

## CH-2:- BASICS OF C++

# C:- It is a powerful general-purpose programming language developed by Dennis M. Ritchie at Bell Laboratories.  
It can be used to develop s/w like O.S, DB, compilers & so on.  
C programming is an excellent language to learn to program for beginners.

# C++:- It is a middle level programming language developed by Bjarne Stroustrup starting in 1979 at Bell Labs.  
It runs on variety of platforms, such as Windows, Mac OS & the various versions of UNIX.  
It is obj. oriented programming.

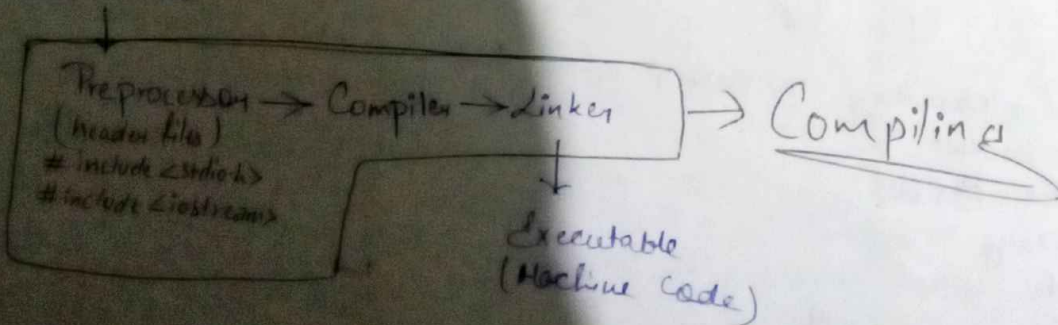
# C Vs. C++:-

C	C++
C follows the procedural style programming	C++ is multi-paradigms. It supports both procedural & obj. oriented
Data is less secured in C	In C++, you can use modifiers for class members to make it inaccessible for outside use.
C follows the Top-down approach	C++ follows the bottom-up approach
scanf() & printf() are mainly used for input/output	C++ mainly use streams cin & cout to perform input & output op.
C does not support the inheritance	C++ supports inheritance

# Compiling:- The modified source code is compiled into binary obj. code. This code is not yet executable.

→ Compiling Process:-

Source Code



# Linking :- The obj. code is combined with required supporting code to make an executable program.

⇒ Linking Process :-

Preprocessing (Modifies the original program acc. to the directives that start with '#')



Compilation (Translates the program into a obj. file containing machine language code)



Linking (Handles merging & make executable file)

⇒ Compiling & Linking :-

C/C++ Source Text → Compiler → Obj. Code

Obj. Code → Linker → Machine Code

# Compiling of C++ Program :-

The compilation of a C++ program consists of 3 steps :-

i) Preprocessing :- It is just a text substitution tool & it instructs the compiler to do required pre-processing before the actual compilation. It handles preprocessing directives like #include, #define etc.

ii) Compilation :- The compilation takes place on the preprocessed files. The compiler parses the pure C++ source code & converts it into assembly code. The compiler won't give an error unless the source code is not well-formed.

iii) Linking :- The linker produces the final compilation output from the obj. files the compiler produced. This output can be shared (as dynamic) lib. or an executable.

# Tokens :- A token is the smallest unit of a program that the compiler understands. In C++, Tokens are divided into

i) Keywords :- In a programming lang reserved words that have fixed meaning.  
alignas; alignof; asm; auto; bool; break; catch; char; char16\_t; char32\_t; class; const; constexpr; const\_cast; continue; decltype; default; delete; double; do; dynamic\_cast; else; enum; explicit; export; extern; FALSE; float; for; friend; goto; if; inline; int; long; mutable; namespace; public; new; noexcept; nullptr; operator; private; protected; register; reinterpret\_cast; return; short; signed; sizeof; static; static\_assert; static\_cast; struct; switch; template; this; thread\_local; throw; TRUE; try; typedef; typeid; typename; union; unsigned; using; virtual; void; volatile; wchar\_t; while;



i) Identifiers:- assign names of the programmer's choice to variables, arrays, functions, etc., classes & various other data constructs.  
The programmer may use the mixture of diff. types of character sets available in C++ to name an identifier.

Rules:-

- i) First character:- 1<sup>st</sup> character should begin with either an alphabet or an underscore. not with a number.
- ii) No special characters
- iii) No keywords
- iv) No whitespaces
- v) Word limit :- not exceed 31 characters
- vi) Case sensitive

ii) Constant:- variables whose value cannot be changed. const keyword is used for declare constant.  
e.g:- `const float pi = 3.14;`

Types:-

- Integer constants
- Floating "
- Character "
- String "
- Octal "
- Hexadecimal "

iv) Strings:- Stores a sequence of characters. It terminates with a null character '\0'. Unlike characters, strings in C++ are always enclosed double quotes ("").

e.g:- `char name[30] = "Hello";`

v) Special Symbols:- Special symbols which have special meaning to the compiler. We cannot alter their meaning.

- e.g:-
- `[]`:- Used for single dimensional & multidimensional subscripts of arrays
  - `()`:- " " function calls & parameters
  - `{ }`:- " " to indicate the beginning & end of a code block
  - `;`:- " " separate multiple statements like parameters in a function
  - `:`:- " " invoke an initialization list
  - `;`:- Also called statement terminator, it is used to mark the end of statements
  - `*`:- Used to create pointers
  - `#`:- " " as a preprocessor directive to include header files & define constants
  - `.`:- Used to access a struct member.
  - `~`:- " " as a ~~destructor~~ destructor

vi) Operators:- Symbols that operate on operands. These operands can be variable or values. Operators help to perform mathematical & logical computations.

Common C++ Operators:- Arithmetic; Assignment; Relational; Logical; Bitwise;  
Other operators

= D-type in C++ :- Defines the type of data a variable can hold.

Types:-

- i) Primitive:- <sup>(oto2st)</sup> Int, Char, Boolean, Floating Point, Double Floating Point,  
(valueless) Void, Wide character.
- ii) Derived:- Func<sup>n</sup>, array, pointer, Reference
- iii) User defined:- Class, Struct, Union, Enum, Typedef

Primitive:- ~~User~~ Built-in or predefined d-types & can be used directly by the user to declare a variable.

Derived:- derived from primitive or built-in d-types.

User-defined:- defined by user itself. Also called abstract d-type

i) Class:- Building block that leads to OOP. It holds both members & func<sup>n</sup>

ii) Structures:- Store a group of items of non-similar d-types.

iii) Union:- As Struct. Only one member is initialized.

iv) Enum:- Construct multiple

v) Typedef:- define explicitly new d-type names. by use

vi) Reference:- alternate name of already existing variable.  
It can not be changed to refer another variable & should be initialized at the time of declaration & cannot be NULL