

Tutorial 15 - Functions & Function Prototypes in C++

Functions in C++

- Functions break code into reusable pieces, promoting modularity and clarity.
- Syntax Example:

```
1 int sum(int a, int b) {  
2     int c = a + b;  
3     return c;  
4 }  
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```

- **Key Points:**
 - `sum` is a function that takes two integers (`a` and `b`), adds them, and returns the result (`c`).
 - Functions can accept parameters (inputs) and return values.
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Calling a Function

- Example:

```
1 int main() {  
2     int num1, num2;  
3     cout << "Enter first number: ";  
4     cin >> num1;  
5     cout << "Enter second number: ";  
6     cin >> num2;  
7     cout << "The sum is " << sum(num1, num2);  
8     return 0;  
9 }  
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```

- **Key Points:**
 - `num1` and `num2` are **actual parameters** passed to the function `sum`.
 - The function performs addition and returns the result.
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Function Prototypes

- A **function prototype** declares a function before its definition, helping the compiler recognize it.
- Syntax:

```
1 int sum(int a, int b); // Acceptable  
2 int sum(int, int);     // Acceptable  
3 int sum(int a, b);     // Not Acceptable  
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```

- **Key Points:**
 - Prototype specifies the function name, return type, and parameter types.
 - Parameters can be named or unnamed in prototypes.
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Types of Parameters

- **Formal Parameters:** Declared in the function definition (e.g., `int a, int b` in `sum`).
 - **Actual Parameters:** Passed during function calls (e.g., `num1, num2` in `sum(num1, num2)`).
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Void Functions

- Functions without a return value or parameters:

```
1 void g() {  
2     cout << "Hello, Good Morning";  
3 }  
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```

- **Key Points:**
 - `void` means the function doesn't return anything.
 - Example call: `g();`
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Complete Example Code

```
1 #include<iostream>  
2 using namespace std;  
3 // Function Prototypes  
4 int sum(int, int);  
5 void g();  
6 int main() {  
7     int num1, num2;  
8     cout << "Enter first number: ";  
9     cin >> num1;  
10    cout << "Enter second number: ";  
11    cin >> num2;  
12    cout << "The sum is " << sum(num1, num2);  
13    g();  
14    return 0;  
15 }  
16 int sum(int a, int b) {  
17     return a + b;  
18 }  
19 void g() {  
20     cout << "\nHello, Good Morning";  
21 }
```