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and allows code to be reused, lowering development costs.

C++ is portable and can be used to develop applications that can be adapted to multiple platforms.

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Difference between C and C++

C++ was developed as an extension of C, and both languages have almost the same syntax.

The main difference between C and C++ is that C++ supports classes and objects, while C does not.

C++ Get Started :

To start using C++, you need main two things :

- A text editor, like Notepad, to write C++ code.
- A compiler, like GCC, to translate the C++ code into a language that the computer will understand.

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C++ Syntax :

Example ↴

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

```
int main () {
```

```
    cout << "Hello World!";
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

C++ Output:

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practice Example ↴

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```
int main ()
```

```
{
```

```
cout << "Hello World!";
```

```
cout << "I am learning C++";
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

C++ Comments :

Comments can be used to explain C++ code, and to make it more readable. It can also be used to prevent execution when testing alternative code. Comments can be single-lined or Multi-lined.

Single-line Comments :

Single-line comments start with two forward slashes (//).

Any text between // and the end of the line is ignored by the compiler.

This example uses a single-line comment before a line of code:

Example ↴

```
// This is a comment
cout << "Hello World!";
```

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Multi-line Comments :

Multi-line comments start with `/*` and ends with `*/`.

Any text between `/*` and `*/` will be ignored by the compiler:

Example ↴

```
/* The code below will print the words
Hello World!
```

```
to the screen, and it is amazing
```

```
*/
```

```
cout << "Hello World!";
```

C++ Variables :

Variables are containers for storing data values.

In C++, there are different types of variables
For example:

- `int` → Stores integers (whole numbers), without decimals, such as 123 or -123

- `double` → Stores floating point numbers, with decimals, such as 19.99 or -19.99

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• **char** → Stores single characters, such as 'a' or 'B'. Char values are surrounded by single quotes.

• **String** → Stores text, such as "Hello World!". String values are surrounded by double quotes.

• **bool** → Stores values with two states: true or false.

Declaring Variables:

To create a variable, specify the type and assign it a value:

Syntax ↴

```
type variableName = value;
```

Example ↴

Create a variable called myNum of type **int** and assign it the value 15:

```
int myNum = 15;
```

```
cout << myNum;
```