

## Chapter One

### Introduction

#### What is programming?

- **Programming** is a skill that can be acquired by a computer professional that gives him/her the knowledge of making the computer perform the required operation or task.

#### Why do we need to learn computer programming?

- **Computer programming** is critical if one wants to know how to make the computer perform a task. Most users of a computer only use the available applications on the computer. These applications are produced by computer programmers. Thus if someone is interested to make such kind of applications, he/she needs to learn how to talk to the computer, which is learning computer programming.

#### What is programming language?

- **Programming Language**: is a set different category of written symbols that instruct computer hardware to perform specified operations required by the designer.

#### What skills do we need to be a programmer?

- For someone to be a programmer, in addition to basic skills in computer, needs to have the following major skills:
  - **Programming Language Skill**: knowing one or more programming language to talk to the computer and instruct the machine to perform a task.
  - **Problem Solving Skill**: skills on how to solve real world problem and represent the solution in understandable format.
  - **Algorithm Development**: skill of coming up with sequence of simple and human understandable set of instructions showing the step of solving the problem. Those set of steps should not be dependent on any programming language or machine.

In every programming Language there are sets of rules that govern the symbols used in a programming language. These set of rules determine how the programmer can make the computer hardware to perform a specific operation. These sets of rules are called **syntax**.

### 1.1. Generations of programming language.

- Programming languages are categorized into five generations: (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation languages)
- These programming languages can also be categorized into two broad categories: low level and high level languages.
  - Low level languages are machine specific or dependent.
  - High level languages like COBOL, BASIC are machine independent and can run on variety of computers.
- From the five categories of programming languages, first and second generation languages are low level languages and the rest are high level programming languages.
- The higher the level of a language, the easier it is to understand and use by programmers.
- Languages after the forth generation are referred to as a very high level languages.

#### 1.1.1. First Generation (Machine languages, 1940's):

- Difficult to write applications with.
- Dependent on machine languages of the specific computer being used.
- Machine languages allow the programmer to interact *directly with the hardware*, and it can be executed by the computer without the need for a translator.
- Is more powerful in utilizing resources of the computer.
- Gives power to the programmer.
- They execute very quickly and use memory very efficiently.

#### 1.1.2. Second Generation (Assembly languages, early 1950's):

- Uses symbolic names for operations and storage locations.
- A system program called an *assembler* translates a program written in assembly language to machine language.
- Programs written in assembly language *are not portable*. i.e., different computer architectures have their own machine and assembly languages.
- They are *highly used in system software development*.

#### 1.1.3. Third Generation (High level languages, 1950's to 1970's):

- Uses English like instructions and mathematicians were able to define variables with statements such as  $Z = A + B$
- Such languages are much easier to use than assembly language.
- Programs written in high level languages need to be translated into machine language in order to be executed.

- The use of common words (reserved words) within instructions makes them easier to learn.
- All third generation programming languages are procedural languages.
- In procedural languages, the programmer is expected to specify what is required and how to perform it.

#### **1.1.4. Fourth Generation (since late 1970's):**

- Have a simple, English like syntax rules; commonly used *to access databases*.
- Forth generation languages are *non-procedural* languages.
- The non-procedural method is easier to write, but you have less control over how each task is actually performed.
- In non-procedural languages the programmer is not required to write traditional programming logic. Programmers concentrate on defining the input and output rather than the program steps required.
  - For example, a command, such as LIST, might display all the records in a file on screen, separating fields with a blank space. In a procedural language, all the logic for inputting each record, testing for end of file and formatting each column on screen has to be explicitly programmed.
- Forth generation languages have a minimum number of syntax rules. This saves time and free professional programmers for more complex tasks.
- Some examples of 4GL are structured query languages (SQL), report generators, application generators and graphics languages.

#### **1.1.5. Fifth Generation (1990's):**

- These are used in artificial intelligence (AI) and expert systems; also used for accessing databases.
- 5GLs are "natural" languages whose instruction *closely resembles* human speech. E.g. "get me Jone Brown's sales figure for the 1997 financial year".
- 5GLs require very powerful hardware and software because of the complexity involved in interpreting commands in human language.

### **1.2. Overview of Computers and Computer Organization.**

- Regardless of differences in physical appearance, virtually every computer may be envisioned as being divided into six logical units or sections:
- *Input Unit*: it obtains information from various input devices and places this information at the disposal of the other units so that the information may be processed or stored.
- *Output Unit*: it takes information that has been processed by the computer and places it on various output devices to make the information available for use outside the computer.

- Memory unit: it retains information that has been entered through the input unit, so the information may be made immediately available for processing when it is needed. The memory unit also retains processed information until that information can be placed on output devices by the output unit.
- Central Processing Unit (CPU): it is the computer's coordinator and is responsible for *supervising* the operations of the other sections. CPU tells the input unit when information should be read into memory, tells ALU when information from the memory should be used in calculation and tells output unit when to send information from the memory to certain output devices.
- Arithmetic and Logic unit: is a part found inside the Central Processing Unit and is responsible for performing calculations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It also performs comparisons.
- Secondary Storage device: Programs or data used by other units normally are placed on secondary storage devices (such as disks) until they are needed, possibly hours, days, months, or even years later.

### 1.3. The evolution of Operating Systems.

- Early computers were capable of performing only *one job at a time*. This form of computer operation is often called *single-user batch processing*. The computer runs a single program at a time while processing data in groups or batches.
- As computers became more powerful, it became evident that single-user batch processing rarely utilizes the computer's resources.
- Therefore, computer developers thought that many jobs or tasks from different programs or applications could be made to share the resources of the computer to achieve better utilization. This concept is called *multiprogramming*.
- Multiprogramming involving the "simultaneous" operation of many jobs on the computer.
- In the 1960's, many groups, pioneered *timesharing operating systems*.
- Timesharing is a special case of multiprogramming, in which users access the computers through terminals. Here, the computer does not run the users job paralleling, but shares the CPU's time.

### 1.4. Major Programming Paradigms

- The major landmarks in the programming world are the different kinds of features or properties observed in the development of programming languages. Among these the following are worth mentioning: Procedural, Structured and Object Oriented Programming Paradigms.

#### **1.4.1. Procedural Programming.**

- Procedural programming is a programming paradigm based upon the concept of *procedure call*. Procedural programming is often a better choice than simple sequential programming in many situations which involve moderate complexity or which require significant ease of maintainability.
- Possible benefits: the ability to re-use the same code (function or procedure) at different places, an easier way to keep track of program flow than a collection of “GO TO” or “JUMP” statements.

#### **1.4.2. Structured Programming.**

- Process of writing a program in small, independent parts. This makes it easier to control a program's development and to design and test its individual component parts.
- Structured programs are built up from units called *modules*, which normally correspond to single procedures or functions.
- Can be seen as a *subset or sub discipline of procedural programming*. It is most famous for removing or reducing reliance on the GO TO statement.

#### **1.4.3. Object-Oriented Programming.**

- The idea behind OOP is that, a computer program is composed of a collection of *individual units, or objects* as opposed to traditional view in which a program is a list of instructions to the computer.
- Object-oriented programming is claimed to give more flexibility, easing changes to programs. The OOP approach is often simpler to develop and maintain.

### **1.5. Problem solving process and software engineering.**

#### **1.5.1. Software Engineering.**

- Software engineering is the profession that creates and maintains software applications by applying technologies and practices from *computer science, project management, engineering, application domain* and other fields.
- The method used in solving problems in computer science and/or information systems is called the *software development life cycle*.
- The software development life cycle has the following components.
  - ⊕ *preliminary investigation*
  - ⊕ *analysis*
  - ⊕ *design*
  - ⊕ *implementation*
  - ⊕ *testing and maintenance*

### 1.5.2. Problem Solving

- Problem solving is the process of transforming the description of a problem into the solution by using our knowledge of the problem domain and by relying on our ability to select and use appropriate problem-solving strategies, techniques, and tools.
- A problem is an *undesirable situation* that prevents the organization from fully achieving its purpose, goals and objectives. Or problem can also be defined as the *gap between the existing and the desired situation* where problem solving will try to fill this gap.
- There are two approaches of problem solving:
  - *Top down design*: is a systematic approach based on the concept that the structure of the problem should determine the structure of the solution and what should be done in lower level. This approach will try to disintegrate a larger problem into more smaller and manageable problems to narrow the problem domain.
  - *Bottom up design*: is the reverse process where the lowest level component are built first and the system builds up from the bottom until the whole process is finally completed.

### 1.6. Basic Program development tips

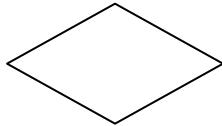
- The program we design in any programming language need to be:
  - *Reliable*: the program should always do what it is expected to do and handle all types of exception.
  - *Maintainable*: the program should be in a way that it could be modified and upgraded when the need arises.
  - *Portable*: It needs to be possible to adapt the software written for one type of computer to another with minimum modification.
  - *Efficient*: the program should be designed to make optimal use of time, space and other resources of the computer.

### 1.7. Algorithm designing and modeling the logic (using flow chart).

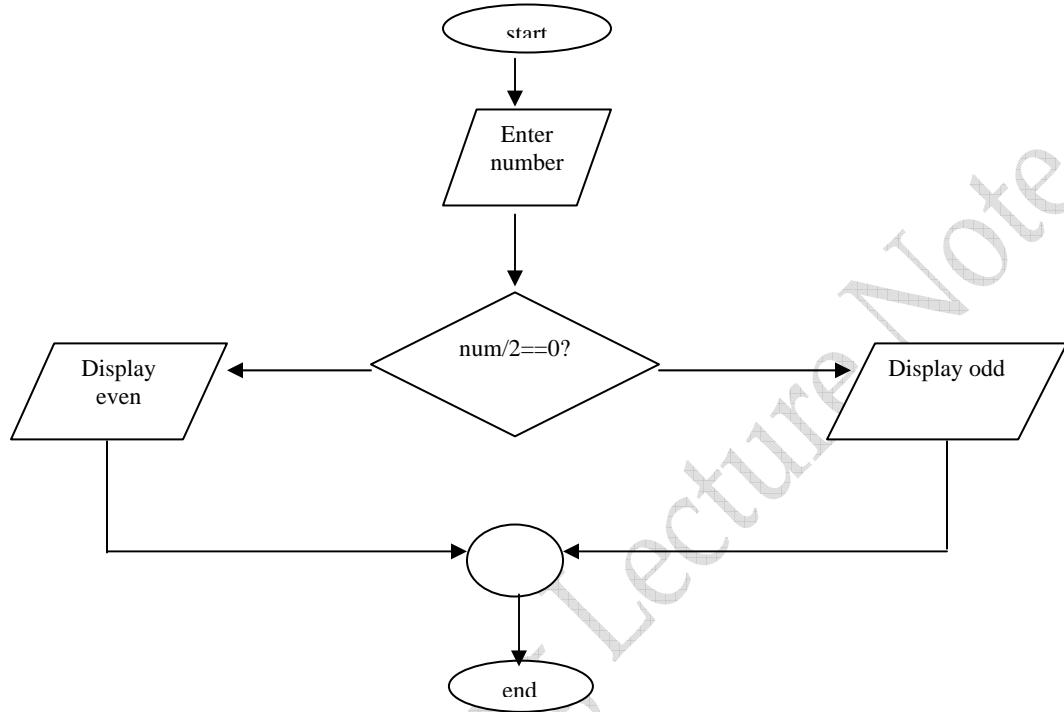
- A digital computer is a useful tool for solving a great variety of **problems**. A solution to a problem is called an **algorithm**; it describes the sequence of steps to be performed for the problem to be solved.
- Generally, an algorithm is a finite set of well-defined instructions for accomplishing some task which, given an initial state, will terminate in a corresponding recognizable end-state.
- The algorithm should be:
  - *Precise and unambiguous*
  - *Simple*
  - *Correct*
  - *Efficient*

### 1.7.1. Modeling a programs logic using flow chart

- Algorithm could be designed using many techniques and tools. One tool of designing algorithm is by using flowcharts. Flowchart is a graphical way of expressing the steps needed to solve a problem.
- A flow chart is a schematic (*diagrammatic description*) representation of a process.
- Basic flowcharting symbols are:

	Terminal point
	Decision
	Process
	Input/Output
	Flow line
	Inter-page connector
	On-page connector

e.g: to check weather a number is positive or negative.

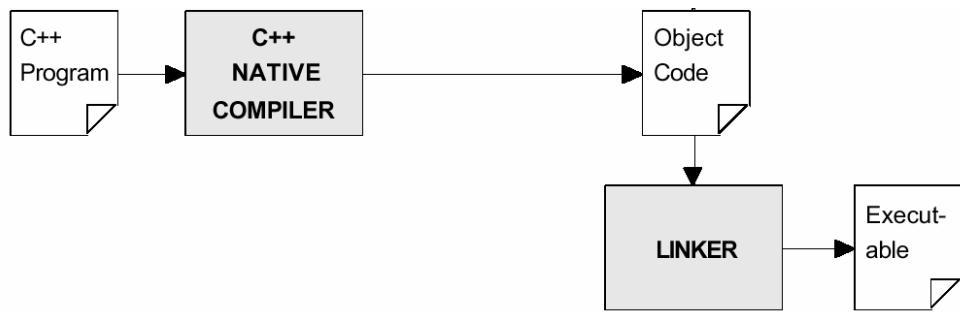


### 1.8. Compilers and Interpreters.

- Any program written in a language other than *machine language* needs to be translated to machine language. The set of instructions that do this task are known as *translators*.
- There are different kinds of translator software, among which *compilers* and *interpreters* are of interest for most programmers.
- *Compilers*: a compiler is a computer program that translates a series of statements written in source code (a collection of statements in a specific programming language) into a resulting object code (translated instructions of the statements in a programming language). A compiler changes or translates *the whole* source code into executable machine code (also called *object code*) which is *output to a file* for latter execution. E.g. C++, Pascal, FORTRAN, etc.
- *Interpreters*: is a computer program that translates *a single* high level statement and executes it and then goes to the next high level language line etc. E.g. QBASIC, Lisp etc.

### 1.9. Mechanics of Creating a program (C++)

- C++ programs typically go through *five phases* to be executed: these are *edit, preprocess, compile, link, load*:
- Edit: this is accomplished with an editor program. The programmer types C++ statements with the editor and makes corrections if necessary. The programs source file is then stored on *secondary storage device* such as a disk with a ".cpp" file name.  
After the program is edited, C++ is principally compiled in three phases: *preprocessing, translation to object code*, and *linking* (the last two phases are what is generally thought of as the "compilation" process).
- Preprocess: In a C++ system, a *preprocessor* program executes automatically before the compiler's translation phase begins. The C++ preprocessor obeys command called *preprocessor directives*, which indicate that certain manipulations are to be performed on the program before compilation. The preprocessor is invoked by the compiler before the program is converted to machine language. The C++ **preprocessor** goes over the program text and carries out the instructions specified by the preprocessor directives (e.g., #include). The result is a modified program text which no longer contains any directives.
- Compile: Then, the C++ **compiler** translates the program code. The compiler may be a true C++ compiler which generates native (assembly or machine) code. The outcome may be incomplete due to the program referring to library routines which are not defined as a part of the program. For example, the << operator which is actually defined in a separate IO library.
- Linking: C++ programs typically contain references to functions and data defined elsewhere, such as in the standard libraries. The object code produced by the C++ compiler typically contains "*holes*" due to these missing parts. A linker links the *object code* with the code for the missing function to produce an *executable image* (with no missing pieces). Generally, the **linker** completes the object code by linking it with the object code of any library modules that the program may have referred to. The final result is an executable file
- Loading: the loader takes the executable file from disk and transfers it to memory. Additional components from shared libraries that support the program are also loaded. Finally, the computer, under the control of its CPU, executes the program.



In practice all these steps are usually invoked by a single command and the user will not even see the intermediate files generated.

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For each of the problems below, develop a flow chart

- 1) Receive a number and determine whether it is odd or even.
- 2) Obtain two numbers from the keyboard, and determine and display which (if either) is the larger of the two numbers.
- 3) Receive 3 numbers and display them in ascending order from smallest to largest
- 4) Add the numbers from 1 to 100 and display the sum
- 5) Add the even numbers between 0 and any positive integer number given by the user.
- 6) Find the average of two numbers given by the user.
- 7) Find the average, maximum, minimum, and sum of three numbers given by the user.
- 8) Find the area of a circle where the radius is provided by the user.
- 9) Swap the contents of two variables using a third variable.
- 10) Swap the content of two variables without using a third variable.
- 11) Read an integer value from the keyboard and display a message indicating if this number is odd or even.
- 12) Read 10 integers from the keyboard in the range 0 - 100, and count how many of them are larger than 50, and display this result.
- 13) Take an integer from the user and display the factorial of that number

## Chapter Two

### Basics of C++

#### 2.1. The parts of a C++ Program.

- To understand the basic parts of a simple program in C++, lets have a look at the following code:

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
void main()
{
    cout<<"\n Hello World!";
    getch();
}
```

- Any C++ program file should be saved with file name extension “**.CPP**”
- Type the program directly into the editor, and save the file as hello.cpp, compile it and then run it. It will print the words **Hello World!** on the computer screen.
- The first character is the **#**. This character is a signal to the preprocessor. Each time you start your compiler, the preprocessor runs through the program and looks for the pound (#) symbols and act on those lines before the compiler runs.
- The **include** instruction is a preprocessor instruction that directs the compiler to include a copy of the file specified in the angle brackets in the source code.
- If the path of the file is not specified, the preprocessor looks for the file under **c:\tc\include\** folder or in **include** folder of the location where the editor is stored.
- The effects of line 1, i.e. `include<iostream.h>` is to include the file `iostream.h` into the program as if the programmer had actually typed it.
- When the program starts, `main()` is called automatically.
- Every C++ program has a `main()` function.
- The return value type for `main()` here is `void`, which means `main` function will not return a value to the caller (which is the operating system).
- The `main` function can be made to return a value to the operating system.
- The Left French brace “{“signals the beginning of the `main` function body and the corresponding Right French Brace “}” signals the end

of the main function body. Every Left French Brace needs to have a corresponding Right French Brace.

- The lines we find between the braces are statements or said to be the body of the function.
- A statement is a computation step which may produce a value or interact with input and output streams.
- ***The end of a single statement ends with semicolon (;***.
- The statement in the above example causes the sting “Hello World!” to be sent to the “cout” stream which will display it on the computer screen.

## 2.2. A brief look at cout and cin

- **Cout** is an object used for printing data to the screen.
- To print a value to the screen, write the word **cout**, followed by the insertion operator also called output redirection operator (<<) and the object to be printed on the screen.
- Syntax: **Cout<<Object;**
- The object at the right hand side can be:
  - A literal string: “Hello World”
  - A variable: a place holder in memory
- **Cin** is an object used for taking input from the keyboard.
- To take input from the keyboard, write the word **cin**, followed by the input redirection operator (>>) and the object name to hold the input value.
- Syntax: **Cin>>Object**
- Cin will take value from the keyboard and store it in the memory. Thus the cin statement needs a variable which is a reserved memory place holder.
- Both << and >> return their right operand as their result, enabling multiple input or multiple output operations to be combined into one statement. The following example will illustrate how multiple input and output can be performed:

E.g.:

❖ **Cin>>var1>>var2>>var3;**

Here three different values will be entered for the three variables. The input should be separated by a space, tab or newline for each variable.

❖ **Cout<<var1<<,”<<var2<<” and “<<var3;**

Here the values of the three variables will be printed where there is a “,” (comma) between the first and the second variables and the “and” word between the second and the third.

### 2.3. Putting Comments on C++ programs

- A comment is a piece of descriptive text which explains some aspect of a program.
- Program comments are text totally ignored by the compiler and are only intended to inform the reader how the source code is working at any particular point in the program.
- C++ provides two types of comment delimiters:
  - **Single Line Comment:** Anything after // {double forward slash} (until the end of the line on which it appears) is considered a comment.
    - *Eg:*  
cout<<var1; //this line prints the value of var1
  - **Multiple Line Comment:** Anything enclosed by the pair /\* and \*/ is considered a comment.
    - *Eg:*  
*/\*this is a kind of comment where  
Multiple lines can be enclosed in  
one C++ program \*/*
- Comments should be used to enhance (not to hinder) the readability of a program. The following two points, in particular, should be noted:
  - A comment should be easier to read and understand than the code which it tries to explain. A confusing or unnecessarily-complex comment is worse than no comment at all.
  - Over-use of comments can lead to even less readability. A program which contains so much comment that you can hardly see the code can by no means be considered readable.
  - Use of descriptive names for variables and other entities in a program, and proper indentation of the code can reduce the need for using comments.

### 2.4. A brief look at functions

- In general, a function is a block of code that performs one or more actions.
- Most functions are called, or invoked, during the course of the program, which is after the program starts execution.
- Program commands are executed line by line, in the order in which they appear in the source code, until a function is reached. The program then branches off to execute the function. When the function finishes, it returns control to the line of code immediately following the call to the function.

- Functions consist of a ***header*** and a ***body***. The header, in turn is made up of the ***return type***, the ***function name***, and the ***parameters*** to that function.
- The parameters to a function allow values to be passed into the function. A parameter is a declaration of the type of value that will be passed to the function; the actual value passed by the calling function is called ***arguments***.
- Let us have an example:

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
void main()
{
    cout<<"\n In main function";
    demoFunction();
    cout<<"\n Back in main function";
    getch();
}

void demoFunction()
{
    cout<<"\n demoFunction";
}
```

- Functions return either a value or void (i.e. they return nothing).
- A function that adds two integers might return the sum, and thus would be defined to return an integer value. A function that just prints a message has nothing to return and would be declared to return void.
- A function may return a value using a ***return*** statement; a return statement also causes the function to exit.
- If there is no return statement at the end of a function, the function will automatically return void.

## 2.5. Variables and Constants.

### 2.5.1. Variables.

- A variable is a reserved place in memory to store information in.
- A variable will have three components:
- Variables are used for holding data values so that they can be used in various computations in a program.
- All variables have three important properties:
  - ***Data Type***: a type which is established when the variable is defined. (e.g. integer, real, character etc). Data type

describes the property of the data and the size of the reserved memory

- **Name:** a name which will be used to refer to the value in the variable. A unique identifier for the reserved memory location
- **Value:** a value which can be changed by assigning a new value to the variable.

#### 2.5.1.1. Fundamental Variable types.

- Several other variable types are built into C++. They can be conveniently classified as *integer*, *floating-point* or *character* variables.
- Floating-point variable types can be expressed as fraction i.e. they are “real numbers”.
- Character variables hold a single byte. They are used to hold 256 different characters and symbols of the ASCII and extended ASCII character sets.
- The type of variables used in C++ program are described in the next table, which lists the variable type, how much room

**Data Types**

Type	Length	Range
unsigned char	8 bits	0 to 255
char	8 bits	-128 to 127
enum	6 bits	-32,768 to 32,767
unsigned int	16 bits	0 to 65,535
short int	16 bits	-32,768 to 32,767
int	16 bits	-32,768 to 32,767
unsigned long	32 bits	0 to 4,294,967,295
long	32 bits	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
float	32 bits	$-3.4 \times 10^{-38}$ to $3.4 \times 10^{38}$
double	64 bits	$-1.7 \times 10^{-308}$ to $1.7 \times 10^{308}$
long double	80 bits	$-3.4 \times 10^{-4932}$ to $1.1 \times 10^{4932}$
bool	8 bits	true or false (top 7 bits are ignored)

#### 2.5.1.2. Signed and Unsigned.

- Signed integers are either negative or positive. Unsigned integers are always positive.
- Because both signed and unsigned integers require the same number of bytes, the largest number (the magnitude) that can be stored in an unsigned integer is twice as the largest positive number that can be stored in a signed integer.

- E.g.: Lets us have only 4 bits to represent numbers

<i><b>Unsigned</b></i>		<i><b>Signed</b></i>	
Binary	Decimal	Binary	Decimal
0 0 0 0	→0	0 0 0 0	→0
0 0 0 1	→1	0 0 0 1	→1
0 0 1 0	→2	0 0 1 0	→2
0 0 1 1	→3	0 0 1 1	→3
0 1 0 0	→4	0 1 0 0	→4
0 1 0 1	→5	0 1 0 1	→5
0 1 1 0	→6	0 1 1 0	→6
0 1 1 1	→7	0 1 1 1	→7
1 0 0 0	→8	1 0 0 0	→0
1 0 0 1	→9	1 0 0 1	→-1
1 0 1 0	→10	1 0 1 0	→-2
1 0 1 1	→11	1 0 1 1	→-3
1 1 0 0	→12	1 1 0 0	→-4
1 1 0 1	→13	1 1 0 1	→-5
1 1 1 0	→14	1 1 1 0	→-6
1 1 1 1	→15	1 1 1 1	→-7

- In the above example, in case of unsigned, since all the 4 bits can be used to represent the magnitude of the number the maximum magnitude that can be represented will be 15 as shown in the example.
- If we use signed, we can use the first bit to represent the sign where if the value of the first bit is 0 the number is positive if the value is 1 the number is negative. In this case we will be left with only three bits to represent the magnitude of the number. Where the maximum magnitude will be 7.

#### 2.5.1.3. Declaring Variables.

- Variables can be created in a process known as *declaration*.
- Syntax: **Datatype Variable\_Name;**
- The declaration will instruct the computer to reserve a memory location with the name and size specified during the declaration.
- Good variable names indicate the purpose of the variable or they should be self descriptive.  
E.g. int myAge; //variable used to store my age
- The name of a variable sometimes is called an identifier which should be unique in a program.
- Certain words are reserved by C++ for specific purposes and can not be used as identifiers.

- These are called **reserved words** or **keywords** and are summarized in the following table.

asm	continue	float	new	signed	try
auto	default	for	operator	sizeof	typedef
break	delete	friend	private	static	union
case	do	goto	protected	struct	unsigned
catch	double	if	public	switch	virtual
char	else	inline	register	template	void
class	enum	int	return	this	volatile
const	extern	long	short	throw	while

### ➤ Identifiers

- A valid identifier is a sequence of one or more letters, digits or underlined symbols. The length of an identifier is not limited.
- Neither space nor marked letters can be part of an identifier.
- Only letters, digits and underlined characters are valid.
- Variable identifiers should always begin with a letter or an underscore. By any means they should begin with a digit.
- Key words should not be used as names for identifiers.
- C++ is not case sensitive. Small letter and capital letters are different for C++. Eg: variable *Age* is not identical with variable *age*

#### 2.5.1.4. Initializing Variables.

- When a variable is assigned a value at the time of declaration, it is called variable initialization.
- This is identical with declaring a variable and then assigning a value to the variable immediately after declaration.
- The syntax:

*DataType variable name = initial value;*  
e.g. int a = 0;  
or: int a;  
a=0;

#### 2.5.1.5. Scope of Variables.

- Scope of a variable is the boundary or block in a program where a variable can be accessed. The boundary or block is identified by the left and right French brackets.

- In C++, we can declare variables anywhere in the source code. But we should declare a variable before using it no matter where it is written.
- **Global variables:** are variables that can be referred/accessed anywhere in the code, within any function, as long as it is declared first. A variable declared before any function immediately after the include statements are global variables.
- **Local Variables:** the scope of the local variable is limited to the code level or block within which they are declared.
- In the following example, the integer data type num1 is accessible everywhere whereas z and is only accessible in the add function and num2 is accessible in main function. This means cout<<z; or any statement involving z is only valid in add function.

e.g:

```
#include<iostream.h>
int num1;

int add( int x, int y)
{
    int z;
    ....
}
void main()
{
    unsigned short age;
    float num2;
    cout<<"\n Enter your age:";
    ...
}
```

- In C++ the scope of a local variable is given by the block in which it is declared.
- If it is declared within a function, it will be a variable with a function scope. If it is declared in a loop, its scope will be only in the loop, etc.

#### 2.5.1.6. Defining a data type (User defined data type)

- The “typedef” Keyword is used to define a data type by the programmer as the user of a programming language is a programmer.
- It is very difficult to write unsigned short int many times in your program if many variables need such kind of declaration.

- C++ enables you to substitute an alias for such phrase by using the keyword `typedef`, which stands for type definition.

E.g.:

```
#include<iostream.h>
typedef unsigned short int USHORT;
void main()
{
    USHORT width = 9;
    ...
}
```

- Immediately after the second line, whenever the compiler encounters the word `USHORT` it will substitute it with “`unsigned short int`”.

#### 2.5.1.7. Wrapping around in signed integers.

- A signed integer differs from an unsigned integer in that half of its value is negative. When the program runs out of positive numbers, the program moves into the largest negative numbers and then counts back to zero.

E.g.:  $32767 + 1 \rightarrow -32769-8 \rightarrow 0$

#### 2.5.1.8. Wrapping around in unsigned integers

- When an unsigned integer reaches its maximum value, it wraps around and starts over.

E.g.:  $65535 + 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 65535$

#### 2.5.1.9. Characters.

- Characters variables (type `char`) are typically one byte in size, enough to hold 256 different values. A char can be represented as a small number (0 - 255).
- Char in C++ are represented as any value inside a *single quote*.  
E.g.: ‘x’, ‘A’, ‘5’, ‘a’, etc.
- When the compiler finds such values (characters), it translates back the value to the ASCII values. E.g. ‘a’ has a value 97 in ASCII.

#### 2.5.1.10. Special Printing characters.

- In C++, there are some special characters used for formatting. These are:

<code>\n</code>	new line
<code>\t</code>	tab
<code>\b</code>	backspace
<code>\"</code>	double quote

\'	single quote
\?	Question mark
\\"\\	backslash

### 2.5.2. Constants.

- A constant is any expression that has a *fixed value*.
- Like variables, constants are data storage locations in the computer memory. But, constants, unlike variables their content can not be changed after the declaration.
- Constants must be initialized when they are created by the program, and the programmer can't assign a new value to a constant later.
- C++ provides two types of constants: literal and symbolic constants.
- *Literal constant*: is a value typed directly into the program wherever it is needed.

E.g.: int num = 43;

43 is a literal constant in this statement:

- *Symbolic constant*: is a constant that is represented by a name, similar to that of a variable. But unlike a variable, its value can't be changed after initialization.

E.g.:

Int studentPerClass =15;

students = classes \* studentPerClass;

studentPerClass is a symbolic constant having a value of 15.

And 15 is a literal constant directly typed in the program.

- In C++, we have two ways to declare a symbolic constant. These are using the *#define* and the *const* key word.

#### 2.5.2.1.defining constants with #define:

- The *#define* directive makes a simple text substitution.
  - The define directive can define only integer constants
- E.g.: #define studentPerClass 15
- In our example, each time the preprocessor sees the word studentPerClass, it inserts 15 into the text.

#### 2.5.2.2.defining constants with the const key word:

- Here, the constant has a type, and the compiler can ensure that the constant is used according to the rules for that type.
- E.g.: const unsigned short int studentPerClass = 15;

### 2.5.3. Enumerated constants.

- Used to declare multiple integer constants using a single line with different features.
- Enables programmers to define variables and restrict the value of that variable to a set of possible values which are integer.

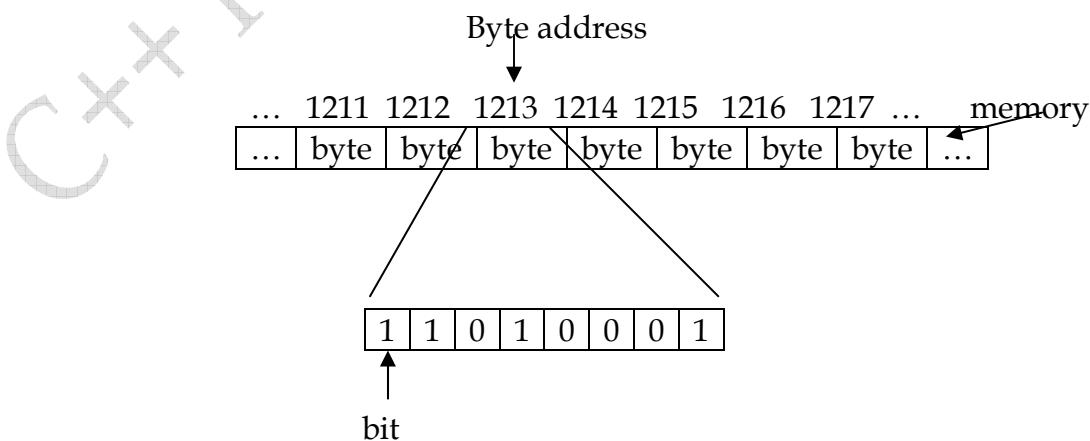
- The enum type can not take any other data type than integer
- enum types can be used to set up collections of named integer constants. (The keyword enum is short for ``enumerated''.)
- The traditional way of doing this was something like this:
 

```
#define SPRING 0
#define SUMMER 1
#define FALL 2
```
- An alternate approach using enum would be
 

```
enum { SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER };
```
- You can declare COLOR to be an enumeration, and then you can define five possible values for COLOR: RED, BLUE, GREEN, WHITE and BLACK.  
E.g.: `enum COLOR {RED,BLUE,GREEN,WHITE,BLACK};`
- Every enumerated constant has an integer value. If the programmer does not specify otherwise, the first constant will have the value 0, and the values for the remaining constants will count up from the initial value by 1. thus in our previous example RED=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=3, WHITE=4 and BLACK=5
- But one can also assign different numbers for each.  
E.g.: `enum COLOR{RED=100,BLUE,GREEN=500,WHITE,BLACK};`  
Where RED will have 100 and BLUE will have 101 while GREEN will have 500, WHITE 501 and BLACK 502.

## 2.6. Setting aside memory/memory concept.

- A computer provides RAM for storing executable program code as well as the data the program manipulates.
- Memory can be thought of as a contiguous sequence of bits, each of which is capable of storing a binary digit. Typically, the memory is divided into groups of 8 consecutive bits called bytes.
- The bytes are sequentially addressed. Therefore, each byte can be uniquely identified by its address.



## 2.7. Expressions and Statements.

- In C++, a statement controls the sequence of execution, evaluates an expression, or does nothing (the null statement).
  - All C++ statements end with a semicolon.
- E.g.: `x = a + b;`  
The meaning is: assign the value of the sum of a and b to x.
- **White spaces:** white spaces characters (spaces, tabs, new lines) can't be seen and generally ignored in statements. White spaces should be used to make programs more readable and easier to maintain.
  - **Blocks:** a block begins with an opening French brace {} and ends with a closing French brace {}.
  - **Expressions:** an expression is a computation which yields a value. It can also be viewed as any statement that evaluates to a value (returns a value).

E.g.: the statement `3+2;` returns the value 5 and thus is an expression.

- Some examples of an expression:

E.g.1:

`3.2` returns the value 3.2

`PI` float constant that returns the value 3.14 if the constant is defined.

`secondsPerMinute` integer constant that returns 60 if the constant is declared

E.g.2: complicated expressions:

`x = a + b;`

`y = x = a + b;`

The second line is evaluated in the following order:

1. add a to b.
2. assign the result of the expression `a + b` to `x`.
3. assign the result of the assignment expression `x = a + b` to `y`.

## 2.8. Operators.

- An operator is a symbol that makes the machine to take an action.
- Different Operators act on one or more operands and can also have different kinds of operators.
- C++ provides several categories of operators, including the following:

- Assignment operator
- Arithmetic operator
- Relational operator
- Logical operator
- Increment/decrement operator

- Conditional operator
- Comma operator
- The size of operator
- Explicit type casting operators, etc

### 2.8.1. Assignment operator (=).

- The assignment operator causes the operand on the left side of the assignment statement to have its value changed to the value on the right side of the statement.
- Syntax: Operand1=Operand2;
- Operand1 is always a variable
- Operand2 can be one or combination of:
  - A *literal constant*: Eg: `x=12;`
  - A *variable*: Eg: `x=y;`
  - An *expression*: Eg: `x=y+2;`

#### 2.8.1.1. Compound assignment operators (`+=`, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `%=`, `>>=`, `<<=`, `&=`, `^=`).

- Compound assignment operator is the combination of the assignment operator with other operators like arithmetic and bit wise operators.
- The assignment operator has a number of variants, obtained by combining it with other operators.

E.g.:

`value += increase;` is equivalent to `value = value + increase;`  
`a -= 5;` is equivalent to `a = a - 5;`  
`a /= b;` is equivalent to `a = a / b;`  
`price *= units + 1` is equivalent to `price = price * (units + 1);`

- And the same is true for the rest.

### 2.8.2. Arithmetic operators (+, -, \*, /, %).

- Except for remainder or modulo (%), all other arithmetic operators can accept a mix of integers and real operands. Generally, if both operands are integers then, the result will be an integer. However, if one or both operands are real then the result will be real.
- When both operands of the division operator (/) are integers, then the division is performed as an integer division and not the normal division we are used to.
- *Integer division always results in an integer outcome.*
- *Division of integer by integer will not round off to the next integer*

E.g.:

`9/2` gives 4 not 4.5  
`-9/2` gives -4 not -4.5

- To obtain a real division when both operands are integers, you should cast one of the operands to be real.

E.g.:

```
int cost = 100;
Int volume = 80;
Double unitPrice = cost/(double)volume;
```

- The **module(%)** is an operator that gives the remainder of a division of two integer values. For instance,  $13 \% 3$  is calculated by integer dividing 13 by 3 to give an outcome of 4 and a remainder of 1; the result is therefore 1.

E.g.:

```
a = 11 % 3
a is 2
```

#### 2.8.3. Relational operator (==, !=, >, <, >=, <=).

- In order to evaluate a comparison between two expressions, we can use the relational operator.
- The result of a relational operator is a bool value that can only be true or false according to the result of the comparison.

E.g.:

```
(7 == 5)      would return false or returns 0
(5 > 4)      would return true or returns 1
```

- The operands of a relational operator must evaluate to a number. Characters are valid operands since they are represented by numeric values. For E.g.:

'A' < 'F'      would return true or 1. it is like  $(65 < 70)$

#### 2.8.4. Logical Operators (!, &&, ||):

- Logical negation (!) is a unary operator, which negates the logical value of its operand. If its operand is non zero, it produce 0, and if it is 0 it produce 1.
- Logical AND (&&) produces 0 if one or both of its operands evaluate to 0 otherwise it produces 1.
- Logical OR (||) produces 0 if both of its operands evaluate to 0 otherwise, it produces 1.

E.g.:

```
!20          //gives 0
10 && 5       //gives 1
10 || 5.5     //gives 1
10 && 0       // gives 0
```

**N.B.** In general, any non-zero value can be used to represent the logical true, whereas only zero represents the logical false.

### 2.8.5. Increment/Decrement Operators: (++) and (--)

- The auto increment (++) and auto decrement (--) operators provide a convenient way of, respectively, adding and subtracting 1 from a numeric variable.

E.g.:

if a was 10 and if a++ is executed then a will automatically changed to 11.

#### 2.8.5.1. Prefix and Postfix:

- The prefix type is written before the variable. Eg (++ myAge), whereas the postfix type appears after the variable name (myAge ++).
- Prefix and postfix operators can not be used at once on a single variable: Eg: ++age-- or --age++ or ++age++ or - - age - - is invalid
- In a simple statement, either type may be used. But in complex statements, there will be a difference.
- The prefix operator is evaluated before the assignment, and the postfix operator is evaluated after the assignment.

E.g.

```
int k = 5;
(auto increment prefix)    y= ++k + 10; //gives 16 for y
(auto increment postfix)   y= k++ + 10; //gives 15 for y
(auto decrement prefix)   y= --k + 10; //gives 14 for y
(auto decrement postfix) y= k-- + 10; //gives 15 for y
```

### 2.8.6. Conditional Operator (?:)

- The conditional operator takes three operands. It has the general form:

Syntax:

*operand1 ? operand2 : operand3*

- First operand1 is a relational expression and will be evaluated. If the result of the evaluation is non zero (which means TRUE), then operand2 will be the final result. Otherwise, operand3 is the final result.

E.g.: General Example

Z=(X<Y? X : Y)

*This expression means that if X is less than Y the value of X will be assigned to Z otherwise (if X>=Y) the value of Y will be assigned to Z.*

E.g.:

```
int m=1,n=2,min;  
min = (m < n ? m : n);  
The value stored in min is 1.
```

E.g.:

```
(7 == 5 ? 4: 3) returns 3 since 7 is not equal to 5
```

#### 2.8.7. Comma Operator (,).

- Multiple expressions can be combined into one expression using the comma operator.
- The comma operator takes two operands. Operand1,Operand2
- The comma operator can be used during multiple declaration, for the condition operator and for function declaration, etc
- It first evaluates the left operand and then the right operand, and returns the value of the latter as the final outcome.

E.g.

```
int m,n,min;  
int mCount = 0, nCount = 0;  
  
min = (m < n ? (mCount++, m) : (nCount++, n));
```

- Here, when m is less than n, mCount++ is evaluated and the value of m is stored in min. otherwise, nCount++ is evaluated and the value of n is stored in min.

#### 2.8.8. The sizeof() Operator.

- This operator is used for calculating the size of any data item or type.
- It takes a single operand (e.g. 100) and returns the size of the specified entity in bytes. The outcome is totally machine dependent.

E.g.:

```
a = sizeof(char)  
b = sizeof(int)  
c = sizeof(1.55) etc
```

#### 2.8.9. Explicit type casting operators.

- Type casting operators allows you to convert a datum of a given type to another data type.

E.g.

```
int i;  
float f = 3.14;  
i = (int)f; → equivalent to i = int(f);
```

Then variable i will have a value of 3 ignoring the decimal point

## 2.9. Operator Precedence.

- The order in which operators are evaluated in an expression is significant and is determined by precedence rules. Operators in higher levels take precedence over operators in lower levels.

*Precedence Table:*

Level	Operator	Order
Highest	<code>++ --</code> (post fix)	Right to left
	<code>sizeof() ++ --</code> (prefix)	Right to left
	<code>* / %</code>	Left to right
	<code>+ -</code>	Left to right
	<code>&lt; &lt;= &gt; &gt;=</code>	Left to right
	<code>== !=</code>	Left to right
	<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	Left to right
	<code>  </code>	Left to right
	<code>? :</code>	Left to right
	<code>=, +=, -=, *=, /=, ^=, %=, &amp;=,  =, &lt;&lt;, &gt;&gt;=</code>	Right to left
	<code>,</code>	Left to right

E.g.

`a == b + c * d`

`c * d` is evaluated first because `*` has a higher precedence than `+` and `==`.

The result is then added to `b` because `+` has a higher precedence than `==`.  
And then `==` is evaluated.

- Precedence rules can be overridden by using brackets.

E.g. rewriting the above expression as:

`a == (b + c) * d` causes `+` to be evaluated before `*`.

- Operators with the same precedence level are evaluated in the order specified by the column on the table of precedence rule.

E.g. `a = b += c` the evaluation order is right to left, so the first `b += c` is evaluated followed by `a = b`.

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**Worksheet 2**

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For each of the problems write a C++ code to perform the required task. Your program should be based on the flow chart you drawn in the first worksheet.

- 1) Receive a number and determine whether it is odd or even.
- 2) Obtain two numbers from the keyboard, and determine and display which (if either) is the larger of the two numbers.
- 3) Receive 3 numbers and display them in ascending order from smallest to largest
- 4) Add the numbers from 1 to 100 and display the sum
- 5) Add the even numbers between 0 and any positive integer number given by the user.
- 6) Find the average of two numbers given by the user.
- 7) Find the average, maximum, minimum, and sum of three numbers given by the user.
- 8) Find the area of a circle where the radius is provided by the user.
- 9) Swap the contents of two variables using a third variable.
- 10) Swap the content of two variables without using a third variable.
- 11) Read an integer value from the keyboard and display a message indicating if this number is odd or even.
- 12) read 10 integers from the keyboard in the range 0 - 100, and count how many of them are larger than 50, and display this result
- 13) Take an integer from the user and display the factorial of that number

## Chapter Three Program Control Constructs.

- A running program spends all of its time executing instructions or statements in that program.
- The order in which statements in a program are executed is called *flow* of that program.
- Programmers can control which instruction to be executed in a program, which is called *flow control*.
- This term reflects the fact that the currently executing statement has the control of the CPU, which when completed will be handed over (flow) to another statement.
- Flow control in a program is typically *sequential*, from one statement to the next.
- But we can also have execution that might be divided to other paths by *branching statements*. Or perform a block of statement repeatedly until a condition fails by *Repetition* or *looping*.
- Flow control is an important concept in programming because it will give all the power to the programmer to decide what to do to execute during a run and what is not, therefore, affecting the overall outcome of the program.

### 3. Sequential Statements

- Such kind of statements are instruction in a program which will be executed one after the other in the order scripted in the program. In sequential statements, the order will be determined during program development and can not be changed.

### 4. Selection Statements

- Selection statements are statements in a program where there are points at which the program will decide at runtime whether some part of the code should or should not be executed.
- There are two types of selection statements in C++, which are the “*if statement*” and the “*switch statement*”

#### 4.1. The *if Statement*

- It is sometimes desirable to make the execution of a statement dependent upon a *condition being satisfied*.
- The different forms of the ‘If’ statement will be used to decide whether to execute part of the program based on a condition which will be tested either for TRUE or FALSE result.

- The different forms of the “If” statement are:
  - ✓ The simple if statement
  - ✓ The If else statement
  - ✓ The if else if statement
- ❖ ***The simple if statement***
  - The simple if statement will decide only one part of the program to be executed if the condition is satisfied or ignored if the condition fails.
  - The General Syntax is:

```
if(expression)
    statements;
```
  - In any “if” statement, first the “expression” will be evaluated and if the outcome is non zero (which means TRUE), then the “statements” is executed. Otherwise, nothing happens (the statement will not be executed) and execution resumes to the line immediately after the “if” block.
  - To make multiple statements dependent on the same condition we can use a compound statement, which will be implemented by embracing the group of instructions within the left “{” and right “}” French bracket.  
E.g.:  

```
if(age>18)
    cout<<"you are an adult";
```
  - E.g.:  

```
if(balance > 0)
{
    interest = balance * creditRate;
    balance += interest;
}
```
  - Most of the time “expression” will have relational expressions testing whether something is equal, greater, less, or different from something else.
  - It should be noted that the output of a relational expression is either True (represented by anything different from zero) or False (represented by Zero).
  - Thus any expression, whose final result is either zero or none zero can be used in “expression”

E.g.:

```
int x;
cin>>x;
if(x)
    cout<<"you are an adult";
```

- In the above example, the value of variable x will be an input from the user. The “if” statement will be true if the user gives anything different from zero, which means the message “*you are an adult*” will be displayed on the screen. If the user gives zero value for x, which will be interpreted as False, nothing will be done as the if statement is not satisfied.
- Thus, expression and be:
  - ✓ Relational expression,
  - ✓ A variable,
  - ✓ A literal constant, or
  - ✓ Assignment operation, as the final result is whatever we have at the right hand side and the one at the left hand side is a variable.

❖ **The If else statement**

- Another form of the “if” is the “if ...else” statement.
- The “if else if” statement allows us to specify two alternative statements:
  - ✓ One which will be executed if a condition is *satisfied* and
  - ✓ Another which will be executed if the condition is *not satisfied*.
- The General Syntax is:

```
if(expression)
    statements1;
else
    statements2;
```

- First “*expression*” is evaluated and if the outcome is none zero (true), then “*statements1*” will be executed. Otherwise, which means the “*expression*” is false “*statements2*” will be executed.

E.g.:

```
if(balance > 0)
{
    interest = balance * creditRate;
    balance += interest;
}
else
{
    interest = balance * debitRate;
    balance += interest;
}
```

E.g.1:

```
if(age>18)
    cout<<"you are an adult";
else
    cout<<"You are a kid";
```

E.g.2:

```
int x;
cout<<"Enter a number: ";
cin>>x;
if(x%2==0)
    cout<<"The Number is Even";
else
    cout<<"The Number is Odd";
```

E.g.3:

```
int x;
cout<<"Enter a number: ";
cin>>x;
if(x%2)
    cout<<"The Number is Odd";
else
    cout<<"The Number is Even";
```

- The above three examples illustrate the “if else” statement.
- The last two examples will do the same thing except that the expression in the Eg3 is changed from relational to arithmetic. We know that the result from the modulus operator is either 0 or one if the divider is 2. Thus the final result of the expression in Eg3 will either be 1 for odd numbers or be 0 for even numbers.
- ‘if’ statements may be nested by having an if statement appear inside another if statement. For instance:

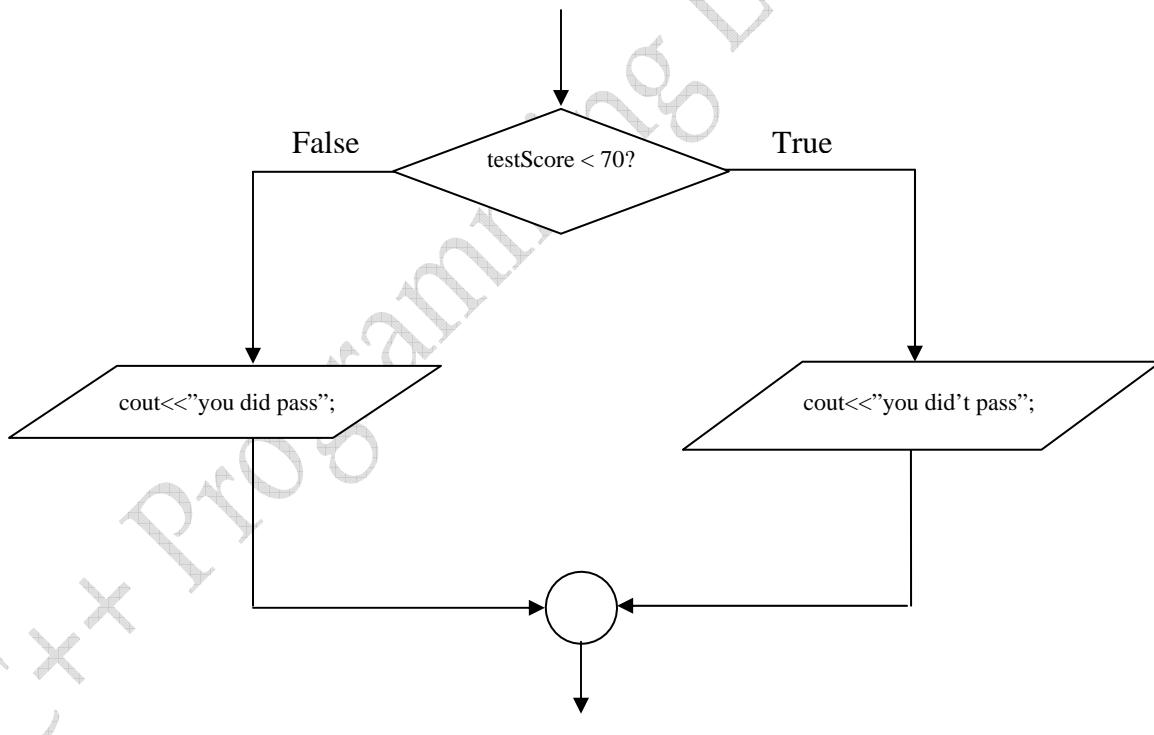
```
if(callHour > 3)
{
    if(callDuration <= 5)
        charge = callDuration * tarif1;
    else
        charge = 5 * tarif1 + (callDuration - 5) * tarif2;
}
else
    charge = flatFee;
```

```

e.g2. #include<iostream.h>
      #include<conio.h>
      int main()
      {
          int testScore;
          cout<<"\nEnter your test score:";
          cin>>testScore;

          if(testScore < 70)
              cout<<"\n You did not pass."; → then block
          else
              cout<<"\n You did pass"; → else block
          getch();
          return 0;
      }
  
```

- the above sample program can be diagrammatically expressed as follows:



#### ❖ The “if else if” statement

- The third form of the “if” statement is the “if …else if” statement.
- The “if else if” statement allows us to specify more than two alternative statements each will be executed based on testing one or more conditions.

- The General Syntax is:

```
if (expression1)
    statements1;
else if(expression2)
    statements2;
    :
    :
else if(expressionN)
    statementsN;
else
    statements
```

- First “*expression1*” is evaluated and if the outcome is none zero (true), then “*statements1*” will be executed. Otherwise, which means the “*expression1*” then “*expression2*” will be evaluated: if the output of expression2 is True then “*statements2*” will be executed otherwise the next “*expression*” in the else if statement will be executed and so on.
- If all the expressions in the “if” and “else if” statements are False then “*statements*” under else will be executed.
- The “if...else” and “if...else if” statements are said to be exclusive selection as if one of the condition (expression) is satisfied only instructions in its block will be executed and the rest will be ignored.

E.g.:

```
if(score >= 90)
    cout<< "\n your grade is A";
else if(score >= 80)
    cout<< "\n your grade is B";
else if(score >= 70)
    cout<< "\n your grade is C";
else if(score >= 60)
    cout<< "\n your grade is D";
else
    cout<< "\n your grade is F";
```

- In the above example, only one of the five cout statements will be executed and the rest will be ignored. But until one of the conditions is satisfied or the else part is reached, the expressions will be tested or evaluated.

❖ **Nesting If statements within another if statement**

- One or more if statements can be nested within another if statement.
- The nesting will be used to test multiple conditions to perform a task.
- It is always recommended to indent nested if statements to enhance readability of a program
- The General Syntax might be:

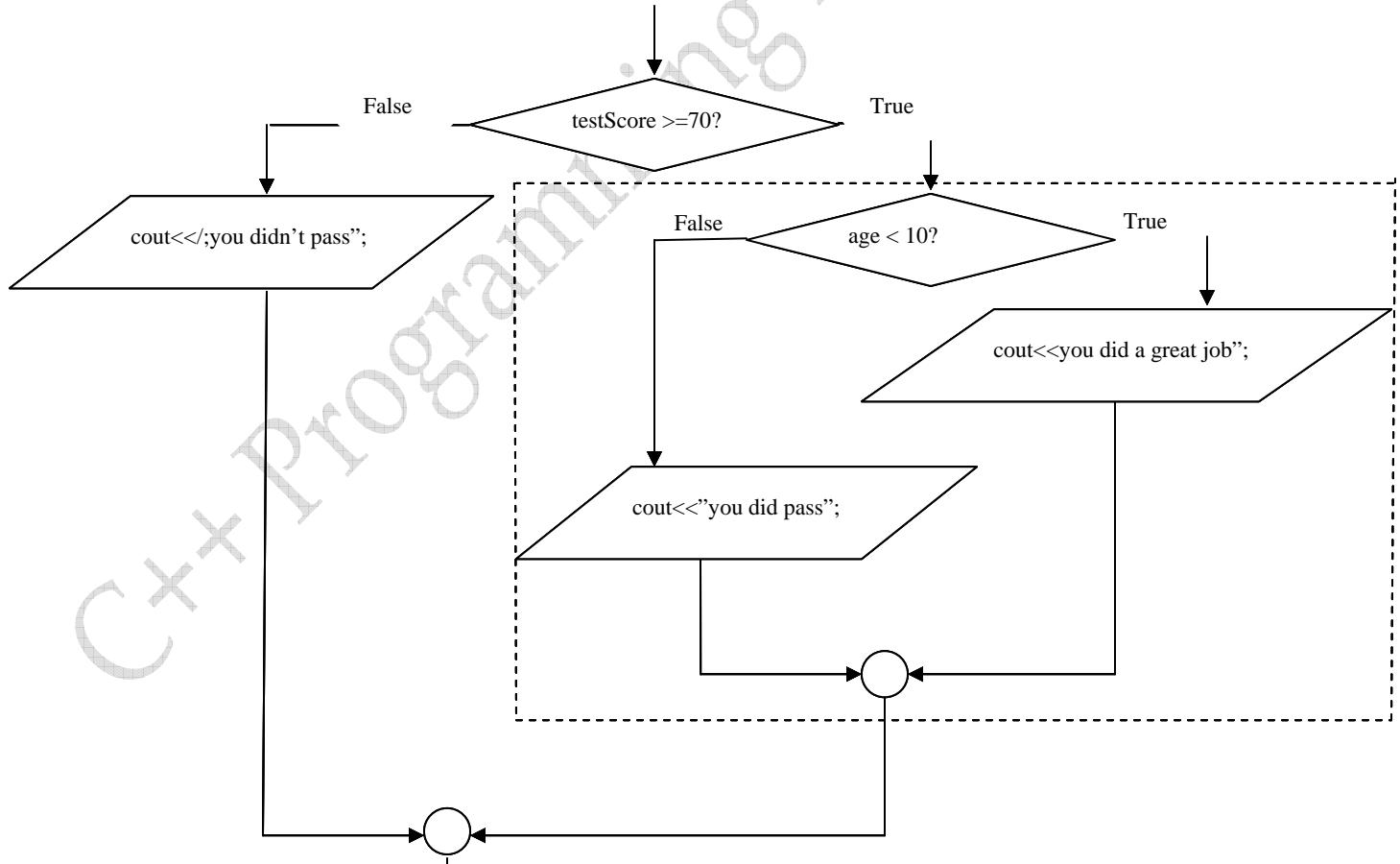
```
if (expression1)
{
    if (expression2)
        statementsN;
    else
        statementsM;
}
else
{
    if (expression3)
        statementsR;
    else
        statementsT;
}
```

- StatementsN will be executed if and only if “*expression1*” and “*expression2*” are evaluated and if the outcome of both is non zero (TRUE).
- StatementsM will be executed if and only if “*expression1*” is TRUE and “*expression2*” is FALSE.
- StatementsR will be executed if and only if “*expression1*” is FALSE and “*expression3*” is TRUE.
- StatementsT will be executed if and only if “*expression1*” is FALSE and “*expression2*” is FALSE.

- Lets have an example on nested if statements

```
#...
int main()
{
    int testScore, age;
    cout<<"\n Enter your test score :";
    cin>>testScore;
    cout<<"\n enter your age:";
    cin>>age;
    if(testScore >= 70)
    {
        if(age < 10)
            cout<<"\n You did a great job";
        else
            cout<<"\n You did pass";
    }
    else
        cout<<"\n You did not pass";
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- The above program can be expressed diagrammatically as follows.



#### 4.1.1. The Switch Statement

- Another C++ statement that implements a selection control flow is the switch statement (*multiple-choice statement*).
- The switch statement provides a way of choosing between a set of alternatives based on the value of an expression. The general form of the switch statement is:
- The switch statement has four components:
  - *Switch*
  - *Case*
  - *Default*
  - *Break*
- Where Default and Break are Optional
- The General Syntax might be:

```
switch(expression)
{
    case constant1:
        statements;
        .
        .
        .
    case constant n:
        statements;
    default:
        statements;
}
```

- Expression is called the *switch tag* and the constants preceding each case are called the *case labels*.
- The output of “*expression*” should always be a constant value.
- First expression is evaluated, and the outcome, which is a constant value, will be compared to each of the numeric constants in the case labels, in the order they appear, until a match is found.
- Note, however, that the evaluation of the *switch tag* with the *case labels* is only for *equality*
- The statements following the matching case are then executed. Note the plural: each case may be followed by zero or more statements (not just one statement).
- After one case is satisfied, execution continues until either a *break* statement is encountered or all intervening statements are executed, which means until the execution reaches the right French bracket of the switch statement.

- The final default case is optional and is exercised if none of the earlier cases provide a match. This means that, if the value of the “*expression*” is not equal to any of the case labels, then the statements under *default* will be executed.
- Now let us see the effect of including a break statement in the switch statement.

#### Scenario One

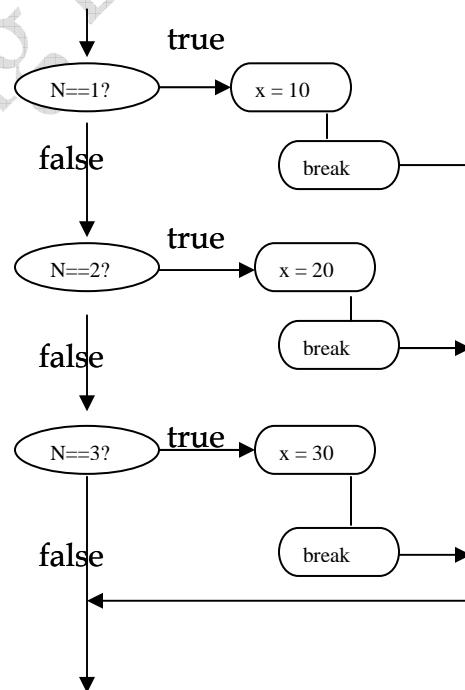
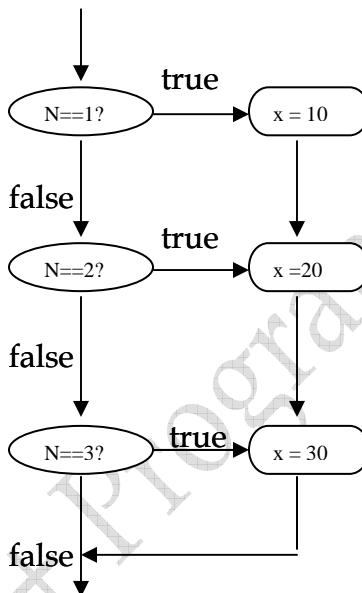
```
switch (N){
    case 1: x=10;
    case 2: x=20;
    case 3: x=30;
}
```

Even if N is 1 or 2 x will have 30

#### Scenario Two

```
switch(N){
    case 1: x=10; break;
    case 2: x=20; break;
    case 3: x=30; break;
}
```

X will have either 10, 20 or 30 based on the value of N



- The break terminates the switch statement by jumping to the very end of it.
- There are, however, situations in which it makes sense to have a case without a break. For instance:

- E.g.:

```
switch(operator)
{
    case '+': result = operand1 + operand2;
                break;
    case '-': result = operand1 - operand2;
                break;
    case 'x':
    case '*': result = operand1 * operand2;
                break;
    case '/': result = operand1 / operand2;
                break;
    default: cout<<" unknown operator:"<<operator<<"\n";
}
```

- Because case 'x' has no break statement (in fact no statement at all!), when this case satisfied, execution proceeds to the statements of the next case and the multiplication is performed.
- Switch evaluates expression and compares the result to each of the case values.
- Relational and Boolean operators can be used in switch tag if and only if the expected output is either 0 to represent False or 1 to represent True as that is the only possible output from such operators.

## 4.2. Repetition Statements

- Repetition statements control a block of code to be executed repeatedly for a fixed number of times or until a certain condition fails.
- There are three C++ repetition statements:
  - 1) The **For Statement** or loop
  - 2) The **While statement** or loop
  - 3) The **do...while** statement or loop

### 4.2.1. The for statement / loop

- The “for” statement (also called loop) is used to repeatedly execute a block of instructions until a specific condition fails.
- The General Syntax is:

```
for(expression1 ; expression2 ; expression3)  
    statements;
```

- The for loop has three expressions:
  - *expression1*: is one or more statements that will be executed only once and before the looping starts.
  - *Expression2*: is the part that decides whether to proceed with executing the instructions in the loop or to stop. Expression2 will be evaluated each time before the loop continues. The output of expression2 should be either zero (to proceed with the loop) or non zero (to stop the loop) to represent false and true output respectively.
  - *Expression3*: is one or more statements that will be executed after each iteration.
- Thus, first *expression1* is evaluated and then each time the loop is executed, *expression2* is evaluated. If the outcome of *expression2* is non zero then *statements* is executed and *expression3* is evaluated. Otherwise, the loop is terminated.
- In most programs, the “for loop” will be used for such expressions where *expression1* is *initialization*, *expression2* is *condition* and *expression3* is either *increment* or *decrement*.
- The general format can be expressed as follows for the sake of clarity:

```
for(initialization ; condition ; increase/decrease)  
    statement;
```

 Steps of execution of the for loop:

1. *Initialization is executed. (will be executed only once)*
2. *Condition is checked, if it is true the loop continues, otherwise the loop finishes and statement is skipped.*
3. *Statement is executed.*
4. *Finally, whatever is specified in the increase or decrease field is executed and the loop gets back to step 2.*

E.g. guess the output of the following code:

```
int main()
{
    for(int i=10;i>0;i--)
    {
        cout<<n<<"";
    }
    cout<< "FIRE!";
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- Even though it is not recommended, *expression1*, *expression2* and *expression3* can be optional or can be ignored. This means that they can take NULL statement.
- But making *expression2* null means that the loop will not terminate. In such cases one can include an “if” statement inside the “for” loop which will test a condition and break out from the loop using the *break* statement.
- While making one or more of the three expressions null, the semi colons CAN NOT be ignored.
- E.g.:
 

```
for (;n<10); //if we want neither initialization nor increase/decrease
for (;n<10;n++) //if no initialization is needed.
for (;;) //is an infinite loop unless an otherwise there is if
          statement inside the loop.
```
- It is declared above that *expression1* and *expression3* can be one or more statements. The composite statements should be separated by a comma. This means, optionally, using the comma operator (,) we can specify more than one instruction in any of the two fields included in a “for” loop.
 

E.g.    `for(n=0,i=100;n!=i; n++,i--)`

```
{
    //what ever here
}
```

- In the above example, n=0 and i=100 will be part of expression1 and will be executed only once before the loop starts. In addition, n++ and i—will be part of expression3 and will be executed after each looping/iteration.

Eg:1

```
//the following for statement adds the numbers between 0 and n
int Sum=0;
for(int i=0; i<=n;i++)
    Sum=Sum+i;
```

Eg:2

```
//the following for statement adds the even numbers between 0 and n
int Sum=0;
for(int i=0; i<=n;)
{
    Sum=Sum+i;
    i+=2;
}
```

Eg:3

```
//the following for statement adds the even numbers between 0 and n
//where all the three expressions are null.
```

```
int Sum=0;
int i=0;
for(;;)
{
    If(i<=n)
        break;
    else
    {
        Sum=Sum+i;
        i++;
    }
}
```

- In the above example, the initialization is at the top before the looping starts, the condition is put in if statement before the instructions are executed and the increment is found immediately after the statements to be executed in the loop.

**NB:** even though there is the option of making all the three expressions null in a “for” loop, it is not recommended to make the condition to take null statement.

### 4.2.2. The while statement

- The while statement (also called while loop) provides a way of repeating a statement or a block as long as a condition holds / is true.
- The general form of the while loop is:

```

while(expression)
    statements;

```

- First *expression* (called the *loop condition*) is evaluated. If the outcome is non zero then statement (called the *loop body*) is executed and the whole process is repeated. Otherwise, the loop is terminated.
- Suppose that we wish to calculate the sum of all numbers from 1 to some integer value n. this can be expressed as :

E.g.1:// adds the numbers between 0 and any given number n

```
i=1;
sum = 0;
while(i <= n)
    sum += i++;
```

E.g.2:// adds the numbers between 0 and 100

```
number=1;
sum=0;
while(number <= 100)
{
    sum += number;
    number++;
}
```

E.g.3:

```
/*the following while loop will request the user to enter his/her
age which should be between 0 and 130. If the user enters a
value which is not in the range, the while loop test the value
and request the age again until the user enters a valid age.*/
cout<<"\n enter your age [between 0 and 130]:";
cin>>age;
while(age < 0 || age > 130)
{
    cout<<"\n invalid age. Plz try again!";
    cin>>age;
}
```

### 4.2.3. Do...while loop.

- The do statement (also called the do loop) is similar to the while statement, except that its body is executed first and then the loop condition is examined.
- In do...while loop, we are sure that the body of the loop will be executed at least once. Then the condition will be tested.
- The general form is:

```
do
{
    statement;
}
while(expression);
```

- First statement is executed and then expression is evaluated. If the outcome of the expression is nonzero, then the whole process is repeated. Otherwise the loop is terminated.

E.g.:

//our previous example (Eg3) in the while loop might be changed as:

```
age=-1;
do
{
    cout<<"\n enter your valid age [between 0 and 130]:";
    cin>>age;
}
while(age < 0 || age > 130);
```

- E.g. what do you think is the outcome of the following code:

```
unsigned long n;
do
{
    cout<<"\n enter number (0 to end):";
    cin>>n;
    cout<<"\n you entered:"<<n;
}
}while(n != 0);
```

#### 4.2.4. Pitfalls in writing repetition statements

- There are some pitfalls worth mentioning in repetition statements. These pit falls are the most common programming errors committed by programmers
- ❖ **Infinite loop**: no matter what you do with the while loop (and other repetition statements), make sure that the loop will *eventually terminates*.

E.g.1:

```
//Do you know why the following is an infinite loop?
int product = 0;
while(product < 50)
    product *= 5;
```

E.g.2:

```
//Do you know why the following is an infinite loop?
int counter = 1;
while(counter != 10)
    counter += 2;
```

- In the first example, since *product* is initialized with zero, the expression “*product\*=5*” will always give us zero which will always be less than 50.
- In the second example, the variable *counter* is initialized to 1 and increment is 2, counter will never be equal to 10 as the counter only assumes odd values. In theory, this while loop is an infinite loop, but in practice, this loop eventually terminates because of an *overflow error* as counter is an integer it will have a maximum limit.

- ❖ **Off-By-One Bugs (OBOB)**: another thing for which you have to watch out in writing a loop is the so called *Off-By-One Bugs or errors*. Suppose we want to execute the loop body 10 times. Does the following code work?

E.g.:1

```
count = 1;
while(count < 10)
{
    ...
    count++;
}
```

No, the loop body is executed nine times. How about the following?

```
E.g.:2  
count = 0;  
while(count <= 10)  
{  
    ...  
    count++;  
}
```

No this time the loop body is executed eleven times. The correct is

```
E.g.:3  
count = 0;  
while(count < 10)  
{  
    ...  
    count++;  
}
```

OR

```
count = 1;  
while(count <= 10)  
{  
    ...  
    count++;  
}
```

#### 4.2.5. Types of Loops

##### 4.2.5.1. Count controlled loops

- Repeat a statement or block a specified number of times  
Count-controlled loops contain
  - An initialization of the loop control variable
  - An expression to test if the proper number of repetitions has been completed
  - An update of the loop control variable to be executed with each iteration of the body

##### 4.2.5.2. Event-controlled loops

- Repeat a statement or block until a condition within the loop body changes that causes the repetition to stop
- Types of Event-Controlled Loops
  1. **Sentinel controlled:**  
Keep processing data until a special value that is not a possible data value is entered to indicate that processing should stop
  2. **End-of-file controlled:**  
Keep processing data as long as there is more data in the file
  3. **Flag controlled:**  
Keep processing data until the value of a flag changes in the loop body

## 4.3. The continue and break statements

### 4.3.1. The continue statement

- The continue statement terminates the current iteration of a loop and instead jumps to the next iteration.
- It is an error to use the continue statement outside a loop.
- In while and do while loops, the next iteration commences from the loop condition.
- In a “for” loop, the next iteration commences from the loop’s third expression.

E.g.:

```
for(int n=10;n>0;n--)
{
    if(n==5)
        continue;      //causes a jump to n-
    cout<<n<< ",";
}
```

- When the continue statement appears inside nested loops, it applies to the loop immediately enclosing it, and not to the outer loops. For example, in the following set of nested loops, the continue statement applies to the “for” loop, and not to the “while” loop.

E.g.:

```
while(more)
{
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        cin>>num;
        if(num<0)
            continue; //causes a jump to : i++
    }
}
```

### 4.3.2. The break statement

- A break statement may appear inside a loop (*while*, *do*, or *for*) or a switch statement. It causes a jump out of these constructs, and hence terminates them.
- Like the continue statement, a break statement only applies to the “loop” or “switch” immediately enclosing it. It is an error to use the break statement outside a loop or a switch statement.

E.g.:

```
for(n=10;n>0;n--)
{
    cout<<n<< ",";
    if(n == 3)
        { cout<< "count down aborted!!";
          break;
        }
}
```

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**Worksheet 3: Make sure to use looping whenever applicable.**

1. Write for, do-while, and while statements to compute the following sums and products.
  - a.  $1+2+3+\dots+100$
  - b.  $5+10+15+\dots+50$
  - c.  $1+1/2+1/3+1/4+\dots+1/15$
  - d.  $1*2*3*\dots*20$
2. write an application to print out the numbers 10 through 49 in the following manner

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19  
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29  
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39  
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
3. A prime number is an integer greater than one and divisible only by itself and one. The first seven prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, and 17. Write a program that displays all the prime numbers between 1 and 100.
4. Write a C++ program that counts the number of digits in an integer number. For example; 23,498 has five digits.
5. Write a C++ application that can compute the letter grade of a student after accepting the student's mid and final mark. The program should only accept mid result [0-40] and final [0- 60]. If the data entered violates this rule, the program should display that the user should enter the mark in the specified range. The program is also expected to run until the user refuses to continue.
6. Write a C++ program that accepts a positive number from the user and displays the factorial of that number. Use for loops to find the factorial of the number.
7. Write a C++ code that computes the sum of the following series.

$$\text{Sum} = 1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + \dots + n!$$

The program should accept the number from the user.

8. Using the ASCII table numbers, write a program to print the following output, using a nested for loop. (Hint: the outer loop should loop from 1 to 5, and the inner loop's start variable should be 65, the value of ASCII "A").

A  
AB  
ABC  
ABCD  
ABCDE

9. Write a C++ program that displays the following output using their ASCII values.

a  
bc  
def  
gehi  
jklmn  
opqrst

10. Write a C++ program that will print the following shapes.

A.                   B.                   C.                   D.  
\*  
\*\*  
\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*              \*\*\*\*\*  
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\*\*                \*\*\*\*\*  
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11. Write a weather-calculator program that asks for a list of the previous 10 days' temperatures, computes the average, and prints the results. You have to compute the total as the input occurs, then divide that total by 10 to find the average. Use a while loop for the 10 repetitions.

12. Write a C++ program using for loop that can compute the following summation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{30} \left[ \left( \frac{i}{3} \right) * 2 \right]$$

13. Write a C++ program that accepts marks of five students and then displays their average. The program should not accept mark which is less than 0 and mark greater than 100.

14. Develop a calculator program that computes and displays the result of a single requested operation.

E.g. if the input is

15 \* 20, then the program should display 15 \* 20 equals 300

If the operator is not legal, as in the following example

24 ~ 25 then the program displays ~ is unrecognized operator

As a final example, if the denominator for a division is 0, as in the following

input: 23 / 0 then the program should display the following:

23 / 0 can't be computed: denominator is 0.

15. Use either a switch or an if-else statement and display whether a vowel or a consonant character is entered by the user. The program should work for both lower case and upper case letters.

16. Write a C++ code to display only even numbers found between 0 and 20.

17. Write a C++ application that extracts a day, month and year and determine whether the date is valid. If the program is given a valid date, an appropriate message is displayed. If instead the program is given an invalid date, an explanatory message is given. Note: to recognize whether the date is valid, we must be able to determine whether the year is a leap year or not.

An example of the expected input/output behavior for a valid date follows

Please enter a date (dd mm yyyy) : 30 4 2006

30/4/2006 is a valid date

Please enter a date (dd mm yyyy) : 1 13 2006

Invalid month: 13

Please enter a date (dd mm yyyy) : 29 2 1899

Invalid day of month 29

If the year is a leap year, then February will have total of 29 days. Otherwise, it will have 28 days. If the year is not a century year and is evenly divisible by 4, then the year is a leap year. If the year is a century year (years whose last digits are 00) and is evenly divisible by 400, then the year is a leap year.

## Chapter Four Functions

### 4. What is a function?

- A function provides a convenient way of packaging a computational recipe, so that it can be used as often as required.
- Therefore, a function is a block of code designed to tackle a specific problem.

#### 4.1. Function Basics

- One of the best ways to tackle a problem is to start with the overall goal, then divide this goal into several smaller tasks. You should never lose sight of the overall goal, but think also of how individual pieces can fit together to accomplish such a goal.
- If your program does a lot, break it into several functions. Each function should do only one primary task.

#### 4.2. Summarized function basics.

- C++ functions generally adhere to the following rules.
  1. Every function must have a *name*.
  2. Function names are made up and assigned by the programmer following the same rules that apply to naming variables. They can contain up to 32 characters, they must begin with a letter, and they can consist of letters, numbers, and the underscore (\_) character.
  3. All function names have *one set of parenthesis* immediately following them. This helps you (and C++ compiler) differentiate them from variables.
  4. The body of each function, starting immediately after parenthesis of the function name, must be enclosed by braces.

#### 4.3. Declaring, defining and calling functions

##### 4.3.1. Declaring function:

- The interface of a function (also called its prototype) specifies how it may be used. It consists of three entities:
- The *function return type*. This specifies the type of value the function returns. A function which returns nothing should have a return type *void*.
- The *function name*. this is simply a unique identifier

- The *function parameters* (also called its signature). This is a set of zero or more typed identifiers used for passing values to and from the function.

#### **4.3.2. Defining a function:**

- A function definition consists of two parts: interface (*prototype*) & *body*. The brace of a function contains the computational steps (statements) that computerize the function. The definition consists of a line called the decelerator.
- If function definition is done before the main function, then there is no need to put the prototype, otherwise the prototype should be scripted before the main function starts.

#### **4.3.3. Calling the function:**

- Using a function involves 'calling' it.
- Calling a function means making the instruction of the function to be executed.
- A function call consists of the function name followed by the call operator brackets '()', inside which zero or more comma-separated arguments appear. The number and type of arguments should match the number of function parameters. Each argument is an expression whose type should match the type of the corresponding parameter in the function interface.
- When a function call is executed, the arguments are first evaluated and *their resulting values* are assigned to the corresponding parameters. The function body is then executed. Finally the return value (if any) is passed to the caller.
- A function call in C++ is like a detour on a highway. Imagine that you are traveling along the "road" of the primary function called main(). When you run into a function-calling statement, you must temporarily leave the main() function and execute the function that was called. After that function finishes (its return statement is reached), program control returns to main(). In other words, when you finish a detour, you return to the "main" route and continue the trip. Control continues as main() calls other functions.

- Lets have a simple example:

void func1(); → prototype of function definition

```
void main()
{
    func1(); → no return type as it is void in the definition.
}

void func1() { → Return type is void
    }           no semicolon. Decelerator
    }           function body
}           }           definition
            no semicolon.
```

- Lets have another very simple function example:

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
void starLine(); //→prototype of the function with a name starLine
int main()
{
    starLine(); //→Calling the function with a name starLine
    cout<< "Data type Range" << endl;
    starLine();
    cout<< "char      -128 to 127" << endl
        << "short     -32,768 to 32,767" << endl
        << " int      system dependent" << endl
        << "long      -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647" << endl;
    starLine();
    return 0;
}

void starLine()
{
    with a
    for(int j=0;j<45;j++)
        cout<< "*";
    cout<< endl;
}
```

definition of the function  
name starLine

- Given the next program, which function is the calling function and which is the called function?

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
void nextMsg()
int main()
{
    cout<< "Hello!\n";
    nextMsg();
    return 0;
}
void nextMsg()
{
    cout<< "GoodBye!\n";
    return;
}
```

#### **4.4. Function Parameters and arguments**

- The parameters of a function are list of variables used by the function to perform its task and the arguments passed to the function during calling of a function are values sent to the function.
- The arguments of function calling can be using either of the two supported styles in C++: *passing by value* or *passing by reference*.

##### **4.4.1. Passing by value:**

- A value parameter receives a copy of only the value of the argument passed to it. As a result, if the function makes any changes to the parameters, this will not affect the argument. For instance:

```
#.....
void Foo(int num)
{
    Num = 0;
    cout<< "num = " << num << "\n";
}
int main(void)
{
    int x = 10;
    Foo(x);
    cout<< "x = " << x << "\n";
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- The single parameter of Foo is a value parameter. As far as this function is concerned, num behaves just like a local variable inside

the function. When the function is called and x passed to it, num receives a copy of the value of x. As a result, although num is set to 0 by the function, this does not affect x. the program produces the following output:

Num = 0

x = 10

- o Passing arguments in this way, where the function creates copies of the arguments passed to it is called **passing by value**.

#### 4.4.2. **Passing by Reference:**

- o A reference parameter, on the other hand, receives the argument passed to it and works on it directly. Any change made by the function to a reference parameter is in effect directly applied to the argument.
- o Passing parameters in this way is called **pass-by-reference**.
- o Taking the same example above:

```
#.....
#.....
void Foo(int & num)
{
    num = 0;
    cout<< "num = " << num << "\n";
}
int main(void)
{
    int x = 10;
    Foo(x);
    cout<< "x = " << x << "\n";
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- o The parameter of Foo is a reference parameter. Num will correspond to x for this specific program as it x is sent by its reference and not its value. Any change made on num will be effected to x. Thus, the program produces the following output:

num = 0

x = 0

- o Suppose you have pairs of numbers in your program and you want to be sure that the smaller one always precedes the larger one. To do this, you call a function, order(), which checks two numbers

passed to it by reference and swaps the originals if the first is larger than the second.

```
#.....  
#.....  
void order(int &, int &);  
int main()  
{  
    int n1 = 99, n2=11;  
    int n3 = 22, n4=88;  
    order(n1,n2);  
    order(n3,n4);  
    cout<< "n1=" << n1 << endl;  
    cout<< "n2=" << n2 << endl;  
    cout<< "n3=" << n3 << endl;  
    cout<< "n4=" << n4 << endl;  
    return 0;  
}  
  
void order(int & num1,int & num2)  
{  
    if(num1 > num2)  
    {  
        int temp=num1;  
        num1 = num2;  
        num2 = temp;  
    }  
}
```

- In main() there are two pairs of numbers-the first pair is not ordered and the second pair is ordered. The order() function is called once for each pair, and then all the numbers are printed out. The output reveals that the first pair has been swapped while the second pair has not. Here it is:

N1 = 11  
N2 = 99  
N3 = 22  
N4 = 88

- In the order() function the first variable is called num1 and the second is num2. If num1 is greater than num2, the function stores num1 in temp, puts num2 in num1, and finally puts temp back in num2.

- Using reference arguments in this way is a sort of remote control operation. The calling program tells the function what variables in the calling program to operate on, and the function modifies these variables without ever knowing their real names.

#### 4.5. Global versus local variables

- Everything defined at the program scope level (outside functions) is said to have a *global scope*, meaning that the entire program knows each variable and has the capability to change any of them.

Eg.

```
int year = 1994;//global variable
int max(int,int);//global function
int main(void)
{
    //...
}
```

- Global variables are visible ("known") from their point of definition down to the end of the program.
- Each block in a program defines a local scope. Thus the body of a function represents a local scope. The parameters of a function have the same scope as the function body.
- Variables defined within a local scope are visible to that scope only. Hence, a variable need only be unique within its own scope. Local scopes may be nested, in which case the inner scope overrides the outer scopes. Eg:

```
int xyz;//xyz is global
void Foo(int xyz)//xyz is local to the body of Foo
{
    if(xyz > 0)
    {
        Double xyz;//xyz is local to this block
        ...
    }
}
```

#### 4.6. Scope Operator

- Because a local scope overrides the global scope, having a local variable with the same name as a global variable makes the latter inaccessible to the local scope.

- Eg

```
int num1;
void fun1(int num1)
{
    //...
}
```

- The global num1 is inaccessible inside fun1(), because it is overridden by the local num1 parameter.
- This problem is overcome using the scope operator '::' which takes a global entity as argument.

```
int num1 = 2;
void fun1(int num1)
{
    //...
    num1=33;
    cout<<num1; // the out put will be 33
    cout<<::num1; //the out put will be 2 which is the global
    if(::num1 != 0)//refers to global num1
        //...
}
```

#### 4.7. Automatic versus static variables

- The terms automatic and static describe what happens to local variables when a function returns to the calling procedure. By default, all local variables are automatic, meaning that they are erased when their function ends. You can designate a variable as automatic by prefixing its definition with the term auto.
- Eg. The two statements after main()'s opening brace declared automatic local variables:

```
main()
{
    int i;
    auto float x;
    ...
}
```

- The opposite of an automatic is a static variable. All global variables are static and, as mentioned, all static variables retain their values. Therefore, if a local variable is static, it too retains its value when its function ends-in case this function is called a second time.
- To declare a variable as static, place the static keyword in front of the variable when you define it. The following code section defines three variables i, j, k. the variable i is automatic, but j and k are static.

- Static variables can be declared and initialized within the function, but the initialization will be executed only once during the first call.
- If static variables are not declared explicitly, they will be declared to 0 automatically.

Eg.      `void my_fun()`  
           {  
             `static int num;`  
             `static int count = 2;`  
             `count=count*5;`  
             `num=num+4;`  
           }

- In the above example:
  - During the first call of the function `my_fun()`, the static variable `count` will be initialized to 2 and will be multiplied by 5 at line three to have the value 10. During the second call of the same function `count` will have 10 and will be multiplied by 5.
  - During the first call of the function `my_fun()`, the static variable `num` will be initialized to 0 (as it is not explicitly initialized) and 4 will be added to it at line four to have the value 4. During the second call of the same function `num` will have 4 and 4 will be add to it again.
- N.B. if local variables are static, their values remain in case the function is called again.

#### 4.8. **Inline functions**

- Suppose that a program frequently requires finding the absolute value of an integer quantity. For a value denoted by `n`, this may be expressed as:

$$(n > 0 ? n : -n)$$

- However, instead of replicating this expression in many places in the program, it is better to define it as a function:

```
int Abs(int n)
{
    return n > 0 ? n : -n;
}
```

- The function version has a number of advantages.
  - It leads to a more readable program.
  - It is reusable.
- The disadvantage of the function version, however is that
  - Its frequent use can lead to considerable performance penalty due to overheads associated with calling a function.
- The overhead can be avoided by defining `Abs` as an **inline** function.

`inline int Abs(int n)`

```

{
    Return n > 0 ? n : -n;
}

```

- The effect of this is that when Abs is called, the compiler, instead of generating code to call Abs, expands the program body and substitutes the body of Abs in place of the call. While essentially the same computation is performed, no function call is involved and hence no stack frame is allocated.
- The "inline" keyword is merely a hint to the compiler or development environment.
- Not every function can be inlined. Some typical reasons why inlining is sometimes not done include:
  - the function calls itself, that is, is recursive
  - the function contains loops such as for(;;) or while()
  - the function size is too large
- Another good reason to inline is that you can sometimes speed up your program by inlining the right function. Instead of calling the function every time it is invoked, the compiler will replace the function call with a copy of the function body. If it's a small function which gets called a lot, this can sometimes speed things up.
- Most of the advantage of inline functions comes from avoiding the overhead of calling an actual function. Such overhead includes saving registers, setting up stack frames, and so on. But with large functions the overhead becomes less important.
- Concerning inline functions, the compiler is free to decide whether a function qualifies to be an inline function. If the inline function is found to have larger chunk (amount) of code, it will not be treated as an inline function, but as like other normal functions.
- Then, Why not inline everything? :Since the compiler will copy the entire function body every time the function is called, if it is a large function (more than three or four lines), inlining can increase the size of your executable program significantly.

## **4.9. Default arguments and function overloading**

- C++ has two capabilities that regular C doesn't have. Default arguments and function overloading.

### **4.9.1. Default arguments**

- ⇒ Default argument is a programming convenience which removes the burden of having to specify argument values for all function parameters.

Eg. You might pass a function an error message that is stored in a character array, and the function displays the error for a certain period of time. The prototype for such a function can be this:

Void pr\_msg(char note[]);

- ⇒ Therefore, to request that pr\_msg() display the line 'Turn printer on', you call it this way:

Pr\_msg("Turn printer on");

- ⇒ As you write more of the program, you begin to realize that you are displaying one message-for instance, the 'Turn printer on' msg more often than any other message.

- ⇒ Instead of calling the function over and over, typing the same message each time, you can set up the prototype for pr\_msg() so that it defaults to the 'turn printer on' message in this way:

Void pr\_msg(char note[] = "Turn printr on");

- ⇒ This makes your programming job easier. Because you would usually want pr\_msg() to display 'turn printer on', the default argument list takes care of the message and you don't have to pass the message when you call the function.

- ⇒ For functions having more than one argument with default, the parameters with possible default value should be declared in the right side of the function definition and prototype.

E.g.: Let us develop part of the program with default arguments.

```
#include.....
void Add_Display(int x=10, int y=20, int z=30)
{
    cout<< (x+y+z);
}
void Mult_Display (int x, int y=70)
{
    cout<< (x*y);
}

void main()
{
    int a=40, b=50, c=60;
    Add_Display(a,b,c); //will print 150 (ie 40+50+60)
    Add_Display(a,b); //will print 120 (ie 40+50+30)
    Add_Display(a); //will print 90 (ie 40+20+30)
    Add_Display(); //will print 60 (ie 10+20+30)
    Mult_Display(a,b) //will print 2000 (40*50)
    Mult_Display(a) //will print 2800 (40*70)
    //Mult_Display() //is invalid as there is no default for x
    getch();
```

```

    }
//the following function definition is invalid as z is
//a parameter without a default and written after y
//parameters with default should always be at the
//right side of function declaration
void Mult_Display (int x, int y=70, int z)
{
    cout<< (x*y*z);
}

//thus the following function definition will be correct
void Mult_Display (int x, int z, int y=70)
{
    cout<< (x*y*z);
}

```

#### 4.9.2. Overloaded Functions

- ⇒ Unlike C, C++ lets you have more than one function with the same name. In other words, you can have three functions called abs() in the same program.
- ⇒ Functions with the same name are called overloaded functions. C++ requires that each overloaded functions differ in its argument list. Overloaded functions enable you to have similar functions that work on different types of data.
- ⇒ Suppose that you wrote a function that returned the absolute value of whatever number you passed to it:

```

int iabs(int i)
{
    if(i<0)
        Return (i*-1);
    else
        Return (i);
}

```

```

float fabs(float x)
{
    if(x<0.0)
        Return (x * -1.0);
    else
        Return (x);
}

```

- ⇒ Without using overloading, you have to call the function as:
- int ans = iabs(weight); // for int arguments
- float ans = fabs(weight); // for float arguments
- ⇒ But with overloading, the above code can be used as:

```

int abs(int i);
float abs(float x);
int main()
{
    ...
    ians = abs(i);//calling abs with int arguments
    fans = abs(p);//calling abs with float arguments
    ...
}
int abs(int i)
{
    if(i<0)
        Return i*-1;
    else
        Return I;
}

float abs(flaot x)
{
    if(x<0.0)
        Return x*-1.0;
    else
        Return x;
}

```

⇒ **N.B:** if two or more functions differ only in their return types, C++ can't overload them. Two or more functions that differ only in their return types must have different names and can't be overloaded

#### 4.10. Recursion

- A function which calls itself is said to be recursive. Recursion is a general programming technique applicable to problems which can be defined in terms of themselves. Take the factorial problem, for instance which is defined as:
  - factorial of 0 is 1
  - factorial of a positive number n is n time the factorial of n-1.

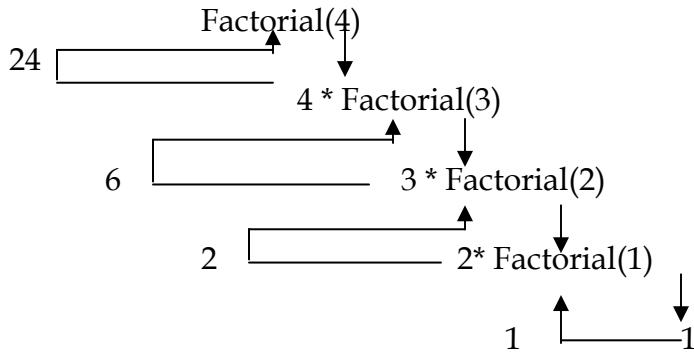
- The second line clearly indicates that factorial is defined in terms of itself and hence can be expressed as a recursive function.

```

int Factorial(unsigned int n)
{
    return n == 0 ? 1 : n * factrial(n-1);
}

```

- For n set to 4, the following figure shows the recursive call:



- The stack frames for these calls appear sequentially on the runtime stack, one after the other.
- A recursive function must have at least one termination condition which can be satisfied. Otherwise, the function will call itself indefinitely until the runtime stack overflows.
- The three necessary components in a recursive method are:
  1. A test to stop or continue the recursion
  2. An end case that terminates the recursion
  3. A recursive call(s) that continues the recursion
- let us implement two more mathematical functions using recursion
- e.g the following function computes the sum of the first N positive integers 1,2,...,N. Notice how the function includes the three necessary components of a recursive method.

```

int sum(int N)
{
    if(N==1)
        return 1;
    else
        return N+sum(N);
}
  
```

- The last method computes the exponentiation  $A^n$  where A is a real number and N is a positive integer. This time, we have to pass two arguments. A and N. the value of A will not change in the calls, but the value of N is decremented after each recursive call.

```

float expo(float A, int N)
{
    if(N==1)
        return A;
    else
        return A * expo(A,N-1);
}
  
```

- Try to use a recursive function call to solve the Fibonacci series. The Fibonacci series is :

0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,...

- the recursive definition of the Fibonacci series is as follows:

Fibonacci (0) =0

Fibonacci (1) =1

Fibonacci (n) =Fibonacci (n-1) +Fibonacci (n-2);

#### **4.11. Recursion versus iteration**

- Both iteration and recursion are based on control structure. Iteration uses a repetition structure (such as for, while, do...while) and recursive uses a selection structure (if, if else or switch).
- Both iteration and recursive can execute infinitely—an infinite loop occurs with iteration if the loop continuation test become false and infinite recursion occurs id the recursion step doesn't reduce the problem in a manner that coverage on a base case.
- Recursion has disadvantage as well. It repeatedly invokes the mechanism, and consequently the overhead of method calls. This can be costly in both processor time and memory space. Each recursive call creates another copy of the method (actually, only the function's variables); this consumes considerable memory.
- **N.B:** Use recursion if:
  1. A recursive solution is natural and easy to understand
  2. A recursive solution doesn't result in excessive duplicate computation.
  3. the equivalent iterative solution is too complex and
  4. of course, when you are asked to use one in the exam!!

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**Worksheet 4.**

1. Write an int function cube () that returns the cube of its single int formal parameter.
2. Write a float function triangle() that computes the area of a triangle using its two formal parameters h and w, where h is the height and w is the length of the bases of the triangle.
3. Write a float function rectangle() that computes and returns the area of a rectangle using its two float formal parameters h and w, where h is the height and w is the width of the rectangle
4. The formula for a line is normally given as  $y = mx + b$ . Write a function Line() that expects three float parameters, a slop m, a y-intercept b, and an x-coordinate x. the function computes the y-coordinate associated with the line specified by m and b at x-coordinate.
5. Write a function Intersect() with four float parameters m1,b1,m2,b2. The parameters come conceptually in two pairs. The first pair contains the coefficients describing one line; the second pair contains coefficients describing a second line. The function returns 1 if the two lines intersect. Otherwise, it should return 0;
6. Write a program that accepts a positive integer from the user and displays the factorial of the given number. You should use a recursive function called factorial() to calculate the factorial of the number.
7. Write another program that accepts a number from the user and returns the Fibonacci value of that number. You should use recursion in here.
8. Develop a program that uses the function factorial() of exercise 6 to compute an approximation of e (Euler's number). Base your approximation on the following formula for e:  
$$1 + 1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3! + \dots$$
9. Write a function called isPrime() that accepts a number and determine whether the number is prime or not.
10. Write a function called isEven() that uses the remainder operator(%) to determine whether an integer is even or not.
11. Modify our calculator problem of worksheet-3 using four functions sum(),product(),quotient() and difference().

## Chapter Five Arrays and Structures

### 5. What is An Array

- ✓ A collection of identical data objects, which are stored in consecutive memory locations under a common heading or a variable name. In other words, an array is a group or a table of values referred to by the same name. The individual values in array are called elements. Array elements are also variables.
- ✓ Set of values of the same type, which have a single name followed by an index. In C++, square brackets appear around the index right after the name
- ✓ A block of memory representing a collection of many simple data variables stored in a separate array element, and the computer stores all the elements of an array consecutively in memory.

#### 5.1. Properties of arrays:

- ✓ Arrays in C++ are zero-bounded; that is the index of the first element in the array is 0 and the last element is N-1, where N is the size of the array.
- ✓ It is illegal to refer to an element outside of the array bounds, and your program will crash or have unexpected results, depending on the compiler.
- ✓ Array can only hold values of one type

#### 5.2. Array declaration

- ✓ Declaring the name and type of an array and setting the number of elements in an array is called dimensioning the array. The array must be declared before one uses it like other variables. In the array declaration one must define:
  1. The type of the array (i.e. integer, floating point, char etc.)
  2. Name of the array,
  3. The total number of memory locations to be allocated or the maximum value of each subscript. i.e. the number of elements in the array.
- ✓ So the general syntax for the declaration is:

**DataTypename arrayname [array size];**

- ✓ The expression array size, which is the number of elements, must be a constant such as 10 or a symbolic constant declared before the array declaration, or a constant expression such as  $10 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$ , for which the values are known at the time compilation takes place.

**Note:** array size cannot be a variable whose value is set while the program is running.

- ✓ Thus to declare an integer with size of 10 having a name of num is:

```
int num [10];
```

This means: ten consecutive two byte memory location will be reserved with the name num.

- ✓ That means, we can store 10 values of type **int** without having to declare 10 different variables each one with a different identifier. Instead of that, using an array we can store 10 different values of the same type, **int** for example, with a unique identifier.

### 5.3. Initializing Arrays

- ✓ When declaring an array of local scope (within a function), if we do not specify the array variable will not be initialized, so its content is undetermined until we store some values in it.
- ✓ If we declare a global array (outside any function) its content will be initialized with all its elements filled with zeros. Thus, if in the global scope we declare:

```
int day [5];
```

- ✓ every element of day will be set initially to 0:

	0	1	2	3	4
day	0	0	0	0	0

- ✓ But additionally, when we declare an Array, we have the possibility to assign initial values to each one of its elements using curly brackets { }. For example:

```
int day [5] = { 16, 2, 77, 40, 12071 };
```

- ✓ The above declaration would have created an array like the following one:

	0	1	2	3	4
day	16	2	77	40	12071

- ✓ The number of elements in the array that we initialized within curly brackets { } must be equal or less than the length in elements that we declared for the array enclosed within square brackets [ ]. If we have less number of items for the initialization, the rest will be filled with zero.

- ✓ For example, in the example of the day array we have declared that it had 5 elements and in the list of initial values within curly brackets { } we have set 5 different values, one for each element. If we ignore the last initial value (12071) in the above initialization, 0 will be taken automatically for the last array element.
- ✓ Because this can be considered as useless repetition, C++ allows the possibility of leaving empty the brackets [ ], where the number of items in the initialization bracket will be counted to set the size of the array.

```
int day [] = { 1, 2, 7, 4, 12, 9 };
```

- ✓ *The compiler will count the number of initialization items which is 6 and set the size of the array day to 6 (i.e.: day[6])*
- ✓ You can use the initialization form only when defining the array. You cannot use it later, and cannot assign one array to another once. I.e.

```
int arr [] = {16, 2, 77, 40, 12071};  
int ar [4];  
ar[]={1,2,3,4}//not allowed  
arr=ar;//not allowed
```

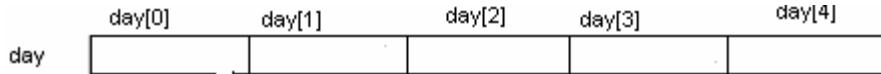
- ✓ Note: when initializing an array, we can provide fewer values than the array elements. E.g. int a [10] = {10, 2, 3}; in this case the compiler sets the remaining elements to zero.

#### 5.4. Accessing and processing array elements

- ✓ In any point of the program in which the array is visible we can access individually anyone of its elements for reading or modifying it as if it was a normal variable. To access individual elements, index or subscript is used. The format is the following:

*name [ index ]*

- ✓ In C++ the first element has an index of 0 and the last element has an index, which is one less than the size of the array (i.e. arraysiz-1). Thus, from the above declaration, day[0] is the first element and day[4] is the last element.
- ✓ Following the previous examples where *day* had 5 elements and each element is of type int, the name, which we can use to refer to each element, is the following one:



- ✓ For example, to store the value 75 in the third element of the array variable **day** a suitable sentence would be:

**day[2] = 75; //as the third element is found at index 2**

- ✓ And, for example, to pass the value of the third element of the array variable **day** to the variable **a** , we could write:

**a = day[2];**

- ✓ Therefore, for all the effects, the expression **day[2]** is like any variable of type int with the same properties. Thus an array declaration enables us to create a lot of variables of the same type with a single declaration and we can use an index to identify individual elements.
- ✓ Notice that the third element of day is specified **day[2]** , since first is **day[0]** , second **day[1]** , and therefore, third is **day[2]** . By this same reason, its last element is **day [4]**. Since if we wrote **day [5]**, we would be acceding to the sixth element of day and therefore exceeding the size of the array. This might give you either error or unexpected value depending on the compiler.
- ✓ In C++ it is perfectly valid to exceed the valid range of indices for an Array, which can cause certain detectable problems, since they do not cause compilation errors but they can cause unexpected results or serious errors during execution. The reason why this is allowed will be seen ahead when we begin to use pointers.
- ✓ At this point it is important to be able to clearly distinguish between the two uses the square brackets [ ] have for arrays.
  - One is to set the size of arrays during declaration
  - The other is to specify indices for a specific array element when accessing the elements of the array

- ✓ We must take care of not confusing these two possible uses of brackets [ ] with arrays:

Eg: **int day[5]; // declaration of a new Array (begins with a type name)**  
**day[2] = 75; // access to an element of the Array.**

Other valid operations with arrays in accessing and assigning:

```
int a=1;
day [0] = a;
day[a] = 5;
b = day [a+2];
day [day[a]] = day [2] + 5;
day [day[a]] = day[2] + 5;
```

Eg: Arrays example ,display the sum of the numbers in the array

```
#include <iostream.h>
int day [ ] = {16, 2, 77, 40, 12071};
int n, result=0;
void main ()
{
    for ( n=0 ; n<5 ; n++ )
    {
        result += day[n];
    }
    cout << result;
    getch();
}
```

## 5.5. Arrays as parameters

- ✓ At some moment we may need to pass an array to a function as a parameter. In C++ it is not possible to pass by value a complete block of memory as a parameter, even if it is ordered as an array, to a function, but it is allowed to pass its address, which has almost the same practical effect and is a much faster and more efficient operation.
- ✓ In order to admit arrays as parameters the only thing that we must do when declaring the function is to specify in the argument the base **type** for the array that it contains, an identifier and a pair of void brackets **[ ]** . For example, the following function:

```
void procedure (int arg[])
```

- ✓ admits a parameter of type "Array of int " called **arg** . In order to pass to this function an array declared as:

```
int myarray [40];
```

- ✓ it would be enough with a call like this:

```
procedure (myarray);
```

Here you have a complete example:

```
// arrays as parameters

#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>
void printarray (int arg[], int length)
{
    for (int n=0; n<length; n++)
        cout << arg[n] << " ";
    cout << "\n";
}

void mult(int arg[], int length)
{
    for (int n=0; n<length; n++)
        arg[n]=2*arg[n];
}

void main ()
{
    int firstarray[] = {5, 10, 15};
    int secondarray[] = {2, 4, 6, 8, 10};
    printarray (firstarray,3);
    printarray (secondarray,5);
    mult(firstarray,3);
    cout<<"first array after being doubled is\n";
    printarray (firstarray,3);
    getch()
}
```

- ✓ As you can see, the first argument (**int arg[]**) admits any array of type **int**, whatever its length is, for that reason we have included a second parameter that informs the function the length of each array that we pass to it as the first parameter so that the **for** loop that prints out the array can have the information about the size we are interested about. The function **mult** doubles the value of each element and the **firstarray** is passed to it. After that the display function is called. The output is modified showing that arrays are passed by reference.
- ✓ To pass an array by value, pass each element to the function

## 5.6. *Strings of Characters:*

### *What are Strings?*

- ✓ In all programs and concepts we have seen so far, we have used only numerical variables, used to express numbers exclusively. But in addition to numerical variables there also exist strings of characters that allow us to represent successive characters, like words, sentences, names, texts, etc. Until now we have only used them as constants, but we have never considered variables able to contain them.
- ✓ In C++ there is no specific *elementary* variable type to store string of characters. In order to fulfill this feature we can use arrays of type **char**, which are successions of **char** elements. Remember that this data type (**char**) is the one used to store a single character, for that reason arrays of them are generally used to make strings of single characters.
- ✓ For example, the following array (or string of characters) can store a string up to 20 characters long. You may imagine it thus:

```
char name [20];
```



- ✓ This maximum size of 20 characters is not required to be always *fully* used. For example, **name** could store at some moment in a program either the string of characters "Hello" or the string "studying C++". Therefore, since the array of characters can store *shorter strings* than its total length, there has been reached a convention to end the valid content of a string with a null character, whose constant can be written as '\0'.
- ✓ We could represent **name** (an array of 20 elements of type **char**) storing the strings of characters "Hello" and "Studying C++" in the following way:

H	e	l	l	o	\0														
---	---	---	---	---	----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

S	t	u	d	y	i	n	g	C	+	+	\0							
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

- ✓ Notice how after the valid content it is included a null character ('\0') in order to indicate the end of string. The empty cells (elements) represent indeterminate values.

### 5.7. Initialization of Strings

- ✓ Because strings of characters are ordinary arrays they fulfill same rules as any array. For example, if we want to initialize a string of characters with predetermined values we can do it in a similar way to any other array:

```
char mystring[] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0' };
```

- ✓ In this case we would have declared a string of characters (array) of 6 elements of type **char** initialized with the characters that compose **Hello** plus a null character '**\0**'.
- ✓ Nevertheless, string of characters have an additional way to initialize its values: using constant strings.
- ✓ In the expressions we have used in examples of previous chapters there have already appeared several times constants that represented entire strings of characters. These are specified enclosed between double quotes (" "), for example:

Eg: "the result is:"

is a constant string that we have probably used in some occasion.

- ✓ Unlike single quotes ( ' ) which allow to specify single character constants, double quotes ( " ) are constants that specify a succession of characters. *These strings enclosed between double quotes have always a null character ( '\0' ) automatically appended at the end.*
- ✓ Therefore we could initialize the string **mystring** with values by any of these two ways:

```
char mystring [] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0' };
char mystring [] = "Hello";
```

- ✓ In both cases the Array or string of characters **mystring** is declared with a size of 6 characters (elements of type **char**): the 5 characters that compose **Hello** plus a final null character ( '**\0**' ) which specifies the end of the string and that, in the second case, when using double quotes ( " ) it is automatically appended.
- ✓ Before going further, you should note that the assignation of multiple constants like double-quoted constants ( " ) to arrays are only valid *when initializing the array*, that is, at the moment when declared.
- ✓ The following expressions within a code are not valid for arrays
 

```
mystring="Hello";
mystring[] = "Hello";
```
- ✓ neither would be: `mystring = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0' };`

- ✓ So remember: We can "assign" a multiple constant to an Array only at the *moment of initializing* it. The reason will be more comprehensible when you know a bit more about pointers, since then it will be clarified that an array is simply a *constant pointer* pointing to an allocated block of memory. And because of this constant feature, the array itself cannot be assigned any value, but we can assign values to *each of the elements of the array*.
- ✓ At the moment of initializing an Array it is a special case, since it is not an assignation, although the same equal sign ( = ) is used. Anyway, have always present the rule previously underlined.

### Assigning Values to Strings

- ✓ Just like any other variables, array of character can store values using assignment operators. But the following is not allowed.

`mystring="Hello";`

- ✓ This is allowed only during initialization. Therefore, since the *lvalue* of an assignation can only be an element of an array and not the entire array, what would be valid is to assign a string of characters to an array of **char** using a method like this:

```
mystring[0] = 'H';
mystring[1] = 'e';
mystring[2] = 'l';
mystring[3] = 'l';
mystring[4] = 'o';
mystring[5] = '\0';
```

- ✓ But as you may think, this does not seem to be a very practical method. Generally for assigning values to an array, and more specifically to a string of characters, a series of functions like **strcpy** are used. **strcpy** ( str ing c o py ) is defined in the ( string.h ) library and can be called the following way:

`strcpy ( string1 , string2 );`

- ✓ This does copy the content of *string2* into *string1* . *string2* can be either an array, a pointer, or a constant string , so the following line would be a valid way to assign the constant string "**Hello**" to **mystring** :

`strcpy ( mystring , "Hello" );`

For example:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>
int main ()
{
    char szMyName [20];
    strcpy (szMyName,"Abebe");
    cout << szMyName;
    return 0;
}
```

- ✓ Look how we have needed to include **<string.h>** header in order to be able to use function **strcpy**.
- ✓ Although we can always write a simple function like the following **setstring** with the same operating than cstring's **strcpy** :

// setting value to string

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>

void namecopy(char dest[], char source[])
{
    int c = 0;
    while(source[c] != '\0')
    {
        dest[c] = source[c];
        c++;
    }
    dest[c] = '\0';
    cout<< "\n your name after copying : "<<dest;
}
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    char name[10],dest[10];
    cout<< "\n enter your name : ";
    cin>>name;
    namecopy(dest,name);
    getch();
}
```

- ✓ Another frequently used method to assign values to an array is by using directly the input stream (**cin**). In this case the value of the string is assigned by the user during program execution.
- ✓ When **cin** is used with strings of characters it is usually used with its **getline** method, that can be called following this prototype:
- ✓ **cin.getline ( char buffer [], int length , char delimiter = '\n');**
- ✓ where **buffer** is the address where to store the input (like an array, for example), **length** is the maximum length of the buffer (the size of the array) and **delimiter** is the character used to determine the end of the user input, which by default - if we do not include that parameter - will be the newline character ('**\n**').
- ✓ The following example repeats whatever you type on your keyboard. It is quite simple but serves as example on how you can use **cin.getline** with strings:

```
// cin with strings

#include <iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
int main ()
{
    char mybuffer [100];
    cout << "What's your name? ";
    cin.getline (mybuffer,100);
    cout << "Hello " << mybuffer << ".\n";
    cout << "Which is your favourite team? ";
    cin.getline (mybuffer,100);
    cout << "I like " << mybuffer << " too.\n";
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- ✓ Notice how in both calls to **cin.getline** we used the same string identifier (**mybuffer**). What the program does in the second call is simply step on the previous content of **buffer** by the new one that is introduced.
- ✓ If you remember the section about communication through console, you will remember that we used the extraction operator (**>>**) to receive data directly from the standard input. This method can also be used instead of **cin.getline** with strings of characters. For example, in our program, when we requested an input from the user we could have written:

```
cin >> mybuffer;
```

- ✓ this would work, but this method has the following limitations that **cin.getline** has not:
  - It can only receive single words (no complete sentences) since this method uses as delimiter any occurrence of a blank character, including spaces, tabulators, newlines and carriage returns.
  - It is not allowed to specify a size for the buffer. What makes your program unstable in case that the user input is longer than the array that will host it.
- ✓ For these reasons it is recommendable that whenever you require strings of characters coming from **cin** you use **cin.getline** instead of **cin >>**.

### Converting strings to other types

- ✓ Due to that a string may contain representations of other data types like numbers it might be useful to translate that content to a variable of a numeric type. For example, a string may contain "1977" , but this is a sequence of 5 chars not so easily convertible to a single integer data type. The **cstdlib** ( **stdlib.h** ) library provides three useful functions for this purpose:
  - **atoi**: converts string to **int** type.
  - **atol**: converts string to **long** type.
  - **atof**: converts string to **float** type.
- ✓ All of these functions admit one parameter and return a value of the requested type ( **int** , **long** or **float** ). These functions combined with **getline** method of **cin** are a more reliable way to get the user input when requesting a number than the classic **cin>>** method:

```
// cin and ato* functions
```

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include<conio.h>
int main()
{
    clrscr();
    char mybuffer[100];
    float price;
    int quantity;
    cout << "Enter price: ";
    cin.getline (mybuffer,100);
    price = atof (mybuffer);
    cout << "Enter quantity: ";
    cin.getline (mybuffer,100);
    quantity = atoi (mybuffer);
    cout<<"\n after conversion :\n";
    cout<<"\n price is :"<<price;
    cout<<"\n quantity is :"<<quantity;
    cout << "\n Total price: " << price*quantity;
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

## Functions to manipulate strings

- ✓ The **cstring** library ( `string.h` ) defines many functions to perform some manipulation operations with C-like strings (like already explained `strcpy`). Here you have a brief with the most usual:

### a) *String length*

- Returns the length of a string, not including the null character (`\0`).  
`strlen (const char* string);`

### b) *String Concatenation:*

- Appends *src* string at the end of *dest* string. Returns *dest*.
- The string concatenation can have two forms, where the first one is to append the whole content of the source to the destination the other will append only part of the source to the destination.
  - Appending the whole content of the source  
`strcat (char* dest , const char* src );`
  - Appending part of the source  
`strncat (char* dest , const char* src, int size );`  
 Where size is the number characters to be appended

### c) *String Copy:*

- Overwrites the content of the *dest* string by the *src* string. Returns *dest*.
- The string copy can have two forms, where the first one is to copying the whole content of the source to the destination and the other will copy only part of the source to the destination.
  - Copy the whole content of the source  
`strcpy (char* dest , const char* src );`
  - Appending part of the source  
`strncpy (char* dest , const char* src, int size );`  
 Where size is the number characters to be copied

### d) *String Compare:*

- Compares the two string *string1* and *string2*.
- The string compare can have two forms, where the first one is to compare the whole content of the two strings and the other will compare only part of the two strings.
  - Copy the whole content of the source  
`strcmp (const char* string1 , const char* string2 );`
  - Appending part of the source  
`strncmp (const char* string1 , const char* string2, int size );`  
 Where size is the number characters to be compared
- Both string compare functions returns three different values:
  - Returns *0* if the strings are equal
  - Returns *negative* value if the first is less than the second string
  - Returns *positive* value if the first is greater than the second string

## Multidimensional Arrays

- ✓ Multidimensional arrays can be described as arrays of arrays. For example, a bi-dimensional array can be imagined as a bi-dimensional table of a uniform concrete data type.

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1					
2					

- ✓ Matrix represents a bi-dimensional array of 3 per 5 values of type **int**. The way to declare this array would be:

```
int matrix[3][5];
```

- ✓ For example, the way to reference the second element vertically and fourth horizontally in an expression would be:

matrix[1][3]	0	1	2	3	4
matrix	0				
	1				
	2				

matrix [1] [3]

(remember that array indices always begin by 0 )

- ✓ *Multidimensional arrays* are not limited to two indices (two dimensions). They can contain so many indices as needed, although it is rare to have to represent more than 3 dimensions. Just consider the amount of memory that an array with many indices may need. For example:

```
char century [100][365][24][60][60];
```

- ✓ Assigns a **char** for each second contained in a century, that is more than 3 billion **chars** ! What would consume about 3000 *megabytes* of RAM memory if we could declare it?
- ✓ Multidimensional arrays are nothing else than an abstraction, since we can simply obtain the same results with a simple array by putting a factor between its indices:

**int matrix [3][5];** is equivalent to  
**int matrix [15];** ( $3 * 5 = 15$ )

- ✓ With the only difference that the compiler remembers for us the depth of each imaginary dimension. Serve as example these two pieces of code, with exactly the same result, one using bi-dimensional arrays and the other using only simple arrays:

```
// multidimensional array
```

```
#include <iostream.h>
#define WIDTH 5
#define HEIGHT 3
int matrix [HEIGHT][WIDTH];
int n,m;

int main ()
{
for (n=0;n<HEIGHT;n++)
    for (m=0;m<WIDTH;m++)
    {
        matrix [n][m]=(n+1)*(m+1);
    }
return 0;
}
```

- ✓ None of the programs above produce any output on the screen, but both assign values to the memory block called **matrix** in the following way:

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	4	6	8	10
2	3	6	9	12	15

- ✓ We have used defined constants ( **#define** ) to simplify possible future modifications of the program, for example, in case that we decided to enlarge the array to a height of **4** instead of **3** it would be enough by changing the line:

```
#define HEIGHT 3
by the following code
#define HEIGHT 4
```

## Structures

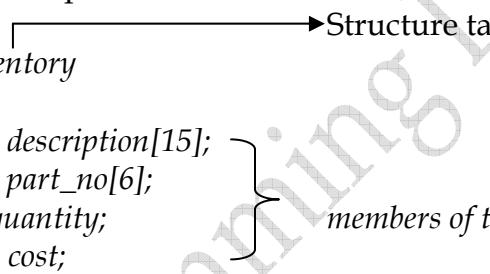
- ✓ A structure is a collection of one or more variable types grouped together that can be referred using a single name (group name) and a member name.
- ✓ You can refer to a structure as a single variable, and you also can initialize, read and change the parts of a structure (the individual variables that make it up).
- ✓ Each element (called a member) in a structure can be of different data type.
- ✓ The General Syntax of structures is:

```
Struct [structure tag]
{
    Member definition;
    Member definition;
    ...
    Member definition;
}[one or more structure variables];
```

- ✓ Let us see an example

E.g.:

```
struct Inventory
{
    char description[15];
    char part_no[6];
    int quantity;
    float cost;
}; // all structures end with semicolon
```



- ✓ Another example might be:

```
struct Student
{
    char ID[8];
    char FName[15];
    char LName[15];
    char Sex;
    int age;
    float CGPA;
};
```

- ✓ The above “Student” structure is aimed to store student record with all the relevant details.
- ✓ After the definition of the structure, one can declare a structure variable using the structure tag. If we need two variables to have the above structure property then the declaration would be:

```
struct Inventory inv1,inv2; //or
struct Student Stud1,stud2,Stud3;
```

- ✓ Structure tag is not a variable name. Unlike array names, which reference the array as variables, a structure tag is simply a label for the structure's format.
- ✓ The structure tag Inventory informs C++ that the tag called Inventory looks like two character arrays followed by one integer and one float variables.
- ✓ A structure tag is actually a newly defined data type that you, the programmer, defined.

### **Referencing members of a structure**

- ✓ To refer to the members of a structure we need to use the **dot operator** (.)
- ✓ The General syntax to access members of a structure variable would be:  
*VarName.Member*
- ✓ Where *VarName* is the variable name of the structure variable And *Member* is variable name of the members of the structure

Eg:

For the above student structure:

```
struct Student Stud; //declaring Stud to have the property of the Student structure
strcpy(Stud.FName,"Abebe"); //assigned Abebe as First Name
Stud.CGPA=3.21; //assignes 3.21 as CGPA value of Abebe
cout<<Stud.FName; //display the name
cout<<Stud.CGPA; // display the CGPA of Abebe
```

### **Initializing Structure Data**

- ✓ You can initialize members when you declare a structure, or you can initialize a structure in the body of the program. Here is a complete program.

```
:
struct cd_collection
{
    char title[25];
    char artist[20];
    int num_songs;
    float price;
    char date_purchased[9];
} cd1 = {"Red Moon Men","Sams and the Sneeds", 12, 11.95,"08/13/93"};

cout<<"\nhere is the info about cd1"<<endl;
cout<<cd1.title<<endl;
cout<<cd1.artist<<endl;
cout<<cd1.num_songs<<endl;
cout<<cd1.price<<endl;
cout<<cd1.date_purchased<<endl;
:
```

- ✓ A better approach to initialize structures is to use the dot operator(.). the dot operator is one way to initialize individual members of a structure variable in the body of your program. The syntax of the dot operator is :

*structureVariableName.memberName*

here is an example:

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<string.h>
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    struct cd_collection{
        char title[25];
        char artist[20];
        int num_songs;
        float price;
        char date_purchased[9];
    }cd1;
    //initialize members here
    strcpy(cd1.title,"Red Moon Men");
    strcpy(cd1.artist,"Sams");
    cd1.num_songs= 12;
    cd1.price = 11.95f;
    strcpy(cd1.date_purchased,"22/12/02");
    //print the data
    cout<<"\nHere is the info"<<endl;
    cout<<"Title : "<<cd1.title<<endl;
    cout<<"Artist : "<<cd1.artist<<endl;
    cout<<"Songs : "<<cd1.num_songs<<endl;
    cout<<"Price : "<<cd1.price<<endl;
    cout<<"Date purchased : "<<cd1.date_purchased;
    getch();
}
```

### Arrays of Structures

- ✓ Arrays of structures are good for storing a complete employee file, inventory file, or any other set of data that fits in the structure format.
- ✓ Consider the following structure declaration:

```
struct Company
{
    int employees;
    int registers;
    double sales;
}store[1000];
```

- ✓ In one quick declaration, this code creates 1,000 *store* structures with the definition of the **Company** structure, each one containing three members.
- ✓ NB. Be sure that your computer does not run out of memory when you create a large number of structures. Arrays of structures quickly consume valuable information.
- ✓ You can also define the array of structures after the declaration of the structure.

```
struct Company
{
    int employees;
    int registers;
    double sales;
}; // no structure variables defined yet

#include<iostream.h>
...
void main()
{
    struct Company store[1000]; // the variable store is array of the structure Company
    ...
}
```

### Referencing the array structure

- ✓ The *dot operator* (.) works the same way for structure array element as it does for regular variables. If the number of employees for the fifth store (*store[4]*) increased by three, you could update the structure variable like this:  
*store[4].employees += 3;*
- ✓ Unlike in the case of arrays, where the whole content of an array could not be copied to another one using a simple statement, in structures, you can assign complete structures to one another by using array notation.
- ✓ To assign all the members of the 20<sup>th</sup> store to the 45<sup>th</sup> store, you would do this:  
*store[44] = store[19]; // copies all members from 20<sup>th</sup> store to 45<sup>th</sup>*

- ✓ Here is a complete C++ code that shows you how to use array of structures, and how to pass and return structures to functions.

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdio.h>
#include<iomanip.h>
struct inventory
{
    long storage;
    int accesstime;
    char vendorcode;
    float cost;
    float price;
};
void disp_menu(void);
struct inventory enter_data();
void see_data(inventory disk[125],int num_items);

void main()
{ clrscr();
    inventory disk[125];
    int ans;
    int num_items = 0; //total number of items in the inventory

    do{
        do{
            disp_menu();
            cin>>ans;
        }while(ans<1 || ans>3);

        switch(ans)
        { case 1:
            disk[num_items] = enter_data();
            num_items++;
            break;
        case 2:
            see_data(disk,num_items);
            break;
        default :
            break;
        }
    }while(ans != 3);
    return;
}//end main
```

```
void disp_menu()
{
    cout<<"\n\n*** Disk Drive Inventory System ***\n\n";
    cout<<"Do you want to : \n\n";
    cout<<"\t1. Enter new item in inventory\n\n";
    cout<<"\t2. See inventory data\n\n";
    cout<<"\t3. Exit the program\n\n";
    cout<<"What is your choice ? ";
    return;
}

inventory enter_data()
{
    inventory disk_item;//local variable to fill with input
    cout<<"\n\nWhat is the next drive's storage in bytes? ";
    cin>>disk_item.storage;
    cout<<"\nWhat is the drive's access time in ms ? ";
    cin>>disk_item.accesstime;
    cout<<"\nWhat is the drive's vendor code (A, B, C, or D)? ";
    disk_item.vendorcode = getchar();
    cout<<"\nWhat is the drive's cost? ";
    cin>>disk_item.cost;
    cout<<"\nWhat is the drive's price? ";
    cin>>disk_item.price;
    return (disk_item);
}

void see_data(inventory disk[125], int num_items)
{
    int ctr;
    cout<<"\n\nHere is the inventory listing:\n\n";
    for(ctr=0;ctr<num_items;ctr++)
    {
        cout<<"Storage: "<<disk[ctr].storage<<"\n";
        cout<<"Access time: "<<disk[ctr].accesstime<<endl;
        cout<<"Vendor code: "<<disk[ctr].vendorcode<<"\n";
        cout<<"Cost : $" <<disk[ctr].cost<<"\n";
        cout<<"Price: $" <<disk[ctr].price<<endl;
    }
    return;
}
```

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Worksheet No 5:

1. Define strlen function (i.e write the function body of strlen)
2. Define the strcmp function and the strncmp function
3. Define strcpy function and the strncpy function
4. Define strcat function and the strncat function
5. Write a program to store the ages of six of your friends in a single array. Store each of the six ages using the assignment operator. print the ages on the screen
6. Write a C++ program that accepts 10 integers from the user and finally displays the smallest value and the largest value.
7. Write a program that accepts ten different integers from the user and display these numbers after sorting them in increasing order.
8. Write a program to store six of your friend's ages in a single array. Assign the ages in a random order. print the ages, from low to high, on-screen
9. Modify the program on Q8 to print the ages in descending order.
10. Write a C++ program that calculates the letter grades of 20 students. The program should accept the mid result and the final result from the students. Use the appropriate validity control mechanism to prevent wrong inputs.
11. Write a C++ program that has two functions toBinary and toDecimal. The program should display a menu prompting the user to enter his choice. If the user selects toBinary, then the function should accept a number in base ten and displays the equivalent binary representation. The reverse should be done if the user selects toDecimal.
12. Develop a C++ program that accepts a word from the user and then checks whether the word is palindrome or not. (NB a word is palindrome if it is readable from left to right as well as right to left).
13. Write a C++ program that accepts a word from the user and then displays the word after reversing it.
14. Develop a C++ program that accepts the name of a person and then counts how many vowels the person's name have.
15. Modify the question in Q14 in such a way that it should replace vowel characters with \* in the person name.
16. Write a program in C++ which read a three digit number and generate all the possible permutation of numbers using the above digits. For example n = 123 then the permutations are -  
123, 213, 312, 132, 231, 321
17. Write a program which read a set of lines until you enter #.
18. Write a program which read two matrixes and then print a matrix which is addition of these two matrixes.
19. Write a program which reads two matrix and multiply them if possible
20. Write a program which reads a  $3 \times 2$  matrix and then calculates the sum of each row and store that in a one dimension array.

## Chapter Six Pointers

### 6. Introduction

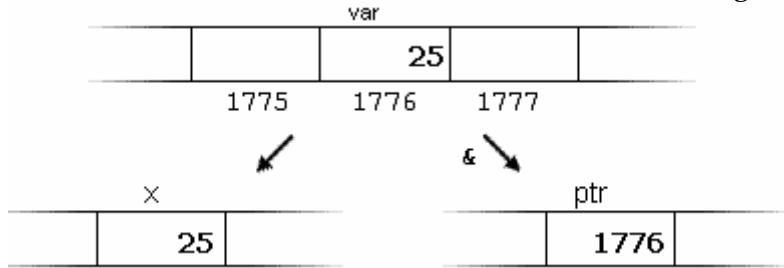
- We have already seen how variables are memory cells that we can access by an identifier. But these variables are stored in concrete places of the computer memory. For our programs, the computer memory is only a succession of 1 byte cells (the minimum size for a datum), each one with a unique address.
- A pointer is a variable which stores the address of another variable. The only difference between pointer variable and regular variable is the data they hold.
- There are two pointer operators in C++:
  - & the address of operator
  - \* the dereference operator
- Whenever you see the & used with pointers, think of the words “address of.” The & operator always produces the memory address of whatever it precedes. The \* operator, when used with pointers, either declares a pointer or dereferences the pointer’s value. The dereference operator can be literally translated to **“value pointed by”**.
- A **pointer** is simply the address of an object in memory. Generally, objects can be accessed in two ways: directly by their symbolic name, or indirectly through a pointer. The act of getting to an object via a pointer to it, is called **dereferencing** the pointer. Pointer variables are defined to point to objects of a specific type so that when the pointer is dereferenced, a typed object is obtained.
- At the moment in which we declare a variable this one must be stored in a concrete location in this succession of cells (the memory). We generally do not decide where the variable is to be placed - fortunately that is something automatically done by the compiler and the operating system on runtime, but once the operating system has assigned an address there are some cases in which we may be interested in knowing where the variable is stored.
- This can be done by preceding the variable identifier by an *ampersand sign* (&), which literally means, **“address of”**. For example:

`ptr= &var;`

- This would assign to variable **ptr** the address of variable **var**, since when preceding the name of the variable **var** with the *ampersand* ( & ) character we are no longer talking about the content of the variable, but about its address in memory.
- We are going to suppose that **var** has been placed in the memory address **1776** and that we write the following:

```
var=25;
x=var;
ptr = &var;
```

- The result will be the one shown in the following diagram:



- We have assigned to **x** the content of variable **var** as we have done in many other occasions in previous sections, but to **ptr** we have assigned the address in memory where the operating system stores the value of **var**, that we have imagined that it was **1776** (it can be any address). The reason is that in the allocation of **ptr** we have preceded **var** with an *ampersand* (&) character.
- The variable that stores the address of another variable (like **ptr** in the previous example) is what we call a **pointer**.

## 6.1. Declaring Pointers:

- Is reserving a memory location for a pointer variable in the heap.
- Syntax:

```
type * pointer_name ;
```

- to declare a pointer variable called **p\_age**, do the following:
- ```
int * p_age;
```
- Whenever the dereference operator, \*, appears in a variable declaration, the variable being declared is always a pointer variable.

## 6.2. Assigning values to pointers:

- **p\_age** is an integer pointer. The type of a pointer is very important. **p\_age** can point only to integer values, never to floating-point or other types.
- To assign **p\_age** the address of a variable, do the following:

```
int age = 26;
int * p_age;
p_age = &age;
OR
int age = 26;
int * p_age = & age;
```

- Both ways are possible.
- If you wanted to print the value of **age**, do the following:

```

cout<<age;//prints the value of age
Or by using pointers you can do it as follows
cout<<*p_age;//dereferences p_age;

```

- The dereference operator produces a value that tells the pointer where to point. Without the \*, (i.e cout<<p\_age), a cout statement would print an address (the address of age). With the \*, the cout prints the value at that address.
- You can assign a different value to age with the following statement:

```

age = 13; // assigns a new value to variable age
*p_age = 13 // assigns 13 as a value to the memory p_age points at.

```

N.B: the \* appears before a pointer variable in only two places: when you declare a pointer variable and when you dereference a pointer variable (to find the data it points to).

- The following program is one you should study closely. It shows more about pointers and the pointer operators, & and \*, than several pages of text could do.

```

#...
#...
void main()
{
    int num = 123;// a regular integer variable
    int *p_num; //declares an integer pointer
    cout<< "num is "<<num<<endl;
    cout<< "the address of num is "<<&num<<endl;
    p_num = &num;// puts address of num in p_num;
    cout<< "*p_num is "<<*p_num<<endl; //prints value of num
    cout<< "p_num is "<<p_num<<endl; //prints value of P_num
    getch();
}

```

### 6.3. Pointer to void

- note that we can't assign the address of a float type variable to an integer pointer variable and similarly the address of an interger variable can not be stored in a float or character pointer.

```

float y;
int x;
int *ip;
float *fp;
ip = &y; //illegal statement
fp = &x; //illegal statement

```

- That means, if a variable type and pointer to type is same, then only we can assign the address of variable to pointer variable. And if both are different

type then we can't assign the address of variable to pointer variable but this is also possible in C++ by declaring pointer variable as a void as follows:

```
void *p;
```

- Let us see an example:

```
void *p;
int x;
float y;
p = &x; //valid assignment
p = &y; //valid assignment
```

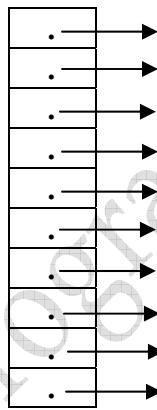
- The difficulty on void pointers is that, void pointers can not be de referenced. They are aimed only to store address and the dereference operator is not allowed for void pointers.

#### 6.4. Arrays of Pointers

- If you have to reserve many pointers for many different values, you might want to declare an array of pointers.
- The following reserves an array of 10 integer pointer variables:

```
int *iptr[10]; //reserves an array of 10 integer pointers
```

- The above statement will create the following structure in RAM



`iptr[4] = &age; // makes iptr[4] point to address of age.`

#### 6.5. Pointer and arrays

- The concept of array goes very bound to the one of pointer. In fact, the identifier of an array is equivalent to the address of its first element, like a pointer is equivalent to the address of the first element that it points to, so in fact they are the same thing. For example, supposing these two declarations:

```
int numbers [20];
int * p;
```

- the following allocation would be valid:

*p = numbers;*

- At this point **p** and **numbers** are equivalent and they have the same properties, with the only difference that we could assign another value to the pointer **p** whereas **numbers** will always point to the first of the 20 integer numbers of type int with which it was defined. So, unlike **p**, that is an ordinary *variable pointer*, **numbers** is a *constant pointer* (indeed that is an Array: a constant pointer). Therefore, although the previous expression was valid, the following allocation is not:

*numbers = p;*

- Because **numbers** is an array (constant pointer), and no values can be assigned to constant identifiers.
- **N.B:** An array name is just a pointer, nothing more. The array name always points to the first element stored in the array. Therefore, we can have the following valid C++ code:

```
int ara[5] = {10,20,30,40,50};  
cout<< *(ara + 2); //prints ara[2];
```

- The expression *\*(ara+2)* is not vague at all if you remember that an array name is just a pointer that always points to the array's first element. *\*(ara+2)* takes the address stored in *ara*, adds 2 to the address, and dereferences that location.

- Consider the following character array:

```
char name[] = "C++ Programming";
```

- What output do the following cout statements produce?

```
cout<<name[0]; // ____C  
cout<<*name; // ____C  
cout<<*(name+3); // _____  
cout<<*(name+0); // ____C
```

## 6.6. Pointer Advantage

- You can't change the value of an array name, because you can't change constants. This explains why you can't assign an array a new value during a program's execution: eg: if *Cname* is array of characters then:

*Cname = "Football"; //invalid array assignment;*

- Unlike arrays, you can change a pointer variable. By changing pointers, you can make them point to different values in memory. Have a look at the following code:

```
#...
#...
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    float v1 = 679.54;
    float v2 = 900.18;
    float * p_v;

    p_v = &v1;
    cout<< "\nthe first value is "<<*p_v;
    p_v = &v2;
    cout<< "\nthe second value is "<<*p_v;
    getch();
}
```

- You can use pointer notation and reference pointers as arrays with array notation. Study the following program carefully. It shows the inner workings of arrays and pointer notation.

```
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    int ctr;
    int iara[5] = {10,20,30,40,50};
    int *iptr;
    iptr = iara; //makes iprt point to array's first element. Or iprt = &iara[0]
    cout<< "using array subscripts:\n"
    cout<< "iara\|iptr\|\n";
    for(ctr=0;ctr<5;ctr++)
    {
        cout<<iara[ctr]<< "\t"<< iptr[ctr]<< "\n";
    }

    cout<< "\nUsing pointer notation\n";
    for(ctr=0;ctr<5;ctr++)
    {
        cout<< *(iara+ctr) << "\t" << *(iptr+ctr)<< "\n";
    }
    getch();
}
```

- Suppose that you want to store a persons name and print it. Rather than using arrays, you can use a character pointer. The following program does just that.

```
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    char *c = "Meseret Belete";
    cout<< "your name is :" <<c;
}
```

- Suppose that you must change a string pointed to by a character pointer, if the persons name in the above code is changed to Meseter Alemu: look at the following code:

```
void main()
{
    char *c = "Meseret Belete";
    cout<< "youe name is :" <<c;
    c = "Meseret Alemu";
    cout<< "\nnew person name is :" <<c;
    getch();
}
```

- If c were a character array, you could never assign it directly because an array name can't be changed.

## 6.7. Pointer Arithmetic

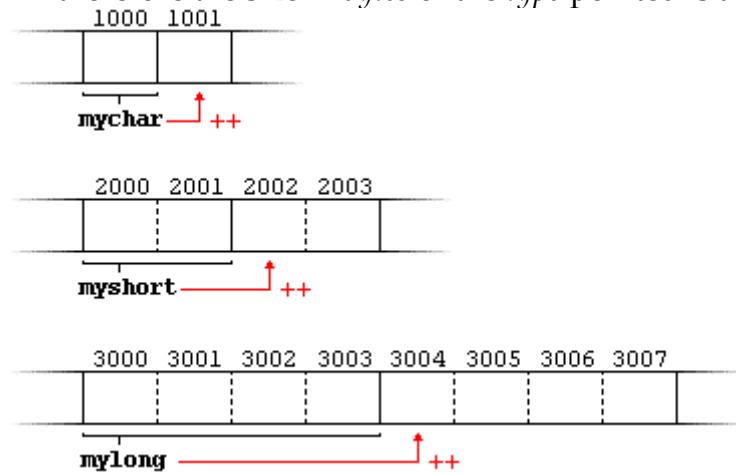
- To conduct arithmetical operations on pointers is a little different than to conduct them on other integer data types. To begin, only *addition* and *subtraction* operations are allowed to be conducted, the others make no sense in the world of pointers. But both addition and subtraction have a different behavior with pointers according to the size of the data type to which they point to.
- When we saw the different data types that exist, we saw that some occupy more or less space than others in the memory. For example, in the case of integer numbers, *char* occupies 1 byte, *short* occupies 2 bytes and *long* occupies 4.
- Let's suppose that we have 3 pointers:

```
char *mychar;
short *myshort;
long *mylong;
```

- And that we know that they point to memory locations **1000** , **2000** and **3000** respectively. So if we write:

```
mychar++;
myshort++;
mylong++;
```

- **mychar** , as you may expect, would contain the value **1001** . Nevertheless, **myshort** would contain the value **2002** , and **mylong** would contain **3004** . The reason is that when adding 1 to a pointer we are making it to point to the following element of the same type with which it has been defined, and therefore the size in *bytes* of the *type* pointed is added to the pointer.



- This is applicable both when adding and subtracting any number to a pointer.
- It is important to warn you that both increase ( **++** ) and decrease ( **--** ) operators have a greater priority than the reference operator asterisk ( **\*** ), therefore the following expressions may lead to confusion:

```
*p++;
*p++ = *q++;
```

- The first one is equivalent to **\*(p++)** and what it does is to increase **p** (the address where it points to - not the value that contains). The second, because both increase operators ( **++** ) are after the expressions to be evaluated and not before, first the value of **\*q** is assigned to **\*p** and then they are both **q** and **p** increased by one. It is equivalent to:

```
*p = *q;
p++;
q++;
```

- Now let us have a look at a code that shows increments through an integer array:

```
void main()
{
    int iara[] = {10,20,30,40,50};
    int * ip = iara;
    cout<<*ip<<endl;
    ip++;
    cout<<*ip<<endl;
    ip++;
    cout<<*ip<<endl;
    ip++;
    cout<<*ip<<endl;
}
```

## 6.8. Pointer and String

- If you declare a character table with 5 rows and 20 columns, each row would contain the same number of characters. You can define the table with the following statement.
- `char names[5][20] ={{“George”},{“Mesfin”},{“John”},{“Kim”},{“Barbara”}};`
- The above statement will create the following table in memory:

|   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| G | e | o | r  | g  | e | \0 |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M | e | s | f  | i  | n | \0 |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J | o | h | n  | \0 |   |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K | i | m | \0 |    |   |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B | a | r | b  | a  | r | a  | \0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Notice that much of the table is waster space. Each row takes 20 characters, even though the data in each row takes far fewer characters.
- To fix the memory-wasting problem of fully justified tables, you should declare a single-dimensional array of character pointers. Each pointer points to a string in memory and the strings do not have to be the same length.
- Here is the definition for such an array:

```
char *name [5] = {{“George”},{“Mesfin”},{“John”},{“Kim”},{“Barbara”}};
```

- This array is a single-dimension array. The asterisk before names makes this array an array of pointers. Each string takes only as much memory as is needed by the string and its terminating zero. At this time, we will have this structure in memory:

- To print the first string, we should use:  
`cout << *names; //prints George.`

- To print the second use:  
`cout << *(names+1); //prints Michael`

- Whenever you dereference any pointer element with the \* dereferencing operator, you access one of the strings in the array.

### 6.9. Pointer to pointer:

- As the memory address where integer, float or character is stored in can be stored into a pointer variable, the address of a pointer can also be stored in another pointer. This pointer is said to be pointer to a pointer.
- An array of pointer is conceptually same as pointer to pointer type. The pointer to pointer type is declared as follows:

`Data_type ** pointer_name;`

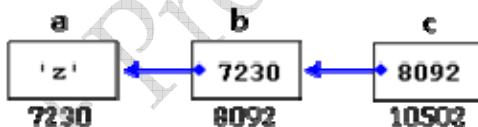
- Note that the asterisk is double here.

`int **p; //p is a pointer which holds the address another pointer.`

E.g.:

```
char a;
char * b;
char ** c;
a = 'z';
b = &a;
c = &b;
```

- This, supposing the randomly chosen memory locations of 7230 , 8092 and 10502 , could be described thus:



(inside the cells there is the content of the variable; under the cells its location)

- Have a look at the following code:

```
#...
#...
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    int data;
    int *p1;
    int **p2;
    data = 15;
    cout<< "data = "<<data<<endl;
    p1 = &data;
    p2 = &p1;
    cout<< "data through p1 = "<<*p1<<endl;
    cout<< "data through p2 = "<< **p2<<endl;
    getch();
}
```

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## 6.10. Dynamic memory:

- Until now, in our programs, we have only had as much memory as we have requested in declarations of variables, arrays and other objects that we included, having the size of all of them to be fixed before the execution of the program. But, What if we need a variable amount of memory that can only be determined during the program execution (runtime)? For example, in case that we need a user input to determine the necessary amount of space. The answer is **dynamic memory**, for which C++ integrates the operators *new* and *delete*.
- Pointers are useful for creating **dynamic** objects during program execution. Unlike normal (global and local) objects which are allocated storage on the runtime stack, a dynamic object is allocated memory from a different storage area called the **heap**. Dynamic objects do not obey the normal scope rules. Their scope is explicitly controlled by the programmer.

### a) The New Operator

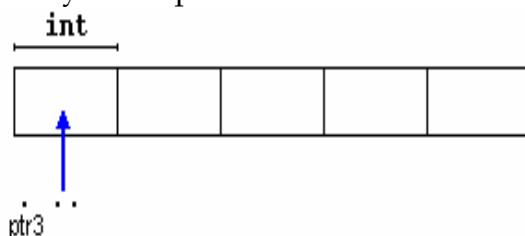
- In C++ *new* operator can create space dynamically i.e at run time, and similarly *delete* operator is also available which releases the memory taken by a variable and return memory to the operating system.
- When the space is created for a variable at compile time this approach is called static. If space is created at run time for a variable, this approach is called dynamic. See the following two lines:

```
int a[10];// creation of static array
int *a;
a = new int[10];// creation of dynamic array
```

- Lets have another example:

```
int * ptr3;
ptr3 = new int [5];
```

- In this case, the operating system has assigned space for 5 elements of type **int** in the heap and it has returned a pointer to its beginning that has been assigned to **ptr3**. Therefore, now, **ptr3** points to a valid block of memory with space for 5 **int** elements.



- You could ask what is the difference between declaring a normal array and assigning memory to a pointer as we have just done. The most important one is that the size of an array must be a constant value, which limits its size to what we decide at the moment of designing the program before its execution, whereas the dynamic memory allocation allows assigning memory during the execution of the program using any variable, constant or combination of both as size.
- The dynamic memory is generally managed by the operating system, and in the multi-task interfaces can be shared between several applications, so there is a possibility that the memory exhausts. If this happens and the operating system cannot assign the memory that we request with the operator **new**, a null pointer will be returned. For that reason it is recommendable to always verify if after a call to instruction **new** the returned pointer is null:

```

int *ptr3;
ptr3 = new int [5];
if(ptr3 == NULL) {
    // error assigning memory. Take measures.
}

```

- if ptr3 is **NULL**, it means that there is no enough memory location in the heap to be given for ptr3.

### b) *Operator delete*

- Since the necessity of dynamic memory is usually limited to concrete moments within a program, once this one is no longer needed it shall be freed so that it become available for future requests of dynamic memory. For this exists the operator **delete**, whose form is:

**delete** pointer ;

or

**delete []** pointer ;

- The first expression should be used to delete memory allocated for a single element, and the second one for memory allocated for multiple elements (arrays).
- In most compilers both expressions are equivalent and can be used without distinction, although indeed they are two different operators and so must be considered for operator overloading.
- In the following simple example, a program that memorizes numbers, does not have a limited amount of numbers that can be introduced, thanks to the concept and power of pointer that we request to the

system as much space as it is necessary to store all the numbers that the user wishes to introduce.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include<conio.h>
int main ()
{
    char input [100];
    int i,n;
    long * num;// total = 0;
    cout << "How many numbers do you want to type in? ";
    cin.getline (input,100);
    i=atoi (input);
    num= new long[i];
    if(num == NULL)
    {
        cout<<"\nno enough memory!";
        getch();
        exit (1);
    }
    for (n=0; n<i; n++)
    {
        cout << "Enter number: ";
        cin.getline (input,100);
        num[n]=atol (input);
    }
    cout << "You have entered: ";
    for (n=0; n<i; n++)
        cout << num[n] << ", ";
    delete[] num;
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

- **NULL** is a constant value defined in C++ libraries specially designed to indicate null pointers. In case that this constant is not defined you can do it yourself by defining it to 0:

## Chapter Seven

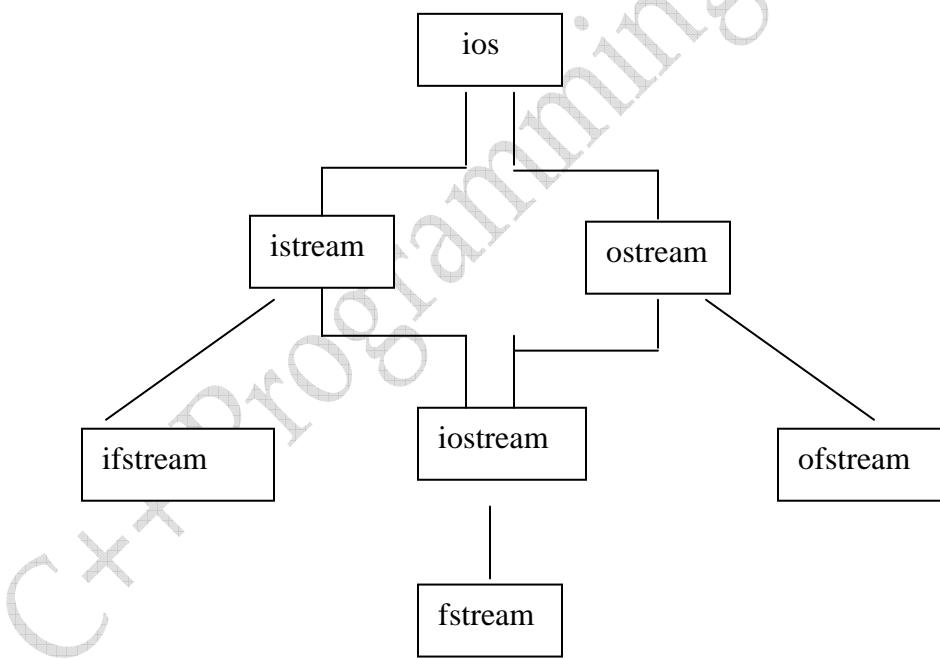
### File Operations (File I/O)

## 7. Introduction

- The data created by the user and assigned to variables with an assignment statement is sufficient for some applications. With large volume of data most real-world applications use a better way of storing that data. For this, disk files offer the solution.
- When working with disk files, C++ does not have to access much RAM because C++ reads data from your disk drive and processes the data only parts at a time.

### 7.2 Stream

- Stream is a general name given to *flow of data*. In C++, there are different types of streams. Each stream is associated with a particular class, which contains member function and definition for dealing with file. Lets have a look at the figure:



- According to the above hierarchy, the class `iostream` is derived from the two classes' `istream` and `ostream` and both `istream` and `ostream` are derived from `ios`. Similarly the class `fstream` is derived from `iostream`.

Generally two main header files are used iostream.h and fstream.h. The classes used for input and output to the video display and key board are declared in the header file iostream.h and the classes used for disk file input output are declared in fstream.h.

- Note that when we include the header file fstream.h in our program then there is no need to include iostream.h header file. Because all the classes which are in fstream.h they are derived from classes which are in iostream.h therefore, we can use all the functions of iostream class.

### 7.3: Operation With File

- First we will see how files are opened and closed. A file can be defined by following class ifstream, ofstream, fstream, all these are defined in fstream.h header file.
  - if a file object is declared by *ifstream* class, then that object can be used for *reading* from a file.
  - if a file object is declared by *ofstream* class, then that object can be used for *writing* onto a file.
  - If a file object is declared by *fstream* class then, that object can be used for both *reading from* and *writing to* a file

### 7.4: Types of Disk File Access

- Your program can access files either in *sequential* manner or *random* manner. The access mode of a file determines how one can read, write, change, add and delete data from a file.
- A sequential file has to be accessed in the same order as the file was written. This is analogous to cassette tapes: you play music in the same order as it was recorded.
- Unlike the sequential files, you can have random-access to files in any order you want. Think of data in a random-access file as being similar to songs on compact disc (CD): you can go directly to any song you want to play without having to play or fast-forward through the other songs.

#### 7.4.1: Sequential File Concepts

- You can perform three operations on sequential disk files. You can *create* disk files, *add* to disk files, and *read* from disk files.

##### 7.4.1.1: Opening and Closing Sequential Files

- When you open a disk file, you only have to inform C++, the file name and what you want to do with it. C++ and your operating system work together to make sure that the disk is ready, and they create an entry in your file directory for the filename (if you are creating a file). When you

close a file, C++ writes any remaining data to the file, releases the file from the program, and updates the file directory to reflect the file's new size.

- You can use either of the two methods to open a file in C++:
  - using a *Constructor* or
  - using the *open function*
- The following C++ statement will create an object with the name *fout* of *ofstream* class and this object will be associated with file name "hello.txt".

```
ofstream fout ("hello.txt");
```

- This statement uses the constructor method.
- The following C++ statement will create an object with the name *fout* of *ofstream* class and this object will be associated with file name "hello.txt".

```
ofstream fout;
fout.open("hello.txt");
```

- If you open a file for writing (out access mode), C++ creates the file. If a file by that name already exists, C++ *overwrite* the old file with no warning. You must be careful when opening files not to overwrite existing data that you want.
- If an error occurs during opening of a file, C++ does not create a valid file pointer (file object). Instead, C++ creates a file pointer (object) equal to zero. For example if you open a file for output, but use an invalid disk name, C++ can't open the file and therefore makes the file object equal to zero.
- You can also determine the file access mode when creating a file in C++. If you want to use the open function to open a file then the syntax is:

```
fileobject.open(filename,accessmode);
```

- File name is a string containing a valid file name for your computer.
- Accessmode is the sought operation to be taken on the file and must be one of the values in the following table.

| Mode   | Description                                     |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| app    | Opens file for appending                        |
| ate    | Seeks to the end of file while opening the file |
| in     | Opens the file for reading                      |
| out    | Opens the file for writing                      |
| binary | Opens the file in binary mode                   |

- You should always check for the successful opening of a file before starting file manipulation on it. You use the *fail()* function to do the task:

- Lets have an example here:

```
ifstream indata;  
indata.open("c:\\myfile.txt",ios::in);  
if(indata.fail())  
{  
    //error description here  
}
```

- In this case, the open operation will fail (i.e the fail function will return true), if there is no file named myfile.txt in the directory C:\\
- After you are done with your file manipulations, you should use the close function to release any resources that were consumed by the file operation. Here is an example  
    indata.close();
- The above close() statement will terminate the relationship between the ifstream object indata and the file name "c:\\myfile.txt", hence releasing any resource needed by the system.

#### 7.4.1.2: Writing to a sequential File

- The most common file I/O functions are
  - get() and put()
- You can also use the output redirection operator (<<) to write to a file.
- The following program creates a file called names.txt in C:\\ and saves the name of five persons in it:

```
#include<fstream.h>  
#include<stdlib.h>  
ofstream fp;  
void main()  
{  
    fp.open("c:\\names.txt",ios::out);  
    if(fp.fail())  
    {  
        cerr<< "\\nError opening file";  
        getch();  
        exit(1);  
    }  
    fp<< "Abebe Alemu" << endl;  
    fp<< "Lemelem Berhanu" << endl;  
    fp<< "Tesfaye Mulugeta" << endl;  
    fp<< "Mahlet Kebede" << endl;  
    fp<< "Assefa Bogale" << endl;  
    fp.close();  
} //end main
```

Writing characters to sequential files:

- A character can be written onto a file using the *put()* function. See the following code:

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<stdlib.h> // for exit() function
...
void main()
{
    char c;
    ofstream outfile;
    outfile.open("c:\\test.txt",ios::out);

    if(outfile.fail())
    {
        cerr<< "\nError opening test.txt";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }

    for(int i=1;i<=15;i++)
    {
        cout<< "\nEnter a character : ";
        cin>>c;
        outfile.put(c);
    }
    output.close();
}//end main
```

- The above program reads 15 characters and stores in file test.txt.
- You can easily add data to an existing file, or create new files, by opening the file in *append access mode*.
- Files you open for append access mode (using *ios::app*) do *not have to exist*. If the file exists, C++ appends data to the end of the file (as is done when you open a file for write access).

- The following program adds three more names to the *names.txt* file created in the earlier program.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
...
void main()
{
    ofstream outdata;
    outdata.open("c:\\names.txt",ios::app);
    if(outdata.fail())
    {
        cerr<< "\nError opening names.txt";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    outdata<< "Berhanu Teka"<<endl;
    outdata<< "Zelalem Assefa"<<endl;
    outdata<< "Dagim Sheferaw"<<endl;
    outdata.close();
}//end main
```

- If the file *names.txt* *does not exist*, C++ creates it and stores the three names to the file.
- Basically, you have to change only the *open()* function's access mode to turn a file-creation program into a file-appending program.

#### 7.4.1.3: Reading from a File

- Files you open for read access (using *ios::in*) *must exist already*, or C++ gives you an error message. You can't read a file that does not exist. *Open()* returns zero if the file does not exist when you open it for read access.
- Another event happens when you read files. Eventually, you read all the data. Subsequently reading produces error because there is *no more* data to read. C++ provides a solution to the end-of-file occurrence.
- If you attempt to read a file that you have completely read the data from, C++ returns the value zero. To find the end-of-file condition, be sure to check for zero when reading information from files.

- The following code asks the user for a file name and displays the content of the file to the screen.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    char name[20],filename[15];
    ifstream indata;
    cout<<"\nEnter the file name : ";
    cin.getline(filename,15);
    indata.open(filename,ios::in);
    if(indata.fail())
    {
        cerr<<"\nError opening file : "<<filename;
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    while(!indata.eof()) // checks for the end-of-file
    {
        indata>>name;
        cout<<name<<endl;
    }
    indata.close();
    getch();
}
```

#### Reading characters from a sequential file

- You can read a characters from a file using *get()* function. The following program asks for a file name and displays *each character* of the file to the screen. NB. A space among characters is considered as a character and hence, the exact replica of the file will be shown in the screen.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
void main()
{
    char c,filename[15];
    ifstream indata;
    cout<<"\nEnter the file name : ";
```

```
cin.getline(filename,15);
indata.open(filename,ios::in);
if(indata.fail()) // check if open succeeded
{
    cerr<<"\nError opening file : "<<filename;
    getch();
    exit(1);
}
while(!indata.eof()) // check for eof
{
    indata.get(c);
    cout<<c;
}
indata.close();
getch();
}
```

#### 7.4.1.4: File Pointer and their Manipulators

- Each file has two pointers one is called *input pointer* and second is *output pointer*. The input pointer is called *get pointer* and the output pointer is called *put pointer*.
- When input and output operation take places, the appropriate pointer is automatically set according to the access mode.
- For example when we open a file in reading mode, file pointer is automatically set to the start of the file.
- When we open a file in append mode, the file pointer is automatically set to the end of file.
- In C++ there are some manipulators by which we can control the movement of the pointer. The available manipulators are:
  1. seekg()
  2. seekp()
  3. tellg()
  4. tellp()

1. seekg(): this moves get pointer i.e input pointer to a specified location.  
For eg. infile.seekg(5); move the file pointer to the byte number 5 from starting point.
2. seekp(): this move put pointer (output pointer) to a specified location for example: outfile.seekp(5);
3. tellg(): this gives the current position of get pointer (input pointer)
4. tellp(): this gives the current position of put pointer (output pointer)  
eg. ofstream fileout;

```
fileout.open("c:\\test.txt",ios::app);
int length = fileout.tellp();
```

- By the above statement in length, the total number bytes of the file are assigned to the integer variable length. Because the file is opened in append mode that means, the file pointer is the last part of the file.
- Now lets see the seekg() function in action

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    fstream fileobj;
    char ch; //holds A through Z
    //open the file in both output and input mode
    fileobj.open("c:\\\\alph.txt",ios::out | ios::in);
    if(fileobj.fail())
    {
        cerr<<"\\nError opening alph.txt";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    //now write the characters to the file
    for(ch = 'A'; ch <= 'Z'; ch++)
    {
        fileobj<<ch;
    }
    fileobj.seekg(8L,ios::beg); // skips eight letters, points to I
    fileobj>>ch;
    cout<<"\\nThe 8th character is : "<<ch;
    fileobj.seekg(16L,ios::beg); // skips 16 letters, points to Q
    fileobj>>ch;
    cout<<"\\nThe 16th letter is : "<<ch;
    fileobj.close();
    getch();
}
```

- To point to the end of a data file, you can use the seekg() function to position the file pointer at the last byte. This statement positions the file pointer to the last byte in the file. *Fileobj.seekg(0L,ios::end);*

- This seekg() function literally reads “move the file pointer 0 bytes from the end of the file.” The file pointer now points to the end-of-file marker, but you can seekg() backwards to find other data in the file.
- The following program is supposed to read “c:\alph.txt” file backwards, printing each character as it skips back in the file.
- Be sure that the seekg() in the program seeks two bytes backwards from the *current* position, not from the beginning or the end as the previous programs. The for loop towards the end of the program needs to perform a “skip-two-bytes-back”, read-one-byte-forward” method to skip through the file backwards.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

void main()
{
    clrscr();
    ifstream indata;
    int ctr=0;
    char inchar;

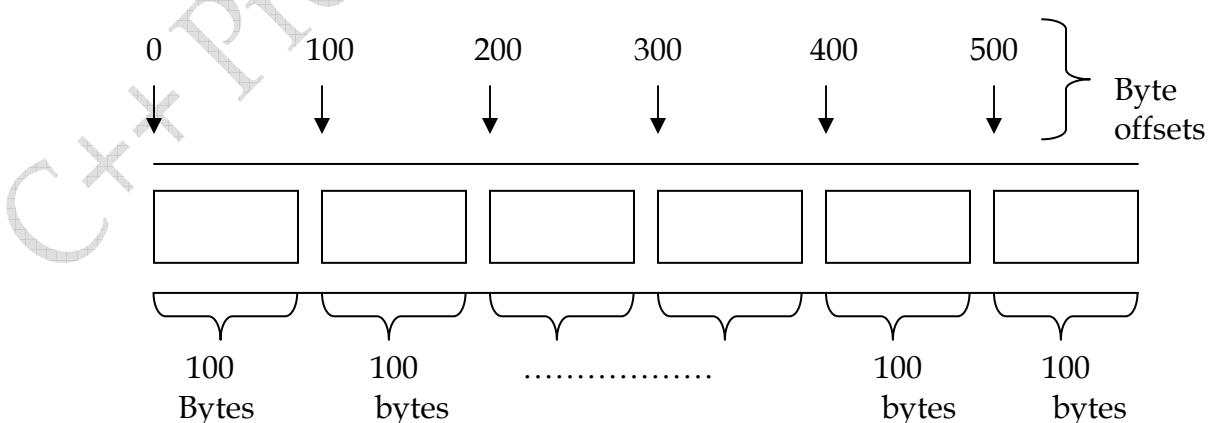
    indata.open("c:\\\\alph.txt",ios::in);
    if(indata.fail())
    {
        cerr<<"\\nError opening alph.txt";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    indata.seekg(-1L,ios::end); // points to the last byte in the file
    for(ctr=0;ctr<26;ctr++)
    {
        indata>>inchar;
        indata.seekg(-2L,ios::cur);
        cout<<inchar;
    }
    indata.close();
    getch();
}
```

### Text Files And Binary Files (Comparison)

- The default access mode for file access is *text mode*. A text file is an ASCII file, compatible with most other programming languages and applications. Programs that read ASCII files can read data you create as C++ text files.
- If you specify binary access, C++ creates or reads the file in binary format. Binary data files are “*squeezed*”- that is, they take less space than text files. The disadvantage of using binary files is that other programs can't always read the data files. Only C++ programs written to access binary files can read and write them. The advantage of binary files is that you save disk space because your data files are more compact.
- The binary format is a *system-specific* file format. In other words, not all computers can read a binary file created on another computer.

#### 7.4.2: Random Access File Concepts

- Random access enables you to read or write any data in your disk file without having to read and write every piece of data that precedes it.
- Generally you read and write file records. A record to a file is analogous to a C++ structure. A record is a collection of one or more data values (called fields) that you read and write to disk. Generally you store data in the structures and write structures to disk.
- When you read a record from disk, you generally read that record into a structure variable and process it with your program.
- Most random access files are fixed-length records. Each record (a row in the file) takes the same amount of disk space.
- With fixed length records, your computer can better calculate where on the disk the desired record is located.



### 7.2.2.1 Opening Random-Access Files

- There is really no difference between sequential files and random files in C++. The difference between the files is not physical, but lies in the method that you use to access them and update them.
- The ostream member function write outputs a fixed number of bytes, beginning at a specific location in memory, to the specified stream.
- When the stream is associated with a file, function write writes the data at the location in specified by the “put” file position pointer.
- The istream member function read inputs a fixed number of bytes from the specified stream into an area in memory beginning at the specified address.
- When the stream is associated with a file, function read inputs bytes at the location in the file specified by the “get” file poison pointer.
- Syntax of write: `fileobject.write((char*) & NameOfObject, sizeof(name of object))`
- Function write expects data type `const char*` as its first argument. The second argument of write is an integer of type size specifying the number of bytes to be written.

#### Writing randomly to a random access file

- Here is an example that shows how to write a record to a random access file.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
struct stud_info{
    int id;
    char name[20];
    char fname[20];
    float CGPA;
}student;

void main()
{
    clrscr();
    char filename[15];
    ofstream outdata;
    cout<<"\nenter file name : ";
    cin>>filename;
    outdata.open(filename,ios::out);
    if(outdata.fail())
    {
```

```

        cerr<<"\nError opening "<<filename;
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    //stud_info student;
    //accept data here
    cout<<"\nEnter student id : ";
    cin>>student.id;
    cout<<"\nEnter student name : ";
    cin>>student.name;
    cout<<"\nEnter student father name : ";
    cin>>student.fname;
    cout<<"\nEnter student CGPA : ";
    cin>>student.CGPA;

    //now write to the file
    outdata.seekp(((student.id)-1) * sizeof(student));
    outdata.write((char*)&student, sizeof(student));
    outdata.close();
    cout<<"\nData has been saved";
    getch();
}

```

- The above code uses the combination of ostream function seekp and write to store data at exact locations in the file.
- Function seekp sets the put file-position pointer to a specific position in the file, then the write outputs the data.
- 1 is subtracted from the student id when calculating the byte location of the record. Thus, for record 1, the file position pointer is set to the byte 0 of the file.
- The istream function read inputs a specified number of bytes from the current position in the specified stream into an object.
- The syntax of read : read((char\*)&name of object, sizeof(name of object));
- Function read requires a first argument of type char \*. The second argument of write is an integer of type size specifying the number of bytes to be read.

- Here is a code that shows how to read a random access record from a file.

```
#include<fstream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
struct stud_info{
    int studid;
    char name[20];
    char fname[20];
    float CGPA;
};
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    ifstream indata;
    char filename[15];
    cout<<"\nEnter the file name : ";
    cin>>filename;
    indata.open(filename,ios::in);
    if(indata.fail())
    {
        cerr<<"\nError opening "<<filename;
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    stud_info student;
    cout<<"\nEnter the id no of the student : ";
    int sid;
    cin>>sid;
    indata.seekg((sid-1) * sizeof(student));
    indata.read((char*) &student, sizeof(student));
    cout<<"\nhere is the information";
    cout<<"\nstudent id : "<<student.studid;
    cout<<"\nstudent name : "<<student.name;
    cout<<"\nstudent fname : "<<student.fname;
    cout<<"\nstudent CGPA : "<<student.CGPA;
    indata.close();
    getch();
}
```

## 7.5: Command Line Argument

- Command line argument means facility by which you can supply arguments to the main() function. These arguments are supplied to the program when the main function is called from the command line. Eg. c:\> file-name arg1 arg2
- Where file-name is the name of file(the program) and arg1, arg2 are arguments passed to the program.
- If we want to pass arguments to the main function, then main function should be written as follow.

Return type main(int argc, char \* argv[])

- The first argument argc represents the number of arguments in a command line. The second argument argv is an array of character type pointers that points to the command line arguments. Argc is known as argument counter and argv is called argument vector.
- C:\> student A B. the value of argc is 3 (student, A & B) and the argv would be an array of three pointers to string as follows:

Argv[0] - points to student

Argv[1] - points to A

Argv[2] - points to B

- note that argv[0] always represents the command name that invokes the program.
- Here is a sample command line argument code

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
void main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    clrscr();
    char ch;
    if(argc < 3)
    {
        cerr<<"\n too few parameters";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    else if(argc > 3)
    {
        cerr<<"\n too many parameters";
        getch();
        exit(1);
    }
    else // number of parameters okay
```

```
{  
    ofstream outdata;  
    ifstream indata;  
    outdata.open(argv[2],ios::out);  
    if(outdata.fail())  
    {  
        cerr<<"\nlow disk space to create file : "<<argv[2];  
        getch();  
        exit(1);  
    }  
    indata.open(argv[1],ios::in);  
    if(indata.fail())  
    {  
        cerr<<"\nfile : "<<argv[1]<<" does not exist";  
        getch();  
        exit(1);  
    }  
    //now start copying the file  
    while(!indata.eof())  
    {  
        indata.get(ch);  
        outdata.put(ch);  
    }  
    indata.close();  
    outdata.close();  
    cout<<"\nfinished copying";  
}
```