

# Programming with C++

## COMP2011: C++ Basics

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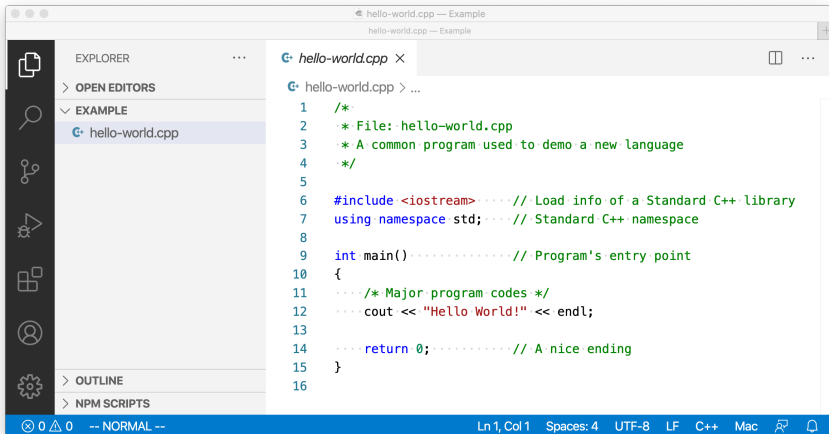


- Just like different **human languages** (e.g. Chinese, English, Japanese, French, etc.), each **programming language** (e.g. Pascal, C++, Java, etc.) has its own
  - **vocabulary** = the set of legal “words”
  - grammar or **syntax**: how “words” are put together to make a legal “sentence”
- A **program** consists of a sequence of **statements** (c.f. sentence in human language)
- Some parts of a **statement** are called **expressions** (c.f. phrase in human language). e.g.
  - **logical expression**:  $x > y$
  - **arithmetic expression**:  $5 + 4$

# Part I

## A Simple C++ Program

# Visual Studio Code: hello-world.cpp



```
1  /*
2  * File: hello-world.cpp
3  * A common program used to demo a new language
4  */
5
6  #include <iostream> .....//Load info of a Standard C++ library
7  using namespace std; .....//Standard C++ namespace
8
9  int main() .....//Program's entry point
10 {
11     ....// Major program codes */
12     ....cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
13
14     ....return 0; .....// A nice ending
15 }
16
```

# Write, Compile, and Run a Program in a Terminal

STEP 1 : Write the program using an **editor**.

e.g., **Visual Studio Code** (Microsoft), **Eclipse**, **vi** (Unix/Linux), or even **MS Word**.

STEP 2 : Save the program into a file called **hello-world.cpp**.

STEP 3 : Compile the program using **g++** compiler.

```
g++ -o hello-world hello-world.cpp
```

If you don't specify the output filename using the **"-o"** option, the default is **a.out**.

```
g++ hello-world.cpp
```

STEP 4 : Run the program in a terminal (command window):

```
linux::~ hello-world  
Hello World!
```

# Example: Addition of 2 Numbers

```
/* File: add.cpp */
#include <iostream>      // Load info of a Standard C++ library
using namespace std;    // Standard C++ namespace

int main()              // Program's entry point
{
    /* Major program codes */
    cout << "123 + 456 = " << 123 + 456 << endl;

    return 0;           // A nice ending
}
```

# Main: the Entry Point

- Every program must have exactly one and only one `main()` function.

## Simple Form of the `main` Function

```
int main ( ) { ... }
```

## General Form of the `main` Function

```
int main (int argc, char** argv) { ... }
```

(We'll talk about `argc` and `argv` later.)

- Between the braces “{” and “}” are the program codes consisting of zero or more program **statements**.
- Each simple C++ statement ends in a semicolon “;”.

- Use `/* ... */` for **multiple-line comments**.

```
/*  
 * A common program used to demo a new language  
 */
```

- **Single-line comments** start with `//`.

```
// Program's entry point
```

- Comments are just for human to read.
- They will **not** be translated by the compiler into machine codes.



# #include and Standard C++ Libraries

- `#include` will include information of a **library** — a collection of sub-programs. e.g. `#include <iostream>` gets the information of the **standard C++ library** called **iostream** that deals with I/O:
  - **cin**: an object to read, e.g., from the keyboard or file
  - **cout**: an object to print to, e.g., to the screen or file
  - **cerr**: an object to print error message, e.g., to the screen or file

## Examples

```
// endl means "end of a line"
cout << "Einstein: God does not play dice." << endl;

// You may also break down the message in several lines
cerr << "Error: "
      << "There is no stress and tension in HKUST!"
      << endl;
```

- These library information files are called **header files**.

# #include and User-defined Header Files

- #include causes the contents of the specified header file to be inserted into the original file.
- You may create your *own* header files, which contain the definition or declaration of some objects and data structures.
- Again you need to use #include to include them into your sub-programs.
- Example: `#include "drawing.h"` gets the information of a *user-defined C++ library* about drawing.
- By convention, the name of a *header file* ends in ".h" or ".hpp", while *Standard C++ library* header files have *no* file suffix.
- Also by convention, a *header file* created by users is delimited by double-quotes "...", while *Standard C++ library* header files by *< ... >*.

# C++ is a Free Format Language

- Extra blanks, tabs, lines are ignored.
- Thus, codes may be indented in any way to enhance readability.
- More than one statement can be on one line.
- Here is the same Hello World program:

```
#include <iostream> /* File: hello-world-too.cpp */  
using namespace std; int main (int argc,  
    char** argv) { cout<<"Hello World!"<<endl;return 0;}
```

- On the other hand, a single statement may be spread over several lines.

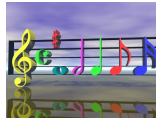
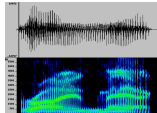
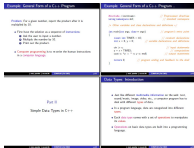
```
cout << "Hello World!"  
    << endl;
```

# Good Programming Style

- Place **each** statement on a line by itself.
- For **long** statements
  - if possible, break it down into several shorter statements.
  - wrap it around with proper indentation (since extra space doesn't matter!)
- Use blank lines to **separate** sections of related codes that together perform some action.
- **Indent consistently**. Use the same indentation for the same block of codes.

# Part II

## Simple C++ Data Types: Integers, Characters, and Strings



# Data Types: Introduction

- The Web has to deal with different **multimedia data**: text, sound/music, image, video, etc., and they can only be read/viewed with different softwares such as MS Notepad, Acrobat Reader, RealPlayer, etc.
- Similarly, a **computer program** has to deal with different **types** of data. In a **programming language**, data are categorized into different **types**.
- Each **data type** comes with a set of **operations** for manipulating its **values**. **Operations** on **basic data types** are built into a **programming language**.

# Integers, Characters, Character Strings

- **Integers**

- Examples: ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...
- C++ type name: **int**

- **Characters**

- Examples: 'a', 'b', '4'
- Represent a single character by delimiting it in **single quotes**.
- For special characters, use the escape character **\**. e.g.

<b>'\t'</b>	=	tab	<b>'\n'</b>	=	newline
<b>'\b'</b>	=	backspace	<b>'\0'</b>	=	null character

- C++ type name: **char**

- **Character Strings**

- Examples: "hkust", "How are you?", "500 dollars"
- Character strings are **not** a basic data type in C++.
- They are **sequences** of basic **char** data.

**Note:** There is a **string** library that defines **string** objects which are more than a character string. (More about it later.)

# How Numbers are Represented in Computers: Binary Numbers

- Computer uses **binary** numbers (base 2) to represent data.
- In the **decimal** system:  $423_{10} = 4 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0$ .
- In the **binary** system:
  - A digit has only **2** possibilities:  $\{0,1\}$ .
  - Example:  $101_2 = 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$
  - Thus, the maximum  $N$ -digit number in base 2 =
  - A **binary digit** is aka **bit**.
  - 8 bits = 1 **byte**.  
(smallest amount of data that a computer can “*bite*” at once.)



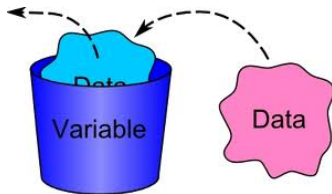
# Relation between Characters and Integers

- In C++, a **char** datum is represented by 1 byte (8 bits).
- **Question**: How many different characters can 8 bits represent?
- Put it in another way, a char datum is encoded by one of the possible 8-bit patterns.
- The most common **encoding scheme** is called ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange).
- Since a computer only recognizes bits, a **char** datum may also be **interpreted** as an **integer**!

CHARACTER	ASCII CODE	INTEGRAL VALUE
'0'	00110000	48
'1'	00110001	49
'9'	00111001	57
'?'	00111111	63
'A'	01000001	65
'B'	01000010	66
'Z'	01011010	90
'a'	01100000	97
'b'	01100001	98
'z'	01111010	122

## Part III

# C++ Variables



# Motivation Example: Addition of 2 Numbers Again

## Example: Add 2 Numbers

```
/* File: add.cpp */
#include <iostream>      // Load info of a Standard C++ library
using namespace std;    // Standard C++ namespace

int main()              // Program's entry point
{
    /* Major program codes */
    cout << "123 + 456 = " << 123 + 456 << endl;

    return 0;           // A nice ending
}
```

- In this old example, the 2 numbers to be added are hard-coded into the program file.
- Can we write a program that takes 2 arbitrarily numbers to add?

$$f(x) = x^2 + c$$

where

- $f$  : name of a function
- $x$  : name of a variable
- $c$  : name of a constant

In programming languages, these “names” are called **identifiers**.

# Rules for Making up Identifier Names

- Only the following characters may appear in an identifier:

0–9, a–z, A–Z, \_

- The **first** character cannot be a digit (0–9).
- C++ keyword — **reserved words** — are not allowed.
- Examples: amount, COMP2011, \_myname\_
- C++ identifiers are **case-sensitive**: lowercase and uppercase letters are considered **different**.

⇒ hkust, HKUST, HkUst, HKust are **different** identifiers.

- Examples of illegal C++ identifiers:
- Guidelines:
  - use meaningful names. e.g. **amount** instead of **a**
  - for long names consisting of several words, use '\_' to separate them or **capitalize** them. e.g. **num\_of\_students** or **numOfStudents** instead of numofstudents.
  - usually identifiers starting with '\_' are used for **system** variables.

# Reserved Words in C++

asm	auto	bool	break	case
catch	char	class	const	const_cast
continue	default	delete	do	double
dynamic_cast	else	enum	explicit	extern
false	float	for	friend	goto
if	inline	int	long	mutable
namespace	new	operator	private	public
protected	register	reinterpret	return	short
signed	sizeof	static	static_cast	struct
switch	template	this	throw	true
try	typedef	typeid	typename	union
unsigned	using	virtual	void	volatile
wchar_t	while			

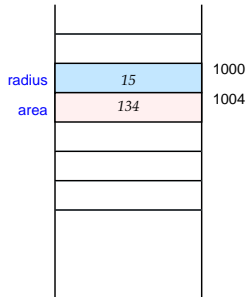
# Introduction to Variables

- Name: Chan Tai Man's home
- Address: Unit X, Kam Wah House, Choi Hung Estate, Kowloon
- Content: Chan's family



# Variables

A **variable** is a **named memory location** for a value that we can write to, retrieve from, and manipulate.



- It can be thought of as a container/box for a value.
- A variable must be **declared** and/or **defined** before it can be used.

## Syntax: Variable Definition

`<data-type> <identifier> ;`

## Examples

```
int radius = 10, sum = 0;
```



# Variable Declaration/Definitions

Syntax: Defining **Several** Variables of the **Same** Type at Once

<data-type> <identifier1>, <identifier2>, ... ;

## Examples

```
int radius, num_of_words;  
char choice, gender, pass_or_fail;
```

- When a variable is **defined**, the compiler **allocates memory** for it.
- The amount of memory is equal to the size of its data type.

*\*\* Some books will call this variable declaration. Actually there is a big difference between variable declaration and variable definition. We'll talk about that later. When a variable is defined, it is also declared. The other way is not true.*

## Syntax: Initialize Variables While they Are Defined

<data-type> <identifier> = <value> ;

- Several variables of the same type may also be initialized at the same time. e.g.

```
int radius = 10, sum = 0;
```

- A variable may also be initialized by a separate **assignment statement** after it is defined: e.g.

```
int radius;    // Variable definition  
radius = 5;    // Initialization by assignment
```

- ANSI C++ does not require compilers to initialize variables.
- Thus, in general, if you do not explicitly initialize variables while you are defining them, their initial contents may be **garbage**. (Global variables are an exception.)

# Example: Addition of 2 Numbers Using Variables

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: add-var.cpp */
using namespace std;

int main()               // Program's entry point
{
    int x, y;            // Define 2 variables to hold the int values to add

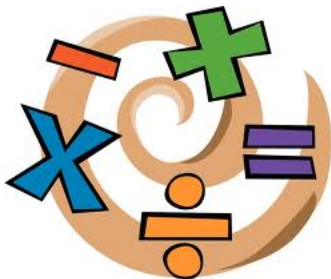
    cin >> x;            // You may also shorten the 2 statements into one:
    cin >> y;            // cin >> x >> y;

    cout << x << " + " << y << " = " << x+y << endl;

    return 0;            // A nice ending
}
```

## Part IV

# Operators



# Assignment Operator

## Syntax: Assignment

<variable> = <value> ;

- In C++, the “=” sign is used to assign a value to a variable; it is the **assignment operator**.

## Examples

```
int a, b, x = 2, y = 3, z = 4;
```

```
a = 10*x;
```

```
b = a - (100*y - 1000*z);
```

```
a = a + b;
```

- Don't try to understand the assignment statement:  

a = a + b;

 using normal math notation, otherwise, it doesn't make sense.
- Nor should you treat it as a boolean relational “equality” sign.

# Arithmetic Operators

Assuming  $x = 100$ ,  $y = 67$ :

OPERATION	OPERATOR	int
unary minus	—	
addition	+	
subtraction	—	
multiplication	*	
division	/	
modulus	%	
increment	++	
decrement	--	

# Pre- and Post- Increment, Decrement

- The **unary** increment operator **++** add 1 to its operand.
- The **unary** decrement operator **--** subtract 1 from its operand.
- However, there are 2 ways to call them: **pre-increment** or **post-increment**. e.g.

**++x**   **x++**   **--x**   **x--**

- If used **alone**, they are equivalent to:  $x = x + 1$  and  $x = x - 1$ .
- But if used **with** other operands, then there is a big difference:
  - **++x**  $\Rightarrow$  add 1 to x, and use the result for further operation.
  - **x++**  $\Rightarrow$  use the current value of x for some operation, and then add 1 to x.

```
cout << ++x;  
/* same as */  
x = x + 1;  
cout << x;
```

```
cout << x++;  
/* same as */  
cout << x;  
x = x + 1;
```

# Example: %, ++, --

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: inc-mod.cpp */
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int x = 100, y = 100; // Variable definitions and initialization
    int a = 10, b = 10, c = 10, d = 10;

    b = a + (x++) + ++y;

    cout << ++x << "\t"; cout << "x = " << x << endl; // Pre-increment
    cout << y++ << "\t"; cout << "y = " << y << endl; // Post-increment

    a = ++b; cout << "a = " << a << "\t" << "b = " << b << endl;
    c = d++; cout << "c = " << c << "\t" << "d = " << d << endl;

    cout << 17%5 << endl; // Trickiness of the mod function
    cout << (-17)%5 << endl;
    cout << 17%(-5) << endl;
    cout << (-17)%(-5) << endl;

    return 0;
}
```



# Shorthand Assignment Operators

SHORTHAND NOTATION	NORMAL NOTATION
$n \text{ } + = 2$	$n = n + 2$
$n \text{ } - = 2$	$n = n - 2$
$n \text{ } * = 2$	$n = n * 2$
$n \text{ } / = 2$	$n = n / 2$
$n \text{ } \% = 2$	$n = n \% 2$

# Precedence and Associativity

OPERATOR	DESCRIPTION	ASSOCIATIVITY
$-$ $++$ $--$	minus increment decrement	Right-to-Left
$*$ $/$ $\%$	multiply divide mod	Left-to-Right
$+$ $-$	add subtract	Left-to-Right
$=$	assignment	Right-to-Left

Example:  $1/2 + 3 * 4 = (1/2) + (3 * 4)$

because  $*$ ,  $/$  has a **higher precedence** over  $+$ ,  $-$ .

- **Precedence rules** decide which operators run first.
- In general,

$$x \ P \ y \ Q \ z \ = \ x \ P \ ( \ y \ Q \ z \ )$$

if operator  $Q$  is at a higher precedence level than operator  $P$ .

# Associativity: Binary Operators

Example:  $1 - 2 + 3 - 4 = ((1 - 2) + 3) - 4$   
because  $+$ ,  $-$  are **left associative**.

- **Associativity** decides the grouping of operands with operators of the *same* level of precedence.
- If **binary** operator  $P$ ,  $Q$  are of the **same** precedence level
  - if operator  $P$ ,  $Q$  are both **right associative**, then

$$x \ P \ y \ Q \ z = x \ P \ (y \ Q \ z)$$

- if operator  $P$ ,  $Q$  are both **left associative**, then

$$x \ P \ y \ Q \ z = (x \ P \ y) \ Q \ z$$

# Cascading Assignments

- C++ allows assigning the same value to multiple variables at once.

## Examples

```
int w, x, y, z;
```

```
y = z = 5;           // Same as y = (z = 5);
```

```
w = x = y + z;       // Same as w = (x = (y+z));
```

# Expression and Statement

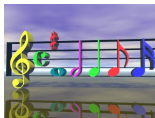
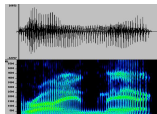
- An **expression** has a value which is the result of some operation(s) on its(theirs) operands.
- Expression examples:

4          x - y          2 - a - (b \* c)

- A **statement** is a sentence that acts as a command.
  - It does not have a value.
  - It always ends in a ';'.
- Statement examples:
  - **Input** statement: `cin >> x;`
  - **Output** statement: `cout << x;`
  - **Assignment** statement: `x = 5;`
  - **Variable** definition: `int x;`
- For the first 3 **statement** examples above, if we take out the ending ';', they become input/output/assignment **expressions**! (More about this later.)

# Part V

## More Basic Data Types in C++



# C++ Basic Types

TYPES	COMMON SIZE(#BYTES ON A 32-BIT MACHINE)	VALUE RANGE
bool	1	{ true, false }
char	1	[-128, 127]
short	2	[-32768, 32767]
int	4	$[-2^{31}, 2^{31} - 1]$
long	4	$[-2^{31}, 2^{31} - 1]$
float	4	$\pm [1.17549\text{E-}38, 3.40282\text{E+}38]$
double	8	$\pm [2.22507\text{E-}308, 1.79769\text{E+}308]$

- Not all numbers of a type can be represented by a computer.
- It depends on how many bytes you use to represent it: with more bytes, more numbers can be represented.



# Integers

- Type names: `short (int)`, `int`, `long (int)`, `long long (int)`
- Their sizes depend on the CPU and the compiler.
- ANSI C++ requires:  
size of `short`  $\leq$  size of `int`  $\leq$  size of `long`  $\leq$  size of `long long`
- e.g., What are the numbers that can be represented by a 2-byte `short int`?
- Each integral data type has 2 versions:
  - `signed` version: represents both +ve and -ve integers.  
e.g. `signed short`, `signed int`, `signed long`
  - `unsigned` version: represents only +ve integers.  
e.g. `unsigned short`, `unsigned int`, `unsigned long`
- `signed` versions are the default.
- Obviously `unsigned int` can represent 2 times more +ve integers than `signed int`.

# Floating-Point Data Types

- Floating-point numbers are used to represent real numbers and very large integers (which cannot be held in **long long**).
- Type names:
  - **float** for **single-precision** numbers.
  - **double** for **double-precision** numbers.
- **Precision**: For decimal numbers, if you are given more decimal places, you may represent a number to higher precision.
  - for 1 decimal place: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, ... etc.; can't get 1.03.
  - for 2 decimal places: 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, ... etc.; can't get 1.024.
- In **scientific notation**, a number has 2 components. e.g., 5.16E-02
  - **mantissa**: 5.16
  - **exponent**: -2
- More mantissa bits  $\Rightarrow$  higher precision.
- More exponent bits  $\Rightarrow$  larger real number.

# Integer Arithmetic and Floating-Point Arithmetic

- Arithmetic expressions involving *only* integers use *integer arithmetic*.
- Arithmetic expressions involving *only* floating-point numbers use *floating-point arithmetic*.
- For  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$  operations, results should be what you expect.
- However, *integer division* and *floating-point division* may give different results. e.g.,
  - $10/2 = 5$                       and                       $10.0/2.0 = 5.0$
  - $9/2 = 4$                          and                          $9.0/2.0 = 4.5$
  - $4/8 = 0$                          and                          $4.0/8.0 = 0.5$

# Boolean Data Type

- Type name: **bool**.
- Used to represent the **truth value**, **true** or **false** of logical (boolean) expressions like:

$a > b$       $x + y == 0$      `true && false`

- Since C++ evolves from C, C++ follows C's convention:
  - **zero** may be interpreted as **false**.
  - **non-zero values** may be interpreted as **true**.
- However, since internally everything is represented by 0's and 1's,
  - **false** is represented as **0**.
  - **true** is represented as **1**.
- Even if you put other values to a **bool** variable, its **internal value** always is changed back to either **1** or **0**.

# Example: Output Boolean Values

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: boolalpha.cpp */
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    bool x = true;
    bool y = false;

    // Default output format of booleans
    cout << x << " && " << y << " = " << (x && y) << endl << endl;

    cout << boolalpha;    // To print booleans in English
    cout << x << " && " << y << " = " << (x && y) << endl << endl;

    cout << noboolalpha;  // To print booleans in 1 or 0
    cout << x << " && " << y << " = " << (x && y) << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# Example: Use of bool Variables

```
#include <iostream>          /* File: bool-blood-donation.cpp */
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    char donor_blood_type, recipient_blood_type;
    bool exact_match, match_all;

    cout << "Enter donor's bloodtype: A, B, C (for AB), and O. ";
    cin >> donor_blood_type;
    cout << "Enter recipient's bloodtype: A, B, C (for AB), and O. ";
    cin >> recipient_blood_type;

    exact_match = (donor_blood_type == recipient_blood_type);
    match_all = (donor_blood_type == 'O');

    if (exact_match || match_all)
        cout << "Great! A donor is found!" << endl;
    else
        cout << "Keep searching for the right donor." << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## Part VI

# Type Checking and Type Conversion



# Type Checking and Coercion

Analogy:

BLOOD TYPES	
RECEIVER	DONOR
A	A, O
B	B, O
AB	A, B, AB, O
O	O

- For most languages, data types have to be **matched** during an operation  $\Rightarrow$  **type checking**.
- However, sometimes, a type is **made compatible** with a different type  $\Rightarrow$  **coercion**.



# Operand Coercion

**Coercion** is the automatic conversion of the data type of operands during an operation.

- Example:  $3 + 2.5 \Rightarrow \text{int} + \text{double}$ .
- The C++ compiler will automatically change it to  $3.0 + 2.5 \Rightarrow \text{double} + \text{double}$
- Thus, the **integer** 3 is **coerced** to the **double** 3.0.

## Example: Convert a Small Character to Capital Letter

```
char small_y, big_y;  
cin >> small_y;           // Character in small case  
big_y = small_y + 'A' - 'a'; // Character in big case
```

Here `big_y`, `small_y`, `'A'`, and `'a'` are “**coerced**” by “**promoting**” it to **int** before addition. The result is converted back (or coerced) to **char**.

# Automatic Type Conversion During Assignment

## Examples

```
float x = 3.2;           // Initialize x with 3.2 by assignment
double y = 5.7;         // Initialize y with 5.7 by assignment

short k = x;             // k = ?
int n;
n = y;                   // n = ?
```

- Since `float|double` can hold numbers bigger than `short | int`, the assignment of `k` and `n` in the above program will cause the compiler to issue a warning — not an error.

## Compiler Warnings

```
a.cpp:9: warning: converting to 'short int' from 'float'
a.cpp:11: warning: converting to 'int' from 'double'
```

# Automatic Type Conversion During Assignment ..

- A **narrowing conversion** changes a value to a data type that might not be able to hold some of the possible values.
- A **widening conversion** changes a value to a data type that can accommodate any possible value of the original data.
- C++ uses **truncation** rather than **rounding** in converting a `float|double` to `short | int | long`.

# Manual Type Conversion (Casting)

```
int k = 5;  
int n = 2;  
float x = n/k;           // What is the value of x?
```

- In the above example, one can get  $x = 0.4$  by manually converting  $n$  and/or  $k$  from `int` to `float|double`.

Syntax: `static_cast` for manual type casting

`static_cast<data-type> (value)`

- No more warning messages on narrowing conversion.

```
int k = 5, n = 2;  
float x = static_cast<double>(n)/k;  
float y = n/static_cast<double>(k);  
float z = static_cast<double>(n)/static_cast<double>(k);
```

## Part VII

# Constants



# Literal Constants

- Constants represent **fixed** values, or **permanent** values that **cannot** be modified (in a program).
- Examples of **literal constants**:
  - **char** constants: 'a', '5', '\n'
  - **string** constants: "hello world", "don't worry, be happy"
  - **int** constants: 123, 456, -89
  - **double** constants: 123.456, -2.90E+11

# Symbolic Constants

- A **symbolic constant** is a **named constant** with an identifier name.
- The rule for identifier names for constants is the same as that for variables. However, by convention, constant identifiers are written in **capital letters**.
- A symbolic constant must be **defined** and/or **declared** before it can be used. (Just like variables or functions.)
- Once defined, **symbolic constants cannot** be changed!

## Syntax: Constant Definition

```
const <data-type> <identifier> = <value> ;
```

## Example

```
const char BACKSPACE = '\b';  
const float US2HK = 7.80;  
const float HK2RMB = 0.86;  
const float US2RMB = US2HK * HK2RMB;
```

# Why Symbolic Constants?

Compared with literal constants, symbolic constants are preferred because they are

- **more readable**. A literal constant does not carry a **meaning**.  
e.g. the number 320 cannot tell you that it is the enrollment quota of COMP2011 in 2015.

```
const int COMP2011_QUOTA = 320;
```

- **more maintainable**. In case we want to increase the quota to 400, we only need to make the change in **one** place: the **initial value** in the definition of the constant COMP2011\_QUOTA.

```
const int COMP2011_QUOTA = 400;
```

- **type-checked** during compilation.

**Remark:** Unlike variable definitions, **memory** is **not** allocated for constant definitions with only few exceptions.



# Example: Use of Symbolic Constants

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: symbolic-constant.cpp */
#include <cmath>          // For calling the ceil() function
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    const int COMP2011_QUOTA = 320;
    const float STUDENT_2_PROF_RATIO = 100.0;
    const float STUDENT_2_TA_RATIO = 40.0;
    const float STUDENT_2_ROOM_RATIO = 100.0;

    cout << "COMP2011 requires "
         << ceil(COMP2011_QUOTA/STUDENT_2_PROF_RATIO)
         << " instructors, "
         << ceil(COMP2011_QUOTA/STUDENT_2_TA_RATIO)
         << " TAs, and "
         << ceil(COMP2011_QUOTA/STUDENT_2_ROOM_RATIO)
         << " classrooms" << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## Part VIII

### Further Readings and Examples

# Find Out the Size of a Data Type using `sizeof`

```
#include <iostream>          /* File: value.cpp */
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "sizeof(bool) = " << sizeof(bool) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(char) = " << sizeof(char) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(short) = " << sizeof(short) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(int) = " << sizeof(int) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(long) = " << sizeof(long) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(long long) = " << sizeof(long long) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(float) = " << sizeof(float) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(double) = " << sizeof(double) << endl;
    cout << "sizeof(long double) = " << sizeof(long double) << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# Size of Basic Types on 2 Computers

## on a 32-bit machine

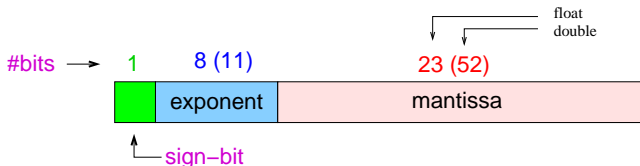
```
sizeof(bool) = 1
sizeof(char) = 1
sizeof(short) = 2
sizeof(int) = 4
sizeof(long) = 4
sizeof(long long) = 8
sizeof(float) = 4
sizeof(double) = 8
sizeof(long double) = 12
```

## on a 64-bit machine

```
sizeof(bool) = 1
sizeof(char) = 1
sizeof(short) = 2
sizeof(int) = 4
sizeof(long) = 8
sizeof(long long) = 8
sizeof(float) = 4
sizeof(double) = 8
sizeof(long double) = 16
```

- Note that the figures may be different on your computer.
- A 32(64)-bit machine uses CPUs of which the data bus width and memory address width are 32 (64) bits.

# Representation of Floating-Point Data



- Many programming language uses the IEEE 754 floating-point standard.
- Binary Representation of mantissa: e.g.

$$1.011_2 = 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3}$$

- Binary Representation of exponent: signed integer
- All floating-point data types in C++ are signed.
- ANSI C++ requires: size of **float**  $\leq$  size of **double**

**Question:** Can every real number be represented by **float** in C++?

# Underflow and Overflow in Integral Data Types

- **Overflow**: occurs when a data type is used to represent a number **larger** than what it can hold. e.g.
  - if you use a **short int** to store HK's population.
  - when a **short int** has its max value of 32767, and you want to add 1 to it.
- **Underflow**: occurs when a data type is used to represent a number **smaller** than what it can hold. e.g.
  - use an **unsigned int** to store a -ve number.

# Underflow and Overflow in Floating-Point Data Types

- **Underflow**: when the -ve exponent becomes too large to fit in the **exponent field** of the floating-point number.
- **Overflow**: when the +ve exponent becomes too large to fit in the **exponent field** of the floating-point number.
- To prevent these from happening, use **double** if memory space allows.
- In fact, all **floating literals** (e.g., 1.23) is treated as **double** unless explicitly specified by a **suffix** (e.g., 1.23f).

A handwritten long division of 17 by 5. The divisor 5 is on the left, and the dividend 17 is under the division bar. The quotient 3 is written above the bar, and 15 is written below 17. A horizontal line is drawn under 15, and the remainder 2 is written below that line. To the right of the division, there are three annotations: a red arrow points from the quotient 3 to the expression  $17/5$  with the word "quotient" below it; a blue arrow points from the remainder 2 to the expression  $17 \% 5$  with the word "remainder" above it.

- `mod` is used to get the **remainder** in an **integer division**.

$$\text{mod}(17, 5) = 17 \bmod 5 = 17 \% 5 = 2$$

- Strictly speaking,  $m \bmod n$  is defined only if  $n$  is **+ve**.
- Most programming languages support **-ve** divisor and different languages may give you **different results**!
- In C++, the **modulo arithmetic** is supported by the **remainder** operator **%** which allows -ve divisor.
- **Question**: What are the results of  $(-17) \% 5$ ,  $17 \% (-5)$ , or  $(-17) \% (-5)$ ?



# Priority Rules for the Usual Arithmetic Conversions for Binary Operations

- If **either** operand is of type **long double**, convert the other operand also to **long double**.
- If **either** operand is of type **double**, convert the other operand also to **double**.
- If **either** operand is of type **float**, convert the other operand also to **float**.
- Otherwise, the **integral promotions** shall be performed on **both** operands.
  - Similar rules are used for integral promotion of the operands.
  - Compute using integer arithmetic.

**Question:** What is the result of  $3/4$ ?