# **CHAPTER 1: INTODUCTION TO C++**

## What is C++?

**C++** is a middle-level programming language developed by Bjarne Stroustrup starting in 1979 at Bell Labs. **C++** runs on a variety of platforms, such as Windows, Mac OS, and the various versions of UNIX. C++ is an extension of the [C programming language](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/index.htm) with object-oriented programming concepts. Or, we can say, "C++ is a superset of C programming with additional implementation of object-oriented concepts".

## Advantages of learning C++:

* C++ is very close to hardware, so you get a chance to work at a low level, which gives you a lot of control in terms of memory management, better performance, and finally, robust software development.
* **C++ programming** gives you a clear understanding of object-oriented programming. You will understand low level implementation of polymorphism when you implement virtual tables and virtual table pointers, or dynamic type identification.
* C++ is one of the evergreen programming languages and is loved by millions of software developers. If you are a great C++ programmer, then you will never sit without work, and more importantly, you will get highly paid for your work.
* C++ is the most widely used programming language in application and system programming. So you can choose your area of interest in software development.
* C++ really teaches you the difference between compiler, linker, and loader, different data types, storage classes, variable types, their scopes, etc.

## Features of C++

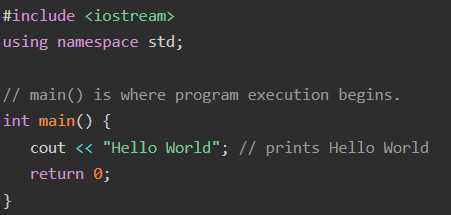
* **C language compatibility**: C++ provides backward compatibility with C; it supports all [features of C language](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c_features.htm).
* **Object-oriented programming**: C++ supports the concepts of OOPs such as [objects & classes](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_classes_objects.htm), [encapsulation](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_data_encapsulation.htm), data binding, [inheritance](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_inheritance.htm), and [polymorphism](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_polymorphism.htm).
* **Compiled language:**C++ is a compiler language where the complete code is converted into machine language, which makes it a faster programming language.
* **Standard template library:**C++ provides many data structures and algorithms-related library collections, such as template libraries for contains, iterators, algorithms, etc.
* **Dynamic memory management**: C++ provides two operators [**new**](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cpp_standard_library/cpp_new_operator_new.htm) and [**delete**](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cpp_standard_library/cpp_new_operator_delete.htm) that help to allocate and deallocate memory blocks dynamically.
* [**Exception handling**](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_exceptions_handling.htm): C++ provides try, catch, and throw blocks for exceptional handling, which were not available in C programming.

## Applications of C++ Programming

* **Application Software Development** - C++ programming has been used in developing almost all the major [Operating Systems](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/operating_system/index.htm) like Windows, Mac OSX and Linux. Apart from the operating systems, the core part of many browsers, like Mozilla Firefox and Chrome have been written using C++. C++ also has been used in developing the most popular database system called [MySQL](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/mysql/index.htm).
* **Programming Languages Development** - C++ has been used extensively in developing new programming languages like [C#](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/csharp/index.htm), [Java](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/java/index.htm), [JavaScript](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/javascript/index.htm), [Perl](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/perl/index.htm), UNIX's C Shell, [PHP](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/php/index.htm), [Python](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/index.htm), and Verilog, etc.
* **Computation Programming** - C++ is the best friend of scientists because of its fast speed and computational efficiencies.
* **Games Development** - C++ is extremely fast, which allows programmers to do procedural programming for CPU-intensive functions and provides greater control over hardware, because of which it has been widely used in the development of gaming engines.
* **Embedded System**- C++ is being heavily used in developing medical and engineering applications like software for MRI machines, high-end CAD/CAM systems, etc.

## C++ Program Structure

* **Header file inclusion section**: This is the section where we include all required header files whose functions we are going to use in the program.
* **Namespace section**: This is the section where we use the namespace.
* **The main() section**: In this section, we write our main code. The main() function is an entry point of any C++ programming code from where the program's execution starts.



* The C++ language defines several headers, which contain information that is either necessary or useful to your program. For this program, the header [**<iostream>**](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cpp_standard_library/iostream.htm) is needed.
* The line **using namespace std;** tells the compiler to use the std namespace. Namespaces are a relatively recent addition to C++.
* The next line '**// main() is where program execution begins.**' is a single-line comment available in C++. Single-line comments begin with // and stop at the end of the line.
* The line **int main()** is the main function where program execution begins.
* The next line **cout << "Hello World";** causes the message "Hello World" to be displayed on the screen.
* The next line **return 0;** terminates main() function and causes it to return the value 0 to the calling process.

## Comments in C++

Program comments are explanatory statements that you can include in the C++ code. These comments help anyone reading the source code. All programming languages allow for some form of comments.

# **Types of C++ Comments**

**1. C++ Single-line Comments**

A single-line comment starts with **//**, extending to the end of the line. These comments can last only till the end of the line, and the next line leads to a new comment.

**2. C++ Multi-line Comments**

Multi-line comments start with **/\*** and end with **\*/**. Any text in between these symbols is treated as a comment only.

**Purpose/Advantages of Comments**

* To represent a short and concise step in the program for users to understand better.
* To explain a step in a detailed way that is not expressed explicitly in the code.
* To leave different hints for users to grab in the code itself.
* To leave comments for fun or recreation.
* To temporarily disable part of the code for debugging purposes.
* To add metadata to the code for future purposes.
* To create documentation for the code, for example, in Github pages.

# **CHAPTER TWO: TOKENS IN C++**

## Tokens in C++

C++ tokens are the smallest individual units of a program, that the compiler recognizes and processes. Together, they form the syntax of C++ code, the same as combining words to form a sentence.

Here are the following C++ tokens given below

* Keywords
* Identifiers
* Constants
* Variables
* Operators
* Punctuation

## Keywords

Keywords are reserved words which have fixed meaning, and its meaning cannot be changed. The meaning and working of these keywords are already known to the compiler. C++ has more numbers of keyword than C, and those extra ones have special working capabilities.

List of some commonly used keywords

* **Control flow:** if, else, switch, case, break, continue, return, goto
* **Data types:** int, char, double, float, bool, void, long, short
* **Storage classes:** static, extern, mutable, register, volatile
* **Object-oriented programming:** class, struct, public, private, protected, virtual, this, friend
* **Other:** namespace, using, typedef, const, sizeof, typeid, template, new, delete

## Identifiers

Identifiers are names given to different entries such as variables, structures, and functions, classes, objects, arrays, etc. Also, identifier names should have to be unique because these entities are used in the execution of the program.

Identifier naming conventions

* Only alphabetic characters starting with a letter (A-Z, a-z), digits (0-9), and underscores (\_) are permitted.
* The first letter must be an **alphabet** or **underscore (\_)** not a number.
* Identifiers are case sensitive.
* Reserved keywords can not be used as an identifier's name.

## C++ Constants/Literals

Constants refer to fixed values that the program may not alter and they are called **literals**.

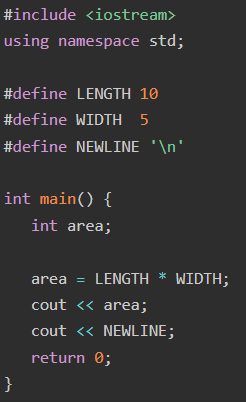
Constants can be of any of the basic data types and can be divided into:

* Integer Literals
* Floating-Point Literals
* Characters Literals
* Strings Literals
* Boolean Literals

## Defining Constants

There are two simple ways in C++ to define constants −

* Using **#define** preprocessor.
* Using **const** keyword.



## C++ Data Types

### **Primitive Built-in Types**

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| **Type** | **Keyword** |
| Boolean | bool |
| Character | char |
| Integer | int |
| Floating point | float |
| Double floating point | double |
| Valueless | void |
| Wide character | wchar\_t |

### **Derived Data Types**

Data types which are obtained from pre-defined data types in C++ are known as Derived Data Types. These can be classified into four categories, namely –

Array- An array is a series of elements of same data type.

Function

Pointer - A pointer is a reference to an element defined previously. The value of the pointer returns the address location of the element which is associated with it.

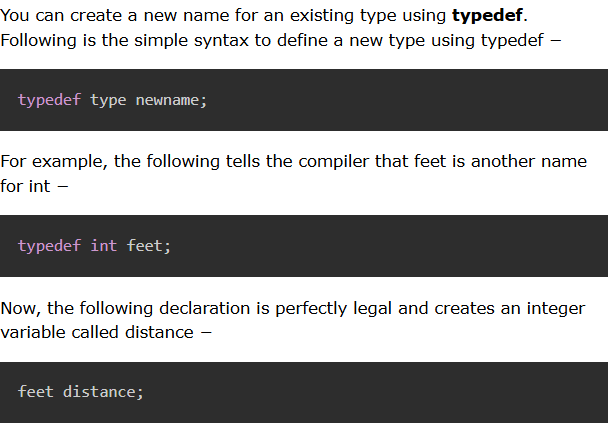
Reference - A reference variable is used to create a copy of a variable with the same reference.

### **User-Defined Data Types**

Data types which are defined by the user intuitively without using any pre-defined data types are known as User-Defined Data Types. These data types can be further categorized into five types, namely –

* **Class** - A class is a defined in Object Oriented Programming as a custom data type which is used to construct an object.
* **Structure (struct)-** In structure data type, the user can introduce multiple primitive data types inside the struct body.
* **Union**- Union is similar to a structure. In this, the memory location of all variables is same, and all variables share the same reference. Hence, a change in one value leads to all other values getting changed.
* **Enumeration (Enum)-** Enumeration or simply enum is a user-defined data type that is used to give name to integer constants in a program.

## typedef Declarations



## C++ Variables and Types

A variable provides us with named storage that our programs can manipulate.

**Rules for variable naming conventions in C++ −**

* Keywords cannot be used as variable names.
* The variable name cannot contain spaces.
* Hyphen (-) cannot be used within the variable names.
* Variable names must not start with special characters and numbers. It should be either an uppercase or lowercase character or an underscore (\_).

### **Lvalues and Rvalues**

There are two kinds of expressions in C++ −

* **lvalue** − Expressions that refer to a memory location is called "lvalue" expression. An lvalue may appear as either the left-hand or right-hand side of an assignment.
* **rvalue** − The term rvalue refers to a data value that is stored at some address in memory. An rvalue is an expression that cannot have a value assigned to it which means an rvalue may appear on the right- but not left-hand side of an assignment.

Variables are lvalues and so may appear on the left-hand side of an assignment. Numeric literals are rvalues and so may not be assigned and can not appear on the left-hand side.

### **Variable Scope in C++**

**Local Variables**

Variables that are declared inside a function or block are local variables. They can be used only by statements that are inside that function or block of code. Local variables are not known to functions outside their own.

**Global Variables**

Global variables are defined outside of all the functions, usually on top of the program.

A global variable can be accessed by any function. That is, a global variable is available for use throughout your entire program after its declaration.

## C++ Modifier Types

A modifier is used to alter the meaning of the base type so that it more precisely fits the needs of various situations.

The data type modifiers are listed here −

* signed
* unsigned
* long
* short

## Type Qualifiers in C++

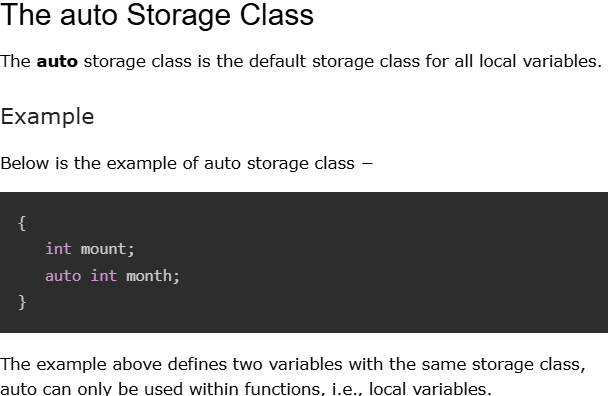
The type qualifiers provide additional information about the variables they precede.

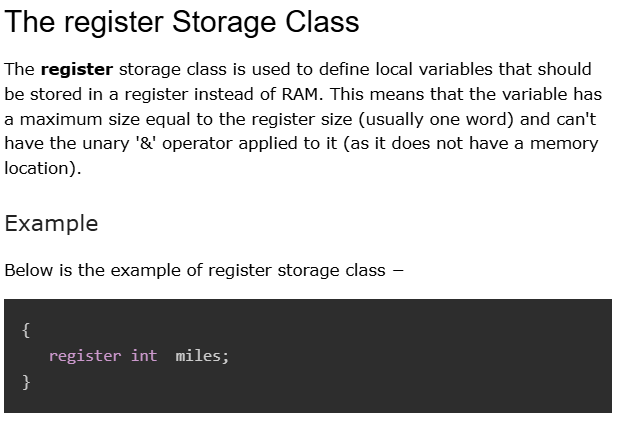
1. **Const** - Objects of type const cannot be changed by your program during execution.
2. **Volatile -** The modifier volatile tells the compiler that a variable's value may be changed in ways not explicitly specified by the program.
3. **Restrict** - A pointer qualified by restrict is initially the only means by which the object it points to can be accessed.

## Storage Classes in C++

A storage class defines the scope (visibility) and life-time of variables and/or functions within a C++ Program. These specifiers precede the type that they modify. There are following storage classes, which can be used in a C++ Program

* auto
* register
* static
* extern
* mutable





**The static Storage Class**

The **static** storage class instructs the compiler to keep a local variable in existence during the life-time of the program instead of creating and destroying it each time it comes into and goes out of scope. Therefore, making local variables static allows them to maintain their values between function calls.

**The extern Storage Class**

The **extern** storage class is used to give a reference of a global variable that is visible to ALL the program files. When you use 'extern' the variable cannot be initialized as all it does is point the variable name at a storage location that has been previously defined.