

# COMP 3522

Object Oriented Programming in C++  
Week 1

# Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Toolchain
3. C++ program structure
4. Fundamental types

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# INTRODUCTION

# Me

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- Office Hours
  - By appointment on Discord
  - Mondays: 10:30am-2:20pm



# Me

- Education:
  - Started at BCIT! w/Pascal
  - Queen's University
  - Bachelor's/Master's Computer Science
- Interests:
  - Game development (COMP 7051)
  - Unity
  - Tesla
  - Investing, Urban kiz, DJing
- Favorite language
  - C#, Python is growing on me

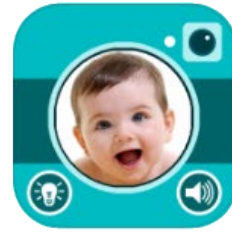


# Industry games





# iOS games



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# COMP 3522

## Three pillars of this course:

### 1. Learn how to **code in C++**:

- Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Exceptions
- the Standard Template Library.

### 2. Learn how to **write good, clean, reusable code** using the S.O.L.I.D principles

### 3. Learn how to **write Design Patterns** – Behavioral, Creational, Structural patterns



# Learning Outcomes

- Design, implement, debug and test intermediate to complex **object-oriented programs** in a modern high-level object-oriented programming language.
- Demonstrate familiarity with advanced **design idioms** including Dependency-inversion Principle, Liskov Substitution Principle, Open/Closed Principle, Interface-segregation Principle, Law of Demeter and Principle of Least Knowledge in a modern high-level object-oriented programming language.
- Use profiling tools to monitor the memory and CPU usage of programs.
- Use **multiple inheritance** to model complex abstractions.
- Use **exception handling** to catch errors and properly release resources.
- Demonstrate an understanding of advanced **design patterns** including Abstract Factory, Builder, Lazy Initialization, Bridge, Decorator, Facade, Proxy, Chain of Responsibility, Iterator, Mediator, State, and Strategy.
- Represent analysis and design models using sequence, collaboration and **class diagrams**.
- Develop systems using advanced architectures that **reduce system coupling** including dependency injection, asynchronous message passing, and observers.

# Evaluation

- Your grading scheme:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| • Labs                  | 10% |
| • Quizzes (during labs) | 10% |
| • Assignments           | 20% |
| • Midterm               | 30% |
| • Final Exam            | 30% |
- **You must pass the average of final+midterm to pass the course**
- A passing grade is 50.0%

# Schedule

- **Lectures**
  - **Thursday 2:30pm-5:20pm**

Pre-recorded lectures are for review. Not necessary to watch them

- Each topic split into its own video

# Schedule

- **Labs**
- Try your best to be punctual
- Time to work on lab and ask me questions
- Attendance is taken during labs
  - I need to report unapproved absences
  - Unapproved **absence of 10% or more** of the labs may result in **failure or forced withdrawal** from this course
- Due end of day Friday 11:59pm

# Schedule

- **Labs & assignments**
- Labs to be completed individually, assignments can be completed in pairs
- **No late submissions**
- Submit code to github classroom
- Michael (**Mike** on discord) is our marker this term
- Direct specific mark questions to him



# Schedule

- **Midterm & Final exam**
- In-person exam
- Best way to practice is complete labs, assignments, and exercises in lectures
- More information on topics and format later



## Resources: Texts

1. The C++ Programming Language 4<sup>th</sup> Edition
2. The C++ Primer Plus 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

These are optional (but great to leaf through)

# Resources: Online

1. <http://en.cppreference.com>
2. <http://www.cplusplus.com/>
3. <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/388242/the-definitive-c-book-guide-and-list>
4. <https://isocpp.org/>
5. <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/>
6. <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/c-plus-plus/>

# Resources: ChatGPT / Gen AI

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You are my personal tutor for C++



Of course, I'd be happy to help you with C++! Whether you're just starting out or you have specific questions or projects in mind, feel free to ask me anything related to C++. Whether it's about syntax, concepts, debugging, best practices, or anything else, I'm here to assist you. Let's get started! What would you like to learn or discuss about C++?

- Use Gen AI as your personal tutor to explain concepts and show sample code. *But don't always trust it*
- Do not ask it to complete lab or assignment work for you
- Do not submit Gen AI code as your own

# Lecture Breakdown

- Explaining topic and theory
  - Examine code
  - Q&A discussions
  - 10 minute break every 50 minutes
- 
- Optional review videos: each topic is a separate video

## **The Learning Hub**

- used for grades and posting lecture slides/labs/assignments

## **Github classroom**

- used for submitting labs/assignments

# Academic Conduct

- Come to class
  - Topic introductions, announcements and reminders of due dates are given at the beginning of lecture
- Quizzes during beginning of labs (starting Week 2)
  - On learning hub
  - Multiple choice, true/false, matching, etc
- **Put phone on silent and put it away**
- Be respectful and kind



# Collaboration and Plagiarism

- You are encouraged to collaborate by:
  - Completing optional lecture exercises
  - Helping each other understand material and assignments
  - Discussing requirements and approaches to problems
- What's not allowed:
  - Exchanging or sharing code snippets/solutions
  - Submitting someone else's work as your own
- Academic Integrity policy  
[www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/5104.pdf](http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/5104.pdf)

TOOLCHAIN

# Toolchain

## 1. **Communicate with Discord**

- Best place to ask for help
- Can have private conversations with me or with each other
- It is where I will have office hours, share news, info about the course
- **Discord link on the learning hub**

## 2. We will use **Github classrom** this term for submitting assignments and labs

## 3. **Backup:** Submit labs/assignments with **Student Developer Pack from Github**

- Unlimited private repositories
- <https://education.github.com/pack>

# Toolchain

## 3. IDE (integrated development environment)

- **CLion** (free for students from JetBrains)
  - FREE
  - Supports C++20 and unit testing
  - We are all using **C++20** this term
- Backup - Visual Studio 2017 Community or Enterprise
  - FREE for BCIT students at <https://www.bcit.ca/its/software/>

*Any questions?*

# C++ PROGRAM STRUCTURE



# C++

- Multi-paradigm
  - **Procedural**
  - **Object oriented**
  - Generic programming
- **Compiled** language
- Familiar type system (int, float, etc)
- Somewhat verbose
- Widely used
- Pass by value or pass by reference

# Hello World

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main( )
```

```
{
```

```
    std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

# <iostream>

```
#include <iostream>

int main( )
{
    std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- This is a header file
- Note we wrap it in angle brackets and there is no file extension
- Java has an API
- C++ has a standard library\*
- The <iostream> header contains some standard stream objects like **cout**

\* <http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/header>

# Can we access C header files in C++?

Yes!

They are included as a subset of the C++ standard library.

The names are a bit different:

`math.h` becomes `<cmath>`

`limits.h` becomes `<climits>`

`stdlib.h` becomes `<cstdlib>`

...and so on...

```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

## The insertion operator <<

- An overloaded function (we will learn how to do this later)
- We apply it to an output stream like `cout`
- Can be manipulated to format the output
  - Easier than `printf` in C
  - Much easier than `NumberFormat`, `DecimalFormat`, etc., in Java
  - We will explore manipulators in detail later

## The scope operator ::

- Similar to the dot operator in C and Java

```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

Aside: :: vs .

Q: When do we use the scope resolution operator :: ?

A: To access **members of a namespace or class**

Q: When do we use the dot operator . ?

A: To access **members of an object** (an instance of a class)



```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

## std::cout

- Predefined object of type ostream in the standard C++ library
- aka the **standard output stream** (stdout in C, System.out in Java)

```
int n = 12;  
cout << n;
```

This is what actually happens:

```
cout.operator<<(n);*
```

\* The function header looks like this: ostream& operator<<(int);

```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

## std::endl

- Called an '**output manipulator**' (we will examine manipulators later this term)
- Inserts a new-line and flushes the stream
- IO Stream objects in C++ (cin, cout) use an internal buffer of type streambuf
- Sometimes not necessary (we can just append \n to our output)

# The main method

Everything starts with the main method (just like Java and C)

```
int main()  
int main(int argc, char ** argv)
```

The main method returns an int (0 by default)

- Main method returning 0 indicates code ran without errors
- Best practice to leave `return 0;` at end of main method.
- However, code will still run if return is omitted

# Preprocessor directives

```
#include <iostream>

int main( )
{
    std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- **Instructions for the preprocessor, not the compiler**
- **NOT followed by a semi-colon (ends with new line)**
- Can use to include the header file for a library (`#include`)
- Can use to define constants (`#define`)
- Can use for conditional compilation (`#ifdef`, `#ifndef`, `#if`, `#endif`, etc.)

# Namespaces

- Similar to a Java package
- **Prevents name collisions**
- Functions and objects defined in the standard C++ library are in the **std** namespace

```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

# The **using** keyword

- Just like Java's import
- Saves typing
- We can write **using namespace std**
- If we do this, we can write
  - cout instead of std::cout
  - endl instead of std::endl

```
using namespace std;
```

```
std::cout << "Hello world!" << std::endl;
```

# Namespace and using option 1

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
//ALL names from std namespace visible in this FILE  
using namespace std;
```

```
int main( )  
{  
    cout << "Hello world!" << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Namespace and using option 2

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
//ONLY cout and endl from std namespace visible in this  
FILE
```

```
using std::cout;  
using std::endl;
```

```
int main( )  
{  
    cout << "Hello world!" << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Namespace and using option 3

```
#include <iostream>

int main( )
{
    //ONLY cout and endl from std namespace visible
    in this FUNCTION
    using std::cout;
    using std::endl;
    cout << "Hello world!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# LET'S TRY IT

- Show HelloWorld.cpp in CLion

# Header and Source file structure

- Unlike Java, C++ separates code into two files known as **header** and **source** files
- **Header** files declare interfaces to functions, classes etc. Other files use these interfaces to interact with your code
- **Source** files implement the declarations made in the header file

# Header and Source file structure

- Let's say I ask you to *create a simple calculator that has an add function. Eventually an external file will call this add function.*
- Start by creating a **header file (calculator.hpp)** that contains a *function declaration/signature* for the add function
- A *function declaration/signature* contains the function return type, name, parameters, but no body/implementation
- End with a semicolon ;

**calculator.hpp**

*int add(int first, int second);*

# Header and Source file structure

- Next create the associated **source file (calculator.cpp)** that will implement the add function
- This file contains the function signature with the **full implementation** of the add method
- Pro-tip: the **function signature** should match the header's *function declaration/signature* for clarity

calculator.cpp

```
#include "calculator.hpp"
```

```
int add(int first, int second) {  
    return first + second;  
}
```

# Header and Source file structure

calculator.hpp

```
int add(int first, int second);
```

calculator.cpp

```
#include "calculator.hpp"
```

```
int add(int first, int second) {  
    return first + second;  
}
```

- Make sure to “**connect**” the **source file** to the **header file** by having **#include “calculator.hpp”**
- Having the **include statement** and same **function signatures** in both files indicates the **source file** is implementing the **header’s** declarations

# Header and Source file structure

main.cpp

#include "calculator.hpp"

```
int main() {  
    cout << add(10,5);  
    return 0;  
}
```

calculator.hpp

```
int add(int first, int second);
```

calculator.cpp

```
#include "calculator.hpp"
```

```
int add(int first, int second) {  
    return first + second;  
}
```

- For **main.cpp** to call the add function in **calculator.cpp**, it must:
  1. **Include calculator.hpp**
  2. **Call the add function**

# Header and Source file structure

- In summary:
  - **Source files** should always be connected with a corresponding **header file** (except **main.cpp**)
  - Header files contain declarations intended to be used by **other files**
  - Source files implement code declared in header files
    - Source files can also include code not declared in header files
  - **#include statements** “connect” multiple files together. This allows external files to access functions, classes etc exposed in header files



# Some important notes about C++ programs:

1. One main method
2. main method may call other functions, just like C
3. In C++, the source file is a .cpp file
4. In C++, the header file is a .hpp file
5. Put function declarations in the header file
6. Put function signature and definitions in the source file
7. Use **#pragma once** instead of #ifndef to ensure header file is only included ONCE

# FUNDAMENTAL TYPES

# C++ is a strongly typed language

- Every variable has a type
- That type never changes
- Variable declarations need:
  1. Type
  2. Variable name
  3. Optional initialization

```
int num = 1;
```

# Speaking of variables...

- ✓ Letters
  - ✓ Digits (don't start with digit)
  - ✓ Underscores
- 
- Begin with a letter or (**rarely**) an underscore

# C++ common fundamental types

- `bool` – true/false. Represented as 1 or 0
- integer types
  - **`char`**
  - `short`
  - **`int`**
  - `long`
- floating point types
  - **`float`**
  - **`double`**
  - `long double`
- **`void`** – no type

# Initializing variables in C++

There are 3 ways to initialize variables in C++:

## 1. C-like initialization

`int x = 0; // assignment operator`

## 2. Constructor initialization (C++)

`int x(0); // parentheses`

## **3. Uniform initialization (C++11)**

`int x {0}; // curly braces`

# Why should we prefer uniform initialization?

It **prohibits implicit narrowing conversion** among built-in types

```
double x, y, z;  
int sum = x + y + z; // ok (value of expression truncated to int)  
int sum(x + y + z); // same  
  
int sum{x + y + z}; // ERROR! This won't work. We're happy!
```

# Agenda

1. Operators
2. C-style casting
3. Constants
4. Console IO

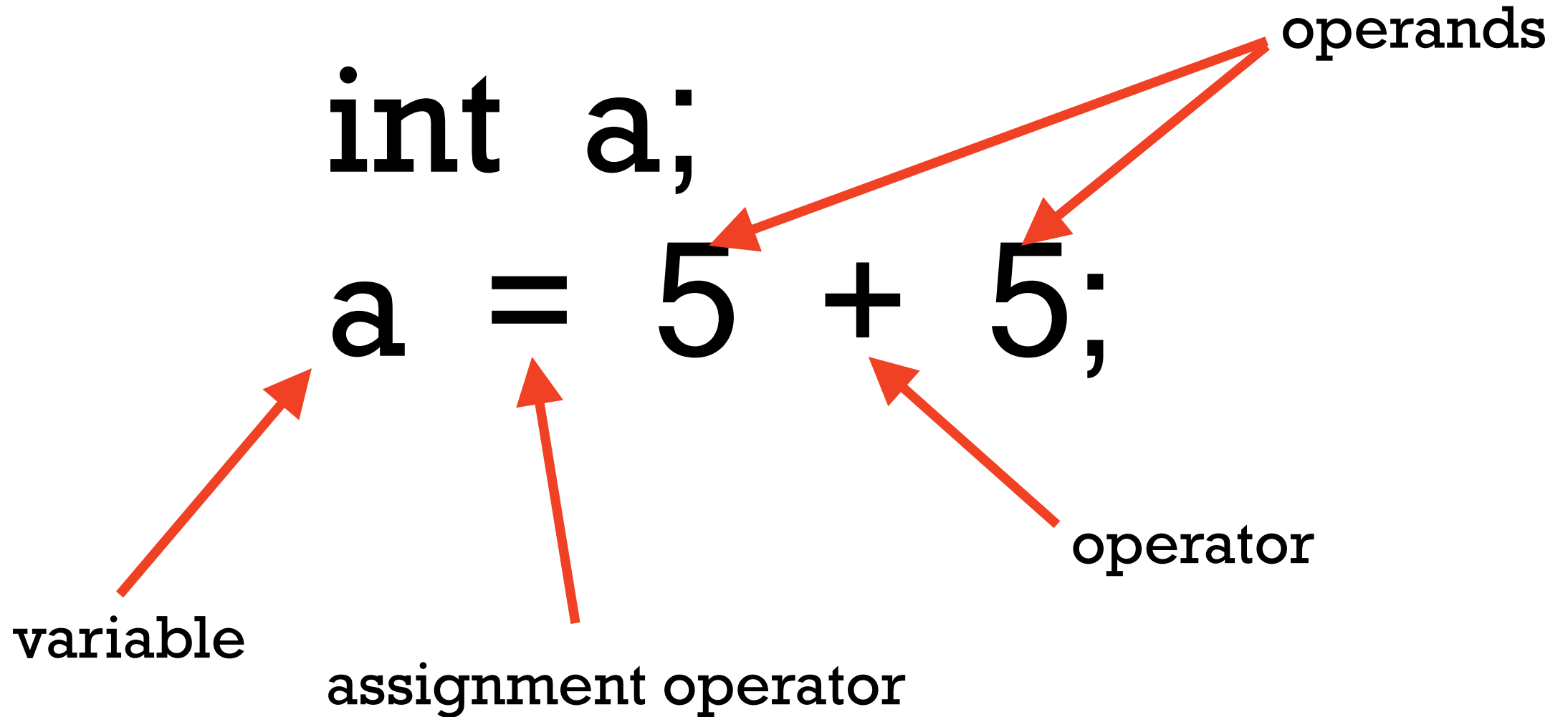
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# OPERATORS

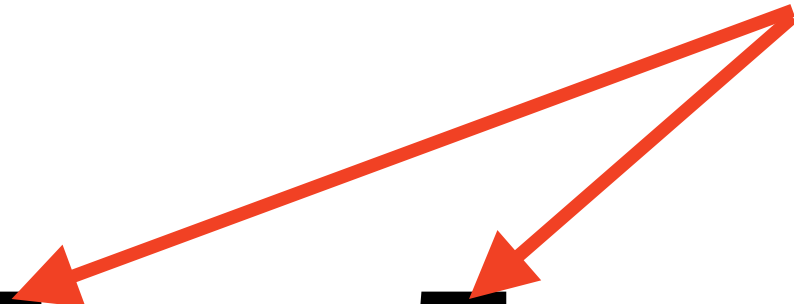
# Operators and operands



# Literals

`int a;`  
`a = 5 + 5;`

literals



```
graph RL; literals --> 5_1[5]; literals --> 5_2[5];
```

# Arithmetic operators

C++ has the usual set of arithmetic operators:

1. + Addition
2. - Subtraction
3. \* Multiplication
4. / Division
5. % Modulo

# Compound operators

These should all be familiar to you:

1. +=

2. -=

3. \*=

4. /=

5. %=

# Increment and decrement operators

1. ++

2. --

Remember pre vs post!

```
int x;
```

```
x++; //post
```

```
++x; //pre
```

# Relational and comparison operators

1. ==

2. !=

3. >

4. >=

5. <

6. <=

# Logical operators

1. !

2. &&

3. ||



# Some more assorted operators

1. `?` `:` (ternary operator)
2. `,` (comma operator, yuck)
3. `()` (casting operator)
4. `sizeof`
5. And more (later this term)...

# CASTING

# Casting in C++

**C-style casting** (using parentheses) works in C++

```
float x = 2.25;
```

```
int y = (int)x; //truncates value
```

(Later this term we will learn about C++ casting operators)

CONSTANTS

# Constants in C++

What's a constant?

A value that can not change after it's initialized (Java *final*)

Old-style – a preprocessor directive:

```
#define PI 3.1415926535
```

(Remember: no semi-colon!)

# Immutability with const

```
const int some_value = 1;  
some_value = 9; // ERROR!  
const int some_other_value; // ERROR!  
const float pi(3.14159);  
const char top_score{'A'};  
const bool larger{some_value < pi};
```

It is mandatory to set a const value in its declaration!  
Useful as a **modifier** for function parameters.

```
void myFunc(const int num) {...}
```

**“I promise not to change this value.”**

Immutability with constexpr (more later!)

```
constexpr double another_value{1.3};
```

**“To be evaluated at compile time.”**

- Think of it as a compile-time constant
- Useful for performance

# When to use `const` vs `constexpr`

- Will be important when we talk about:
  - Static variables
  - Constructors
- For now:
  - A `constexpr` **must be** assigned a value by compile time
  - A `const` **can be** assigned a value after compile time



# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int input;
    cin >> input; // WOW WHAT'S THIS?
    const int constant_input = input;
    cout << constant_input << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

CONSOLE IO

# Formatting output: member functions

- Recall `std::cout` is a **global object** of class **ostream**
- Recall in Java, behaviors are called methods
- In C++, we call them **member functions**
- Check out the member functions here:  
[http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/basic\\_ostream](http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/basic_ostream)

# Member functions

What do these lines of code do?

```
cout.setf(ios_base::fmtflags);  
cout.unsetf(ios_base::fmtflags);
```

The `std::ios_base` superclass of `std::basic_ostream` defines `ios_base::fmtflags` that we can use to **format output**:

[http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/basic\\_ostream](http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/basic_ostream)

[http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/ios\\_base/fmtflags](http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/io/ios_base/fmtflags)

# Some rules

**setf(flag) and unsetf(flag)**

- Argument can be:

- boolalpha
- showbase
- uppercase
- showpos

**setf(flag, flag)**

- Arguments can be:

- dec/oct/hex, basefield
- fixed/scientific, floatfield
- left/right/internal, adjustfield

# Change bool display and print in hex explicitly

- Set booleans to show “false” or “true” instead of 0 or 1

```
cout.setf(ios_base::boolalpha)
```

- Printing in hex in C with printf requires a lot of typing
- Printing in hex in C++ is almost too easy:

```
int n{15};  
cout.setf(ios_base::hex, ios_base::basefield);  
cout << n << endl; // hex value - f
```

# Less verbose: output manipulators

- Printing in hex in C with printf requires a lot of typing
- Printing in hex in C++ is almost too easy:

```
int n{15};  
cout << hex << n << endl; // hex value - f
```

We call these **output manipulators**.

# Under the hood

Behind the scenes, the **hex output manipulator** calls a **hex function** that calls **setf** with **hex**, and **basefield** flags

```
cout << hex << n << endl;
```



```
ostream& hex(ostream& outputstream)
{
    outputstream.setf(ios_base::hex,
                     ios_base::basefield);
    return outputstream;
}
```



# Output manipulators

- **showpos/noshowpos** - assuming *n* is now 123

```
cout << showpos << n;    // +123
```

```
cout << noshowpos << n;   // 123
```

- **dec/hex/oct**

```
cout << dec << n; // 123
```

```
cout << hex << n; // 7b
```

```
cout << oct << n; // 173
```

# Output manipulators

- **uppercase/nouppercase**

```
cout << uppercase << hex << n; // 7B  
cout << nouppercase << hex << n; // 7b
```

- **showbase/noshowbase**

```
cout << showbase << hex << n << endl; // 0x7b  
cout << noshowbase << hex << n << endl; // 7b
```

# Output manipulators

- **left/internal/right** - assuming  $n$  is -123

```
cout << setw(6) << left << n;      // | -123 |
cout << setw(6) << internal << n;  // | - 123 |
cout << setw(6) << right << n;     // | -123 |
```

- **showpoint/noshowpoint** - assuming  $d1 = 100.0$  and  $d2 == 100.12$

```
cout << noshowpoint << d1 << " " << d2; // 100 100.12
cout << showpoint << d1 << " " << d2;   // 100.000 100.120
```

# Output manipulators

- **fixed/scientific** - assuming *number* is 123.456789

```
cout << fixed << number;           // 123.456789
```

```
cout << scientific << number;      // 1.234568E+02
```

- **boolalpha/noboolalpha** - assuming *fun* is true

```
cout << boolalpha << fun;           // true
```

```
cout << noboolalpha << fun;         // 1
```

# Output manipulators with <iomanip>

- **setw(value)** sets minimum width for one field only

```
cout << setw(5) << number; // | 123| if n = 123
```

- **setfill(fillchar)**

```
cout << setfill('*') << setw(5) << number; // prints **123
```

# Output manipulators with <iomanip>

- **setprecision(value)**

// assuming *number* is 123.4567845678

```
cout << setprecision(7) << number; // 123.4568
```

```
streamsize prec = cout.precision();
```

Note: default precision = 6

# Member functions vs output manipulators

| Member Function  | Output Manipulator                                  |
|--|---|
| <code>cout.setf(ios_base::showpos);</code><br><code>cout &lt;&lt; number;</code> | <code>cout &lt;&lt; showpos &lt;&lt; number;</code> |
| <code>cout.width(5);</code><br><code>cout &lt;&lt; number;</code>                | <code>cout &lt;&lt; setw(5) &lt;&lt; number;</code> |

Which looks easier?

# What about **input**? **Extraction operator** >>

- Getting input with Java requires a scanner and a non-trivial amount of code
- Getting input with C is dangerous and requires finesse with fgets and sscanf (recall scanf was not our friend)

- C++: use std::cin

```
int m, n;
```

```
cin >> m >> n; // Input 12 34, or 12 <enter> 34
```



# Read an int

```
int hours;  
cin >> hours;  
cout << "Today I slept for " << hours  
      << "hours" << endl;
```

# Read a floating point number

```
double weight_kg;  
cin >> weight_kg;  
cout << "I weigh " << weight_kg  
      << "kilos" << endl;
```

# It's not infallible, though!

```
constexpr int first_name_length = 5;  
char first_name[first_name_length];  
cin >> first_name; // NOOOOOO DON'T DO THIS
```

Recall that `char[] == char *`

`cin` doesn't know the length of the array

We have a memory allocation issue

# But we can fix it!

```
#include <iomanip>
```

```
constexpr first_name_length = 5;
```

```
char first_name[first_name_length];
```

```
cin >> setw(5) >> first_name;
```

# IO: input I

- What if input fails?
- `ios_base::iostate` contains:
  - `ios_base::failbit` (operation failed)
  - `ios_base::badbit` (stream error)
  - `ios_base::eofbit` (set on EOF)
  - `ios_base::goodbit` (zero – no bits sets)
- `cin` is true if `cin.fail()` is false:  
`int n;`  
`if (cin >> n)...`

## IO: input II

- You can test these bits with cin's member functions:
  1. **fail()** – true iff badbit or failbit are set
  2. **bad()** – true iff badbit is set
  3. **eof()** – true iff eofbit is set
  4. **good()** – true iff goodbit is set (no bits are set)

**Hint: call `cin.clear()` after an input failure!**

# IO: Input Examples

```
int n;  
cin >> n  
//Assume * represents the EOF
```

| User Input | n         | failbit | eofbit  |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 123 456    | 123       | Not set | Not set |
| 123*       | 123       | Not set | Set     |
| hello      | No change | set     | Not set |
| *          | No change | set     | set     |

# IO: Ignoring input

- Recall cin is an istream
- `std::basic_stream` has a member function called **ignore**
- If cin fails, use **ignore** to clear bad data in its buffer

```
ignore()      // skips/ignores/tosses 1 char
ignore(128)   // skips 128 char or until EOF
ignore(128, '\n') // skips 128 until EOF or '\n'
ignore(LLONG_MAX, '\n') // Throws away LLONG_MAX
                        // char
```



# IO: Throwing away an entire line





```
#include <limits>

cin.clear(); //unsets failbits
cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');

//custom helper method to quickly clean cin
void ignoreline(istream& is)
{
    is.clear(); //unsets failbits
    is.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
}
```

# Quiz next week during lab

- Covers week 1 material

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|---|---|---|
|  | <p>Quiz 1: C++ Program Structure, Fundamental Types, Operators, constants, and console IO </p> <p>Available on Sep 9, 2025 10:30 AM until Sep 10, 2025 2:30 PM</p> |   |
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- Learning hub quiz
  - Multiple choice
  - True/False
  - Matching options