << i1 / i2 << std::endl;
std::cout << (double)i1 / i2 << std::endl;
std::cout << i1 / (double)i2 << std::endl;
std::cout << (double) (i1 / i2) << std::endl;</pre>
```

Example 02:

```
double d1 = 5.5, d2 = 6.6;
std::cout << (int)d1 / i2 << std::endl;
std::cout << (int) (d1 / i2) << std::endl;
d1 = i1;
std::cout << d1 << std::endl;
i2 = d2;
std::cout << i2 << std::endl;</pre>
```



Increment and Decrement Operators

- Increment operator: increment variable by 1
 - Pre-increment: ++variable
 - **Post-increment:** variable++
- Decrement operator: decrement variable by 1
 - Pre-decrement: --variable
 - **Post-decrement:** variable—
- What is the difference between the following?

$$x = 5;$$

 $y = ++x;$

$$x = 5;$$

 $y = x++;$



Increment and Decrement Operators

 \circ n++: first returns the value of n; then the value of n is increased by 1.

 \circ ++n: first the value of n is increased by 1; the returns the value of increased n.

- \circ n--: first returns the value of n; then the value of n is decreased by 1.
- \circ --n: first the value of n is decreased by 1; the returns the value of decreased n.
- Only applied to a single variable. Others (e.g, (x + y) ++, 5++, ...) are illegal.



Console Input/Output

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Console Input/Output

O Using these objects: std::cin, std::cout, std::cerr of iostream

Declaring before use:

#include <iostream>



Input

 Data must be loaded into main memory before it can be manipulated

- Storing data in memory is a two-step process:
 - Instruct computer to allocate memory
 - Include statements to put data into memory



Input Using std::cin

- std::cin is used with >> to gather input
- The stream **extraction operator** is >>
- Using more than one variable in std::cin allows more than one value to be read at a time
- Examples:

```
std::cin >> miles;
std::cin >> numberofLanguages;
std::cin
            >> dragrons >> trolls;
            >> dragrons
 std::cin
      >> trolls;
```



Input Using std::cin

o std::in stops when getting white spaces.

o Try to use function getline of std::cin.





Input Using std::cin

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
int main()
     char name[80];
      std::cout << "Input your name: ";</pre>
     std::cin.getline(name, 80);
      std::cout << "Your name is " << name << "\n";</pre>
     return 0;
```



Any combinations of variables and strings can be output.

- std::cout is used with << to output.
- The stream **insertion operator** is <<
- Expression evaluated and its value is printed at the current cursor position on the screen.



- \circ The new line character is '\n'. May appear anywhere in the string.
- o std::endl causes insertion point to move to beginning of next line.



Commonly used escape sequences:

	Escape Sequence	Description
\n	Newline	Cursor moves to the beginning of the next line
\t	Tab	Cursor moves to the next tab stop
\b	Backspace	Cursor moves one space to the left
\r	Return	Cursor moves to the beginning of the current line (not the next line)
\\	Backslash	Backslash is printed
\'	Single quotation	Single quotation mark is printed
\ "	Double quotation	Double quotation mark is printed



Formatting for Numbers:

```
std::cout.setf(std::ios::fixed);
std::cout.setf(std::ios::showpoint);
std::cout.precision(2);

std::cout.setf(std::ios::fixed);
std::cout.setf(std::ios::showpoint);
std::cout.precision(2);

std::cout << 7.9999 << " " << 10.5 << std::endl;</pre>
```

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File Input

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Reading From a Text File

- o using std::ifstream.
 - Open file for reading: open
 - Close file after reading: close
 - Take input (same as cin, extractor operator): >>
- o including fstream





Examples

```
#include <iostream>
    #include <fstream>
    int main()
 5 ▼
          std::ifstream fIn;
 6
          fIn.open("Data01.txt");
 8
          if (fIn.is_open() == false)
           {
10 ▼
                 std::cout << "File does not exist" << std::endl;</pre>
11
                 return 1;
12
           }
13 ▲
14
          int N, i;
15
          int A[100];
16
17
          fIn >> N;
18
          for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
19
                 fIn >> A[i];
20
          for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
                 std::cout << A[i] << "\t";
           std::cout << "\n";
24
          fIn.close();
26
           std::cout << "Done\n";</pre>
27
           return 0;
28
29 ▲ }
```



Program Style

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Program Style

- Every C++ program has a function main
- All C++ statements end with a semicolon
- o { and } are not C++ statements
- Follow the syntax rules
- Commas separate items in a list





Program Style

- Identifiers can be self-documenting:
 - CENTIMETERS PER INCH
- Avoid run-together words :
 - annualsale
 - Solution:
 - Capitalize the beginning of each new word
 - annualSale
 - Inserting an underscore just before a new word
 - annual_sale



Use of Blanks

Use one or more blanks to separate numbers when data is input.

 Used to separate reserved words and identifiers from each other and from other symbols.

Must never appear within a reserved word or identifier.



Prompt Lines

 Prompt lines: executable statements that inform the user what to do.



Documentation

- A well-documented program is easier to understand and modify
- You use comments to document programs
- Comments should appear in a program to:
 - Explain the purpose of the program
 - Identify who wrote it
 - Explain the purpose of particular statements



Syntax Errors

Errors in syntax are found in compilation



Reading

Programming Convention





Libraries and Namespaces

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Libraries

- C++ has a small number of operations
- Many functions and symbols needed to run a C++ program are provided as collection of libraries.
- Every library has a name and is referred to by a header file.
- Preprocessor directives are commands supplied to the preprocessor
- All preprocessor commands begin with #
- No semicolon at the end of these commands.



Libraries

- C++ includes a number of standard libraries.
 - Ref: Appendix 4
- Using preprocessor directive include:
 - #include <Library Name>
 - #include <Header File>

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
#include <string>
```



- A **namespace** is a collection of name definitions.
- In modern C++, all of the functionality in the C++ standard library is defined inside namespace std.

Using the definitions, insert the using directive.

```
using namespace std;
using std::cin;
using std::endl;
```



o cin and cout are declared in the header file iostream, but within std namespace.

To use cin and cout in a program, use the following two statements:

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



Best practice:

 Use explicit namespace prefixes to access identifiers defined in a namespace.

O Warning:

 Many texts, tutorials, and even some compilers recommend or use a using directive at the top of the program. However, used in this way, this is a bad practice, and highly discouraged.



An error example:

```
#include <iostream> // imports the declaration of std::cout
using namespace std; // makes std::cout accessible as "cout"
int cout() // declares our own "cout" function
{
    return 5;
}
int main()
{
    cout << "Hello, world!"; // Compile error!
    return 0;
}</pre>
```



A good example:

```
#include <iostream> // imports the declaration of std::cout

//using namespace std; // makes std::cout accessible as "cout"
int cout() // declares our own "cout" function

{
    return 5;
}
int main()
{
    std::cout << "Hello, world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```



```
#include <iostream>
namespace test{
    void cout()
        std::cout << "inside test::cout" << std::endl;</pre>
int main()
    std::cout << "Hello World" << std::endl;</pre>
    test::cout();
    return 0;
```



Programming Example

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Programming Example

- Write a program that takes as input a given length expressed in feet and inches
 - Convert and output the length in centimeters
- Input: length in feet and inches
- Output: equivalent length in centimeters
- Lengths are given in feet and inches
- Program computes the equivalent length in centimeters
- One foot is equal to 12 inches.
- One inch is equal to 2.54 centimeters.



Questions and Answers

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