

C++ Input and Output(I/O) as described by ChatGPT 4.0

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"Please describe the use of input and output using variables in C++. Provide working examples."

ChatGPT response:

Understanding Input and Output Using Variables in C++

In C++, input and output operations are performed using **cin** (to take input) and **cout** (to display output). These operations are provided by the **iostream** library.

- cin (Console Input) is used to take input from the user.
- cout (Console Output) is used to display output on the screen.

Basic Example: Taking User Input and Displaying Output

```
#include <iostream> // Include input-output stream library
using namespace std; // Use standard namespace

int main() {
    int age; // Declare an integer variable

    cout << "Enter your age: "; // Prompt user for input
    cin >> age; // Take input and store in the variable

    cout << "You are " << age << " years old." << endl; // Output the entered value
    return 0;
}
```

Explanation:

1. int age; → Declares an integer variable age.
 2. cout << "Enter your age: "; → Prints the message to prompt the user.
 3. cin >> age; → Takes user input and stores it in age.
 4. cout << "You are " << age << " years old."; → Displays the entered value.
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Multiple Variable Input and Output Example

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

int main() {
    string name;
    int age;

    cout << "Enter your name: ";
    cin >> name;

    cout << "Enter your age: ";
    cin >> age;

    cout << "Hello, " << name << "! You are " << age << " years old." << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Key Points:

- **Variables can store different types of data** (e.g., int for numbers, string for text).
 - **Multiple inputs can be taken one after another.**
 - **Use << for output and >> for input.**
 - **Use endl or \n to move to a new line.**
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Handling Input with Spaces (getline Example)

If you want to take a full name as input (including spaces), use `getline()` instead of `cin`:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string> // Required for string operations
using namespace std;

int main() {
    string fullName;

    cout << "Enter your full name: ";
    getline(cin, fullName); // Reads full line input including spaces

    cout << "Your name is: " << fullName << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Why use `getline()`?

- `cin` only takes input until the first space.
 - `getline(cin, variable)` allows multi-word input.
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Conclusion

- **Use cin for simple input** (numbers, single words).
- **Use cout for displaying output.**
- **Use getline(cin, variable) for multi-word strings.**
- **Multiple inputs and outputs can be handled in sequence.**