

C++ Programming I

Functions

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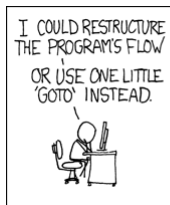
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Need of Functions

- ▶ Functions are used to provide modularity to a program, to create logical blocks
- ▶ Creating an application using functions makes it easier to understand, edit, check errors and maintain
- ▶ Functions enable reusing code! So less work for us



- ▶ Think before you code!
- ▶ Choose meaningful names for variables and functions

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An Example



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```
#include <iostream>
const double PI = 3.14159265;
using namespace std;
// Function Declarations (Prototypes)
double area(double radius);
double circumference(double radius);

int main()
{
    double radius = 2.5;
    // Call function "Area"
    cout << "Area is: " << area(radius) << endl;
    cout << "Area is: " << area(3.5) << endl;

    // Call function "Circumference"
    cout << "Circumference is: " << circumference(radius) << endl;
    return 0;
}

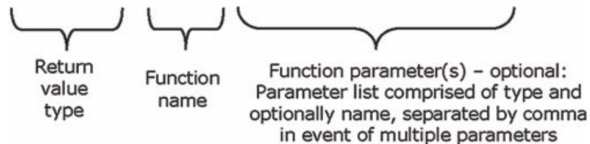
// Function definitions (implementations)
double area(double radius)
{
    return PI * radius * radius;
}

double circumference(double radius)
{
    return 2 * PI * radius;
}
```

Syntax of Function Declaration

Example and General

```
double Area(double radius);
```



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Syntax of Function Declaration

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```
// function prototype / declaration
returnType funcName(paramterType parameter);

int myFunctionA(int valA, int valB, unsigned int valC);

int myFunctionC(int, int, unsigned int);

void myFunctionD(void);
```



can use empty brackets



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Syntax of Function Declaration

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- ▶ The function declaration is a statement \hookrightarrow ends by a semicolon “;”
- ▶ The declaration can be either in the **source file** or in a **header file**.
*Putting it in a **header file** makes function available for other source files when including the header file.*



Syntax of Function Definition

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```
1 double area(double radius)
2 {
3     return PI * radius * radius;
4 }
```

- ▶ This is the definition
- ▶ No semicolon!

Syntax of Function Definition

Example and General

```
1 // function head
2 returnType functionName(parameterName)
3 {
4     /* function body */
5 }
6
7 // function definition (head + body)
8 int myFunctionA(int valA, int valB, unsigned int valC)
9 {
10     /* Implementation */
11     return valA + valB + valC;
12 }
```

- ▶ The function head has never a semicolon at the end. If you copy it from the prototype remove semicolon.
- ▶ In the function header are all parameters listed by their unique names.
- ▶ The function body contains the implementation. The block starts and ends by curly braces (compound statement).
- ▶ Function definition = function header + function body



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```
1 // Prototypes
2 double area(double radius); // for circle
3 double area(double radius, double height); // overloaded cylinder
4
5
6 // Definition for circle
7 double area(double radius)
8 {
9     return Pi * radius * radius;
10 }
11
12 // Definition Overloaded for cylinder
13 double area(double radius, double height)
14 {
15     // reuse the area of circle
16     return 2 * area (radius) + 2 * Pi * radius * height;
17 }
```

- ▶ The the compiler determines the most appropriate definition to use by comparing the argument types you have used to call the function
- ▶ The process of selecting the most appropriate overloaded function is called **overload resolution or signature matching**



In C++ there are three different ways to pass data to a function.

Passing:

1. **by value:**

```
void passByValue(int value);
```

2. **by reference:**

```
void passByReference(int& valueRef);
```

3. **by pointer:**

```
void passByPointer(int* valuePtr);
```

- ▶ All have different characteristics when it comes to efficiency, storage and behaviour
- ▶ We'll focus on 1 & 2
- ▶ Passing by pointer is a legacy method used by C-style programs (or function pointers)

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Passing by Value

Passing a Copy

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int square(int x);
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      int x = 2;
9
10     cout << "The square of " << x << " is "
11          << square(x) << endl;
12
13     return 0;
14 }
15
16 int square(int x)
17 {
18     return x * x;
19 }
```

- ▶ The underlying object is copied using its copy constructor
- ▶ Additional memory allocated
- ▶ Function works on the copy only!
- ▶ For large objects there will be a performance impact



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Passing by Reference

Reference

c/c++ does not pass tuples (or pairs)

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int square(int& x);
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     int x = 2;
9
10    cout << x << "^2 is " << square(x) << endl;
11
12    cout << x << "^2 is " << square(x) << endl;
13
14    return 0;
15 }
16
17 int square(int& x)
18 {
19     return x *= x;
20 }
```

- ▶ Underlying object not copied
- ▶ The function is given the memory address of the object itself
- ▶ Original object can be modified! **Possibility of bugs!**



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Passing by Reference to Const

Const Reference

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int square(const int& x);
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     int x = 2;
9
10    cout << "The square of " << x << " is "
11         << square(x) << endl;
12
13    return 0;
14 }
15
16 int square(const int& x)
17 {
18     //x *= x; // compilation error! x-cant be changed
19     return x * x;
20 }
```

does not modify the passed argument



- ▶ No copy AND no modification
- ▶ Interface is precise about its intent
- ▶ Efficient and safe



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Use Reference

Fetching the Result of a function as Reference Parameter

Result as Reference Parameter

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  void square(const int& x, int& result);
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      int x = 2;
9      int result = 0;
10
11     square(x, result);
12     cout << "The square of " << x << " is "
13          << result << endl;
14
15     return 0;
16 }
17
18 void square(const int& x, int& result)
19 {
20     result = x * x;
21 }
```



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Find the Bug

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```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  using namespace std;
4  const double Pi = 3.1416;
5
6  void area(double radius, double result)
7  {
8      result = Pi * radius * radius;
9  }
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     cout << "Enter radius: ";
14     double radius = 0;
15     cin >> radius;
16
17     double areaFetched = 0;
18     area(radius, areaFetched);
19
20     cout << "The area is: " << areaFetched << endl;
21     return 0;
22 }
```

or use return

supposed to pass the same value
need to pass by reference

can pass value of a function without using
return, but need &

- ▶ What is wrong with the code above
- ▶ In the function header are all parameters listed by their unique names.

Function Parameters with Default Values

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```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  // Function Declarations (Prototypes) with default Pi
5  double area(double radius, double pi = 3.14);
6
7  int main()
8  {
9      double radius = 2.5;
10     double circleArea = 0;
11
12     circleArea = area(radius); // Ignore 2nd param, use default
                                // value
13
14     double accuratePi = 3.14159265359;
15     circleArea = area (radius, accuratePi);
16
17     // Call function "Area"
18     cout << "Area is: " << circleArea << endl;
19
20     return 0;
21 }
22
23 // Function definitions (implementations)
24 double area(double radius, double pi)
25 {
26     return pi * radius * radius;
27 }
```

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```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <numeric>
4  #include <iterator>
5  #include <algorithm>
6  using namespace std;
7
8
9  // Declaration (in header)
10 bool isEven(int x);
11
12
13 int main()
14 {
15     vector<int> vec(40, 0);
16     iota(vec.begin(), vec.end(), 0);
17     copy(vec.begin(), vec.end(), ostream_iterator<int>{cout, " "});
18     cout << "\n";
19
20     // print even numbers only!
21     copy_if(vec.begin(), vec.end(), ostream_iterator<int>{cout, " "}, isEven); // binary
        predicat function
22     cout << "\nWith Lambda \n";
23
24     // using lambda function
25     copy_if(vec.begin(), vec.end(), ostream_iterator<int>{cout, " "}, [](int x)
26     {
27         return (x%2 == 0);
28     }); // binary predicat function -> lambda style
29
30     return 0;
31 }
32
33 // in cpp
34 bool isEven(int x)
35 {
36     return (x%2 == 0);
37 }
```



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- ▶ Next time we'll look at chapter 8 of the book: **pointers and references**
- ▶ I recommend to read the book **until chapter 7** as homework!
- ▶ **Solve Exercise-02**



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Thank You

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