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- Reminders:
- Fill out the teamwork survey. (116 out of 155, so far)
- TA names and email addresses have been added to the course web site.
- See next slide for info on the tutorial on Monday, the 18th, offered by Kanchan Nair.

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Jira Tutorial – Sept. 18

- Go to ELL 321 first. If it fills up and you do not want to stand, go to ELL 333.
- If you end up in 333 - watch the material at the links provided on the next slide while you are waiting for Kanchan to finish her presentation in ELL 321.
- You will have Jira accounts by Monday and Kanchan will show you what to do with them!
- Not everyone needs to bring a laptop or even to log into Jira. One person per table would be fine.

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Jira Tutorial Links

- Also provided in onQ in week 2 content:
- An archive of several short videos from Jira University:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaD4FvsFdarSWUyuV6cto4gunlvVzDTGD>
- In Lynda.com search for the following courses:
 - “Agile Project Management: Comparing Agile Tools”, then “Atlassian: Jira”
 - “Learning Jira Software”, look for “Overview of Jira”, “Creating Issues” and “Creating Boards”.

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Today

- Compiler completion of C++ standards.
- Philosophy and mechanics of C++.
- C++ Types and their behaviour.

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C++ Standards, Cont.

- But:
- It takes a while (and a considerable amount of work) to update compilers to the new standards.
- See:
http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/compiler_support
 for a summary of how various compilers are doing.
- GCC version 4.8.1 and later is now up-to-date with C++11. We are using version 6.3.0
- Other big compilers like Visual Studio and Clang are also now up-to-date with C++11.

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C++ Standards, Cont.

- Compilation is *not* standardized, just the syntax.
- How does Java compare, for example?

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The “Philosophy” of C++

- From “The Design and Evolution of C++” by (*who else!*) Bjarne Stroustrup, 1994:
- C++ is designed to be a statically typed, general-purpose language that is as efficient and portable as C.
- C++ is designed to directly and comprehensively support multiple programming styles (procedural programming, data abstraction, object-oriented programming, and generic programming).
- C++ is designed to give the programmer choice, even if this makes it possible for the programmer to choose incorrectly.

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The “Philosophy” of C++, Cont.

- C++ is designed to be as compatible with C as possible, therefore providing a smooth transition from C.
- C++ avoids features that are platform specific or not general purpose.
- C++ does not incur overhead for features that are not used (the “zero-overhead principle”).
- C++ is designed to function without a sophisticated programming environment.

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ISO C++ and C

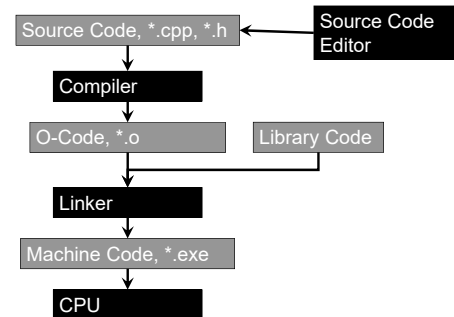
- The C++ standard library has incorporated the standard C library with just a few optimizations.
- C++ also has the “Standard Template Library”, or “STL”, that contains many pre-defined data structures, for example.
- Generally, well-written C code will run in C++.
- But some C “things” will not work in C++ (for example, in C you can use `new` or `class` as variable names, since they are not C keywords.)

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Running a C++ Program



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Running a C++ Program, Cont.

- Thankfully, an IDE simplifies this process for you.
- A project (a set of source code and resource files) is “built” – which consists of both compilation and linking.
- MinGW (“Minimalist GNU for Windows”), for example uses the `g++.exe` program for this. The IDE makes up the command line calls to this program.
- Building creates a `*.o` file and then a `*.exe` file.
- Then you run the `*.exe` program.
- Each stage of this process can unearth errors.

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Who Reports the Errors?

- An Eclipse pre-compiler does a pretty good (but not perfect!) job of reporting syntax errors and warnings. Errors may prevent building. You can (but should not!) ignore warnings.
- Build errors are reported by the compiler and are seen in the console window.
- Run-time errors are reported by the OS, which is running the `*.exe` file.

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Variable Types

- How many variable types do you have in C? (not counting structs)?
- You can have the atomic types, pointers and arrays of these types. Anything else?
- How many types can you have in C++?
- Infinitely many!
- Thousands defined in the STL.
- You can define as many as you want.
- *Oh* – the atomic types are still there too...

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Variable Declaration

- C++ is declarative and statically typed.
- ie. “Declare before you use” and “You can’t change the type of a variable, once declared”.
- Unlike C, you can declare variables anywhere, as long as you satisfy the above.
- Initialization is good practice, but is optional.
- Examples:


```
int numStudents(40); // C++ style declare
bool flagVal(true);
double aNum;
```

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Variable Declaration, Cont.

- This is what we are used to from Java:


```
int numStudents = 40;
bool flagVal = true;
```
- For a C++ “style” declaration, use:


```
int numStudents(40);
bool flagVal(true);
```
- Looks like you are invoking a constructor doesn’t it?

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Type Categories in C++

- Fundamental types:
 - `bool`, `char`, integer types and floating point types
- Enumerated types.
- The `void` type.
- Pointer types (like `int*`)
- Array types (like `int[]`)
- Reference types (like `int&`)
- Data structures (like `vector`) and classes

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`bool` and `char` Types

- `bool` literal values: `true` and `false`
- `char` literal values: `'H'`
- Escape characters:
 - `\n` newline
 - `\t` tab
 - `\b` backspace
 - `\r` carriage return
 - `\a` BEL
 - `\?` ?
 - `\\` \
 - `\'` '
 - `\"` "
 - `\0##` octal
 - `\x##` hex

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Integer Types

- Simplify things a bit (forget `unsigned...`):
 - `short` 2 bytes
 - `int` 4 bytes
 - `long` 4 bytes
 - `long long` 8 bytes
- To get a `long long` literal append an `L` or better yet, an `LL` to the end of the number.
- What is “unsigned” anyways?

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Floating Point Types

- **float** 4 bytes
- **double** 8 bytes
- **long double** 12 bytes
- Literal floating point numbers have a decimal place and/or an exponent: **4.5**, **2.3e-7**, for example.
- A **float** literal has an **f** or **F** appended to it.
- A **long double** gives you easy access to extended precision numbers.

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TestTypes Demo

- Your compiler will determine the amount of memory allocated to the numeric types.
- Use the **sizeof()** function to find out.
- Do integers wrap around as they do in Java?
- See the demo...
- Note that there is some variation on these types depending on the compiler you are using.

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Aside - Divide by Zero Example

- How does Eclipse/GCC handle a divide by zero?
- Check out TestZeroDivide.cpp.
- Note: We have compilation errors and warnings as well as run-time errors. Note that the run-time error results from the crashing of the executable, and is reported by the OS, not Eclipse.
- How does Java handle a divide by zero?

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Enumerated Types

- Useful in supplying cases for **switch** statements, or building a bunch of constants
- Example:


```
enum MonthLengths = {JAN = 31, FEB = 28, MAR = 31, APR = 30, MAY = 31, JUN = 30, JUL = 31, AUG = 31, SEP = 30, OCT = 31, NOV = 30, DEC = 31};
```
- The members of the **enum** have integer values and appear as named constants.
- If you do not assign values, they are given incremental values starting from zero.

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Constants

- Prefix the type declaration with the keyword **const**.
- By convention, use all capital letters for the name of the constant.
- For example:


```
const double CM_IN_INCH(2.54);
```
- You must assign a value at the time of declaration.

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The void Type

- Used to indicate that a function does not return anything.
- Can also be used to declare a pointer to anything:

```
void*
```

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Casting Numeric Types

- In C++ you can cast between types in six different ways:
 - `(type)expression`
 - `type(expression)`
 - `static_cast<type>(expression)`
 - `const_cast<type>(expression)`
 - `dynamic_cast<type>(expression)`
 - `reinterpret_cast<type>(expression)`
- } C style – don't use!
- Where **type** is the desired type and **expression** is what you are casting.

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Aside - C Style Casts

- These are crude and too powerful. For example:
- The cast will remove any const property.
- The cast does not check to see if the cast is even possible or if it makes sense at all (like casting a string to an int or *visa-versa*).

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static_cast Casting

- Best, general purpose technique for atomic types. For example:
- ```
int aVal = static_cast<int>(4.8);
```
- aVal** contains 4 – casting truncates, not rounds.
  - You don't always have to cast. For example an **int** can always be stored in a **double** because of implicit casting or "type coercion":
- ```
double dVal(5);
```

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References and Pointers, First Pass...

- Pointers are not references and references are not pointers!
- A reference is an "alias for its initializer". [From "C++ Gotchas" by Stephen C. Dewhurst]
- The alias must refer to something. You cannot have a null reference or a reference to void or even a reference to a reference.

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Pointers

- A pointer is a variable that stores a memory address.
- It occupies memory (a reference may not occupy any memory).
- If the memory address was obtained using the **&** operator ("address of") on another variable, then the pointer indirectly references the value contained by the other variable. Accessing this value through the pointer (using de-referencing) is called *indirection*.

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Pointers, Cont.

- In Java, pointers are implicit – you have no control over them. In C and C++ pointers are explicit, you have complete control!
- Pointers can be NULL (or better yet, use `nullptr` in C++11)
- You can even have such a thing as **void*** as a pointer type.

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& and * Operators

- LHS: When creating a type, & gives you a reference to a type, * gives you a pointer to a variable of that type.
- RHS: In an expression, & is the “address of” operator yielding the memory address of a variable.
- * is “de-referencing”. When used with a pointer it yields the value of the variable being pointed to.

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