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2 // Section 5 - Structure of a C++ program
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4 Keywords:
5 Part of the vocabulary.
6 Reserved and cannot be redefined
7 C++ has about 90
8 C has 32
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10 Identifiers:
11 Something that the programmer names, like variable names
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13 Operators:
14 +,-,*,/
15 << Stream insertion operator
16 >> Stream extraction operator
17 :: Scope resolution operator
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19 Punctuation:
20 Semicolons, braces, quotes, etc
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22 Syntax:
23 The structure and the meaning of what you want the compiler to understand
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25 // Preprocessor
26 What is it?
27 Processes the source code before the compilers sees it
28 Strips comments and replaces them with a single space
29 Looks for directives that start with #
30 #include #if #elif #else #endif
31 #ifdef #ifndef #define #undef #line
32 #error #pragma
33 The preprocessor does not understand C++
34 It just follows the directives and gets things ready for the compiler
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36 // Comments
37 Single line comments start with a //
38 MultiLine comments are old C style /* */
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40 // The main() function
41 Every C++ must have exactly one main() somewhere
42 must be in lowercase letters
43 OS calls main(){} and the code in the {} executes
44 When the code gets to the return statement, it sends the value to the OS
45 Two versions of main:
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47 - this one does not expect any arguments
48 int main(){
49     //code
50     return 0;
51 }
52 program.exe runs with no arguments
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54 - This one expects some arguments from the OS
55 - argc stands for argument count - the number of pieces passed in
56 - The actual arguments are in argv which is an argument vector
57 - It's basically a bunch of strings
58 int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
59     //code
60     return 0;
61 }
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63 program.exe argument1 argument2
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70 // Namespaces
71 Naming conflicts happen when developers name things the same
72 std is the name for the C++ standard namespace
73 Third party frameworks have their own namespaces
74 Use the scope resolution operator to access items in a namespace
75 Namespace::itemWeWantToUse
76 Alternatively add a using namespace directive
77 NOTE: it's poor form to use the std namespace.
78 Use the scope resolution operator and explicitly target your namespaces
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80 // Qualified namespace variant
81 using std::cout;
82 using std::cin;
83 using std::endl;
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85 This way you can target only the items you want out of the namespace
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87 // Basic input and output
88 cout, cin, cerr, and clog are objects that represent streams
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90 cout
91 - standard output stream for the console
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93 cin
94 - standard input stream from the keyboard
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96 <<
97 - insertion operator used with output streams
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99 >>
100 - extraction operator used with input streams
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102 // Insert data into the cout stream:
103 std::cout << "Data is " << variable << std::endl;
104 Note: Does not automatically add line breaks
105 Either use "\n" to add a newline character or
106 std::endl to add a line break and clear the buffer
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108 // Extract data into the cin stream
109 std::cin >> data >> data2;
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111 - Can fail if the entered data cannot be interpreted
112 - This will leave the variables with an undetermined value
113 - The way the information is interpreted is based on the variable type of
114 - The characters entered will only be processed when the enter key is pressed
115 - cin will use whitespace as terminating the values being extracted
116 - this basically means that you can chain values into the input and read into
117 - multiple variables from the same line:
118 value1 value2 value3 // will be read into var1 var2 var3, respectively
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120 characters are read from the keyboard and stored in a buffer (efficiency)
121 items are read from the buffer and it processes what makes sense for the data type
122 Whitespace is ignored (except for the purposes of separating items getting read in)
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124 - If it reads an integer and a double and you input 10.5, it will read the 10
125 - and then the .5 into the double

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