# Stream Manipulators and Formatting Solutions

### Stream Manipulators

- Explain what is meant by a "stream manipulator"
  - A stream manipulator is pushed onto a stream to modify the stream's behaviour
  - Usually, this alters the formatting of output
  - std::flush and std::endl affect the timing of the stream's next buffer flush

# Printing Booleans

• Write a simple program which prints out Booleans as "true" or "false"

## setw() manipulator

- What does setw() do?
  - It puts extra spaces into an output field to make it up to the required width
- Describe how to use setw()
  - Push setw onto the output stream
  - Pass the required width of the following data output field as the argument to setw()
  - The next data item pushed onto the stream after the setw() call will be padded to the required width

#### Left Justification

- What is meant by "justification" in the context of text formatting?
  - It describes where extra spaces are added
  - Left-justification means the text is at the left of the output field, with the extra spaces added after the data
  - Vice versa for right-justification
- How can the justification be changed for a C++ stream?
  - The left manipulator makes the output left justified.
  - The right manipulator (which is the default) makes the output right justified

## Left Manipulator

• Write a simple program which produces output formatted like this

Penguins 5

Polar Bears 2

## "Sticky" Manipulators

- What does it mean when a manipulator is "sticky"?
  - A sticky manipulator permanently changes the state of the stream
  - The stream will remain in this state until we push another manipulator which has the opposite effect
- How does this differ from a non-sticky manipulator?
  - A non-sticky manipulator only affects the next operation on the stream

## Setfill Manipulator

- What effect does applying the setfill manipulator have on the output?
  - Instead of using a space character for padding, the argument of setfill will be used
- Write a simple program which produces output formatted like this

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######Penguins 5
###Polar Bears 2
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