

Numerical Simulations II - WS18/19 Chapter 1 - First steps in C++



Hello World

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 * Author: goetz
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Defining the *namespace* (*std* for standard), we can leave away the *scope resolution* (std::) operator. Your typical program in the beginning will always have the line using namespace std;



C++ is a typed language

Each variable has to declared before using it.

A declaration has to specify the datatype. The declaration may also assign a value to the variable.

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C++ itself is a small language

alignas (since C++11)	enum	return
alignof (since C++11)	explicit	short
and	export	signed
and_eq	extern	sizeof
asm	false	static
auto(1)	float	static_assert(since C++11)
bitand	for	static_cast
bitor	friend	struct
bool	goto	switch
break	if	template
case	inline	this
catch	int	thread_local(since C++11)
char	long	throw
char16_t(since C++11)	mutable	true
char32_t(since C++11)	namespace	try
class	new	typedef
compl	noexcept(since C++11)	typeid
const	not	typename
constexpr(since C++11)	not_eq	union
const_cast	nullptr (since C++11)	unsigned
continue	operator	using(1)
decltype(since C++11)	or	virtual
default(1)	or_eq	void
delete(1)	private	volatile
do	protected	wchar_t
double	public	while
dynamic_cast	register	xor
else	reinterpret_cast	xor_eq

cppreference.com



What types are there in C++?

- C++ brings along several built in datatypes:
- Datatypes for integers: bool, char, short, int, long int
- Datatypes for floating point numbers: float, double, long double
- Complex numbers: complex<float>, complex<double>, complex<int>
 via the complex class of the Standard Template Library (STL)
- Strings: Datatype string available via the string class of the STL
- There are many other C++ datatypes, mostly from the STL
- We can (and will) define our own datatypes (structs and classes)



Why does C++ require typing?

- The idea behind typing:
- Knowing the datatype of a variable, the compiler knows which operations are permitted and which are not.

Examples:

- int a=2; int b=3; int c; c=a+b; This is fine.
- int a=2; double b=3.3; int c; c = a + b;

This will be rejected by the compiler. We try to assign a double value to an integer variable. Obviously the result will be inaccurate.

We can do this, but we will have to tell the compiler that we really want this!

- ▶ C++ performs tight type checking at compile time (and only then, contrary to e.g. Java).
- Doly if all operations are defined and all datatypes are correct, the program will compile successfully. In this way the compiler makes sure, that the program will run.
- This does not mean the program is going to be correct... and there is a way to manipulate type-checking (using void-pointers, more on them later)



From source code to binary

- To obtain a running binary file, we have to compile our source code
- C++ sources usually have file extension: .cc , .C, .CC, .cxx, .cpp
- We will use the C++ compiler from GCC (GNU Compiler Collection) called g++
- Most simple compiler command:
 - g++ sourcefile.cxx -o prog1
 - This will compile sourcefile.cxx into a binary with the name prog1 (note, different from Windows, there is no file extension like .exe indicating that this is an executable file)
- Additional options might be:
 - g++ sourcefile.cxx -o prog1 -Wall -ansi -g
 - -Wall: Show all warnings, -ansi: reject usage of g++ extensions not matching ISO standard, -g: include debug information



A hand full of operators

- "C++ Operators can manipulate, process and create objects" is the most general statement you can make about operators. The full implications of this will become clear later.
- We keep it simple first: Operators for numerical datatypes.
 - For variables of types short, int, float, double, ... there are the obvious operators +, -, /, * and = , e.g. : double a=1; double b,c; b=a; c = a + 2*b;
 - Furthermore there are operators +=, -=, *=, /=, which manipulate a variable: d += 2; // i.e. d -> d + 2, equivalent result is obtained from d = d+2; c *=d; // i.e. c -> c*d, equivalent result would come from c = c*d; These operators are shortcuts and should be used wherever possible!
 - The comparison operator to check whether two numbers are equal is == (and not = !!)
 - For integer datatypes (short, int,...) there are additional operators ++ and -: int i=1; i++; // equiv. to i +=1; and i = i + 1; , but quicker than both



```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    int i,j=1; // i created, j created and set to 1 (only j, not i!)
    double ratio;
    j++; // after this j = 2
    i = 11;
    i=j; // after this j=2, i=9
    int r = i/j; // Careful!
                 // Integer division, 9/2 \rightarrow 4, i.e. r = 4
    ratio = i/j; // Again integer division!! ration will have value 4,
                 // not 4.5, even though ratio is of type double
    ratio = 9/2; // Yields 4, since 9 and 2 are integer numbers
    ratio = 9/2.0; // This gives ratio = 4.5, since 2.0 is interpreted as
                   // floating point number
    ratio *= 2*(i+j); // i=2, j=9 \rightarrow ratio becomes 99
    cout << "ratio = " << ratio << ", r = " << r << endl;
    return 0;
```



Expressions and conditional statements

- Expressions are instructions that compare two objects and return either true or false
- Typically we will mostly need: >, >= , <, <=, == (equal) , != (unequal), && (and), ! (not) and || (or)</p>
- Conditional statements are if-else, while, do-while, for and switch

```
if (expression)
   statement
else
   statement
```

if (expression)

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if (expression)
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    if (expression)
        statement
    else
        statement
```

statement may either be a single line of code or a block of code enclosed by brackets { ... }:

```
if (a==b)
    cout << "A = B" << endl;
else
    cout << "A is not equal to B" << endl;

if (a>b){
    a -=b;
    a /=b;
}
else{
    a +=b;
    a *=b;
}
```



for - loops

```
int i;
for(i=1; i<10; i++){
    cout << i << endl;
}</pre>
A for-loop always has the structure
for(initialization; condition; step)
statement
```

Usually we define the counter-variable within the initialization of the loop.
 If the loop body just contains a single statement, we may leave away the brackets

```
for(int i=1; i<10; i++)
    cout << i << endl;</pre>
```

Usually counters have the names i,j,k. Their values can be changed within the loop body, but great care needs to be taken!

```
for(int i=1; i<10; i++){
    i += 1;
    cout << i << endl;
}</pre>
```

Counters don't have to be integers

```
double x=0, dx=0.1;
for(double x=0; x<10; x+=dx)
    cout << x << "\t " << sin(x) << endl;</pre>
```



for - loops

We can also go backwards in a for-loop

```
for(int i=10; i>0; i--){
    cout << i << endl;
}</pre>
```

■ With the break command, we can exit the for loop prematurely

```
int i,j= 10;
for(i=0; i<100; i++){
    if (i==j) break;
    cout << i << endl;
}
cout << "j is " << i << endl;</pre>
```

Using the continue command, we can skip a part of the for loop

```
for(int i=0; i<10; i++){
    (something to be done for all i)
    if (i==j) continue;
    (something to be done just for i unequal to j )
}</pre>
```



Reading data from the console

```
// Example: Sum of first N integers,
// where N is read from console
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    int N,sum=0;
    cout << "N = ";
    cin >> N; // Value of N is read from console
    cout << "N = " << N << endl;</pre>
    for(int i=1; i<=N; i++) sum+= i;
    cout << "sum = " << sum << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
}
```

The commands (actually they are objects) cin and cout come from the C++ extension iostream, hence we have to include this here



Includes

- The pre-processor command #include <...> allows access to all extensions of C++
- A few of them are:
 - iostream , for input and output from and to console
 - fstream , for file-IO
 - cmath, math functions (trigonometric functions, sqrt, pow, exp, ...)
 - complex , complex numbers
 - vector, vectors
 - string, strings
 - sstream, string streams, good for manipulating strings
- #include <...> commands tell the pre-processor to look for a header-file (common extension are .h, .hxx, .hpp, .H) in a specific directory (typically /usr/include/c++/...) and copy it's contents into the source file where the #include command stands. Only after this insertion the compiler will start its work.



Header file example - iostream

 The header-file contains information about the commands which are available and how they can be used (details later, when we talk about functions)

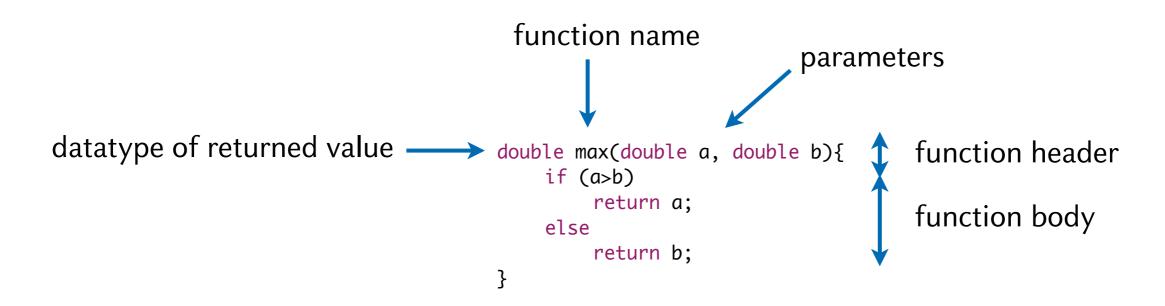
```
//@{
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard input
/** @file iostream
                                                          extern istream cin;
 * This is a Standard C++ Library header.
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard output
                                                          extern ostream cout;
                                                          extern ostream cerr;
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard error (unbuffered)
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard error (buffered)
                                                          extern ostream cloq;
//
// ISO C++ 14882: 27.3 Standard iostream objects
                                                        #ifdef _GLIBCXX_USE_WCHAR_T
                                                          extern wistream wcin;
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard input
//
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard output
                                                          extern wostream wcout;
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard error (unbuffered)
#ifndef _GLIBCXX_IOSTREAM
                                                          extern wostream wcerr;
                                                                                        ///< Linked to standard error (buffered)
#define _GLIBCXX_IOSTREAM 1
                                                          extern wostream wclog;
                                                        #endif
                                                          //@}
#pragma GCC system_header
                                                         // For construction of filebuffers for cout, cin, cerr, clog et. al.
#include <bits/c++config.h>
                                                          static ios_base::Init __ioinit;
#include <ostream>
#include <istream>
                                                        _GLIBCXX_END_NAMESPACE
_GLIBCXX_BEGIN_NAMESPACE(std)
                                                        #endif /* _GLIBCXX_IOSTREAM */
```

You might see code with includes like this: #include <math.h>.
These header files are for C, not C++. In most cases they will work, but it is in general safer to use the C++ version (i.e. #include <cmath>)



Functions

- In C++ can structure our programs by putting some of our code into functions, which will then be called from the *main*-function or other functions
- In C++ a function is specified by its
- name
- parameter(s)
- return value
- Each C++ function can only have one return value





Functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
double max(double a, double b){
     if (a>b)
          return a;
     else
          return b;
}
int main(){
     double a=3;
     double b=5;
     double c=7;
     double m;
    m = max(a,b);
     cout << {\rm ''Max}\{a,b\} = {\rm ''} << {\rm m} << {\rm endl};
     m = max(c,m);
     cout << {\rm Max}\{a,b,c\} = {\rm Max}\{a,b,c\}
     return 0;
}
```

- Code for functions may be inserted above the main-function
- Parameters are identified by position and not by name
- Variables for parameters may have the same name inside the function, but there is no need for this (although it can make things easier to read)
- A function is only uniquely identified by the name and the parameters
- If there were a second function with the name max but with other parameters it would be a different function!
- Having several functions with the same name, but different parameter types is known as function overloading



Functions

Running this codes results in the output:

```
int version...
double version...
int version...
```

Compiling with the line md = max(h,a); included the compiler tells us:

```
../BasicFunctions.cxx: In function 'int main()':
../BasicFunctions.cxx:30: error: call of overloaded 'max(int&, double&)' is ambiguous
../BasicFunctions.cxx:5: note: candidates are: double max(double, double)
../BasicFunctions.cxx:13: note: int max(int, int)
```

- Explicit casting of the integer h into a double works:
 md = max(double(h) ,a);
 - The double version will be used now

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
double max(double m, double n){
    cout << "double version..." << endl;</pre>
    if (m>n)
         return m;
    else
         return n;
int max(int m,int n){
    cout << "int version..." << endl;</pre>
    if (m>n)
              return m;
         else
             return n;
int main(){
    double a=1, b=5;
    int h=1, k=2;
    double md;
    int mi;
    mi = max(h,k);
    md = max(a,b);
  md = max(h,k);
// md = max(h,a);
    return 0;
```



Functions

- We distinguish between the *declaration* and the *definition* of the function
- The *declaration* (also known as *prototype*) contains all information that somebody who wants to use the function needs
- Name, parameters, return value
- The definition of a function contains all the code that the compiler needs to know if he finds that somebody is calling this function
- Declaration and definition may be the same piece of code, but often are not
- Separation between declaration and definition allows to structure codes into multiple files or even hide definitions completely from users (libraries)



Functions

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

// Declaration and Definition
double max(double m, double n){
   if (m>n) return m;
   else return n;
}

int main(){
   double a=1, b=5;
   double m = max(a,b);
   return 0;
}
```

```
splitting
declaration
and
definition
```

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

// Declaration
double max(double m, double n);

int main(){
    double a=1, b=5;
    double m = max(a,b);
    return 0;
}

//Definition
double max(double m, double n){
    if (m>n)
        return m;
    else
        return n;
}
```

- Why split declaration from definition?
- Definitions may go into totally different files
- Declaration (Prototypes) can also be in a different file (a header file)
- Source code becomes more structured and readable

much more on functions later...



Statically allocated arrays

- Arrays are structures which allow us to store multiple entries of the same datatype (think
 of it as a vector or a list of data)
- We distinguish between two types of arrays:
 - statically allocated (the length of the array is known at compile time)
 - dynamically allocated (the length will only be known at runtime)
- Statically allocated arrays are defined in the following way: double p[5]; int k[10];
- To access the entries of the array, we also use the bracket operator []:

```
int j = k[0]; // First entry has index 0!
double d = p[4];
p[3] = 2.5;
```

C++ will <u>not</u> check for out-of-bounds errors! Accessing memory which does not belong to your program is possible! In particular you can write into memory of other variables or programs!

```
p[10] = 2; // Will produce no error and no warning!
```



Statically allocated arrays

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    double p[5];
    p[1] = 2.3;
    for(int i=0; i<5; i++)
         cout << "p[" << i << "] =" << p[i] << endl;</pre>
    for(int i=0; i<5; i++) p[i] = sqrt(i);
    for(int i=0; i<5; i++)
             cout << "p[" << i << "] =" << p[i] << endl;
    p[10] = 2.2;
    return 0;
```

much more on arrays later...

■ In the program:

- we reserve memory for 5 doubles(i.e. 5 x 64 bit = 320 bit)
- write 2.3 into the second entry of the array
- ▶ print all double values contained in the array (all except 2nd entry are not initialized ★ they may be 0, but don't have to)
- write sqrt(i) into the i-th position of the array
- print everything again
- and then write to memory which is not ours!! (potentially we are crashing the program here!)

```
Output: 

p[0] =0
p[1] =2.3
p[2] =0
p[3] =0
p[4] =0
p[0] =0
p[0] =0
p[1] =1
p[2] =1.41421
p[3] =1.73205
p[4] =2
```



Complex Numbers

 The template class complex allows us to represent complex numbers and to do some math

```
#include <iostream>
#include <complex>
using namespace std;
int main(){
                                                                     Output:
    complex<double> c,d,expc;
                                                                     c = (0,1), d = (1.2,0.5)
    // cf = 1.0 + 0.0i
                                                                     \exp(x) = (0.540302, 0.841471)
    complex<float> cf = complex<float>(1.0, 0.0);
                                                                     c*d = (-0.5, 1.2)
                                                                     |c*d| = 1.69
    // c = 0 + i
                                                                     Re(c*d) = -0.5
                                                                                               Im(c*d) = 1.2
    c = complex < double > (0.0, 1.0);
    // d = 1.2 + i 0.5
    d = complex < double > (1.2, 0.5);
    expc = exp(c);
    cout << "c = " << c << ",\t d = " << d << endl;
    cout << "exp(x) = " << expc << endl;
    cout << "c*d =" << c*d << endl;</pre>
    cout << "|c*d| = " << norm(c*d) << endl;
    cout << "Re(c*d) = " << real(c*d) << ", \t Im(c*d) = " << imag(c*d) << endl;
    return 0;
```