

# CSCE 240: Advanced Programming Techniques

## Lecture 4: Input and Output, Formatting

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# Organization of Lecture 4

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# Introduction Section

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# Recap of Lecture 3

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- We discussed the concepts of data types, strings
- We discussed the concepts of streams and error handling
- We looked at programs in C++, Java and python on file handling
- Homework assignment - FileBasedCalculator

# Main Section

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# Programming Home Work (#1) – C++

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- Write a program called FileBasedCalculator.
  - It reads three lines from an input file (called input.txt): the operation to be done (add, subtract, multiply or divide), and two integer numbers.
  - It writes two lines to an output file (called output.txt). The first line says – "The result of <operation> on <num1> and <num2> is below". The second line has the result.
- Modify the program so that it can handle missing input file name.

# Peer Review: Homework Assignment #1

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1. Go to spread sheet and on "Homework Assignments - Peer Review" tab
2. Go to the row with your name
3. Peer review (10 mins)
  1. Enter roll number of person on your **LEFT** under "ID of code reviewer"
  2. Share code for the reviewer to see
  3. Reviewer: enter review (1-5)
  4. **Note**: negotiate – review code of neighbor or get own's code reviewed
4. Peer test (10 mins)
  1. Enter roll number of person on your **RIGHT** under "ID of code tester"
  2. Share command line for the tester to see
  3. Tester: enter review (1-5)
  4. **Note**: negotiate – test code of neighbor or get own's code tested

# Peer Reviewing Guideline (10 mins)

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- Look out for
  - Can you understand what the code is doing ?
  - Can you explain the code to someone else (non-coder) ?
  - Can you spot possible issues without running it?
    - Are the variables initialized ?
    - Are files closed?
    - Is their unnecessary code bloat ?
- What not to judge
  - Usage of language features, unless they are inappropriate
- Assign rating
  - 1: code not available
  - 2: code with major issues
  - 3: code with minor issues
  - 4:
  - 5: no issues



# Peer Testing Guideline (10 mins)

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- Look out for
  - Does the program run as the coder wanted it to be (specification) ?
  - Does the program run as the instructor wanted it to be (requirement - customer) ?
  - Does the program terminate abruptly ?
  - Any special feature?
- What not to judge
  - Person writing the code
- Assign rating
  - 1: code not available
  - 2: code runs with major issues (abnormal termination, incomplete features)
  - 3: code runs with minor issues
  - 4:
  - 5: No issues

# Discussion

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- Peer Code Reviewing
- Peer Testing

# Concept: Handling Mixed Types

Make sure children are vaccinated. For best protection, children should get four doses of polio vaccine. Ideally, children should receive a dose at ages 2 months;

- 4 months;
- 6 through 18 months; and
- a booster dose at age 4 through 6 years.



<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/diseases/poliomyelitis>

# Concept: Handling Mixed Types

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# Concept: Data Types

## Common C++ types

Type	Typical Bit Width	Typical Range
char	1byte	-127 to 127 or 0 to 255
unsigned char	1byte	0 to 255
signed char	1byte	-127 to 127
int	4bytes	-2147483648 to 2147483647
unsigned int	4bytes	0 to 4294967295
signed int	4bytes	-2147483648 to 2147483647
short int	2bytes	-32768 to 32767
unsigned short int	2bytes	0 to 65,535
signed short int	2bytes	-32768 to 32767
long int	8bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
signed long int	8bytes	same as long int
unsigned long int	8bytes	0 to 4,294,967,295
long long int	8bytes	-(2 <sup>63</sup> ) to (2 <sup>63</sup> )-1
unsigned long long int	8bytes	0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615
float	4bytes	
double	8bytes	
long double	12bytes	
wchar_t	2 or 4 bytes	1 wide character

**Credit and Reference:** [https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp\\_data\\_types.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_data_types.htm)

# Mixed Data Types

- Examples:
  - Char, string, int, double on the same line
  - Char, string, int, float on different lines
  - Both
- Strategy
  - Read as characters/ strings by line
  - Parse each line
- Assumption
  - Reader has idea of what data type is at a location
- *What if the reader cannot assume?*



<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?chamber=H>

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# Code Demo

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- **Function:** `demoReadMixedFile()`

- Once we have each word, we can convert to specific format based on our expectation of data type expected at that position
- Github: <https://github.com/biplav-s/course-adv-proglang/blob/main/sample-code/CandC%2B%2B/Class3and4%20IO/src/Class3and4%20IO.cpp>

- Question: *What if the reader cannot assume?*

# Type Conversions

- Widening (promotion)

From	To
Any <code>signed</code> or <code>unsigned</code> integral type except <code>long long</code> or <code>__int64</code>	<code>double</code>
<code>bool</code> or <code>char</code>	Any other built-in type
<code>short</code> or <code>wchar_t</code>	<code>int</code> , <code>long</code> , <code>long long</code>
<code>int</code> , <code>long</code>	<code>long long</code>
<code>float</code>	<code>double</code>

- Narrowing conversions (coercion)

Reference and figure credit: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/cpp/type-conversions-and-type-safety-modern-cpp?view=msvc-170>



# Discussion: Sorting of Characters

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- Setting
  - Input: ['a', 'z', 'i']
  - Output: ['a', 'i', 'z']
- Question: can we reuse previous sorting program with minimal change?
  - If yes, how ?

# Concept: Formatted Printing

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# Concept: Error Handling

`%[flags][width][.precision][length]specifier`

specifier	Output	Example
d or i	Signed decimal integer	392
u	Unsigned decimal integer	7235
o	Unsigned octal	610
x	Unsigned hexadecimal integer	7fa
X	Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)	7FA
f	Decimal floating point, lowercase	392.65
F	Decimal floating point, uppercase	392.65
e	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), lowercase	3.9265e+2
E	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), uppercase	3.9265E+2
g	Use the shortest representation: %e or %f	392.65
G	Use the shortest representation: %E or %F	392.65
a	Hexadecimal floating point, lowercase	-0xc.90fep-2
A	Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase	-0XC.90FEP-2
c	Character	a
s	String of characters	sample
p	Pointer address	b8000000
n	Nothing printed. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a signed int. The number of characters written so far is stored in the pointed location.	
%	A % followed by another % character will write a single % to the stream.	%

Reference: Content courtesy - <https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>

# Code Demo

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- **Function:** `demoFormattedPrinting()`
  - C's `printf` / `sprintf` allows fine-grained control and data type specific
  - Has inspired formatting support in other languages

# Discussion: Course Project

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# Course Project – Building and Assembling of Prog. Assignments in Health

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- **Project:** Develop collaborative assistants (chatbots) that offer useful information about diseases
- Specifically, use the CDC dataset on diseases at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/diseases>
  - For polio, it is: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/diseases/poliomyelitis>
  - Each student will choose two diseases (from 47 available).
  - Each student will also use data about the disease from WebMD. Example for polio - <https://www.webmd.com/children/what-is-polio>
  - Programming assignment programs will: (1) extract data about a disease from two sites, (2) process it, (3) make content available in a command-line interface, (4) handle any user query and (5) report on interaction statistics.

# Discussion: Nature and Simplifications

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- Once you select a disease, the content is also fixed.
  - Enter selection in column F of spreadsheet
- Some simplifications
  - **Download local copy** v/s web query
  - **Read static content first**
  - **Handle a subset of content**
  - **Have default handling for questions** the chatbot does not understand
- Do project in a language you are most comfortable with
- Use all advanced programming concepts to simplify coding

# Discussion: Chatbot Loop

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- Input: from user (called utterance)
  - Problem specific query (i.e., about disease chosen)
  - Chitchat
  - Unrelated
- Output: from system (response)
  - Handle unrelated
  - Handle chitchat
  - Answer to query
- **Do it until user say over!**

Handling different data types

Show formatted content!



# Concluding Section

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# Lecture 4: Concluding Comments

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- We experienced peer review on home works
- Discussed the concepts of mixed types
- Discussed formatted printing

# About Next Lecture – Lecture 5

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# Lecture 5: Memory Management

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- Memory management
  - Dynamic object creation
  - Object destruction
- User defined types