



Advanced Programming

Lab 2, data types and arithmetic operators in C/C++

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1. Formatting with cout

Floating-point types are displayed with a total of six digits, except that trailing zeros aren't displayed. The float number is displayed in *fixed-point notation* or else in *E notation* depending on the value of the number. In particular, *E notation* is used if the exponent is 6 or larger or -5 or smaller.

```
int main()
{
    double f1 = 1.200;
    std::cout << "f1 = " << f1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "f1 + 1.0/9.0 = " << f1 + 1.0/9.0 << std::endl;

    double f2 = 1.67E2;
    std::cout << "f2 = " << f2 << std::endl;

    double f3 = f2 + 1.0/9.0;
    std::cout << "f3 = " << f3 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "f3 * 1.0e10 + 100 = " << f3 * 1.0e10 + 100 << std::endl;

    double f4 = 2.3e-4;
    std::cout << "f4 = " << f4 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "f4/10 = " << f4/10 << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
f1 = 1.2
f1 + 1.0/9.0 = 1.31111
f2 = 167
f3 = 167.111
f3 * 1.0e10 + 100 = 1.67111e+12
f4 = 0.00023
f4/10 = 2.3e-05
```



C++ provides two methods to control the **output formats**

1.1 Using member functions of *ios* class

1.2 Using *iomanip* manipulators

1.1 Using member functions of *ios* class

1.1.1 `cout.setf()`: The `setf()` function has two prototypes, the first one is:
`cout.set(fmtflags);`

`std::ios_base::setf`

```
fmtflags setf( fmtflags flags );
```

(1)

```
fmtflags setf( fmtflags flags, fmtflags mask );
```

(2)

Formatting Constants

Constant	Meaning
<code>ios_base::boolalpha</code>	Input and output <code>bool</code> values as <code>true</code> and <code>false</code> .
<code>ios_base::showbase</code>	Use C++ base prefixes (0,0x) on output.
<code>ios_base::showpoint</code>	Show trailing decimal point.
<code>ios_base::uppercase</code>	Use uppercase letters for hex output, E notation.
<code>ios_base::showpos</code>	Use + before positive numbers.



1.1 Using member functions of ios class

The second one is:

```
cout.set(fmtflags,fmtflags);
```

Arguments for `setf(long, long)`

Second Argument	First Argument	Meaning
<code>ios_base::basefield</code>	<code>ios_base::dec</code>	Use base 10.
	<code>ios_base::oct</code>	Use base 8.
	<code>ios_base::hex</code>	Use base 16.
<code>ios_base::floatfield</code>	<code>ios_base::fixed</code>	Use fixed-point notation.
	<code>ios_base::scientific</code>	Use scientific notation.
<code>ios_base::adjustfield</code>	<code>ios_base::left</code>	Use left-justification.
	<code>ios_base::right</code>	Use right-justification.
	<code>ios_base::internal</code>	Left-justify sign or base prefix, right-justify value.



1.1 Using member functions of ios class

1.1.2. `cout.width(len)`

//set the field width

1.1.3. `cout.fill(ch)`

// fill character to be used with justified field

1.1.4. `cout.precision(p)`

// set the precision of floating-point numbers

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
    cout << 56.8 << endl;
    cout.width(12);
    cout.fill('+');
    cout << 456.77 << endl;
```

```
    cout.precision(2);
    cout << 123.356 << endl;
    cout.precision(5);
    cout << 3897.678485 << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
56.8
+++++456.77
1.2e+02
3897.7
```

significant digits

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    cout.setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield);
    cout << 56.8 << endl;
    cout.width(12);
    cout.fill('+');
    cout << 456.77 << endl;
```

```
    cout.precision(2);
    cout << 123.356 << endl;
    cout.precision(5);
    cout << 3897.678485 << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
56.800000
++456.770000
123.36
3897.67848
```

precision of
floating number



The effect of calling ***setf()*** can be undone with ***unsetf()***.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    bool flag = true;
```

```
    float f = 0.20f;
```

```
    cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
```

```
    cout.setf(ios::boolalpha);
```

```
    cout << flag << endl;
```

```
    cout << f << endl;
```

```
    cout.unsetf(ios::boolalpha);
```

```
    cout.unsetf(ios::showpoint);
```

```
    cout << flag << endl;
```

```
    cout << f << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

A terminal window showing the output of the C++ program. The first two lines of output are enclosed in a red box, and the next two lines are enclosed in a blue box. The output is as follows:

```
true
0.200000
1
0.2
```



Standard Manipulators

C++ offers several manipulators to invoke `setf()`, automatically supplying the right arguments.

Some Standard Manipulators

Manipulator	Calls	Manipulator	Calls
<code>boolalpha</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::boolalpha)</code>	<code>internal</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::internal, ios_base::adjustfield)</code>
<code>noboolalpha</code>	<code>unset(ios_base:: boolalpha)</code>	<code>left</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::left, ios_base::adjustfield)</code>
<code>showbase</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::showbase)</code>	<code>right</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::right, ios_base::adjustfield)</code>
<code>noshowbase</code>	<code>unsetf(ios_base::showbase)</code>	<code>dec</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::dec, ios_base::base-field)</code>
<code>showpoint</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::showpoint)</code>	<code>hex</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::hex, ios_base::base-field)</code>
<code>noshowpoint</code>	<code>unsetf(ios_base::showpoint)</code>	<code>oct</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::oct, ios_base::base-field)</code>
<code>showpos</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::showpos)</code>	<code>fixed</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield)</code>
<code>noshowpos</code>	<code>unsetf(ios_base::showpos)</code>	<code>scientific</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::scientific, ios_base::floatfield)</code>
<code>uppercase</code>	<code>setf(ios_base::uppercase)</code>		
<code>nouppercase</code>	<code>unsetf(ios_base::uppercase)</code>		



```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    bool flag = false;
```

```
    double a = 2.3876;
```

```
    double b = 0.46e2;
```

```
    cout << boolalpha << flag << endl;
```

```
    cout << fixed << a << endl;
```

```
    cout << b << endl;
```

```
    cout << noboolalpha << flag << endl;
```

```
    cout.unsetf(ios::fixed);
```

```
    cout << a << endl;
```

```
    cout << b << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
false
2.387600
46.000000
```

```
0
2.3876
46
```



● 1.2 Using *iomanip* manipulators

#include <iomanip>

1. setw(p) 2. setfill(ch) 3. setprecision(d)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout.setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield);
    cout << 56.8 << setw(12) << setfill('#') << 456.77 << endl;

    cout << left;
    cout << setw(12) << setprecision(2) << 123.356 << endl;
    cout << setw(12) << setprecision(5) << 3897.6784385 << endl;

    cout << right;
    cout << setw(12) << setfill(' ') << 123.356 << endl;
    cout << setw(12) << setfill(' ') << 3897.6784385 << endl;

    cout.unsetf(ios_base::fixed);
    cout << 56.8 << setw(12) << setfill('$') << 456.77 << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
56.800000##456.770000
123.36#####
3897.67844##
    123.35600
    3897.67844
56.8$$$$$$456.77
```



Type	Format Specifier
int	%d
char	%c
float	%f
double	%lf
short int	%hd
unsigned int	%u
long int	%li
long long int	%lli
unsigned long int	%lu
unsigned long long int	%llu
signed char	%c
unsigned char	%c
long double	%Lf

printf() vs cout

Which one do you prefer?

Example:

```
int a=1234;  
float f=123.456;  
char ch='a';  
printf("%08d,%02d\n",a,a);  
printf("%f,%08f,%08.1f,%.2f,%.2e\n",f,f,f,f,f);  
printf("%03c\n",ch);
```

Sample output:

```
1234,1234  
123.456000,123.456000, 123.5,123.46,1.23e+02  
a
```



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

• 2.1 Install “gdb” (the debug tool of C/C++)

➤ using cmd “**which gdb**” to check whether gdb is installed or no

✓ if there is no info about gdb after running command “**which gdb**”, it means that gdb is not installed, then

- 1. using “**sudo apt undate**” to update package list
- 2. using “**sudo apt install gdb**” to install gdb

✓ If the installation directory of gdb is displayed after running command “**which gdb**” is executed, it means that gdb has been successfully installed.

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ which gcc
/usr/bin/gcc
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ which g++
/usr/bin/g++
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ which gdb

```

```
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ which gdb
/usr/bin/gdb
```



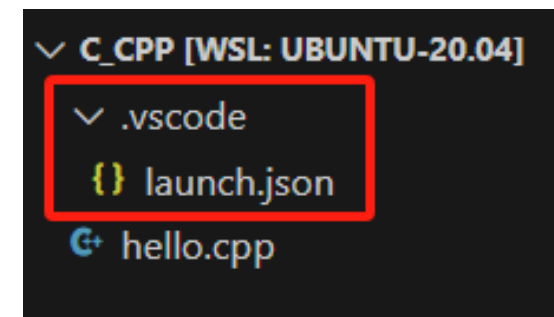
commands for install gdb

```
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for ww2:
Hit:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal InRelease
Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates InRelease [128 kB]
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports InRelease [128 kB]
Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 Packages [3778 kB]
Get:5 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security InRelease [128 kB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main amd64 Packages [3396 kB]
Get:7 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main Translation-en [496 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/restricted amd64 Packages [3406 kB]
Get:9 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/restricted Translation-en [477 kB]
Get:10 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/universe amd64 Packages [1032 kB]
Get:11 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/universe Translation-en [219 kB]
Get:12 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main Translation-en [576 kB]
Get:13 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/restricted amd64 Packages [3553 kB]
Get:14 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/restricted Translation-en [497 kB]
Get:15 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe amd64 Packages [1254 kB]
Get:16 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe Translation-en [301 kB]
Fetched 19.4 MB in 6min 8s (52.7 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
165 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
ww2@DESKTOP-S3ETMIR:/mnt/d/2025/c_cpp$ sudo apt install gdb
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  gdbserver libbabeltrace1 libc-dev-bin libc6 libc6-dbg libc6-dev libdw1 libelf1
Suggested packages:
  gdb-doc glibc-doc
The following NEW packages will be installed:
```



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

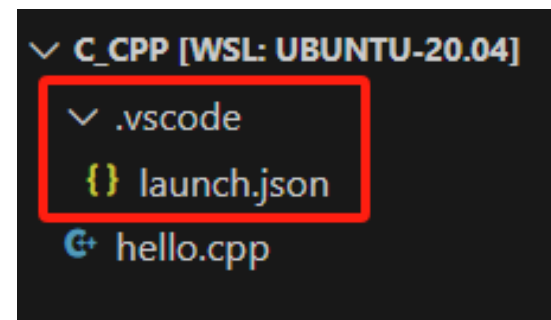
- 2.2 configure VSCode for using gdb to debug C/C++ code
 - create and edit “.vscode” folder and json files
 - ✓ step1. create a new folder named “.vscode” in the directory of C/C++ codes
 - ✓ step2. create a new json file named “launch.json” in the “.vscode” folder which is created in step1
 - edit “launch.json” to set gdb for debugging the execute file which is created by “g++ -g” / “gcc -g”
 - tips: option “-g” used with gcc/g++ is to generate information for debugging while compiling the C/C++ source code.





```
{
  "version": "0.2.0",
  "configurations": [
    {
      "name": "(gdb) Launch",
      "type": "cppdbg",
      "request": "launch",
      "program": "${fileDirname}/${fileBasenameNoExtension}",
      "args": [],
      "stopAtEntry": false,
      "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
      "environment": [],
      "externalConsole": false,
      "MIMode": "gdb",
      "setupCommands": [
        {
          "description": "Enable pretty-printing for gdb",
          "text": "-enable-pretty-printing",
          "ignoreFailures": true
        },
        {
          "description": "Set Disassembly Flavor to Intel",
          "text": "-gdb-set disassembly-flavor intel",
          "ignoreFailures": true
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```


<--- An example of launch.json



<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/config-linux>



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

- 2.3 lunch gdb to debug in VS Code by “Run and Debug” 
 - compile the souce code with “-g” option to generate information for debug and generate the executable file

```
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$ ls -a
. . .vscode hello.cpp
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$ g++ -g -o hello hello.cpp
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$ ls -a
. . .vscode hello hello.cpp
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$
```

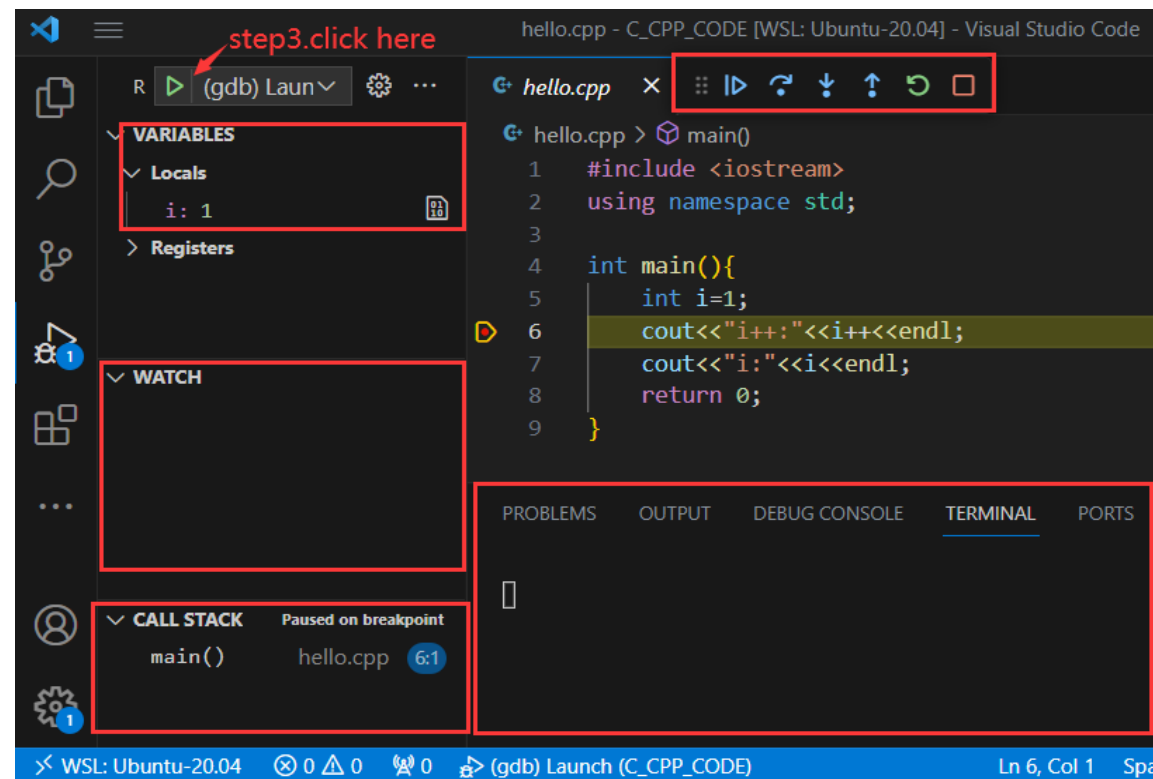
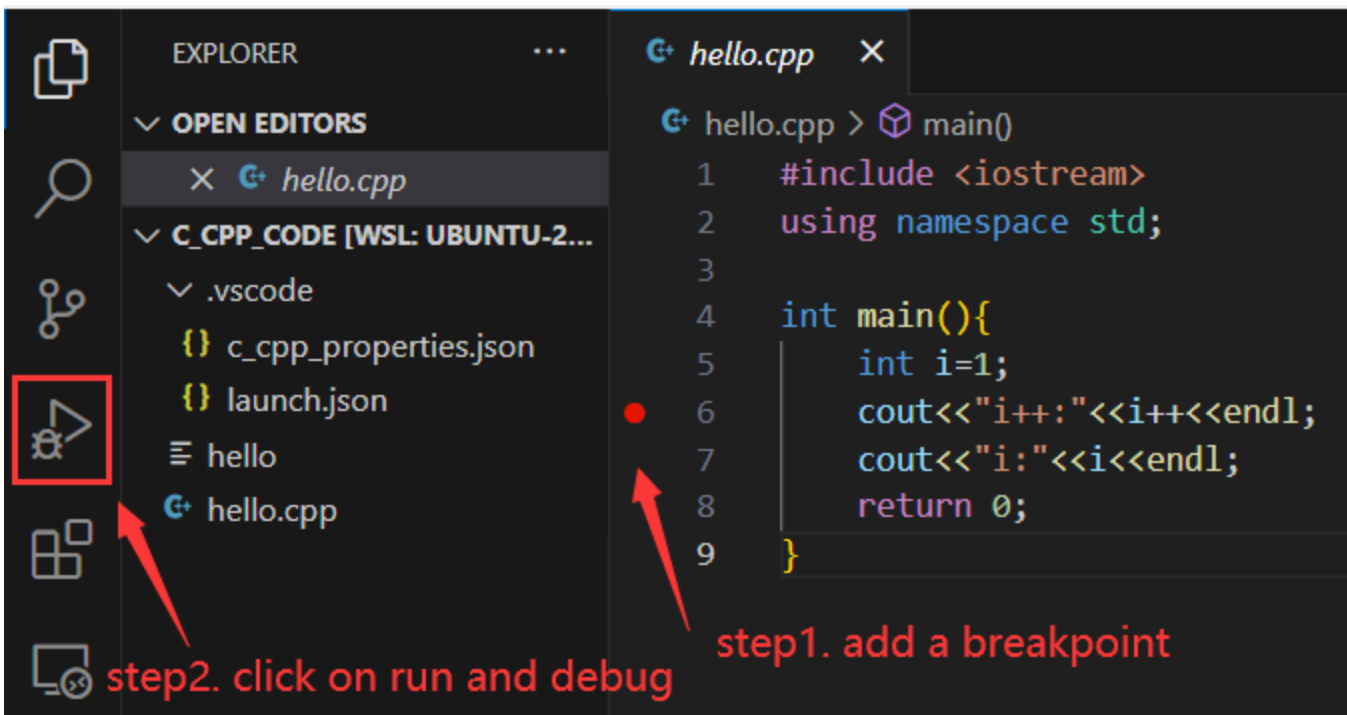
```
{
  "version": "0.2.0",
  "configurations": [
    {
      "name": "(gdb) Launch",
      "type": "cppdbg",
      "request": "launch",
      "program": "${fileDirname}/${fileBasenameNoExtension}",
      "args": [],
      "stopAtEntry": false,
      "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
```

An example of
launch.json-->



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

- 2.4 set “breakpoint” on source file, lunch gdb to run and debug



<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/config-linux>



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

- 2.5 View the data stored in a variable by gdb(optional)
 - During debugging, you can use GDB commands to view the data stored in variable(s).
- ✓ step1. choose “DEBUG CONSOLE” window.
- ✓ step2. run the command in command line in the “DEBUG CONSOLE” window.
 - -exec [gdb command] in vscode
- ✓ step3. View the results after executing the command in the “DEBUG CONSOLE” window.

```
hello.cpp
hello.cpp > main()
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int main(){
5      cout <<"sizeof(char): "<<
6      char x = 0xFF;
7      char y = 'b';
8      char z = 'B';
9      return 0;
10 }
11
```

DEBUG CONSOLE

```
-exec x /1db &z
0x7fffffffddff: 66
-end exec x /3xb &x
```

(gdb) Launch (C_CPP_CODE) Ln 10, Col 1



2. Debug C/C++ by using gdb in VScode

➤ Using the command x (for “examine”) to examine memory in any of several formats, independently of your program’s data types.

✓ x /nfu addr

- n, the repeat count
- f, the display format
- u, the unit size

<https://sourceware.org/gdb/current/onlinedocs/gdb.html/Memory.html#Memory>

```
hello.cpp
hello.cpp > main()
2   using namespace std;
3
4   int main(){
5       cout <<"sizeof(char): "<<sizeof(char)<<" byte(s)"<<endl;
6       char x = 0xFF;
7       char y = 'b';
8       char z = 'B';
9       return 0;
10  }
11

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS MEMORY
sizeof(char): 1 byte(s)
```

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
+ -exec x /1xb &x
0x7fffffffddfd: 0xff
+ -exec x /1tb &x
0x7fffffffddfd: 11111111
+ -exec x /1ob &x
0x7fffffffddfd: 0377
+ -exec x /1db &x
0x7fffffffddfd: -1
+ -exec x /1ub &x
0x7fffffffddfd: 255
+ -exec x /1cb &y
0x7fffffffddfe: 98 'b'
+ -exec x /1db &y
0x7fffffffddfe: 98
+ -exec x /1cb &z
0x7fffffffddff: 66 'B'
+ -exec x /1db &z
0x7fffffffddff: 66
> -exec x /3xb &x
```



3. Data type conversions and calculations

- 3.1 data storage: integer vs float

```
lab3_2.cpp X
lab3_2.cpp > main()
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <iomanip>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main(){
6
7      int x=1;
8      float y=1;
9      cout<<"sizeof x: "<<sizeof(x)<<" byte(s), "
10     <<"sizeof y: "<<sizeof(y)<<" byte(s)\n";
11     return 0;
12 }
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS MEMORY

```
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$ g++ -g -o lab3_2 lab3_2.cpp
ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE$
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
sizeof x: 4 byte(s), sizeof y: 4 byte(s)
```

```
lab3_2.cpp X
lab3_2.cpp > main()
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <iomanip>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main(){
6
7      int x=1;
8      float y=1;
9      cout<<"sizeof x: "<<sizeof(x)<<" byte(s), "
10     <<"sizeof y: "<<sizeof(y)<<" byte(s)\n";
11     return 0;
12 }
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE ... endian

```
→ -exec x /1xw &x
0x7fffffffddfc: 0x00000001
→ -exec x /1xw &y
0x7fffffffddfc: 0x3f800000
> -exec x /1xw &y
```



3. Data type conversions and calculations

- 3.2 Signed vs Unsigned
- Integer promotions of Implicit conversions

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
    char x=0xff;
    unsigned char y=0xff;
    printf("x: 0x%x, %d , %u\n",x,x,x);
    printf("y: 0x%x, %d , %u\n",y,y,y);

    printf("x>>2: 0x%x, %d , %u\n",x>>2,x>>2,x>>2);
    printf("y>>2: 0x%x, %d , %u\n",y>>2,y>>2,y>>2);
    return 0;
}
```

```
x: 0xffffffff, -1 , 4294967295
y: 0xff, 255 , 255
x>>2: 0xffffffff, -1 , 4294967295
y>>2: 0x3f, 63 , 63
```

<https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/conversion>



4. Exercises

4.1. Compile and run the following program, what is the result?

You need to explain the reason to a SA to pass the test.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    signed char a = 127;
    unsigned char b = 0x7f;
    char c = 0x7f;

    a=a<<1;
    b=b<<1;
    c=c<<1;
    printf("a=%x\nb=%x\nc=%x\n",a,b,c);
    printf("a=%d\nb=%d\nc=%d\n",a,b,c);
    a=a>>1;
    b=b>>1;
    c=c>>1;
    printf("a=%x\nb=%x\nc=%x\n",a,b,c);
    printf("a=%d\nb=%d\nc=%d\n",a,b,c);

    return 0;
}
```



4. Exercises

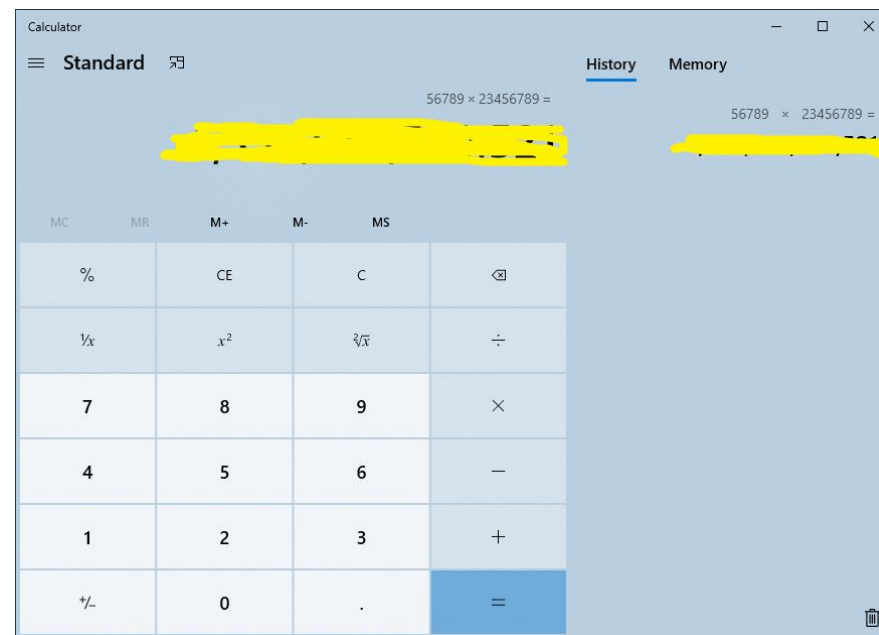
4.2. Write a program to calculate integer multiplication: $56789 * 23456789$, and then print the result. Verify the result using a calculator.

If the result is wrong, what could be the reason? How to get the correct result for this exercise?

You need to explain the reason to a SA to pass the test.

```
wdx@DESKTOP-R133B5N: ~/Cpp
```

```
wdx@DESKTOP-R133B5N: ~/Cpp$ g++ -o main main.cpp && ./main
56789 * 23456789 = [redacted]
wdx@DESKTOP-R133B5N: ~/Cpp$
```





4. Exercises

4.3. Run the following source code and explain the result.

```
#include <iostream> //file name: lab3_p4_3.cpp
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << fixed;
    float f1 = 1.0f;
    cout<<"f1 = "<<f1<<endl;

    float a = 0.1f;
    float f2 = a+a+a+a+a+a+a+a+a;
    cout<<"f2 = "<<f2<<endl;

    if(f1 == f2) //TIPS: Modify the code here
        cout << "f1 == f2" << endl;
    else
        cout << "f1 != f2" << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
f1 = 1.000000
f2 = 1.000000
f1 != f2
```

Then using the method learnt in lecture2 to make the output of the code same as following picture .

```
f1 = 1.000000
f2 = 1.000000
f1 == f2
```

NOTE: DO NOT use `if (f1=f2)` instead of `if(f1==f2)`.



4.Exercises

4.4. Complete the following source code to print the variables as the following picture and explain the result.

Why the value of a and b are not equal? Explain the division operation with different types.

You need to explain the reason to a SA to pass the test.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a, b;
    double c, d, f, g;
    char h;

    a = 19.99 + 21.99;
    b = (int)19.99 + 21.99;
    c = 23 / 3;
    d = 23 / 3.0;
    f = 23 / 3.0e4;
    g = 23 / 3.0e5;
    h = 'b' - 32;

    //complete code here
    return 0;
}
```

```
B
41
40
7
7.66667
7.66667e-05
0.000766667
```



4.Exercises

4.5. What is the output of the code as follows? What is the meaning of **auto** when defines a variable in C++?

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```
#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    auto a = 10;
    a = 20.5;
    a += 10.5;
    std::cout << a << std::endl;

    auto b=10.0;
    b = 20.5;
    b +=a;
    std::cout << b << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```