

CSCI 200: Foundational Programming Concepts & Design



C++ Language & Syntax

On Tap For Today



- A C++ Program

First, think about context



- Brown bear
 - Bear the weight
 - Bear Bryant
 - Bearing a tray
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- Human language is highly “context dependent”

Programming languages



- Are context free

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main() {

    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;

    return 0;

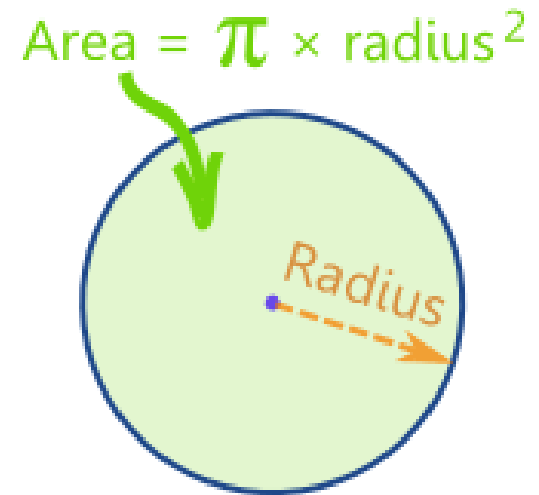
}
```

Syntax Examples



- C++
 - `area = 3.14*(diameter/2)*(diameter/2)`
- Matlab
 - `area = pi*((diameter/2)^2)`
- Python
 - `area = 3.14*((diameter/2)**2)`
- Basic
 - `let a=3.14*(d/2)*(d/2)`

• **Structure + rules**
=> programming syntax



int main()



- All C++ programs start with and must include `main()`
- Why?
 - What does your program do?
 - Whatever is in the code block following `main()`

My first program!



- { all the code in between the curly braces is a code block }

```
int main() {  
    return 0;  
}
```

Preprocessing Directives



- Other things (aka “libraries” or files) your program will use
 - e.g. math functions, input/output, graphics

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <cmath>
```

- “Computer, my program is using functions from the `iostream` and `math` libraries”


Comments in a Program



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

int main() {
    // what is the meaning of life?
    cout << "42" << endl;
    cout << 42 << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Hey look! This line is a comment! It starts with `//` so we know the computer will ignore it



Comments in a Program



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

int main() {
    // what is the meaning of life?
    cout << "42" << endl; // string
    cout << 42 << endl;    // int
    return 0;
}
```

Comments in a Program



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

int main() {
    /*
     * what is
     * the meaning of life?
     */
    cout << "42" << endl;
    cout << 42 << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

C++ Program Flow



```
// preprocessing directive
```

```
#include <someLibrary>
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    variable declarations;
```

```
    statements;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Computer starts at
main() and goes down
line by line

Semicolons ;



- Like a period at the end of a sentence.
- EXCEPT for (most) preprocessing directives (they're special)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
cout << "Hi" << endl;
cout << "Bye" << endl;
```

No semicolon

Semicolon!

Semicolons ;



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cout << "Hi" << endl; cout << "Bye"  
<< endl;
```