

# 122COM: Programming languages

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## Highs and lows

- Programming languages split into levels.
- Low level languages are machine code, assembly language.
- High level languages are Python, C++, Java etc.

High level languages

`i += 1`



Assembly

`GOTO 0x42`

`INCF 0x68 0x01`

`SLEEP`



Machine code

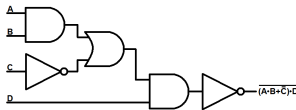
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|   |            |   |  |
|---|------------|---|--|
| ↑ | High level | Python, Ruby<br>Java C++<br>C<br>Forth, Basic | 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation                               |
| ↓ | Low level  | Assembly<br>Machine code<br>Hardware          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation<br>1 <sup>st</sup> generation |

## Machine code

- 1<sup>st</sup> generation.
- Really hard to understand.
- Really hard to write.
- The actual instructions to the hardware.

## Assembly

- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.
- Hard for humans to understand.
- Hard for humans to write.
- 1-to-1 correspondence with what is run.

Python, C, C++, Java, PHP, Perl etc.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation.
- Favour programmer, not machine.
- Easy for humans to understand...compared to the alternatives.
- Easy for humans to write...compared to the alternatives.
- Portable.
  - Different machine == different compiler.
  - Same C/Python/C++/Java code.

# History of C++

So far you have used Python.  
Now going to learn C++.

- Created somewhere in 1979-1983.
- Based on C (created 1972).
- Going to be learning C++11 (approved 2011).
- C++14 has been approved (2014).
  - No support yet.
- 99.9% backwards compatible.
  - All the way to C.



# Expectations

- All students are expected to learn some C++.
- In future weeks we will be looking at generic programming concepts.
  - Sorting.
  - Searching.
  - Data structures.
- Those weeks will be taught in Python and C++.
  - Everyone else will have some mandatory C++ tasks.
  - BIT students can choose Python or C++ most tasks.
  - Will be specified at the time.
- BIT will not be examined on C++ code.
  - May be examined on language differences.
  - High/low languages.
  - Compiling.
  - Static/dynamic typing.
  - Stack/heap memory.

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Most significant difference...

- C++ is statically typed.
  - Python is dynamically typed.
- In Python variables keep track of values AND type.

```
var = 42           # type(var) = <type 'int'>
var = 'foo'        # <type 'str'>
var = 0.123        # <type 'float'>
```

- In C++ variables have one type forever.
  - Have to specify type when creating.

```
int    var1 = 42;
string var2 = "foo";
float  var3 = 0.123;
```

# Data types

In C++ have to specify a variable's type.

- So what types are available?
- Thousands (at least).
  - You can create your own.
- Few standard ones.
- Most basic data types are called primitive types.

# Primitive types

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| Type         | Bytes | Values                   |
|--------------|-------|--------------------------|
| bool         | 1     | true/false               |
| char         | 1     | 'a', 'Z', '6', '+'       |
| int          | 4     | -2147483647 → 2147483647 |
| unsigned int | 4     | 0 → 4294967295           |
| float        | 4     | 1.234, -0.0001           |
| double       | 8     | 1.23456789, -0.000000001 |
| void         |       |                          |

Sizes are correct for a 32bit machine.

## Moving from Python to C++.

- Not as bad/scary as it seems.
- Same basic structure.
- Slightly different syntax.

# Hello World!

Python.

```
import sys

def main():
    print('Hello World!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    sys.exit(main())
```

C++.

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## if statements

Same rules as Python.

- Slightly different syntax.
- and is now &&.
- or is now ||.
- == is still ==.

```
a = 1
b = 2

if a == b and b > 0:
    print('Hello World')
```

```
int a = 1;
int b = 2;

if( a == b && b > 0 )
{
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
}
```

Similar to Python lists.

- Can't be resized.

```
sequence = [1, 2, 42, 69, 8]
sum = 0

for i in range(len(sequence)):
    sum += sequence[i]
```

```
int sequence[5] = {1, 2, 42, 69, 8};
int sum = 0;

for( int i=0; i<5; i+=1 )
{
    sum += sequence[i];
}
```



Three ways to create a C array.

1 Just supply size

```
int    arrayOfInt [3];  
char   arrayOfChars [5];  
float  arrayOfFloats [2];
```

2 Supply size and initialisation list

```
int    arrayOfInt [3]    = { 42, 69, 12 };  
char   arrayOfChars [5] = { 'A', 'z', '9' };  
float  arrayOfFloats [2] = { 1.23, 0.001, 8.1 };
```

3 Just initialisation list (will figure out the size)

```
int    arrayOfInt []      = { 42, 69, 12 };  
char   arrayOfChars []   = { 'A', 'z', '9' };  
float  arrayOfFloats []  = { 1.23, 0.001, 8.1 };
```

## New and improved!

So far looked at the old style arrays.

- Carried forward from C.
- Still used today.
- C++03 introduced an alternative.
  - STL arrays.

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

int main()
{
    int oldArray[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
    array<int,5> newArray = {1,2,3,4,5};

    cout << oldArray[0] << " " << newArray[0] << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## There's two of them?

Two types of arrays.

- Old style arrays are still very common.
  - Legacy.
  - Want you to start off using the new ones.
- What was wrong with the old ones?
- New arrays are safer.
  - Avoid overflows.
- Easier to use.
  - Sorting, searching, reversing, iterating etc.
- Are backwards compatible with old code.

Problem, C++ arrays have a set size.

- Saw we had to provide a size when declaring arrays.

C++ does have 'arrays' that can be resized.

- Called vectors.
- Uses arrays inside.

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

int main()
{
    array<int,5> myArray = {1,2,3,4,5};
    vector<int> myVector = {1,2,3,4};

    myVector.push_back(5);

    cout << myArray[0] << endl;
    cout << myVector[0] << endl;
}
```

C++ vectors are the closest thing to Python lists.

- If you are moving to C++ from Python easier to use vectors?
- `append()` → `push_back()` and `emplace_back()`
- `pop()` → `pop_back()`
- slicing → `resize()`

## while loops

Same rules as Python.

- Slightly different syntax.
- Brackets ().
- Braces {}.
- Semicolons ;.

```
counter = 0
while counter < 10:
    print('Hello World!')
    counter += 1
```

```
int counter = 0;
while( counter < 10 )
{
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
    counter += 1;
}
```

## for loops

C++ has two kinds of for loops.

- One type similar to Python for loops.
  - Actually a range-based loop.
  - Will be covered later.
- One type similar to a while loop.

The original C++ for loop.

- Seems very different to the python loop.
- Lots of commonalities.
- Also to while loops.

```
for counter in range(10):  
    print('Hello World!')
```

```
for counter in range(0,10,1):  
    print('Hello World!')
```

```
for( int counter=0; counter<10; counter+=1 )  
{  
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;  
}
```

```
int counter = 0;  
while( counter < 10 )  
{  
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;  
    counter += 1;  
}
```



The new C++11 ranged for loop,  
for iterating over a sequence.

- Less powerful than the old style.
- Easier.
- while > for > ranged for

## Ranged for loops

```
sequence = [1,2,3,4,5]
for i in sequence:
    print( i )
```

```
int main()
{
    array<int,5> sequence =
        { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
    for( int i : sequence )
    {
        cout << i << endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

# Compiling

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C++ code has to be compiled before it is run.

- So does Python it just happens automatically.
- Compiler converts C++ code into machine code.
- Many IDEs handle compiling for you.
  - Visual Studio, Eclipse etc.



GNU C Compiler (created 1987).

- Linux, Mac and Windows.

How to compile using g++.

- Demo
- `g++ -std=c++11 hello.cpp -o hello`
  - `g++` - the compiler program.
  - `-std=c++11` - we want to use the C++11 standard of C++.
  - `hello.cpp` - the file we want to compile.
  - `-o hello` - the name of the executable to create.

What if your code is wrong?

- Same as Python.
  - Syntax errors.
  - Runtime errors.
  - Logic errors.

```
int main()
{
    cout << "Hi" << endl;

    for( int i=0; i>10; j+=1 )
    {
        cut << "Hello World!" << endl
    }

    return 0;
}
```

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# The End