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Input & Output
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    Command Line Arguments
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    -  What & Why?
        - Space-separated strings behind program call
        - Used to send information to a program when it starts

    - How To Access in C++

            $ main.cpp

                #include <iostream>

                int main (int const argc, char const*const* argv) {
                    for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i) {
                        std::cout << argv[i] << '\n';
                    }
                }

        - Names "argc" and "argv" are only a convention     // ???
        - Each element of argv is a C-string:
            - A C-array of char
        - argv
            - Is a C-array of C-strings
        - argv[0]
            - Contains the program call (platform dependent)

    - Conversion to std::string, int, ...

                #include <iostream>

                int main (int const argc, char const*const* argv) {
                    if (argc < 3) {
                        std::cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0]
                                  << " <word> <times>\n";
                        return EXIT_FAILURE;
                    }

                    auto word  = std::string(argv[1]);
                    // atoi: convert string to integer
                    int  times = atoi(argv[2]);

                    for (int i = 0; i < times; ++i) {
                        std::cout << word << ' ';
                    }
                    std::cout << '\n';
                }

    - String -> Number Conversion Functions
        - C-sttings

                #include <cstdlib>

                int    atoi  (char const*);
                long   atoll (char const*);
                double atof  (char const*);
```

- C++11

```
#include <string>

int    stoi (std::string const&);
long   stol (std::string const&);
float  stof (std::string const&);
double stod (std::string const&);
```

- Command Line Argument Parsing Libs
  - e.g., CLIPP
  - Check

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https://hackingcpp.com/cpp/lang/command_line_arguments.html
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File Input & Output

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- Write Text File
  - with std::ofstream (output file stream)

```
#include <fstream>      // file stream header

int main () {
    std::ofstream os {"squares.txt"};   // open file

    // if stream OK = can write to file
    if (os.good()) {
        for (int x = 1; x <= 6; ++x) {
            // write x space x^2 newline
            os << x << ' ' << (x*x) << '\n';
        }
    }
}   // file automatically closed
```

- Read Text File
  - with std::ifstream (input file stream)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>      // file stream header

int main () {
    std::ifstream is {"squares.txt"};   // open file

    // if stream OK = file readable
    if (is.good()) {
        double x, y;
        // as long as any 2 values readable
        while (is >> x >> y) {
            //print pairs (x,y)
            cout << x << "^2 = " << y "\n";
        }
    }
}   // file automatically closed
```

- Open/Close Files
  - At creation/destruction

```
int main (int const argc, char const*const* argv) {
    if (argc > 1) {
        // with C-string
        std::ofstream os { argv[1] };
        ...
    } // automatically closed
    else {
        // with std::string C++11
```

```
                    std::string fn = "test.txt";
                    std::ofstream os { fn };
                    ...
                } // automatically closed
            }
```

- With open and close

```
            void bar () {
                std::ofstream os;
                os.open("squares.txt");
                ...
                os.close();
                // open another file:
                os.open("test.txt");
                ...
                os.close();
            }
```

- File Open Modes
  - Default

```
            ifstream is {"in.txt", ios::in};
            ofstream os {"out.txt", ios::out};  (overwrite existing file)
```

  - Append to existing file

```
            ofstream os {"log.txt", ios::app};
```

  - Binary

```
            ifstream is {"in.jpg", ios::binary};
            ofstream os {"out.jpg", ios::binary};
```

    - Example

```
            #include <iostream>
            #include <fstream>
            #include <cstdint>

            int main (int argc, char* argv[]) {
                if (argc < 3) {
                    std::cerr << "usage: " << argv[0] <<
                              << " <integer> <filename>\n";
                    return 0;
                }
                std:string filename {argv[2]};
                {   // write binary
                    std::uint64_t i = atoi(argv[1]);
                    std::cout << "writing: " << i << " to " << filename
                              << '\n';
                    std::ofstream os {filename, std::ios::binary};
                    if (os.good()) {
                        os.write(reinterpret_cast<char const*>(&i),
                            sizeof(i));
                    }
                }
                {   // read binary
                    std::uint64_t i = 0;
                    std::ifstream is {filename, std::ios::binary};
                    if (is.good()) {
                        is.read(reinterpret_cast<char*>(&i),
                            sizeof(i));
                        std::cout << "read as: " << i << '\n';
                    }
                }
            }
```

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## Stream Input & Output

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### Custom I/O

- Example: Point Coordinate I/O
  - By overloading two functions with names operator<< and operator>>

```
struct point { int x; int y; };

std::ostream& operator << (std::ostream& os, point const& p) {
    return os << '(' << p.x << ',' << p.y << ')';
}

std::istream& operator >> (std::istream& is, point& p) {
    return is >> p.x >> p.y;
}

point p {1,2};
cout << p << '\n';  // prints (1,2)
...
cin >> p;           // reads 2 ints into p.x and p.y
...
```

- Stream Operators
  - Operator functions for stream input/output of objects of type T:

```
std::ostream operator << (std::ostream& os, T const& x) {
    // write to stream ...
    return os;
}

std::istream operator >> (std::istream& is, T& x) {
    // read from stream ...
    return is;
}
```

  - Operators << and >> return a reference (to their stream parameter) to allow operator chaining:

```
cin  >> x >> y;  <->  operator>>( operator>>(cin,  x), y)
cout << x << y;  <->  operator<<( operator<<(cout, x), y)
```

  - There are no default stream operations in the standard library for containers like std::vector
    - Because there are too many possible use cases:
      - Just print values ... separated by what?
      - Format output as plain text / XML / ...
      - (De-)serialize container
      - ...

- (Some) Standard Library Stream Types

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| istream | input stream | reference istream& binds to any other kind of std::input stream |
| ostream | output stream | reference ostream& binds to any other kind of std::output stream |
| ifstream | input file stream | extracted data is read from a file |
| ofstream | output file stream | inserted data is stored in a file |
| ostringstream | output string strm | inserted data is stored in a string buffer |
| istringstream | input string strm | extracted data is read from a string buffer |

### Utilities

- Read Lines With getline

```
std::getline (istream&, string&, stopat='\n')
```

  - Reads until the next stopat character (default = end of line)

```
string s;
getline(cin, s);            // read entire line
getline(cin, s, '\t');      // read until next tab
getline(cin, s, 'a');       // read until next 'a'
```

- Skip Forward With ignore

```
std::istream::ignore(n, c)
```

  - Forwards stream by n characters
  - Until stop character c

```
// skip next 8 characters
cin.ignore(8);

// skip by max. 10 characters or until after '='
cin.ignore(10, '=');

// skip until after next newline character
//      needs: #include <limits>
//      Does not work? outputs all chars before first ' '
cin.ignore(std::numeric_limits<std::streamsize>::max(), '\n');
```

- Formatting Manipulators

```
#include <iomanip>

std::setprecision(n)        // n number of digits
std::fixed                  // fixed number of decimals
std::scientific             // scientific notation
std::boolalpha              // bools as strings
```

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## Recover From Input Stream Errors

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### What's The Problem?

- Example: Successive Inputs

```
int main() {
    cout << "i? ";
    int i = 0;
    cin >> i;           // <- 1st

    cout << "j? ";
    int j = 0;
    cint >> j;          // <- 2nd

    cout << "i: " << i << ", "
         << "j: " << j << '\n';
}
```

  - Invalid input for i
    -> j not read!

- Why Does This Happen?
  - If cin in the following code fragment

```
int i = 0;
```

```
                cin >> i;
```

reads characters that cannot be converted to an int:
(1) cin's FAILBIT is set
(2) cin's buffer content is NOT discarded and still contains the problematic input
(3) any following attempt to read an int from cin will also fail

Solution: Reset Input Stream After Error

(1) Clear cin's failbit
(2) Clear cin's input buffer

- Example

```
void reset_cin () {
    // Clear all error status bits
    cin.clear();
    // Clear input buffer
    cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
}

int main () {
    cout << "i? ";
    int i = 0;
    cin >> i;           // <- 1st

    if (cin.fail()) reset_cin();

    cout << "j? ";
    int j = 0;
    cin >> j;           // <- 2nd

    cout << "i: " << i << ", "
         << "j: " << j << '\n';
}
```