

Basic Elements of C++

Chapter # 2

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Today Agenda

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- Identifiers
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How to Learn Programming

- Learning a programming language is like learning to become a chef or learning to play a musical instrument.
- All three require direct interaction with the tools. You cannot become a good chef just by reading recipes. Similarly, you cannot become a musician by reading books about musical instruments.
- The same is true of programming.

The Basics of a C++ Program

- Programming language: A set of rules, symbols, and special words.
- A subprogram or a function is a collection of statements, and when it is activated, or executed, it accomplishes something.
- Some functions, called predefined or standard functions, are already written and are provided as part of the system.
- Every C++ program has a function called main. Thus, if a C++ program has only one function, it must be the function main.

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- If you have never seen a program written in a programming language, the C++ program in Example 2-1 may look like a foreign language.
- To make meaningful sentences in a foreign language, you must learn its alphabet, words, and grammar.
- The same is true of a programming language.
- To write meaningful programs, you must learn the programming language's special symbols, words, and syntax rules.
- The syntax rules tell you which statements (instructions) are legal or valid, that is, which are accepted
- by the programming language and which are not.
- You must also learn semantic rules, which determine the meaning of the instructions.
- The programming language's rules, symbols, and special words enable you to write programs to solve problems.

Comments

- Typically, comments can be used to identify the authors of the program, give the date when the program is written or modified, give a brief explanation of the program, and explain the meaning of key statements in a program.
- for single line comment we use `//`
- for multi line comment we used `/*` `*/`

The program in Example 2-1 contains the following comments:

```
//*****  
  
// Given the length and width of a rectangle, this C++ program  
  
// computes and outputs the perimeter and area of the rectangle.  
  
//*****  
  
/*  
  
You can include comments that can  
  
occupy several lines.  
  
*/
```

Special Symbols

- The smallest individual unit of a program written in any language is called a token.
- C++'s tokens are divided into special symbols, word symbols, and identifiers.
- Following are some of the special symbols:

+	-	*	/
.	;	?	,
<=	!=	==	>=

Reserved Words (Keywords)

- A second category of tokens is reserved word symbols. Some of the reserved word symbols include the following:
- int, float, double, char, const, void, return

Identifiers

- Identifier: A C++ identifier consists of letters, digits, and the underscore character
- (`_`) and must begin with a letter or underscore.
- Some identifiers are predefined; others are defined by the user.
In the C++ program
- in Example 2-1, `cout` is a predefined identifier and `length` is a user-defined identifier.
- Identifiers can be made of only letters, digits, and the underscore character; no other symbols are permitted to form an identifier.

TABLE 2-1 Examples of Illegal Identifiers

Illegal Identifier	Reason	A Correct Identifier
<code>employee Salary</code>	There can be no space between <code>employee</code> and <code>Salary</code> .	<code>employeeSalary</code>
<code>Hello!</code>	The exclamation mark cannot be used in an identifier.	<code>Hello</code>
<code>one + two</code>	The symbol <code>+</code> cannot be used in an identifier.	<code>onePlusTwo</code>
<code>2nd</code>	An identifier cannot begin with a digit.	<code>second</code>

Whitespaces: Proper utilization of whitespaces in a program is important. They can be used to make the program more readable.

Data Types

- Data type: A set of values together with a set of allowed operations.
- C++ data types fall into the following three categories:
 - Simple data type
 - Structured data type
 - Pointers

Simple Data Types

TABLE 2-2 Values and Memory Allocation for Simple Data Types

Data Type	Values	Storage (in bytes)
<code>int</code>	$-2147483648 (= -2^{31})$ to $2147483647 (= 2^{31} - 1)$	4
<code>bool</code>	<code>true</code> and <code>false</code>	1
<code>char</code>	$-128 (= -2^7)$ to $127 (= 2^7 - 1)$	1
<code>long long</code>	$-9223372036854775808 (-2^{63})$ to $9223372036854775807(2^{63} - 1)$	64

Floating-Point Data Types

TABLE 2-3 Examples of Decimal Numbers in Scientific and C++ Floating-Point Notations

Decimal Number	Scientific Notation	C++ Floating-Point Notation
75.924	$7.5924 * 10^1$	7.592400E1
0.18	$1.8 * 10^{-1}$	1.800000E-1
0.0000453	$4.53 * 10^{-5}$	4.530000E-5
-1.482	$-1.482 * 10^0$	-1.482000E0
7800.0	$7.8 * 10^3$	7.800000E3

- Float: The data type float is used in C++ to represent any decimal number:
 - between $-3.4 * 10^{38}$ and $3.4 * 10^{38}$.
- The memory allocated for a value of the float data type is four bytes.
- double: The data type double is used in C11 to represent any decimal number:
 - between $-1.7 * 10^{308}$ and $1.7 * 10^{308}$.
- The memory allocated for a value of the double data type is eight bytes.

Discover how to use arithmetic operators

1. Introduction to Arithmetic Operators:
 - 1) Perform basic mathematical operations.
 - 2) Common operators: $+$, $-$, $*$, $/$, $\%$.

Example

- `int a = 10, b = 5;`
- `int sum = a + b; // Addition`
- `int difference = a - b; // Subtraction`
- `int product = a * b; // Multiplication`
- `float quotient = (float)a / b; // Division`
- `int remainder = a % b; // Modulus`

- `#include <iostream.h>`
- `#include <conio.h>`
- `void main() {`
- `clrscr();`
- `int a = 10, b = 5;`
- `cout << "Sum: " << (a + b) << endl;`
- `cout << "Difference: " << (a - b) << endl;`
- `cout << "Product: " << (a * b) << endl;`
- `cout << "Quotient: " << (float)a / b << endl;`
- `cout << "Remainder: " << (a % b) << endl;`
- `getch();`
- `}`

PEMDAS

- P: Parentheses – Solve expressions inside parentheses first.
- E: Exponents – Calculate exponents (powers and roots).
- MD: Multiplication and Division – From left to right.
- AS: Addition and Subtraction – From left to right.

BODMAS

- B: Brackets – Solve expressions inside brackets first.
- O: Orders – Refers to exponents (powers and roots).
- DM: Division and Multiplication – From left to right.
- AS: Addition and Subtraction – From left to right.

Order of Operations:

- PEMDAS/BODMAS Rule:
- Parentheses
- Exponents (not used in basic C++)
- Multiplication and Division (from left to right)
- Addition and Subtraction (from left to right)

Example Expression:

- `int a = 10, b = 5, c = 2;`
- `int result = a + b * c - (a / b); // Evaluates to: 10 + 10 - 2 = 18`

Evaluation Steps:

- Parentheses: Calculate $(a / b) \rightarrow 2$.
- Multiplication: Calculate $b * c \rightarrow 10$.
- Addition/Subtraction: Compute $10 + 10 - 2 \rightarrow 18$.

Understanding the String Data Type in C++

1. What is a String?

A string is a sequence of characters used to represent text.

- In Turbo C++, strings are typically handled as character arrays

2. Declaring Strings:

- `char myString[50]; // Declaration with a fixed size`
- `strcpy(myString, "Hello, Turbo C++!"); // Copying a string`

Common String Operations:

- Input and Output:
- `#include <iostream.h>`
- `#include <string.h>`
- `void main() {`
- `char myString[50];`
- `cout << "Enter a string: ";`
- `cin.getline(myString, 50); // Input string with spaces`
- `cout << "You entered: " << myString;`
- `}`

String Functions:

- `strlen(myString)`: Returns the length of the string.
- `strcat(string1, string2)`: Concatenates two strings.
- `strcmp(string1, string2)`: Compares two strings.

Example Program:

- `#include <iostream.h>`
- `#include <string.h>`
- `void main() {`
- `char str1[20] = "Hello";`
- `char str2[20] = "World!";`
-
- `strcat(str1, str2); // Concatenates str2 to str1`
- `cout << str1; // Outputs: HelloWorld!`
- `}`

Arithmetic Operators, Operator Precedence, and Expressions

Arithmetic Operators:

+ (addition),

- (subtraction or negation),

* (multiplication),

/ (division),

% (mod, (modulus or remainder))

Example:

Given length in inches, we write a program that determines and outputs the equivalent length in feet and (remaining) inches.

Now there are **12** inches in a foot. Therefore, **100** inches equals **8** feet and **4** inches; similarly, **55** inches equals **4** feet and **7** inches.

Note that **$100 / 12 = 8$** and **$100 \% 12 = 4$** ; similarly, **$55 / 12 = 4$** and **$55 \% 12 = 7$** .

From these examples, it follows that we can effectively use the operators **/** and **%** to accomplish our task.

- `// Given length in inches, this program outputs the equivalent`
- `// length in feet and remaining inch(es).`
- `#include <iostream>`
- `using namespace std;`
- `int main()`
- `{`
- `int inches; //variable to store total inches`
- `inches = 100; //store 100 in the variable inches`
- `cout << inches << " inch(e s) = "; //output the value of`

- //inches and the equal sign
- `cout << inches / 12 << " feet (foot) and "; //output maximum`
- `//number of feet (foot)`
- `cout << inches % 12 << " inch(es)" << endl; //output`
- `//remaining inches`
- `return 0;`
- `}`
- Sample run:
- 100 inch(es) = 8 feet (foot) and 4 inch(es)

Order of Precedence

- According to the order of precedence rules for arithmetic operators, *, /, and % are at a higher level of precedence than + and -

$$3 * 7 - 6 + 2 * 5 / 4 + 6$$

means the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & (((3 * 7) - 6) + ((2 * 5) / 4)) + 6 \\ = & ((21 - 6) + (10 / 4)) + 6 && \text{(Evaluate *)} \\ = & ((21 - 6) + 2) + 6 && \text{(Evaluate /. Note that this is an integer division.)} \\ = & (15 + 2) + 6 && \text{(Evaluate -)} \\ = & 17 + 6 && \text{(Evaluate first +)} \\ = & 23 && \text{(Evaluate +)} \end{aligned}$$

Type Conversion (Casting)

- Definition: Type conversion is the process of converting a variable from one data type to another.
- Importance: Necessary for operations between different data types and to avoid data loss.
- **Types of Type Conversion**
- Implicit Conversion: Automatic conversion by the compiler.
- Explicit Conversion (Casting): Manual conversion specified by the programmer.
- `static_cast<dataTypeName>(expression)`

Implicit Conversion

- Description: Happens automatically without programmer intervention.
- Example:
- `int num = 10;`
- `double dNum = num; // int to double`

Explicit Conversion (Casting)

- Description: Requires explicit specification by the programmer.
- Syntax: (target_type) expression
- Example:
 - `double dNum = 9.78;`
 - `int num = (int)dNum; // double to int`

static_cast

- Usage: Converts between compatible types.
- Example:
- `double dNum = 10.5;`
- `int num = static_cast<int>(dNum);`
-

EXAMPLE 2-9

Expression	Evaluates to
<code>static_cast<int>(7.9)</code>	7
<code>static_cast<int>(3.3)</code>	3
<code>static_cast<double>(25)</code>	25.0
<code>static_cast<double>(5 + 3)</code>	= <code>static_cast<double>(8)</code> = 8.0
<code>static_cast<double>(15) / 2</code>	= 15.0 / 2 (because <code>static_cast<double>(15)</code> = 15.0) = 15.0 / 2.0 = 7.5
<code>static_cast<double>(15/2)</code>	= <code>static_cast<double>(7)</code> (because <code>15 / 2 = 7</code>) = 7.0
<code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + static_cast<double>(15)/2)</code>	= <code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + 7.5)</code> = <code>static_cast<int>(15.3)</code> = 15
<code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + static_cast<double>(15/2))</code>	= <code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + 7.0)</code> = <code>static_cast<int>(14.8)</code> = 14

- Any question are appreciating