



## Lecture 4: Taming Your First Program

\* We're going to FLY along today, so watching the video / checking out the annotated slides & examples is recommended.



# Announcements and reminders

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## Submissions:

- HW 1 (picobot) -- due Wednesday 24 Jan at 6 PM ✓
- HW 2 (pseudocode) -- due Saturday 27 Jan at 6 PM ✓

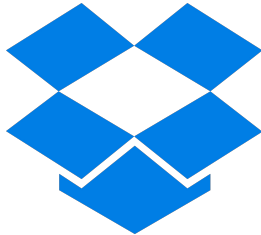
## Course reading to stay on track:

- 1.7-2.3 for today
- 2.3-2.4 for Friday
- Ch. 5: Functions for next week (see calendar)



# Back-up your work!

- GitHub (make it a **private** repository)
- Google Drive
- Dropbox
- You might want to revert to an earlier version
- Your computer might crash
- You might need to access your assignment from another computer
- **Use cloud storage - always save your work in more than one place!**

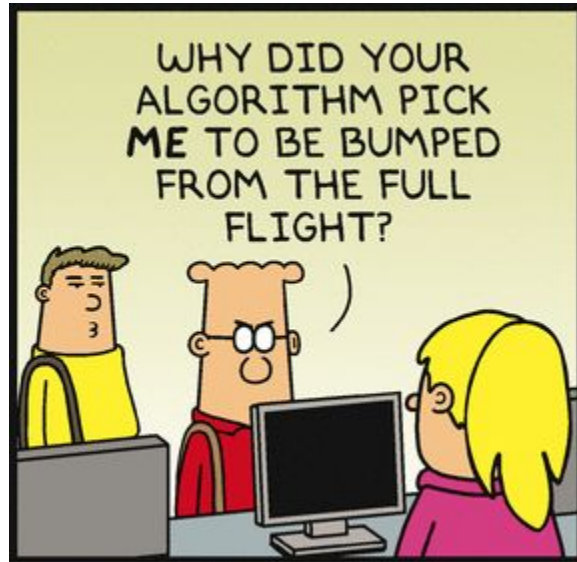


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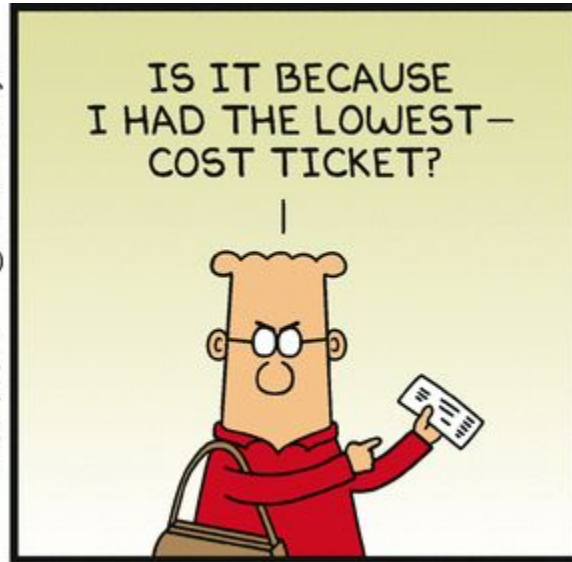


## Last time on *Starting Computing...*

- We talked **pseudocode**
- We learned what the heck an **algorithm** is



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# Your first program

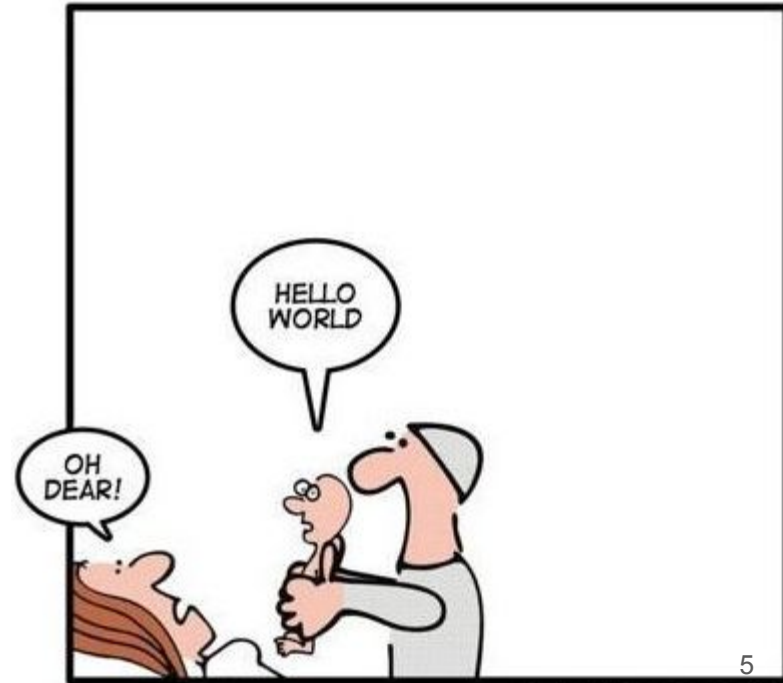
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Before we dive in, let’s all code it together!

You can code stuff however you want. Working in the Cloud9 IDE (integrated development environment)

- 1) <https://ide.c9.io/> ← *lec04*
- 2) Sign into your Cloud9 account
- 3) Create a C++ workspace  
a) share w/ TA, and make sure it is **private** *hw03*
- 4) Create folder for lecture # \_\_\_\_ or HW # \_\_\_\_  
For example: lec04\_examples  
(to organize our work)



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*helloworld.cpp*

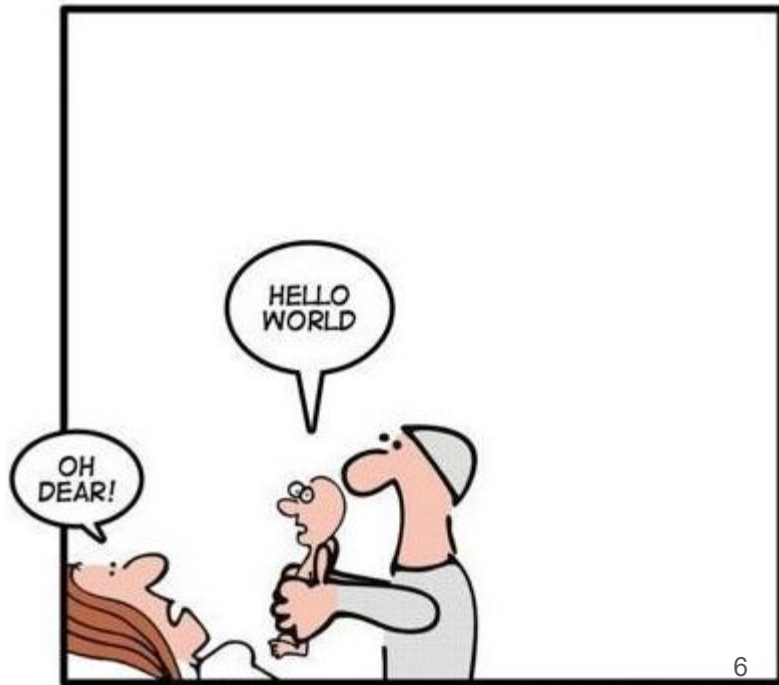
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It looks like this:

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Crystal clear right?

... Of course not. Let's digest this a bit more.



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*take this message*  
↓  
*display on this output*

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## Other notes:

- Every program includes one or more headers for required services (e.g., input/output)
- Every program using standard services needs the namespace std directive
- **Every** program has a main function
- The statements of a function are **always** enclosed in braces (curly brackets { } )
- This line is the “meat and cheese” of your program. To do other things, replace it with other codes!
- Every statement ends in a semicolon ;  
(So compiler knows where lines begin/end)

## Output statements -- the streaming operator <<

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"Hello" = string (character)  
letters

5 = number



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- "Hello world!" is called a **string** (or **character string**).
  - Double quotes are needed to denote a char string
- `endl` symbol denotes the end of the line
  - Moves cursor down to next line (line break in output)




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**Notice anything weird-looking?**




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# Semicolons -- tough in English, easier in Comp Sci

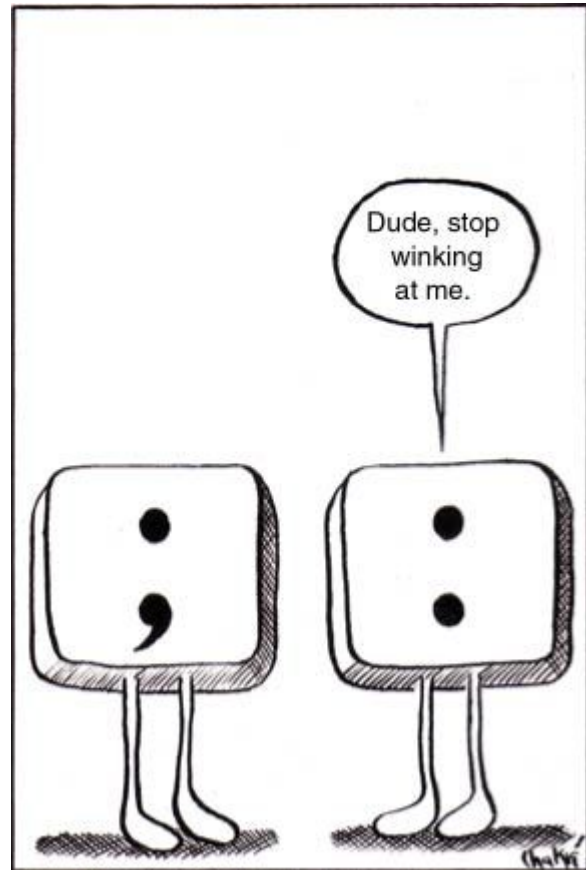
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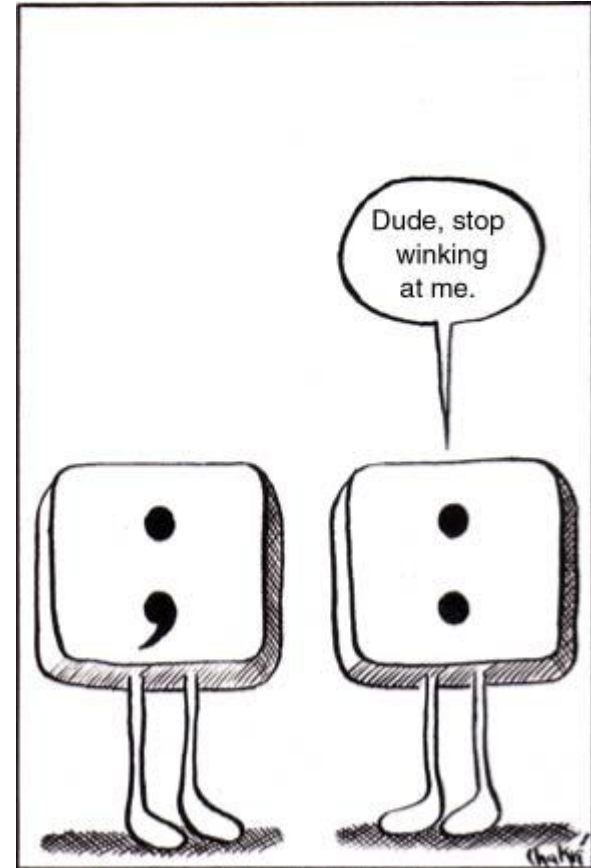
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**What happens if we screw  
this up??**



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Without the semicolon we actually wrote:

```
cout << "Hello world!" << endl return 0;
```

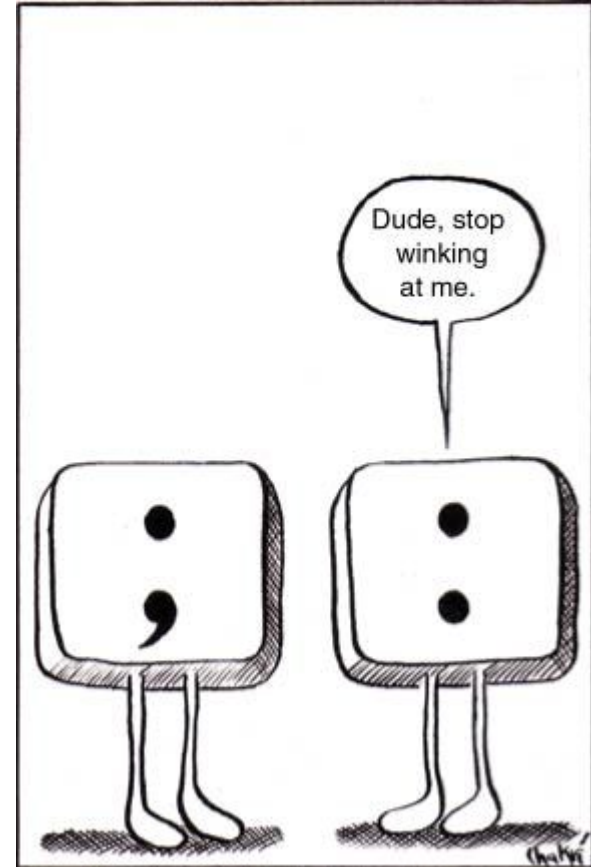
The "endl" immediately followed by "return" confuses the compiler

→ Gives an error:

```
helloworld.cpp:5:35: error: expected ';' after expression
    cout << "Hello world!" << endl
                                ^
1 error generated.
```

→ This is a compile-time/syntax error

**Definition:** A syntax error is a part of a program that does not conform to the rules of the programming language.



## Common errors -- misspellings

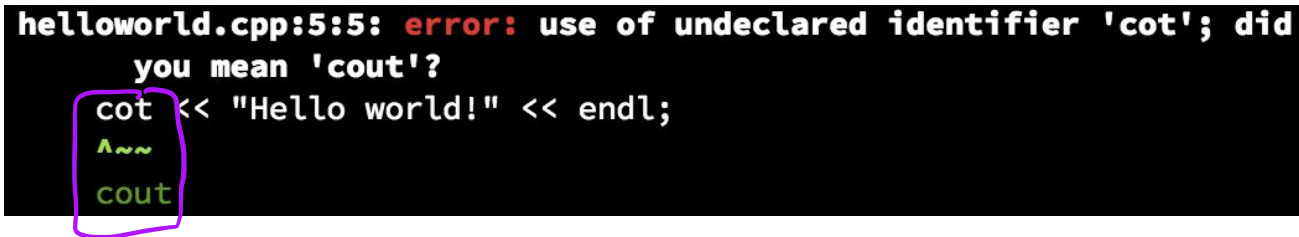
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S'pose you accidentally wrote:

```
cot << "Hello world!" << endl;
```

The compiler will complain that it has no clue what you mean by “cot”

→ Gives a compile-time error:

A screenshot of a compiler error message on a black background. The text is white and green. The error message reads: "helloworld.cpp:5:5: error: use of undeclared identifier 'cot'; did you mean 'cout'?". Below this, the code line "cot << "Hello world!" << endl;" is shown. Underneath the code, there are two suggestions: "~~~" and "cout". The word "cout" is highlighted with a green box, and a purple line is drawn under the word "cout" in the suggestion list.

```
helloworld.cpp:5:5: error: use of undeclared identifier 'cot'; did
you mean 'cout'?
cot << "Hello world!" << endl;
  ^~~
  cout
```

The exact message and how helpful it is will depend on your compiler. (I used g++ here.)

But it should say something like “Unknown identifier” or “Undefined symbol cot”,  
or “cot was not declared”

# Errors, errors, everywhere!

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Compiler will not stop compiling, and probably will spit out lots and lots of errors that were caused by the first error.

Start debugging by **(1) starting from the beginning of the program** and  
**(2) starting with the most obvious/sensible errors.**

**SAVE** your work after each fix, just in case fixing your code actually breaks it worse.



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- Your compiler will not protect you against logic errors!
- The programmer must thoroughly inspect and test the code to guard against logic errors ]
- Testing and debugging a program usually takes more time than writing it in the first place, but **it is essential.**

## Errors: run-time exceptions

**Definition:** Some kinds of errors are so severe that they generate an exception - a signal from the processor that aborts the program with an error message.

For example if your program contains the statement:

```
cout << "A crazy number is " << 1 / 0 << endl;
```

then your program will generate a divide-by-zero exception:

```
helloworld.cpp:7:39: warning: division by zero is undefined
      [-Wdivision-by-zero]
      cout << "A crazy number is " << 1 / 0 << endl;
                                   ^ ~
1 warning generated.
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### C++ is case-sensitive

int Main() will compile but it will not **link**

**Definition:** A **link-time error** occurs when the linker cannot find the main function - because you did not define a function named main.

(Main is fine as a name but it is not the same as main and there has to be one function with **exactly** the name “main” somewhere.)

# Make your programs readable (by humans)

The program

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std; int main(){cout<<"Hello world!"<<endl;return 0;}
```

will compile and run.

But it will make everyone hate you. Seriously. Just don't.

A good program is **readable by humans** too:

- ✓ Code spread across multiple lines, with one statement per line
- ✓ Follows indentation conventions (we'll see more later)
- Includes helpful **comments** (lines that begin with `//` or are surrounded by `/* [stuff] */`)

↑ more later!

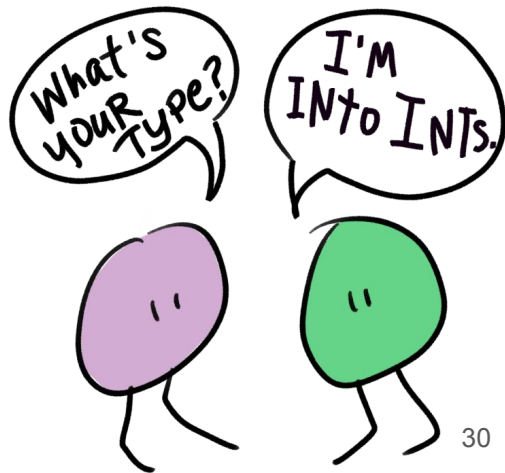


## Chapter 2: Fundamental Data Types

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### Chapter goals:

- To understand the properties and limitations of integer and floating-point numbers
- To write arithmetic expressions and assignment statements in C++
- To appreciate the importance of comments and good code layout
- To create programs that read and process input, and display the results
- To process strings, using the standard C++ string type

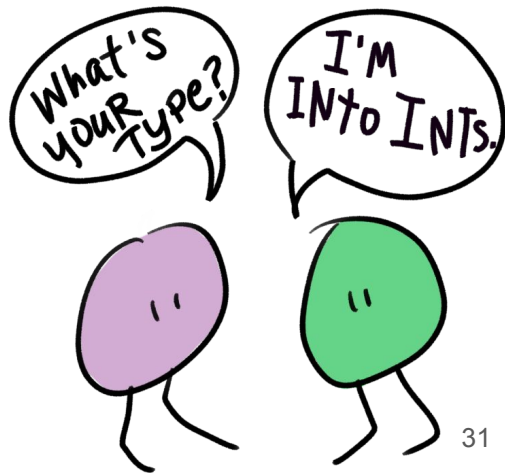


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## Chapter topics:

- Variables ✓
- Arithmetic
- Input and output ✓
- Problem solving: first do it by hand
- Strings



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- Is like a **parking garage**
  - Each parking space is identified  
*(like a variable's name)*
  - Each parking space contains a car  
*(like a variable's contents)*
  - Each parking space can contain only **one** car,  
and not trucks/buses, just cars



# Variable definitions

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  - (more on this later)
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As always, end line with a semicolon ;

**int** = integer numbers  
**double** = decimal numbers  
(or “floating point” values)  
**string** = characters  
(see Table 2 and Sec 2.5)

Use a **descriptive** variable name. “cpp” would be a crappy name. (see Table 3 for variable naming rules)

Supplying an initial value is option, but often a good idea. (see Common Error 2.2)

## Variable definitions: more examples

Declaration	Comment
 <u>int</u> cans = <u>6</u> ;	
<u>int total</u> = <u>cans</u> + <u>bottles</u> ;	
int bottles = "10";	
int bottles;	
int cans, bottles;	
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<code>int total = cans + bottles;</code>	Defines integer <code>total</code> and initializes with whatever <code>cans+bottles</code> equals. <u><code>cans</code> and <code>bottles</code> must have been previously defined and set</u>
<code>int bottles = "10";</code>	<b>Error!</b> You cannot initialize the <code>int bottles</code> with the string "10". You could change this to <code>int bottles = 10;</code>
<code>int bottles;</code>	Defines an integer <code>bottles</code> without initializing it. This can lead to errors
<code>int cans, bottles;</code>	Defines two integer variables in a single statement. Neat!
<code>bottles = 1;</code>	<b>Caution!</b> The type is missing. This is <i>not</i> a definition, but an assignment of a new value to an existing variable.

# Number types

**Definition:** A number written by a programmer is called a number literal.

There are some rules for writing literal values...

bottles = 5;

↑  
variable  
w/ numerical  
value

↑  
# literal

## Number literals (Table 2)

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int, double  
whole #s ↑ fractions

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## Variable names

**Life Lesson:** Pick a name that explains the variable's purpose

**Example:** `int cans_per_pack = 6;`

“cans\_per\_pack” tells people **exactly** what that variable does. No BS.

You *could* have been stingy with the characters and called it “cpp” instead. But then it is unclear what the variable does, and people reading your code will eat their laptops.



## Variable names -- some rules

Bottles bottles

- 1) Must start with a letter or the underscore character \_  
and remaining characters must be letters, numbers, or underscores.
- 2) **NO** symbols like \$ or % or spaces.  
But you can use an underscore (like cans\_per\_pack)
- 3) Variable names are **case-sensitive**  
(so cansperpack and cansPerPack are different names)
- 4) You cannot use reserved words such as “double” or “return” as variable names.  
*(They are reserved exclusively for their special C++ meanings; see Appendix B for more reserved names)*

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## Example:

```
int cans_per_pack = -1;
```

```
cans_per_pack = 6;
```

```
cans_per_pack = 12;
```

```
cout << cans_per_pack << endl;
```

← Good practice: initialize variables at ridiculous

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```
int cans_per_pack = -1; // initializing cans_per_pack with value -1  
  
cans_per_pack = 6;      // at this point in the code, cans_per_pack has the value 6  
  
cans_per_pack = 12;     // this replaces cans_per_pack's value with 12  
  
cout << cans_per_pack << endl; // this will print a 12 to the screen
```



# The assignment statement

Important distinction: **defining** vs **assigning**

- **Definition statement:**

- Creates it, and possibly initializes it

*defines to be an integer*  
`int cans_per_pack = -1;`



- **Assignment statement:**

`cans_per_pack = 6;`

- Modifies an **already existing** variable
- Contents are replaced with the new stuff (was -1, is now 6)

*define to be a floating-pt. (double) var.*  
`double cans = 10.5;`

# The *meaning* of the assignment statement

- We write: `cans_per_pack = 6;`
  - But the `=` does **not** mean the two sides are equal like it does in math
  - The `=` is an **instruction** -- it tells the computer to do something:
    - take the value of the expression on the right...
    - ... and copy it into the variable on the left.

`cans = 6;`

`cans = cans + 2;`

`x = x + 2`

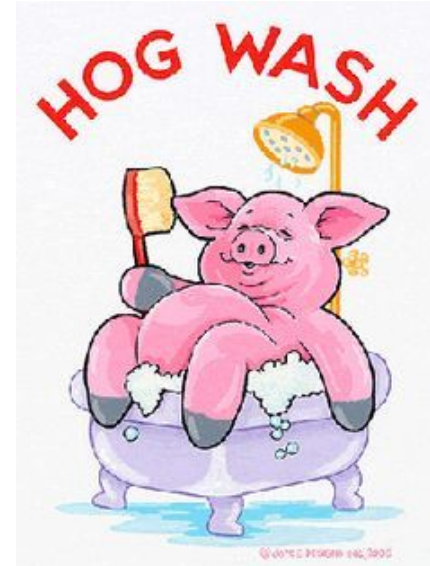


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    - take the value of the expression on the right...
    - ... and copy it into the variable on the left.
  - But what would it mean in math to state this?

`counter = counter + 2;`

- In math, that asks the question: does `counter` equal `counter + 2`?  
→ Hogwash!



## Assignment examples

counter = 1; // set counter to 1

counter = <sup>1</sup>counter + 2; // increment counter by 2 *increasing*

*// now counter = 3*

- The first statement assigns the value 1 to counter
- ✓ • The second statement looks up what is currently in counter (1)...
- ... then adds 2 to it and copies the result of this addition into the variable on the left
  - This changes the value of counter to 3



# Assignment examples

```
counter = 1;           // set counter to 1  
total = counter + 2; // total is 2 more than whatever is in counter
```

- What about this one? What are the variables' values?

*counter = 1*

*total = 3*

- And what statements must have appeared earlier in the program?

*int counter;  
int total;*

*> definitions*



# Constants

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Sometimes we want to represent values that we know will not change during a run of our program.

- For this, we include the designation “const” in our variable declaration:

**Example:** const double CAN\_VOLUME = 12;

- A const is a variable whose contents cannot be modified and must be set when created (most folks call these “constants” and not “variables” to avoid confusion)
- Constants are commonly written using capital letters to distinguish them visually from regular variables

# Constants


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Constants are great when we want to be clear about the meaning of numbers in code!

## Example:

```
double volume = cans * 12;
```

- It might be unclear what the 12 represents
- But if we use a const then there is no question:

```
const CAN_VOLUME = 12;  
double volume = cans * CAN_VOLUME;
```

# Constants

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Constants are great when we want to be clear about the meaning of numbers in code!

## Another Example:

```
double volume_in_cans = cans * 12;  
double eggs_total = cartons * 12;
```

- Do those 12's mean the same thing? Different things? WTF?
- It's bad programming practice to use these ***magic numbers***. Use constants instead.



# Constants

Constants are great when we want to be clear about the meaning of numbers in code!

`const int CAN_VOLUME = 12  
16`

## Nightmare Situation Example:

```
double volume_in_cans = cans * 12;
```

- Suppose we have thousands of lines of code, and the number 12 is used many times throughout the code.
- It might also be used in a ton of different contexts (cans, bottles, eggs, inches, ... )
- What if we upgraded to 16-oz cans for our nondescript beverages?
  - Need to change only the CAN\_VOLUME instances to 16
- How would we change only the right instances of 12?



# Constants

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Constants are great when we want to be clear about the meaning of numbers in code!

## Nightmare Situation Example:

Constants to the rescue!

```
const double CAN_VOLUME = 16;
```

```
const double EGGS_PER_CARTON = 12;
```

...

```
double volume_in_cans = cans * CAN_VOLUME;
```

```
double eggs_total = cartons * EGGS_PER_CARTON;
```



## Comments

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**Comments** are brief explanations for human readers of your code (e.g., other programmers, your classmates, your instructors, your co-workers)

The compiler completely ignores any comments

A leading double slash `//` tells the compiler that the remainder of that line of code is a comment, so it should be ignored.

### Example:

```
const double CAN_VOLUME = 16; { // volume (fl oz) of a beverage can
```

# Comments

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**Comments** come in two varieties:

1) Single line, using `//`

```
const double CAN_VOLUME = 16;    // volume (fl oz) of a beverage can
```

Compiler ignores everything from `//` to end of the line

2) Multi-line, using `/* [comment goes here] */`



```
/*
```

```
This program computes the volume (in liters) of  
a six-pack of beverage cans.
```

```
*/
```

Compiler ignores everything between `/*` and `*/`

## Complete program: volume1.cpp

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```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
/*
```

This program computes the volume (in liters) of a six-pack of soda cans and the total volume of a six-pack and a two-liter bottle.

```
*/
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int cans_per_pack = 6;
```

```
    const double CAN_VOLUME = 0.355;           // Liters in a 12-ounce can
```

```
    double total_volume = cans_per_pack * CAN_VOLUME;
```

```
    cout << "A six-pack of 12-ounce cans contains " << total_volume << " liters." << endl;
```

```
    const double BOTTLE_VOLUME = 2;           // Two-liter bottle
```

```
    total_volume = total_volume + BOTTLE_VOLUME;
```

```
    cout << "A six-pack and a two-liter bottle contain " << total_volume << " liters." << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

## Common error: using undefined variables

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You must define a variable before you use it for the first time.

**Example:** The following sequence would not be legal.

```
double can_volume = 12 * liter_per_ounce;  
double liter_per_ounce = 0.0296;
```

Statements are compiled in top-to-bottom order.

So when compiler reaches the first statement, it will freak out because it does not know what `liter_per_ounce` is.



## Common error: using uninitialized variables

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Initializing a variable is not required, but is good practice.

But all variables have **some** value, even uninitialized ones.

→ Variables are just some place in the computer's memory.

→ **Something** will be there, the junk left over from some previous calculation or simply the random value there when the transistors in RAM were first turned on.

→ Using an uninitialized variable is like picking a parking spot in a garage without knowing what's there. **Unpredictable.**



### Examples:

```
int bottles;  
int bottle_volume = bottles * 2;  
cout << bottle_volume << endl;
```

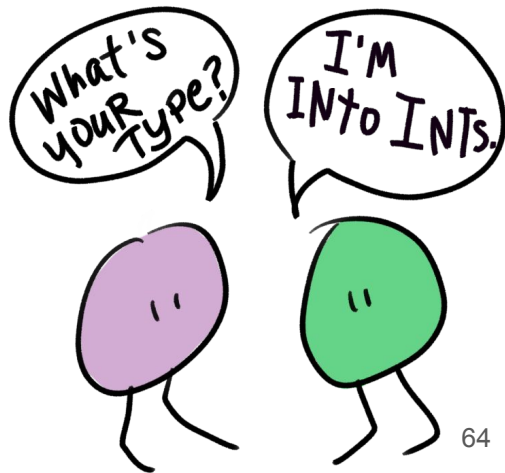
```
// Forgot to initialize  
// What will this be?!?  
// What will print to the screen?!?
```

# Chapter 2: Fundamental Data Types

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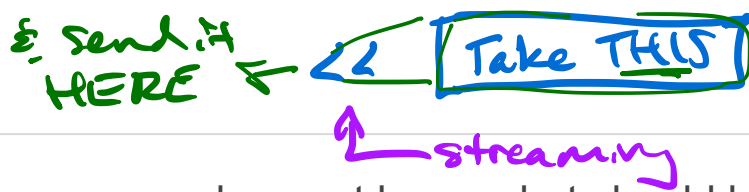
## Chapter topics:

- Variables
- Arithmetic
- **Input and output**
- Problem solving: first do it by hand
- Strings





# Input



- Sometimes the programmer does not know what should be stored in a variable, but the user does
- The programmer must get the input value from the user
  - Users need to be prompted - how else would they know they need to type something?
  - Prompts are done in output (cout) statements
  - The keyboard needs to be read from (cin) statements

```
cout << "Hello!" << endl;
```

console output

## Input -- using cin >>

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  - The keyboard needs to be read from (cin) statements
- To read values from the keyboard, you input them from an object called cin
- The “double greater than” operator >> denotes the “send to” command

*Take this*

cin >> bottles; ← takes keyboard input and sends it into the bottles variable

## Input -- using cin >>

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**Example:** Write some code to prompt the user to enter an integer number of bottles, and store this variable.

## Input -- using cin >>

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**Example:** Write some code to prompt the user to enter an integer number of bottles, and store this variable.

Display a prompt to the user

Don't use endl here so the input is on the same line as the prompt.

**Solution:**

```
cout << "Enter the number of bottles: ";
```

```
int bottles;
```

```
cin >> bottles;
```

Define a variable to hold the input value (could be above the cout statement)

Program waits for user input, then places it into the variable bottles

## Input -- using cin >>

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You can read more than one value in a single input statement:

```
cout << "Enter the number of bottles and cans: ";  
  
cin >> bottles >> cans;
```

The user can supply both inputs on the same line:

```
Enter the number of bottles and cans:  2  6
```

Or the user can press Enter or Tab after each input, because cin treats all blank spaces the same

## Formatted Output

We'll talk about this more ~~later~~! now!

- When you print an amount in dollars and cents, you generally want it to be *rounded* to two decimal places
- We saw earlier how to round off and store a value. But here, we only want to round for display purposes (and keep the more accurate number for calculations)
- [ A manipulator is something that is sent to cout to specify how values should be formatted
- To use manipulators, you must include the `iomanip` header and namespace `std`

```
#include <iomanip>  
using namespace std;  └──
```

## Formatted Output -- fixed << setprecision()

Which do you think the user prefers to see on her gas bill?

$$1.21 = 1.210000\dots$$

- Price per liter: \$1.22
- Price per liter: \$1.21997

# decimal places

**Example:** Including `fixed << setprecision(2)` (for example) will round to 2 decimal places:

```
price_per_liter = 1.21997
```

```
cout << fixed << setprecision(2) << "Price per liter: $" << price_per_liter << endl;
```

## Formatted Output -- setw()

Use the setw manipulator to set the **width** of the next output field

The width is the total number of characters, including digits, the decimal point and spaces

If you want aligned columns of certain widths, this is your jam

**Example:** To print numbers, right justified, in columns that are 8 characters wide, you use:

```
cout << setw(8) << ...
```

↑ 8 chars.

before **every** column's data

Let's look at an **example**! Suppose we wanted to show a **data table** of some kind.



## Formatted Output -- Examples

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Given `int quantity = 10;`  
`double price = 19.95;`

What do the following statements print? (*represent leading spaces as underscores \_*)

`cout << "Quantity:" << setw(4) << quantity;`      *Quantity: \_\_10*

`cout << "Price:" << fixed << setw(8) << setprecision(2) << price;`

`cout << "Price:" << fixed << setprecision(2) << price;`

`cout << fixed << setprecision(3) << price;`

`cout << fixed << setprecision(1) << price;`

## Persistence -- `setw()` vs `setprecision()`

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There is a notable difference between `setprecision` and `setw` manipulators:

- Once you `setprecision`, that precision will be used for ***all*** floating-point numbers until the next time you set the precision
- `setw` only affects the ***next*** value

## Formatted Output -- Examples (Table 7)

Output statement	Output	Comment
<code>cout &lt;&lt; 12.345678;</code>	12.3457	
<code>cout &lt;&lt; fixed &lt;&lt; setprecision(2) &lt;&lt; 12.3;</code>	12.30	
<code>cout &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; setw(6) &lt;&lt; 12;</code>	: 12	
<code>cout &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; setw(2) &lt;&lt; 123;</code>	:123	
<code>cout &lt;&lt; setw(6) &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; 12;</code>	:12	

## Formatted Output -- Examples (Table 7)

Output statement	Output	Comment
<code>cout &lt;&lt; 12.345678;</code>	12.3457	By default, a number is printed with 6 significant digits (total, left+right of decimal pt)
<code>cout &lt;&lt; fixed &lt;&lt; setprecision(2) &lt;&lt; 12.3;</code>	12.30	The <code>fixed</code> and <code>setprecision</code> manipulators control the # of digits after decimal pt
<code>cout &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; setw(6) &lt;&lt; 12;</code>	: 12	4 spaces are printed before the number, total of 6 characters
<code>cout &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; setw(2) &lt;&lt; 123;</code>	:123	Width isn't sufficient, so <code>setw</code> is ignored
<code>cout &lt;&lt; setw(6) &lt;&lt; ":" &lt;&lt; 12;</code>	:12	Width only refers to <b>next item</b> , which is : Here, : is preceded by 5 spaces

## A complete program for volumes!

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**Example:** Write a complete program to take in the price of a six-pack of cans, and the volume of each can (in fluid ounces), and output to the screen the price per fluid ounce, rounding to two decimal places.

## A complete program for volumes!

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

int main()
{
    // Read price per pack
    cout << "Please enter the price for a six-pack: ";
    double pack_price;
    cin >> pack_price;

    // Read can volume
    cout << "Please enter the volume for each can (in ounces): ";
    double can_volume;
    cin >> can_volume;
```

(continued on next slide)

## A complete program for volumes!

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(continued from previous slide)

```
// Compute pack volume
const double CANS_PER_PACK = 6;
double pack_volume = can_volume * CANS_PER_PACK;

// Compute and print price per ounce
double price_per_ounce = pack_price / pack_volume;
cout << fixed << setprecision(2);
cout << "Price per ounce: " << price_per_ounce << endl;
return 0;
}
```

# What just happened...?

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- We saw what a program looks like!
- We saw what are some common errors!
- We saw some debugging strategies!
- We saw some ways to write good, wholesome, human-readable code!
- We learned how to represent numerical variables!
- We learned how to input information into the computer, and get information back out!  
→ `cin >> & cout <<`
- We saw how to manage **input** from keyboard and **output** to screen!  
→ `fixed << setprecision(##) and setw(##)`







# Your first program

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The classic first program everyone writes: Hello world!

Its job is to write the message “Hello world!” to the screen

Before we dive in, let’s all code it together!

You can code stuff however you want. Working off the CSEL server in JupyterLab is a nice alternative to Cloud9.

- 1) <https://coding.csel.io>
- 2) Sign in with CU Identikey credentials
- 3) “Start my server”
- 4) Open a Terminal and a Text Editor  
(might need to open a New Launcher by going to File → Open New Launcher)

