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C++ Basics

Hello World and Program Structure

Hello World

```
1 // my first program in C++
2 #include <iostream>
3
4 int main(int argc, const char** argv)
5 {
6     std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
7
8     return 0;
9 }
```



Hello World

- Line 1: Comment, indicated by the two slash
- Line 2: Preprocessor Directive. interpreted by the preprocessor before compilation. In this case inclusion of standard C++ code.
- Line 4: Declaration of the main-function, which is typically the first function to be invoked after program execution
- Line 5 and 9: Begin and End of the main function's function block
- Line 6: C++ statement. Writing the string inside the quotes and **standard end** of line symbol to the **standard** character **output** device.
- Line 8: Return statement for the main function, which value is returned to the calling (parent) process



- semicolon (;) at each statement end
 - marks the end of the statement.
 - All C++ statements must end with a semicolon character.
 - One of the most common syntax errors in C++ is forgetting to end a statement with a semicolon.



Program Structure ii

- this program is structured in different lines and with indentation
 - not necessary in C++, but makes it much easier to understand for humans.
 - In bigger Projects or in some Companies there are Style Guides. They define how you should/have to structure Program, to make it understandable for others
 - E.g.:
 - Google Style Guide
<https://google.github.io/styleguide/cppguide.html>
 - C++ Core Guidelines <https://github.com/isocpp/CppCoreGuidelines>
 - LLVM <https://llvm.org/docs/CodingStandards.html>
 - Stroustrup <http://www.stroustrup.com/JSF-AV-rules.pdf>
 - ...



- In this course we will follow these simple rules:
 - 1 statement per line
 - $\approx \leq 120$ Characters per line
 - new Block = new indentation level

Comments

```
// line comment  
/* block  
comment */
```

The Compiler

The Compiler

- translate your program into a computer executeable form
- the computer does not understand C(++) and Programming in the Computers Language (Assembly) is not something someone want or should do



The simple program from before, even more simplified. And this is C and not C++

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void _start(){
write(1, "Hello World!", 12);
exit(0);
}
```

```
gcc -s -nostartfiles -O3 -S hello.c
```

Assembly iii

```
.file      "hello.c"
.text
.section   .rodata.str1.1,"aMS",@progbits,1

.LC0:
.string    "Hello World!"
.text
.p2align 4,,15
.globl     _start
.type      _start, @function

_start:
.LFB29:
.cfi_startproc
leaq       .LC0(%rip), %rsi
movl       $1, %edi
subq       $8, %rsp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
movl       $12, %edx
call       write@PLT
xorl       %edi, %edi
call       exit@PLT
.cfi_endproc

.LFE29:
.size      _start, .-_start
.ident     "GCC: (Ubuntu 7.4.0-1ubuntu1-18.04.1) 7.4.0"
.section   .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
```



- a (C++) compiler usually only translates (C++) Code to Assembler Code. But other steps are necessary which are not part of the compiler.

A Compiler Toolchain ii

- Preprocessor: simple text substitution tool to resolve preprocessor macros and directives
 - `#define` Substitutes a preprocessor macro.
 - `#include` Inserts a particular header from another file.
 - `#undef` Undefines a preprocessor macro.
 - `#ifdef` Returns true if this macro is defined.
 - `#ifndef` Returns true if this macro is not defined.
 - `#if` Tests if a compile time condition is true.
 - `#else` The alternative for `#if` .
 - `#elif` `#else` and `#if` in one statement.
 - `#endif` Ends preprocessor conditional.
 - `#error` Prints error message on stderr.
 - `#pragma` Issues special commands to the compiler, using a standardized method.



A Compiler Toolchain iii

- Assembler: Translates the Assembler- to Object Code. Mnemonics (seen before) are replaced with the corresponding opcode (just a binary string) for your CPU architecture
 - Also the Mnemonics themselves differ from architecture to architecture
- Linker: Links the Libraries required by your program to the executable
- these 3 with the compiler are often referred to as a compiler toolchain.



- There are many C++ Compiler Toolchains for various Purposes and OSes
 - **GNU Compiler Collection** (GCC/G++). Free and Open-Source for most OSes and architectures.
 - **Clang** with LLVM. Modern Free and Open-Source Compiler for several OSes and architectures.
 - **Intel C++ Compiler** (icc). Proprietary Compiler optimized for Intel CPUs (and probably also GPUs in the future)
 - **AMD Optimizing C/C++ Compiler** (aocc). Open-Source Compiler by AMD, optimized for AMD CPUs (and GPUs)
 - **Turbo C++** (tcc). Proprietary (but Free) Borland Compiler
 - **Nvidia CUDA Compiler** (nvcc). Proprietary compiler by Nvidia intended for use with CUDA to run on CPUs, GPUs and GPGPUs.



- **Microsoft Visual C++ compiler** (msvc). Proprietary Compiler for Visual C++ on Windows.
- ...and many more ...



Compile a program: `g++ helloworld.cpp -o helloworld`

Steps in between `g++ helloworld.cpp -save-temps -o helloworld.`

Yields:

- `helloworld.cpp` - Your Code
- `helloworld.ii` - intermediate file from the preprocessor
- `helloworld.s` - Assembly
- `helloworld.o` `helloworld` - Object file and Executable



This is for a single file. But what about bigger multi-file projects?

- `helloworld.cpp` includes `test.h` with `test.cpp`
- `g++ -c -Wall -Werror -fPIC test.cpp`
`g++ -shared -o libtest.so test.o`
`g++ -L. -Wall -o helloworld helloworld.cpp -ltest`
- tedious for many libraries

CMake

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- Basic example. Inside the Folder with your sources create a file called `CMakeLists.txt` (case-sensitive)

with the content

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.10)
project (helloworld)
add_executable(helloworld helloworld.cpp)
```

Easy Program Versioning i

CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.10)
project (helloworld)
# The version number.
set (helloworld_VERSION_MAJOR 1)
set (helloworld_VERSION_MINOR 0)

# configure a header file to pass some of the CMake settings
# to the source code
configure_file (
"${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/helloworld.h.in"
"${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}/helloworld.h"
)

# add the binary tree to the search path for include files
# so that we will find helloworld.h
include_directories("${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}")

# add the executable
add_executable(helloworld helloworld.cpp)
```



Easy Program Versioning ii

helloworld.h.in

```
// the configured options and settings for Tutorial
#define helloworld_VERSION_MAJOR @helloworld_VERSION_MAJOR@
#define helloworld_VERSION_MINOR @helloworld_VERSION_MINOR@
```

Easy Program Versioning iii

helloworld.cpp

```
// my first program in C++
#include <iostream>
#include "helloworld.h"

int main(int argc, const char** argv)
{
    std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Version "
                << helloworld_VERSION_MAJOR << "."
                << helloworld_VERSION_MINOR << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```



- Testing
- Adding Libraries
- ...

Datatypes and Variables

Datatypes and Variables

- Variables, portions of memory that store a value
- each variable has a *distinct* Name and a type.



- Name can be any valid C++ identifier
 - An identifier is an arbitrarily long sequence of digits, underscores, lowercase and uppercase Latin letters, and most Unicode characters
 - valid identifier must begin with a non-digit character and can not begin with characters in the following unicode ranges:
 - U+0300 - U+036F Combining Diacritical Marks
 - U+1DC0 - U+1DFF Combining Diacritical Marks Supplement
 - U+20D0 - U+20FF Combining Diacritical Marks for Symbols
 - U+FE20 - U+FE2F Combining Half Marks



- identifiers that are keywords cannot be used for other purposes
- identifiers with a double underscore anywhere are reserved
- identifiers that begin with an underscore followed by an uppercase letter are reserved
- identifiers that begin with an underscore are reserved in the global namespace
- using reserved identifiers may result in, undefined behavior
- Identifiers are case-sensitive

Identifiers iii



```
5 namespace std;
6 using int = int;
7 using void = void;
8 using time_t = time_t;
9 using bool = bool;
10 #define auto auto
11 #define enum enum
12 #define false false
13 #define true true
14 #define "evil"
15 #define ::make_shared
16 #define virtual
17 #define ::cout
18 #define ::endl
19 template<class >
20 using = ::vector<>;
21 template<class >
22 using = ::shared_ptr<>;
23
24 { , , , , };
25 () { return ::rand(); }
26 () { return ; }
27
28 struct { { :: = 0; };
29 struct : { { :: () { << " " << ; }; };
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35
36 main()
37 {
38     if ( == )
39         << " " << ;
40
41     << |>> = { <<>(), <<>(), <<>(), <<>(), <<>() };
42
43     for ( ; ; )
44         <->();
45
46     return ();
47 }
48
```

Fundamental Datatypes

- Single Characters (`char`)
- Signed Integer (`short/int16_t`, `int/int32_t`, `long/int64_t`)
- Unsigned Integer (`unsigned short/uint16_t`, `unsigned int/uint32_t`, `unsigned long/uint64_t`)
- Floating Point with single and double precision (`float`, `double`)
- *Typeless chunk of memory, `void`*



Datatypes i

Group	Type	Size in Byte (Bit)	Range	Note
Character Types	<i>signed char</i>	1	-128 to 127	Exactly one byte in size Not smaller than char. At least 16 bits. Not smaller than char16_t. At least 32 bits. Can represent the largest supported character set
	<i>unsigned char</i>	1	0 to 255	
	<i>char16_t</i>	2	0 to 65'535	
	<i>char32_t</i>	4	0 to 4'294'967'295	
	<i>wchar_t</i>	4	-2'147'483'648 to 2'147'483'647	
Integer Types	<i>signed short int</i>	2 (16)	-32'768 to 32'767	At least 16 bits. But Compiler and Platform dependent Not smaller than short. At least 16 bits. Not smaller than int. At least 32 bits. Not smaller than long. At least 64 bits.
	<i>signed int</i>	4	-2'147'483'648 to 2'147'483'647	
	<i>signed long int</i>	8	-9'223'372'036'854'775'808 to 9'223'372'036'854'775'807	
	<i>signed long long int</i>	8	-9'223'372'036'854'775'808 to 9'223'372'036'854'775'807	
	<i>unsigned short int</i>	2	0 to 65'535	Same as their signed counterparts
	<i>unsigned int</i>	4	0 to 4'294'967'295	
	<i>unsigned long int</i>	8	0 to 18'446'744'073'709'551'615	
	<i>unsigned long long int</i>	8	0 to 18'446'744'073'709'551'615	
	<i>int8_t</i>	1	-128 to 127	signed 8 bit fixed width integer



Datatypes ii

	int16_t	2	32'768 to 32'767	signed 16 bit fixed width integer
	int32_t	4	-2'147'483'648 to 2'147'483'647	signed 32 bit fixed width integer
	int64_t	8	-9'223'372'036'854'775'808 to 9'223'372'036'854'775'807	signed 64 bit fixed width integer
	uint8_t	1	0 to 255	unsigned 8 bit fixed width integer
	uint16_t	2	0 to 65'535	unsigned 16 bit fixed width integer
	uint32_t	4	0 to 4'294'967'295	unsigned 32 bit fixed width integer
	uint64_t	8	0 to 18'446'744'073'709'551'615	unsigned 64 bit fixed width integer
	float	4	1.17549e-38 to 3.40282e+38	single precision floating point
	double	8	2.22507e-308 to 1.79769e+308	double precision floating point (not less than float)
	long double	16	3.3621e-4932 to 1.18973e+4932	precision not less than double
Boolean Type	bool	1	0 (false) or 1 (true)	
Void type	void	-	-	incomplete type. no storage
Null pointer	decltype(nullptr)	8	-	Datatype of Null pointer (pointing to memory address 0x00). length is address memory length



Fundamental Datatypes

- properties of fundamental types can be retrieved with `std::numeric_limits<type>`
 - min, max, number of digits, round error, ...
- all above types are fundamental types
- characters, integers, floating-point, and boolean are collectively known as arithmetic types
- also fundamental types: void, which is the lack of a type and nullptr which is a special pointer
- all other types are compound datatypes



Declaration and Initialization of variables i

- C++ is a strongly-typed language, and requires every variable to be **declared** *with its type* **before** its first use.
- straightforward variable declaration: type followed by name

```
int a;  
float number;
```

- multiple at once

```
int a, b, c;
```


Declaration and Initialization of variables ii

- best practice: declare **all** variables you use at the beginning of a function.
- also best practice: initialize variables on declaration.
- uninitialized variable may hold a *random**/undetermined value until they are assigned a value for the first time. (* not truly random, not even pseudorandom, but whatever was there before)



Declaration and Initialization of variables iii

- in C++ there are 3 way for initialization. They are all equivalent and are reminiscent of the evolution of the language over the years
 - c-like initialization: `type identifier = value;`
 - constructor initialization: `type identifier (value);`
 - uniform initialization: `type identifier {value};`



Special feature - Type deduction

- when a variable is initialized the compiler is able to figure out the type automatically by the initializer

```
int foo = 0;  
auto bar = foo; // the same as: int bar = foo;
```

- Variables that are not initialized can also make use of type deduction, to "copy" the type of another variable

```
int foo = 0;  
decltype(foo) bar; // the same as: int bar;
```



Datatype-Quiz i

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- `var = '6'`
`char var;`



Datatype-Quiz ii

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`double var;`
- `var = "Hello World!"`
`char var[12];`



Constants

Constants

- expressions with a fixed value.
- most obvious: Literals
 - most obvious kind of constants
 - express particular values within the source code
 - Literal constants can be classified into: integer, floating-point, characters, strings, Boolean, pointers, and user-defined literals.
 - Integer Numerals
 - Floating Point Numerals
 - Character and string literals
 - Other Literals are keyword literals: `true` and `false` for `bool` and `nullptr` , the null pointer value



Integer Numerals

- numerical constants that identify integer values
- not enclosed in quotes or any other special character
- Easiest example: 0 8 15 -42
- Also octal and hexadecimal $75_{10} = 0113_8 = 0x4b_{16}$
- all these have a type. by default `int`. But changeable via suffixes
 - `u` or `U` for `unsigned`
 - `l` or `L` for `long`
 - `ll` or `LL` for `long long`

```
42          // int
42u         // unsigned int
42l         // long
42ul        // unsigned long
42lu        // unsigned long
```



Floating Point Numerals

- real values, with decimals and/or exponents
- include either a decimal point, an e character
- default type for floating-point literals is `double` . But changeable via suffixes
 - `f` or `F` for `float`
 - `l` or `L` for `long double`
- `float` is an approximation



Character and string literals i

- Character and string literals are enclosed in quotes

```
1 'z'  
2 'p'  
3 "Hello world"  
4 "How do you do?"
```

- first 2 are *single-character literals*. denoted with single quotes. using more than one character in single quotes is undefined-behavior
- last 2 are string literals. denoted with double quotes.



Character and string literals ii

- special characters with escape sequences
 - `\n` newline
 - `\r` carriage return
 - `\t` tab
 - `\v` vertical tab
 - `\b` backspace
 - `\f` form feed (page feed)
 - `\a` alert (beep)
 - `\'` single quote (')
 - `\"` double quote (")
 - `\?` question mark (?)
 - `\\` backslash (\)



Character and string literals iii

- All the character literals and string literals described above are made of characters of type `char` . Different Type with **prefixes**
 - `u` for `char16_t`
 - `U` for `char32_t`
 - `L` for `wchar_t`
- additional encoding prefixes
 - `u8` , The string literal is encoded in the executable using UTF-8
 - `R` , The string literal is a raw string



Other Literals

- Other Literals are keyword literals: `true` and `false` for `bool` and `nullptr` , the null pointer value



Other Constants

- Typed constant expressions. with keyword `const` . a constant variable requires an initializer
- Preprocessor definitions. `#define identifier replacement`
 - every occurrence of identifier in the code is interpreted as replacement.
 - replacement can be any sequence of characters
 - replacement by preprocessor, blindly before program is compiled. without any type checking



Operators

Operators i

- Assignment: `=`
- Arithmetic: `+` (addition and unary plus) `-` (subtraction and unary minus) `*` `/` `%`
- Compound assignment: `+=` `-=` `*=` `/=` `%=` `>>=` `<<=` `&=` `^=` `|=`
- Increment/Decrement: `++` `--`
 - difference between prefix `++x` and suffix `x++` form



Operators ii

```
x = 3;  
y = ++x;  
// x contains 4, y contains 4
```

```
x = 3;  
y = x++;  
// x contains 4, y contains 3
```

- Relational and comparison: `==` `!=` `>` `<` `>=` `<=`
- Logical: `!` `&&` `||`
- Conditional ternary: `condition ? result_true : result_false`
- **NEW: C++20** Three-way comparison `<=>`



- The expression returns an object such that
 - $(a \leq b) < 0$ if $lhs < rhs$
 - $(a \leq b) > 0$ if $lhs > rhs$
 - $(a \leq b) == 0$ if `lhs` and `rhs` are equal/equivalent.
- If one of the operands is of type `bool` and the other is not, the program is ill-formed.
- If both operands have arithmetic types, or if one operand has unscoped enumeration type and the other has integral type, the usual arithmetic conversions are applied to the operands, and then
- If a narrowing conversion is required, other than from an integral type to a floating point type, the program is ill-formed.



Operators iv

- Comma: used to separate two or more expressions that are included where only one expression is expected. When the set of expressions has to be evaluated for a value, only the right-most expression is considered.
`a = (b=3, b+2); // a: 5`
- Bitwise: `&` (AND), `|` (OR), `^` (XOR), `~` (NOT), `<<` (shift left), `>>` (shift right)
- Explicit type casting `(type)`
 - `type_t a = (type_t) b;`
 - casting `float` to `int`, cuts fractional part (round down)
- Streaming `<<` `>>`
- `sizeof`: returns size in byte of object or type
- Scope: `::` see OOP



- Member Access: `[]` `*` `&` `.` `->` `.*` `->*` see OOP
- (de)allocation: `new` `delete` see OOP

Basic IO

- C++ uses abstraction called *streams* for sequential media
- a program can insert or extract characters from a stream sequentially
- Streams from the standard library `#include <iostream>`
 - `std::cin` Standard input stream
 - `std::cout` Standard output stream
 - `std::cerr` Standard error output stream
 - `std::clog` Standard logging output stream



Standard Output

- screen / terminal / (fd 1)
- insert text with insertion operator `<<` . Chaining possible
- newline `\n` (for Linux, other platforms: `\r\n` (windows) or `\r` (mac)) or `std::endl` (appropriate for platform)
- output is buffered. `std::endl` flushes the buffer, forces all remaining characters to be written.



Standard Input

- keyboard / terminal (fd 0)
- read text with extraction operator `>>` followed by a variable to store the value
- input is automatically interpreted depending on variable type. fails silently on malformed input -> introduces ub
- chaining is possible. filling fist variable first. separation by space, tab, or new-line
- "Problem" with strings: separation by space characters lets you only read a single word, not whole sentences or lines. Solution:
`std::getline(std::cin, mystr);`



String Streams

- stringstreams from `#include <sstream>` allows strings to be treated as streams. Allowing to insert and extract from, which is useful but no limited to converting strings to numeric values.
- String-Conversion also with
 - `std::stoi()` : String to Int
 - `std::stol()` : String to Long
 - `std::stof()` : String to Float
 - `std::stod()` : String to Double
 - `std::to_string()` : X to String

