Local and Global Variables

- Variables defined inside a function are *local* to that function. They are hidden from the statements in other functions, which normally cannot access them.
- Because the variables defined in a function are hidden, other functions may have separate, distinct variables with the same name.

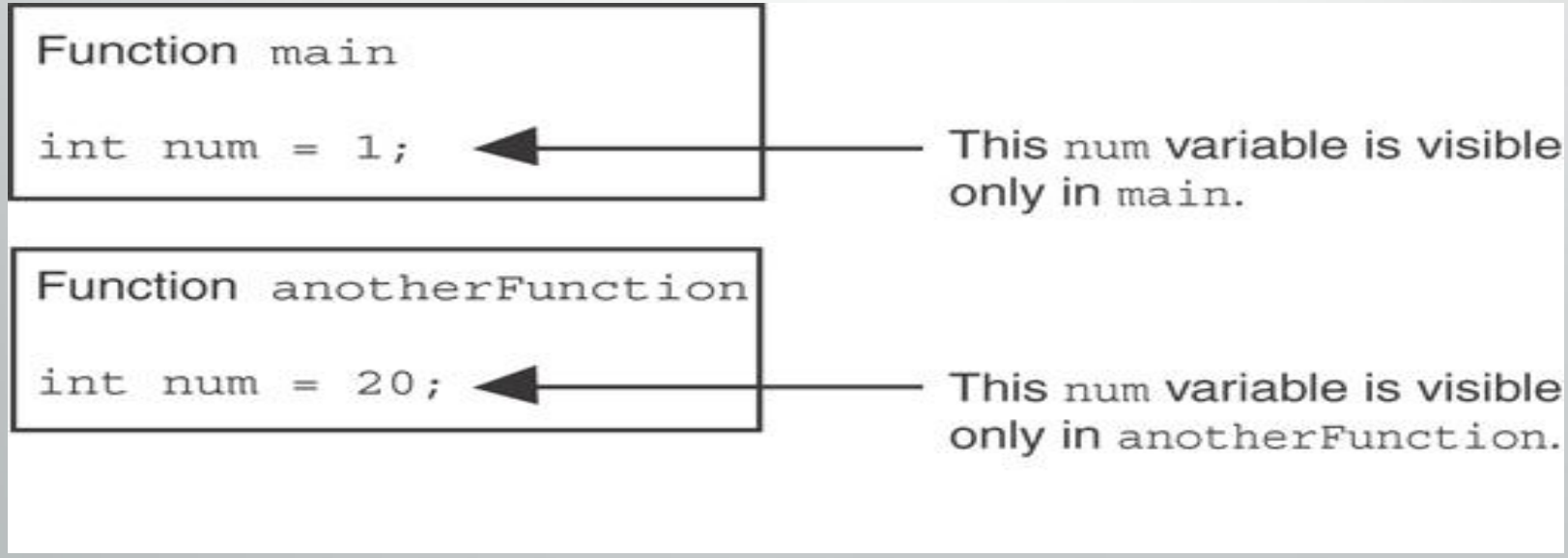
Program 6-16

```
1  // This program shows that variables defined in a function
2  // are hidden from other functions.
3  #include <iostream>
4  using namespace std;
5
6  void anotherFunction(); // Function prototype
7
8  int main()
9  {
10    int num = 1;    // Local variable
11
12    cout << "In main, num is " << num << endl;
13    anotherFunction();
14    cout << "Back in main, num is " << num << endl;
15    return 0;
16 }
17
18 //*************************************************
19 // Definition of anotherFunction                  *
20 // It has a local variable, num, whose initial value  *
21 // is displayed.                                  *
22 //*************************************************
23
24 void anotherFunction()
25 {
26    int num = 20;  // Local variable
27
28    cout << "In anotherFunction, num is " << num << endl;
29 }
```

Program Output

```
In main, num is 1
In anotherFunction, num is 20
Back in main, num is 1
```

When the program is executing in `main`, the `num` variable defined in `main` is visible. When `anotherFunction` is called, however, only variables defined inside it are visible, so the `num` variable in `main` is hidden.



Local Variable Lifetime

- A function's local variables exist only while the function is executing. This is known as the *lifetime* of a local variable.
- When the function begins, its local variables and its parameter variables are created in memory, and when the function ends, the local variables and parameter variables are destroyed.
- This means that any value stored in a local variable is lost between calls to the function in which the variable is declared.

Global Variables

- A global variable is any variable defined outside all the functions in a program.
- The scope of a global variable is the portion of the program from the variable definition to the end.
- This means that a global variable can be accessed by *all* functions that are defined after the global variable is defined.

Global Variables and Global Constants

- You should avoid using global variables because they make programs difficult to debug.
- Any global that you create should be *global constants*.

Program 6-19

```
1  // This program calculates gross pay.
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <iomanip>
4  using namespace std;
5
6  // Global constants
7  const double PAY_RATE = 22.55;     // Hourly pay rate
8  const double BASE_HOURS = 40.0;    // Max non-overtime hours
9  const double OT_MULTIPLIER = 1.5; // Overtime multiplier
10
11 // Function prototypes
12 double getBasePay(double);
13 double getOvertimePay(double);
14
15 int main()
16 {
17    double hours,              // Hours worked
18           basePay,            // Base pay
19           overtime = 0.0,     // Overtime pay
20           totalPay;           // Total pay
```

Global constants defined for values that do not change throughout the program's execution.

Overloading Functions

- Overloaded functions have the same name but different parameter lists
- Can be used to create functions that perform the same task but take different parameter types or different number of parameters
- Compiler will determine which version of function to call by argument and parameter lists

Function Overloading Examples

Using these overloaded functions,

```
void getDimensions(int);              // 1
void getDimensions(int, int);         // 2
void getDimensions(int, double);      // 3
void getDimensions(double, double);// 4
```

the compiler will use them as follows:

```
int length, width;
double base, height;
getDimensions(length);              // 1
getDimensions(length, width);       // 2
getDimensions(length, height);      // 3
getDimensions(height, base);        // 4
```

Program 6-27

```
1  // This program uses overloaded functions.
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <iomanip>
4  using namespace std;
5
6  // Function prototypes
7  int square(int);
8  double square(double);
9
10 int main()
11 {
12    int userInt;
13    double userFloat;
14
15    // Get an int and a double.
16    cout << fixed << showpoint << setprecision(2);
17    cout << "Enter an integer and a floating-point value: ";
18    cin >> userInt >> userFloat;
19
20    // Display their squares.
21    cout << "Here are their squares: ";
22    cout << square(userInt) << " and " << square(userFloat);
23    return 0;
24 }
```

The overloaded functions have different parameter lists

Passing a double

Passing an int

(Program Continues)

```
26  //*********************************************************
27  // Definition of overloaded function square.              *
28  // This function uses an int parameter, number. It returns the *
29  // square of number as an int.                            *
30  //*********************************************************
31
32  int square(int number)
33  {
34     return number * number;
35  }
36
37  //*********************************************************
38  // Definition of overloaded function square.              *
39  // This function uses a double parameter, number. It returns  *
40  // the square of number as a double.                      *
41  //*********************************************************
42
43  double square(double number)
44  {
45     return number * number;
46  }
```

Program Output with Example Input Shown in Bold

```
Enter an integer and a floating-point value: 12 4.2 [Enter]
Here are their squares: 144 and 17.64
```