# Introduction to Programming (CS 101) Spring 2024



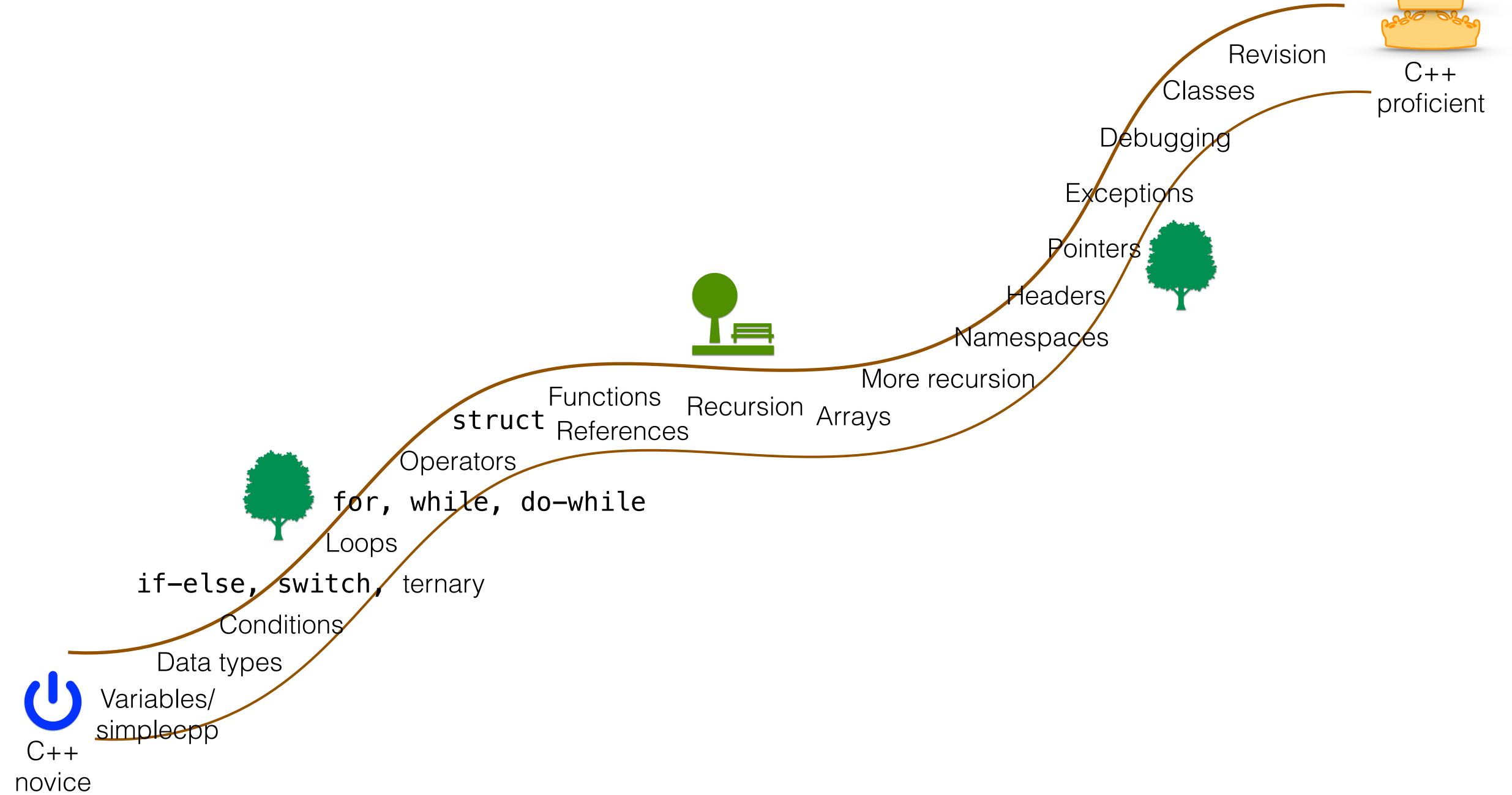
Lecture 13:

Arrays (continued), sorting

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# Mid-semester: Bird's eye view of your C++ journey



• Recall finding the largest digit in a non-negative number. How do we do this recursively?

```
int findLargestDigit(int n) {
  int md = 0;
  while (n > 0) {
    md = max(md, n%10);
    n /= 10;
  return md;
int main() {
  int n;
  cin >> n;
  cout << findLargestDigit(n) << endl;</pre>
```

• Finding the largest digit in a non-negative number recursively.

```
int findLargestDigit(int n) {
  if(n < 10) return n; //Base case
 else
    return max(n%10, findLargestDigit(n/10));
int main() {
  int n;
  cin >> n;
  cout << findLargestDigit(n) << endl;</pre>
```

• Consider the following function to exponentiate an integer n to a specified exponent k.

```
int exponentiate(int n, int k)
{
   int result = 1;
   for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) result *= n;
   return result;
}</pre>
```

How do you solve this recursively?

```
int exponentiate(int n, int k)
{
   if(k == 0) return 1;
   return (n * exponentiate(n, k-1));
}
```

• Given a target number and a sorted array, use binary search to find whether the target number exists in the array

Demo

```
bool binarySearch(int arr[], int l, int r, int num) {
  if(l <= r) {
    int mid = l + (r - l)/2;
    if(arr[mid] == num) return true;
    if(arr[mid] > num) return binarySearch(arr, l, mid-1, num);
    return binarySearch(arr, mid + 1, r, num);
  return false;
int main() {
  int A[] = \{1, 4, 55, 88, 191, 222, 245\}, num;
  cin >> num;
  cout << binarySearch(A, 0, 6, num);</pre>
```



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#### Recap: Arrays

Byte-level address in memory; accessed as &A[0], &A[1], ... and typically shown in hexadecimal format

• int A[100], // defines an array of 100 integers, allocates 100 contiguous 4-byte memory units address 0xf9 0xfd ···

```
index 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ... 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
```

- Can define both ordinary variables and arrays in the same statement. E.g., int B[10], num;
- Arrays are 0-indexed. First element of **A** above is in **A[0]** and last element is in **A[99]**. Elements of an array can be treated like a regular variable. Operations below are all permitted:
  - $\cdot A[9] = 9;$
  - int x = 5 + A[2];
  - int a = 1; A[a] = 3; B[a\*3] = 10;
- Array size should be known at compile time. It is the programmer's responsibility to stay within the array bounds in their code.

#### **Arrays and functions**

A function can take array parameters

Note: You do not need to pass the size here. Size information is not encoded as part of the array argument.

```
void printArray(int A[], int n) {
    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
        cout << A[i] << ((i == n-1) ? '\n' : ' ');
}</pre>
```

- When you pass an array as an argument to a function, it passes the starting address of the array in memory. Passing the array does not encode its size; size needs to be passed separately.
- It is the responsibility of the calling program to ensure that an array's passed in the first argument and it is at least as large as the length passed in the second argument
- Arrays are always passed by reference
  - Modifications to an array A passed to a function will be reflected in the calling function
- A function cannot return an array type

## Sorting: Passing an array to a function

Bubble sort:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void bubblesort(int A[], int n) {
  for(int i=0; i<n-1; i++) {
                                       6 5 3 1 8 7 2 4
      for(int j=0; j<n-i-1; j++) {
        if(A[j] > A[j+1])
           swap(A[j],A[j+1]);
int main() {
  ... // read numbers to be sorted into A[0] to A[n-1]
  bubblesort(A, n);
  ... // print out sorted A
```

## Sorting: Passing an array to a function

• Sorting algorithm that's a little more efficient than bubble sort:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                                                                 2
void min_to_beg(int A[], int i, int n) {
   int min_i=i;
                                                                 9
  for(int j=i+1; j<n; j++)
                                                                 3
     if(A[j] < A[min_i])
        min_i = j;
  swap(A[min_i],A[i]);
int main() {
  ... // read numbers to be sorted into A[0] to A[n-1]
  for (int i=0; i<n-1; i++)
    min_to_beg(A,i,n); // call min_to_beg on the unsorted A[i...n-1]
  ... // print out sorted A
```

#### More about arrays

• The function sizeof returns the size of an entire array in bytes.

```
int out[10];
cout << sizeof(out); // will print 40</pre>
```

- An array's size cannot be changed once it is created. To change size, you must create another new array.
- Arrays so far are statically allocated and memory is allocated on the stack
  - One can dynamically allocate memory where the array is stored in the *heap* -- Next class!
- Can create array of struct type. For example:

```
struct Book {
   string title; float price;
};
Book shelf[5];
shelf[0].title = "The Metamorphosis"; shelf[0].price = 123.5;
```



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## char arrays

• Declare a C-style array of type char

```
char str[20];
```

- Say we want **str** to store a character string "hello", i.e. **'h'** in **str[0]**, **'e'** in **str[1]**, and so on.
- When we print str, we want only "hello" to be printed to the screen. For which, length will need to be encoded. The convention adopted from C to C++ is to, instead, add a special null character ('\0', ASCII code 0) to the end of the actual string.
- If we write char str[20] = "hello"; it will place the 5 characters in hello in the first 5 elements of str. The sixth element will be set to '\0'.
- cout str; will just print out the contents of str to the screen (excluding  $' \setminus 0'$ )

#### char arrays

• Declare a C-style array of type char

```
char str1[] = "hello";
```

- In the example above, an array of 6 char is created indexed from 0 to 5.
- Initialising as shown above creates a C-style string
- A C-style string is a null-terminated char array. The compiler inserts the null. The following are all equivalent:

```
char str1[] = "hello"; //compiler determines array size
char str2[30] = "hello"; //extra room available
char str3[] = {'h', 'e', 'l', 'o', '\0'}; //'\0' represents null
char str4[6] = "hello"; //exact space to accommodate hello + '\0'
```

## Reading a string into a char array

```
char name[30];
cin >> name;
```

- From what you type on the console (via cin):
  - Any leading whitespaces will be ignored
  - Everything from the first non-whitespace char until the next whitespace char will be stored in name
  - E.g., if I had typed " Preethi Jyothi", Preethi would be saved in name
  - The null character '\0' is automatically placed by the compiler after the last character (i.e., i in the example above).
  - Note that "Jyothi" is lost
  - To read whitespace-delimited strings, we need getline

# getline command

```
char name[30];
cin.getline(name, 30);
```

- With cin\_getline(A, n), everything typed by the user including whitespaces will be placed in memory, starting from the first element of A, until one of the following happens:
  - A newline character is typed by the user OR
  - n-1 characters are typed without a newline, in which case all the n-1 characters including a '\0' are placed in A
- Common to use the length of A as an argument to getline, as in the example shown above
- Note cin.getline(...) is different from getline(cin, name) that reads from the console into variable name of type string

#### **Example: Copying a string from one array to another**

Copy a string stored in an array A to another array B

```
void strcopy(char A[], char B[]) {
   //assume B is long enough to hold contents of A
   int i;
   for(i = 0; A[i] != '\0'; i++) B[i] = A[i];
   B[i] = A[i];
}
```

## **Example: What does the following code do?**

```
int whatami(char A[], char B[]) {
   int i = 0;
   while(true) {
      if(A[i] == '\0' && B[i] == '\0') return 0;
      if(A[i] == '\0') return -1;
      if(B[i] == '\0') return 1;
      if(A[i] < B[i]) return -1;
                                                  Takes two strings A, B
                                                 and returns 0 if they are
      if(A[i] > B[i]) return 1;
                                                    equal, 1 if A is
      i++;
                                                 lexicographically smaller
                                                 than B and -1 otherwise.
int main() {
   char A[30], B[30];
   cin.getline(A,30); cin.getline(B,30);
   cout << A << " " << B << " " << whatami(A,B) << endl;
```



# Multidimensional Arrays CS 101, 2025

#### **Two-dimensional arrays**

- Sequences are naturally represented as 1D (one-dimensional) arrays
- Objects like matrices can be naturally represented using two sets of indices.
   C++ offers 2D (two-dimensional) arrays to represent such objects.
- Example:

float vals[10][20];

Space for 10\*20 variables of type float are allocated in the stack.

vals

0,0	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,10	0,11	0,12	0,13	0,14	0,15	0,16	0,17	0,18	0,19
1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,9	1,10	1,11	1,12	1,13	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19
2,0	2,1	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6	2,7	2,8	2,9	2,10	2,11	2,12	2,13	2,14	2,15	2,16	2,17	2,18	2,19
3,0	3,1	3,2	3,3	3,4	3,5	3,6	3,7	3,8	3,9	3,10	3,11	3,12	3,13	3,14	3,15	3,16	3,17	3,18	3,19
4,0	4,1	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,5	4,6	4,7	4,8	4,9	4,10	4,11	4,12	4,13	4,14	4,15	4,16	4,17	4,18	4,19
5,0	5,1	5,2	5,3	5,4	5,5	5,6	5,7	5,8	5,9	5,10	5,11	5,12	5,13	5,14	5,15	5,16	5,17	5,18	5,19
6,0	6,1	6,2	6,3	6,4	6,5	6,6	6,7	6,8	6,9	6,10	6,11	6,12	6,13	6,14	6,15	6,16	6,17	6,18	6,19
7,0	7,1	7,2	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,6	7,7	7,8	7,9	7,10	7,11	7,12	7,13	7,14	7,15	7,16	7,17	7,18	7,19
8,0	8,1	8,2	8,3	8,4	8,5	8,6	8,7	8,8	8,9	8,10	8,11	8,12	8,13	8,14	8,15	8,16	8,17	8,18	8,19
9,0	9,1	9,2	9,3	9,4	9,5	9,6	9,7	9,8	9,9	9,10	9,11	9,12	9,13	9,14	9,15	9,16	9,17	9,18	9,19

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```
• Example:

Space for 10*20 variables of type float are allocated in the stack.

float vals [10] [20];

second
dimension
```

- Elements of vals are accessed as vals[i][j] where  $0 \le i < 10$ , and  $0 \le j < 20$
- vals are stored in the memory in the row-major order, i.e., vals [0] [0], vals [0] [1],..., vals [0] [19], vals [1] [0],..., vals [1] [19],...,vals [9] [0],...,vals [9] [19]
- How do we access 2D array elements? Use a loop for each dimension!

## Multiplying two matrices

```
double a[3][2] = \{\{1,2\},\{3,4\},\{5,6\}\}, b[2][4] = \{\{1,2,3,4\},\{5,6,7,8\}\},
c[3][4];
                                                                and a 2x4
                                               Initializing a 3x2
for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
for(int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
                                           Using two loops to access c[i][i]
     c[i][j] = 0;
     for(int k = 0; k < 2; k++) < c[i][j] = \sum_{a[i][k] * b[k][j]} c[i][k] * b[k][j]
        c[i][j] += a[i][k]*b[k][j]; \overline{k=0}
for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  for(int j = 0; j < 4; j++) cout << c[i][j] << " ";
  cout << endl;</pre>
```