

Introduction to C/C++ Programming

CS5008/CS5009

Objectives

- Discover what a compiler is and what it does
- Examine a C++ program
- Explore how a C++ program is processed
- Learn what an algorithm is and explore problem-solving techniques
- Become aware of structured design and object-oriented design programming methodologies
- Become aware of Standard C++, ANSI/ISO Standard C++, and C++11

Introduction

- Without software, the computer is useless
- Software is developed with programming languages
 - C++ is a programming language
- C++ suited for a wide variety of programming tasks

Elements of a Computer System

- Hardware
- CPU
- Main memory
- Secondary storage
- Input/Output devices
- Software

Hardware

- CPU
- Main memory: RAM
- Input/output devices
- Secondary storage

Central Processing Unit and Main Memory

- Central processing unit
 - Brain of the computer
 - Most expensive piece of hardware
 - Carries out arithmetic and logical operations

Central Processing Unit and Main Memory (cont'd.)

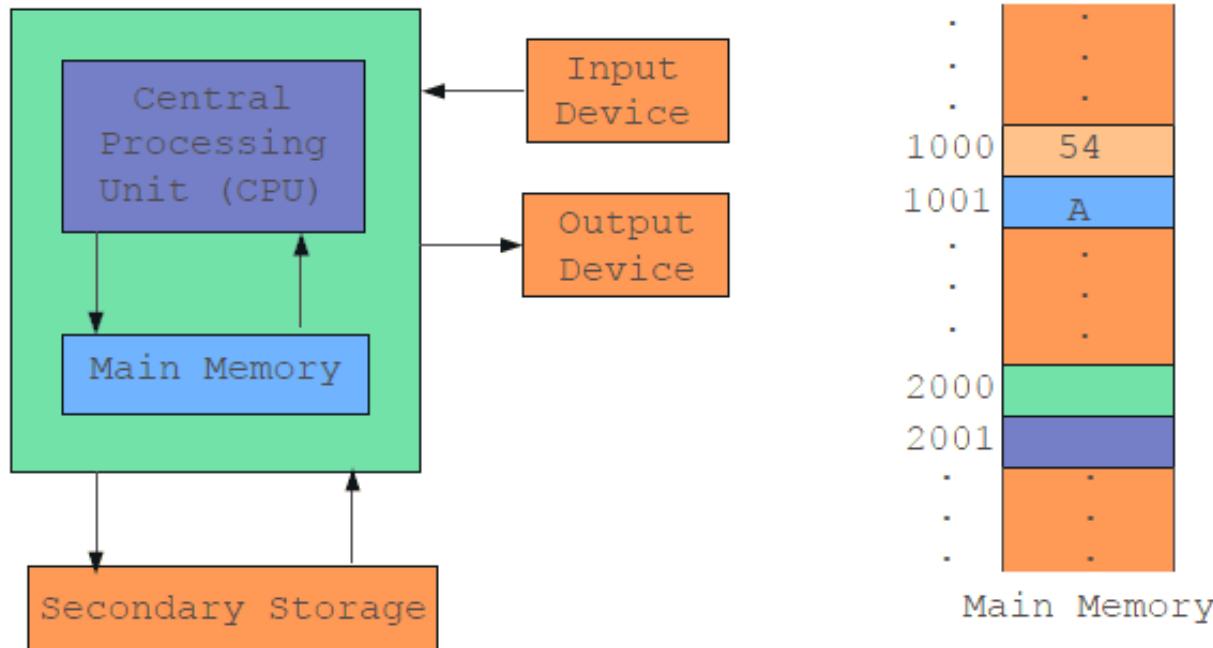


FIGURE 1-1 Hardware components of a computer and main memory

Central Processing Unit and Main Memory (cont'd.)

- Random access memory
 - Directly connected to the CPU
 - All programs must be loaded into main memory before they can be executed
 - All data must be brought into main memory before it can be manipulated
 - When computer power is turned off, everything in main memory is lost

Central Processing Unit and Main Memory (cont'd.)

- Main memory is an ordered sequence of memory cells
 - Each cell has a unique location in main memory, called the address of the cell
- Each cell can contain either a programming instruction or data

Secondary Storage

- Secondary storage: device that stores information permanently
- Examples of secondary storage:
 - Hard disks
 - Flash drives
 - Floppy disks
 - Zip disks
 - CD-ROMs
 - Tapes

Input/Output Devices

- Input devices feed data and programs into computers
 - Keyboard
 - Mouse
 - Secondary storage
- Output devices display results
 - Monitor
 - Printer
 - Secondary storage

Software

- Software: programs that do specific tasks
- System programs control the computer
 - Operating system monitors the overall activity of the computer and provides services such as:
 - Memory management
 - Input/output activities
 - Storage management
- Application programs perform a specific task
 - Word processors
 - Spreadsheets
 - Games

The Language of a Computer

- Analog signals: continuous wave forms
- Digital signals: sequences of 0s and 1s
- Machine language: language of a computer; a sequence of 0s and 1s
- Binary digit (bit): the digit 0 or 1
- Binary code (binary number): a sequence of 0s and 1s

The Language of a Computer (cont'd.)

- Byte:
 - A sequence of eight bits
 - Kilobyte (KB): 2^{10} bytes = 1024 bytes
 - ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
 - 128 characters
 - A is encoded as 1000001 (66th character)
 - 3 is encoded as 0110011

The Language of a Computer (cont'd.)

TABLE 1-1 Binary Units

Unit	Symbol	Bits/Bytes
Byte		8 bits
Kilobyte	KB	2^{10} bytes = 1024 bytes
Megabyte	MB	1024 KB = 2^{10} KB = 2^{20} bytes = 1,048,576 bytes
Gigabyte	GB	1024 MB = 2^{10} MB = 2^{30} bytes = 1,073,741,824 bytes
Terabyte	TB	1024 GB = 2^{10} GB = 2^{40} bytes = 1,099,511,627,776 bytes
Petabyte	PB	1024 TB = 2^{10} TB = 2^{50} bytes = 1,125,899,906,842,624 bytes
Exabyte	EB	1024 PB = 2^{10} PB = 2^{60} bytes = 1,152,921,504,606,846,976 bytes
Zettabyte	ZB	1024 EB = 2^{10} EB = 2^{70} bytes = 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424 bytes

The Evolution of Programming Languages

- Early computers were programmed in machine language
- To calculate $wages = rate * hours$ in machine language:

100100 010001 //Load

100110 010010 //Multiply

100010 010011 //Store

The Evolution of Programming Languages (cont'd.)

- Assembly language instructions are mnemonic
- Assembler: translates a program written in assembly language into machine language
- Using assembly language instructions, wages = rate • hours can be written as:

LOAD rate

MULT hour

STOR wages

The Evolution of Programming Languages (cont'd.)

- High-level languages include Basic, FORTRAN, COBOL, Pascal, C, C++, C#, and Java
- Compiler: translates a program written in a high-level language into machine language
- The equation $wages = rate \cdot hours$ can be written in C++ as:

```
wages = rate * hours;
```

Processing a C++ Program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "My first C++ program." << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sample Run:

My first C++ program.

Processing a C++ Program (cont'd.)

- To execute a C++ program:
 - Use an editor to create a source program in C++
 - Preprocessor directives begin with # and are processed by the preprocessor
 - Use the compiler to:
 - Check that the program obeys the language rules
 - Translate into machine language (object program)

Processing a C++ Program (cont'd.)

- To execute a C++ program (cont'd.):
 - Linker:
 - Combines object program with other programs provided by the SDK to create executable code
 - Library: contains prewritten code you can use
 - Loader:
 - Loads executable program into main memory
 - The last step is to execute the program
- Some IDEs do all this with a Build or Rebuild command

Processing a C++ Program (cont'd.)

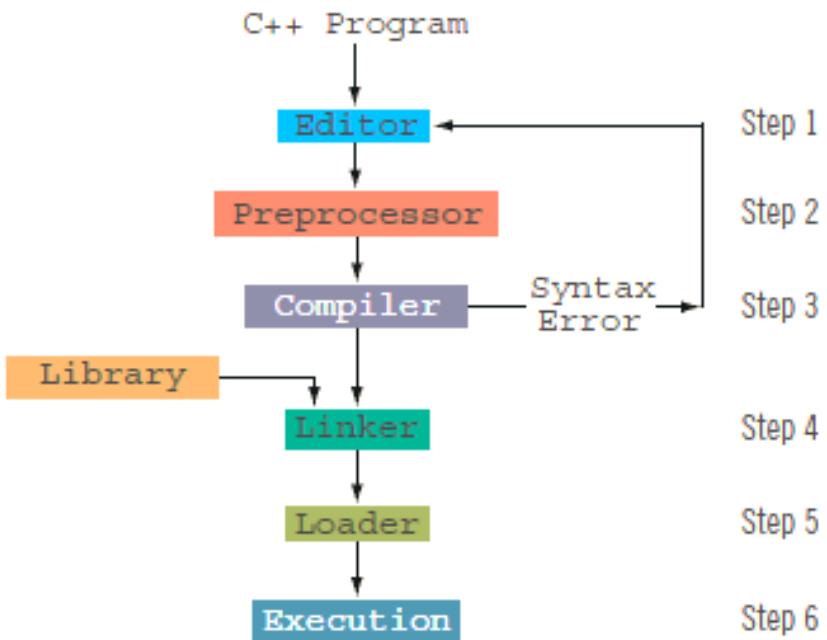
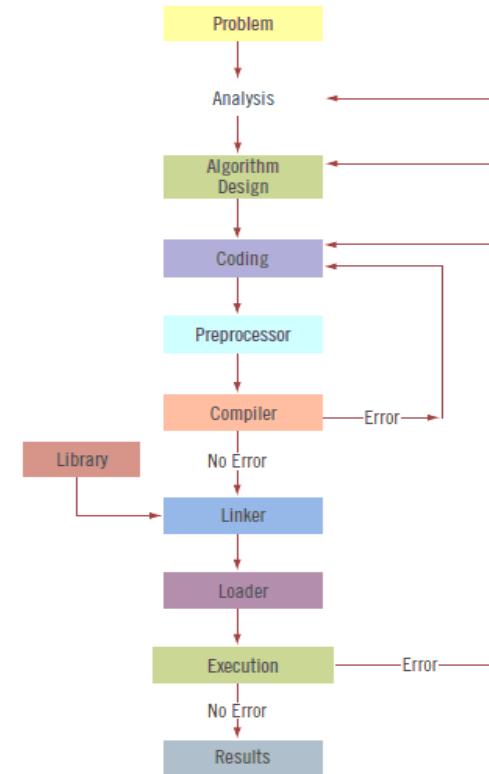


FIGURE 1-2 Processing a C++ program

Programming with the Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle

- Algorithm:
 - Step-by-step problem-solving process
 - Solution achieved in finite amount of time
- Programming is a process of problem solving

FIGURE 1-3 Problem analysis–coding–execution cycle



The Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle (cont'd.)

- Step 1: Analyze the problem
 - Outline the problem and its requirements
 - Design steps (algorithm) to solve the problem
- Step 2: Implement the algorithm
 - Implement the algorithm in code
 - Verify that the algorithm works
- Step 3: Maintain
 - Use and modify the program if the problem domain changes

The Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle (cont'd.)

- Thoroughly understand the problem and all requirements
 - Does program require user interaction?
 - Does program manipulate data?
 - What is the output?
- If the problem is complex, divide it into subproblems
 - Analyze and design algorithms for each subproblem
- Check the correctness of algorithm
 - Can test using sample data
 - Some mathematical analysis might be required

The Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle (cont'd.)

- Once the algorithm is designed and correctness verified
 - Write the equivalent code in high-level language
 - Enter the program using text editor

The Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle (cont'd.)

- Run code through compiler
- If compiler generates errors
 - Look at code and remove errors
 - Run code again through compiler
- If there are no syntax errors
 - Compiler generates equivalent machine code
 - Linker links machine code with system resources

The Problem Analysis–Coding–Execution Cycle (cont'd.)

- Once compiled and linked, loader can place program into main memory for execution
- The final step is to execute the program
- Compiler guarantees that the program follows the rules of the language
 - Does not guarantee that the program will run correctly

Programming Methodologies

- Two popular approaches to programming design
 - Structured
 - Object-oriented

Structured Programming

- Structured design:
 - Dividing a problem into smaller subproblems
- Structured programming:
 - Implementing a structured design
- The structured design approach is also called:
 - Top-down (or bottom-up) design
 - Stepwise refinement
 - Modular programming

Object-Oriented Programming

- Object-oriented design (OOD)
 - Identify components called objects
 - Determine how objects interact with each other
- Specify relevant data and possible operations to be performed on that data
- Each object consists of data and operations on that data

Object-Oriented Programming (cont'd.)

- An object combines data and operations on the data into a single unit
- A programming language that implements OOD is called an object-oriented programming (OOP) language
- Must learn how to represent data in computer memory, how to manipulate data, and how to implement operations

A Quick Look at a C++ Program

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    double length;
    double width;
    double area;
    double perimeter;

    cout << "Program to compute and output the perimeter and "
        << "area of a rectangle." << endl;

    length = 6.0;
    width = 4.0;
    perimeter = 2 * (length + width);
    area = length * width;

    cout << "Length = " << length << endl;
    cout << "Width = " << width << endl;
    cout << "Perimeter = " << perimeter << endl;
    cout << "Area = " << area << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

(cont'd.)

- Sample run:

Program to compute and output the perimeter and area of a rectangle.

Length = 6

Width = 4

Perimeter = 20

Area = 24

(cont'd.)

```
*****  
// Given the length and width of a rectangle, this C++ program  
// computes and outputs the perimeter and area of the rectangle.  
*****
```

Comments

```
#include <iostream>  
  
using namespace std;  
  
int main()  
{  
    double length;  
    double width;  
    double area;  
    double perimeter;
```

Variable declarations. A statement such as
`double length;`
instructs the system to allocate memory
space and name it `length`.

```
cout << "Program to compute and output the perimeter and "  
     << "area of a rectangle." << endl;
```

```
length = 6.0;
```

Assignment statement. This statement instructs the system
to store 6.0 in the memory space `length`.

A Quick Look at a C++ Program(cont'd.)

```
width = 4.0;  
perimeter = 2 * (length + width);  
area = length * width; // Assignment statement.  
cout << "Length = " << length << endl;  
cout << "Width = " << width << endl;  
cout << "Perimeter = " << perimeter << endl;  
cout << "Area = " << area << endl; // Output statements. An  
// output statement instructs the system to display results.  
  
return 0;  
}
```

FIGURE 2-1 Various parts of a C++ program

A Quick Look at a C++ Program(cont'd.)

- Variable: a memory location whose contents can be changed



Figure 2-2 Memory allocation



Figure 2-3 Memory spaces after the statement `length = 6.0;`
executes

The Basics of a C++ Program

- Function (or subprogram): collection of statements; when executed, accomplishes something
 - May be predefined or standard
- Syntax rules: rules that specify which statements (instructions) are legal or valid
- Semantic rules: determine the meaning of the instructions
- Programming language: a set of rules, symbols, and special words

Comments

- Comments are for the reader, not the compiler
- Two types:
 - Single line: begin with //

// This is a C++ program.

// Welcome to C++ Programming.

- Multiple line: enclosed between /* and */

/*

You can include comments that can
occupy several lines.

*/

Special Symbols

- Token: the smallest individual unit of a program written in any language
- C++ tokens include special symbols, word symbols, and identifiers
- Special symbols in C++ include:

+ - * /
.
<= != == >=

Reserved Words (Keywords)

- Reserved word symbols (or keywords):
 - Cannot be redefined within program
 - Cannot be used for anything other than their intended use

Examples:

- int
- float
- double
- char
- const
- void
- return

Identifiers

- Identifier: the name of something that appears in a program
 - Consists of letters, digits, and the underscore character (_)
 - Must begin with a letter or underscore
- C++ is case sensitive
 - NUMBER is not the same as number
- Two predefined identifiers are cout and cin
- Unlike reserved words, predefined identifiers may be redefined, but it is not a good idea

Identifiers (cont'd.)

- Legal identifiers in C++:
 - first
 - conversion
 - payRate

TABLE 2-1 Examples of Illegal Identifiers

Illegal Identifier	Description
<code>employee Salary</code>	There can be no space between <code>employee</code> and <code>Salary</code> .
<code>Hello!</code>	The exclamation mark cannot be used in an identifier.
<code>one + two</code>	The symbol <code>+</code> cannot be used in an identifier.
<code>2nd</code>	An identifier cannot begin with a digit.

Whitespaces

- Every C++ program contains whitespaces
 - Include blanks, tabs, and newline characters
- Used to separate special symbols, reserved words, and identifiers
- Proper utilization of whitespaces is important
 - Can be used to make the program more readable

Data Types

- Data type: set of values together with a set of operations
- C++ data types fall into three categories:
 - Simple data type
 - Structured data type
 - Pointers

Simple Data Types

- Three categories of simple data
 - Integral: integers (numbers without a decimal)
 - Can be further categorized:
 - `char`, `short`, `int`, `long`, `bool`, `unsigned char`, `unsigned short`,
`unsigned int`, `unsigned long`
 - Floating-point: decimal numbers
 - Enumeration type: user-defined data type

Simple Data Types (cont'd.)

TABLE 2-2 Values and Memory Allocation for Simple Data Types

Data Type	Values	Storage (in bytes)
<code>int</code>	$-2147483648 (= -2^{31})$ to $2147483647 (= 2^{31} - 1)$	4
<code>bool</code>	<code>true</code> and <code>false</code>	1
<code>char</code>	$-128 (= -2^7)$ to $127 (= 2^7 - 1)$	1
<code>long long</code>	$-9223372036854775808 (-2^{63})$ to $9223372036854775807 (2^{63} - 1)$	64

- Different compilers may allow different ranges of values

Floating-Point Data Types (cont'd.)

- Maximum number of significant digits (decimal places) for float values: 6 or 7
- Maximum number of significant digits for double: 15
- Precision: maximum number of significant digits
 - Float values are called single precision
 - Double values are called double precision

Type Conversion (Casting)

- Implicit type coercion: when value of one type is automatically changed to another type
- Cast operator: provides explicit type conversion

```
static_cast<dataTypeName>(expression)
```

Type Conversion (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 2-9

Expression	Evaluates to
<code>static_cast<int>(7.9)</code>	7
<code>static_cast<int>(3.3)</code>	3
<code>static_cast<double>(25)</code>	25.0
<code>static_cast<double>(5 + 3)</code>	= <code>static_cast<double>(8) = 8.0</code>
<code>static_cast<double>(15) / 2</code>	= <code>15.0 / 2</code> (because <code>static_cast<double>(15) = 15.0</code>) = <code>15.0 / 2.0 = 7.5</code>
<code>static_cast<double>(15 / 2)</code>	= <code>static_cast<double>(7)</code> (because <code>15 / 2 = 7</code>) = 7.0
<code>static_cast<int>(7.8 +</code> <code>static_cast<double>(15) / 2)</code>	= <code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + 7.5)</code> = <code>static_cast<int>(15.3)</code> = 15
<code>static_cast<int>(7.8 +</code> <code>static_cast<double>(15 / 2))</code>	= <code>static_cast<int>(7.8 + 7.0)</code> = <code>static_cast<int>(14.8)</code> = 14

string Type

- Programmer-defined type supplied in ANSI/ISO Standard C++ library
- Sequence of zero or more characters enclosed in double quotation marks
- Null (or empty): a string with no characters
- Each character has a relative position in the string
 - Position of first character is 0
- Length of a string is number of characters in it
 - Example: length of "William Jacob" is 13

Variables, Assignment Statements, and Input Statements

- Data must be loaded into main memory before it can be manipulated
- Storing data in memory is a two-step process:
 - Instruct computer to allocate memory
 - Include statements to put data into memory

Allocating Memory with Constants and Variables

- Named constant: memory location whose content can't change during execution

```
const dataType identifier = value;
```

- Syntax to declare a named constant:

EXAMPLE 2-11

Consider the following C++ statements:

```
const double CONVERSION = 2.54;
const int NO_OF_STUDENTS = 20;
const char BLANK = ' ';
```

Allocating Memory with Constants and Variables (cont'd.)

- Variable: memory location whose content may change during execution
- Syntax `dataType identifier, identifier, . . .;`

EXAMPLE 2-12

Consider the following statements:

```
double amountDue;  
int counter;  
char ch;  
int x, y;  
string name;
```

Assignment Statement (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 2-13

Suppose you have the following variable declarations:

```
int num1, num2;  
double sale;  
char first;  
string str;
```

Now consider the following assignment statements:

```
num1 = 4;  
num2 = 4 * 5 - 11;  
sale = 0.02 * 1000;  
first = 'D';  
str = "It is a sunny day.;"
```

Input (Read) Statement

- `cin` is used with `>>` to gather input

```
cin >> variable >> variable ...;
```

- This is called an input (read) statement
- The stream extraction operator is `>>`
- For example, if `miles` is a double variable

```
cin >> miles;
```

- Causes computer to get a value of type `double` and places it in the variable `miles`

EXAMPLE 2-17

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int feet;
    int inches;

    cout << "Enter two integers separated by one or more spaces: ";
    cin >> feet >> inches;
    cout << endl;

    cout << "Feet = " << feet << endl;
    cout << "Inches = " << inches << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Sample Run: In this sample run, the user input is shaded.

```
Enter two integers separated by one or more spaces: 23 7
Feet = 23
Inches = 7
```

Output

- The syntax of cout and << is:

```
cout << expression or manipulator << expression or manipulator...;
```

- Called an output statement
- The stream insertion operator is <<
- Expression evaluated and its value is printed at the current cursor position on the screen

Output (cont'd.)

- A manipulator is used to format the output
 - Example: endl causes insertion point to move to beginning of next line

EXAMPLE 2-21

Consider the following statements. The output is shown to the right of each statement.

Statement	Output
1 cout << 29 / 4 << endl;	7
2 cout << "Hello there." << endl;	Hello there.
3 cout << 12 << endl;	12
4 cout << "4 + 7" << endl;	4 + 7
5 cout << 4 + 7 << endl;	11
6 cout << 'A' << endl;	A
7 cout << "4 + 7 = " << 4 + 7 << endl;	4 + 7 = 11
8 cout << 2 + 3 * 5 << endl;	17
9 cout << "Hello \nthere." << endl;	Hello there.

Output (cont'd.)

TABLE 2-4 Commonly Used Escape Sequences

	Escape Sequence	Description
\n	Newline	Cursor moves to the beginning of the next line
\t	Tab	Cursor moves to the next tab stop
\b	Backspace	Cursor moves one space to the left
\r	Return	Cursor moves to the beginning of the current line (not the next line)
\\\	Backslash	Backslash is printed
\'	Single quotation	Single quotation mark is printed
\\"	Double quotation	Double quotation mark is printed

Preprocessor Directives

- C++ has a small number of operations
- Many functions and symbols needed to run a C++ program are provided as collection of libraries
- Every library has a name and is referred to by a header file
- Preprocessor directives are commands supplied to the preprocessor program
- All preprocessor commands begin with #
- No semicolon at the end of these commands

Preprocessor Directives (cont'd.)

- Syntax to include a header file:

```
#include <headerFileName>
```

- For example:

```
#include <iostream>
```

- Causes the preprocessor to include the header file `iostream` in the program

- Preprocessor commands are processed before the program goes through the compiler

namespace and Using cin and cout in a Program

- cin and cout are declared in the header file iostream, but within std namespace
- To use cin and cout in a program, use the following two statements:

```
#include <iostream>  
  
using namespace std;
```

Using the string Data Type in a Program

- To use the `string` type, you need to access its definition from the header file `string`
- Include the following preprocessor directive:

```
#include <string>
```

Reference

- C++ Programming: Program Design Including Data Structures, Seventh Edition