**Overview of Basic Concepts in C++ - Chapter 3**

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Chapters 2 – 5 discuss some basic concepts about C++. All of the details in the book are not being covered here, only those that are new or important.

## The getche() Function

getche() takes input from the user and directly assigns it to a char variable without waiting for the enter key to be pressed, like cin does. It also echoes the input onto the screen unlike the getch() function.

## Conditional Operator

The following if-else statement is of a type that is very common in programming:

if (a<b) min = a;  
else min = b;

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This is so common that a compressed way to express it has been invented, known as the conditional operator.

Min = (alpha<beta) ? alpha : beta;

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