



CSCE 240: Advanced Programming Techniques

Lecture 4: Input and Output, Formatting

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Introduction Section

Recap of Lecture 3

- 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

Programming Home Work (#1) – C++

- 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

- 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)

- 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)

- 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

- 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

Туре	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	-(2^63) to (2^63)-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

Common C++ types

Credit and Reference: 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

•Function: demoReadMixedFile()

• Once we have each word, we can convert to specific format based on our expectation of data type expected at that position

•Question: What if the reader cannot assume?

Type Conversions

Widening (promotion)



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

Concept: Formatted Printing

Concept: Error Handling

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

specifier	Output	Example
d <i>or</i> i	Signed decimal integer	392
u	Unsigned decimal integer	7235
0	Unsigned octal	610
х	Unsigned hexadecimal integer	7fa
Χ	Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)	7FA
f	Decimal floating point, lowercase	392.65
F	Decimal floating point, uppercase	392.65
е	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
Α	Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase	-0XC.90FEP-2
С	Character	a
s	String of characters	sample
р	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

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

Discussion: Course Project

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

- 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

- 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

- Input: from user (called utterance)
 - Problem specific query (i.e., about district 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

Lecture 4: Concluding Comments

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

About Next Lecture – Lecture 5

Lecture 5: Memory Management

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