

# cin and Arithmetic

Class 7

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The left side, because this program only involves a circle. If this were a general-purpose geometry program, then `triangle_area` vs `circle_area` might be essential. But here, `circle_` is simply noise.

## From Lab 2

`const double PI_CONSTANT = 3.1415;`

or

`const double MATHEMATICAL_PIE = 3.1415;`

or

`const double PI = 3.1415;`

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In lab 3, I hope you aren't making variables named `C` or `Y`!

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If the specifications call for a particular behavior, you the developer must meet those specifications.

## From Lab 3

From the assignment: “ ... the program should produce output that looks exactly like this:”

```
Enter the number of completions: 329
```

```
Enter the number of attempts: 483
```

```
Enter the number of yards: 4024
```

```
Enter the number of touchdowns: 34
```

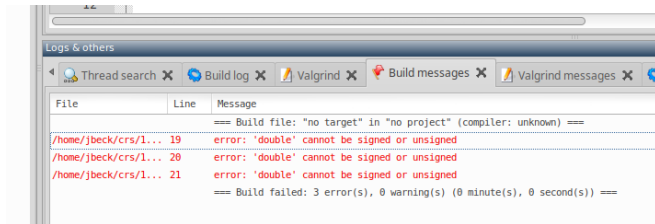
```
Enter the number of interceptions: 8
```

```
The player's rating is: 110.123
```

make sure your program produces a screen that looks **exactly** like this when it runs

## From Lab 2

- if you get any build warnings or errors, you will lose points
- their absence doesn't mean your program is correct
- but their presence definitely means something is wrong



# The cin Object

- cout is an output stream object connected to the screen
- cin is an input stream object connected to the keyboard
- cout is used with the stream insertion operator <<
- cin is used with the stream extraction operator >>
- the stream extraction operator **extracts** a value from the stream of characters coming from the keyboard and puts that value into the operator's rhs variable

# The cin Object

- the variable that is used with cin must have been declared prior to use
- you cannot initialize a variable with cin

OK:

```
double radius;  
cin >> radius;
```

Illegal:

```
cin >> double radius;
```

## cin with Multiple Values

- cin extraction may be used to gather multiple values in one statement
- see program 3-2 on page 87:

```
unsigned length;  
unsigned width;  
cout << "Enter the length and width: ";  
cin >> length >> width;  
unsigned area = length * width;
```



## Multiple Values of Varying Types

- cin can extract multiple values of different types from the input stream

```
unsigned count;  
double measurement;  
cout << "Enter the count and the measurement: ";  
cin >> count >> measurement;
```

# Whitespace

- whitespace is the term used to describe any sequence of one or more characters that the eye perceives as a separation of words
- the main whitespace characters are space, tab, and newline

# Keyboard Buffer

- in computer science, a **buffer** is an area of memory where characters are stored while waiting to be processed
- when you type on a keyboard, the keystrokes are stored in the **keyboard buffer** until a program processes them
- the program only starts reading the characters when the user presses the Enter key
- all characters before the Enter key are stored in the keyboard buffer
- you can backspace and change characters as long as the Enter key has not been pressed
- when the Enter key is pressed, all characters plus the Enter key are sent to the program

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## Delimiting cin Input

- cin extraction **skips whitespace** before starting to extract a value
- cin extraction is **greedy** as it reads the keyboard stream
- it tries to read as many characters as possible
- it stops reading only when it can't go farther
- cin extraction throws away everything in the buffer between the last thing it can read and the Enter key

run program `try_cin` with various inputs, correct and incorrect:

# cin Notes

- cin is very easy to use, BUT:
  - it is impossible to read the space character into a char variable
  - cin extraction cannot read a string with an embedded space
  - cin extraction does no error checking
  - cin extraction can give incorrect results even when there is technically no error
- we will later see better and safer ways of getting input

## Combined Assignment

- the most common statement in programming is assignment:  
`foo = bar;`
- the second most common statement pattern is an arithmetic operation on a variable followed by assignment to that variable:  
`foo = foo + 3;`
- because this pattern is so common
- because it involves the name of the variable typed twice
- C++ has a shortcut form that combines arithmetic **and** assignment in one symbol

```
foo = foo + 3;  
foo += 3;
```

## Combined Assignment

- `foo += 3;` retrieve the current value of `foo`, add three to it, and store the result in `foo`
- `foo *= 3;` retrieve the current value of `foo`, multiply it by three, and store the result in `foo`
- `foo /= bar - 5;` retrieve the current value of `bar`, subtract 5 from that value, use the result as the divisor of the current value of `foo`, and store the final result in `foo`; `bar` is not changed

# Operator Precedence and Associativity

- when multiple operators exist in a single statement
- the order in which they are evaluated depends on a combination of **precedence** and **associativity**
- for the operators we have seen, the precedence and associativity are as follows

Operator	Precedence	Associativity
$-$ (unary)	1	left-to-right
$*$ / $\%$	2	left-to-right
$+$ $-$ (binary)	3	left-to-right
$=$ $*=$ $/=$ $+=$ $-=$ $\%=$	4	right-to-left



# Multiple Operators

- when multiple operators of **different** precedence exist in a single statement
- precedence determines order

```
foo = bar * bim - bam;
```

- in order of precedence, the operators are executed:
  1. \* (highest precedence)
  2. - (medium precedence)
  3. = (lowest precedence)

# Multiple Operators

- when multiple operators of the **same** precedence exist in a single statement
- associativity determines order

`foo / bar * bim % bam`

- an expression, not a complete statement
- these operators have equal precedence and left-to-right associativity
- they are executed:
  1. `/` (leftmost)
  2. `*` (middle)
  3. `%` (rightmost)

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```
foo = bar = bim = 5;
```

- these operators have equal precedence and right-to-left associativity
- they are executed:
  1. `bim = 5` (rightmost)
  2. `bar = result of 1` (middle)
  3. `foo = result of 2` (leftmost)
- `foo`, `bar`, and `bim` all get the value 5

# Algebra vs. Programming

- human algebra uses some syntax and shortcuts that are not available in C++

Algebraic Expression	C++ Equivalent
$6b$	<code>6 * b</code>
$(3)(12)$	<code>3 * 12</code>
$x = \frac{a+b}{c}$	<code>x = (a + b) / c;</code>
$y = 3\frac{x}{2}$	<code>y = 3 * (x / 2);</code>

# Exponentiation

- C++ does not have an exponentiation operator
- the `pow` function is provided by the `cmath` library
- regardless of arguments, `pow` returns a `double` value

```
#include <cmath>
```

```
...
```

```
foo = pow(bar, 2.5);
```

- for simple exponentiation like squaring, it's faster and easier to simply multiply the variable by itself  
`foo = bar * bar;`