

# basics

## BASICS SYNTAXES IN C++

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**Description:** This section will be about the basic operations in c++

### STATEMENTS

**definition :** this is the smallest independent unit of computaion in c++

```
// statement in cpp
std::cout << "Hello, World!" << std::endl;
```

most (but not all) statements in c++ end with a semicolon ;.

### FUNCTION AND MAIN FUNCTION

**definition :** this is a collection of statements that are executed in order sequentially top to bottom.

Every c++ program must have a main function which is the entry point of the program. the name of the function is always **main**. function perform specific jobs.

```
#include <iostream>                // preprocessor directive

int main ()                        // main function
{
    std::cout << "text";           // statement
    return 0;                      // return statement.
}
```

### COMMENTS

**Single line :** // this is a single line comment

**Multiline :** /\*\* multiline comment \*\* /

## OBJECTS AND VARIABLES

C++ access memory for data manipulation through objects

**Object :** Region of storage usually memory that can store data or a value and has other associated properties.

Objects can be named or anonymous. A named object is known as a **variable** and its name is known as an **identifier**

## VARIABLE INSTANTIATION, DEFINITION, TYPES, ASSIGNMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

c++ is statically typed programming language and this means just like in C a variable's type must be stated whenever defining a variable/object

```
int a, b;
double index;
int c; double h;           // correct but not best practice
```

**Instantiation:** at runtime programs are instantiated this is when objects and variables are created and assigned a memory address for future manipulation or access. variables must be instantiated before they can be used to store values. an instantiated object is called an **Instance**.

**Datatypes:** datatypes of an object or variable must be known at compile time and variables only store the data of the same datatype as the variable itself, as stated above (**statically-typed**).

**Variable structure:** variables possess an **identifier**, **type** and **value**.

**Variable declaration:** telling the compiler that a variable exists without allocating memory for it.

**Variable definition:** telling the compiler that a variable exists and allocating memory for it.

**Variable assignment:** assigning a value for a variable to hold in its storage after definition.

```
extern int declared;
int defined;
defined = 0;           //assigned.
defined = 69;          // re-assignment to 69
```