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2. C++ Basics

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Simple C++ Program Structure

The // characters
begin a comment

Includes header file
iostream library that
defines input/output.
#include directives are
enclosed in angle brackets
(<... >), it refers to a part of
the C++ library called a
standard header files

The "entry
point" of our
program.

```
// C++ program structure
```

```
#include<iostream>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{  
    std::cout<<"Welcome to C++\n";  
    return 0;  
}
```

Signify the
start and end
of a series of
statements
(block of code)

Semicolon(;) shows
end of statement

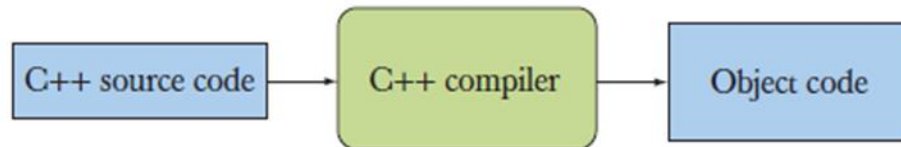
"\n" is an escape
character that
means "newline".

the program
executed
successfully
[optional]

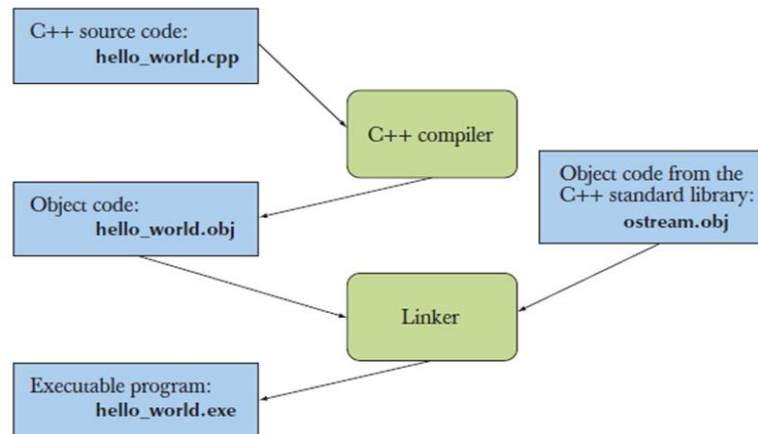
C++ Compilers: g++ or Clang

<https://www.stroustrup.com/compilers.html>

Compile



Linking



```
CPP
hello_world.cpp
hello_world.exe
hello_world.obj

hello_world.cpp > ...
1
2 // hello_world.cpp
3 // This program outputs the message "Hello World!" to the monitor
4 #include <iostream>
5 int main() // C++ programs start by executing the function main
6 {
7     std::cout << "Hello World"; // output "Hello World"
8     return 0;
9 }
10
```

A screenshot of a code editor. On the left, a file explorer shows a project named 'CPP' containing three files: 'hello_world.cpp' (selected), 'hello_world.exe', and 'hello_world.obj'. On the right, the code editor shows the content of 'hello_world.cpp'. The code is as follows:

```
1
2 // hello_world.cpp
3 // This program outputs the message "Hello World!" to the monitor
4 #include <iostream>
5 int main() // C++ programs start by executing the function main
6 {
7     std::cout << "Hello World"; // output "Hello World"
8     return 0;
9 }
10
```

g++ or clang compiler- from command line

```
Command Prompt
2 Dir(s) 155,738,722,304 bytes free

D:\CPP>g++ --version
g++ (GCC) 11.2.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

D:\CPP>g++ -c -o hello_world.obj hello_world.cpp

D:\CPP>g++ -o hello_world.exe hello_world.obj

D:\CPP>hello_world
Hello C++

D:\CPP>dir
Volume in drive D is Data
Volume Serial Number is A8AC-BCB9

Directory of D:\CPP

02/04/2022 05:10 PM <DIR> .
02/04/2022 05:10 PM <DIR> ..
02/04/2022 12:07 PM          351 hello_world.cpp
02/04/2022 05:10 PM      2,965,139 hello_world.exe
02/04/2022 05:10 PM      1,839 hello_world.obj
                3 File(s)      2,967,329 bytes
                2 Dir(s) 155,735,752,704 bytes free


Developer Command Prompt for VS 2022

D:\CPP>clang --version
clang version 12.0.0
Target: i686-pc-windows-msvc
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio\2022\Community\VC\Tools\Llvm\bin

D:\CPP>clang -c -o hello_world.obj hello_world.cpp

D:\CPP>clang -o hello_world.exe hello_world.obj

D:\CPP>hello_world.exe
Hello C++

D:\CPP>dir
Volume in drive D is Data
Volume Serial Number is A8AC-BCB9

Directory of D:\CPP

02/10/2022 04:12 PM <DIR> .
02/10/2022 04:12 PM <DIR> ..
02/09/2022 05:36 PM          351 hello_world.cpp
02/10/2022 04:12 PM      181,760 hello_world.exe
02/10/2022 04:12 PM      62,314 hello_world.obj
                3 File(s)      244,425 bytes
                2 Dir(s) 155,707,822,080 bytes free

D:\CPP>
```

Header files: `#include <...>`

- We need header files to add or include predefined libraries to our C/C++ program
- Header files contain definitions of functions and variables
- In C/C++ header files are imported by using the pre-processor `#include<...>` statement.
- C header files have an extension of “.h”
- Note that All C code is valid C++ code
- Example
 - `#Include<iostream>`
 - Tells the preprocessor to include standard input/output streams like `cout` and `cin`

Standard Input/output

```
//Example - standard input/output
#include <iostream>
/* This program inputs two numbers
x and y and outputs their sum */
int main( )
{
    int x, y;
    std::cout << "Please enter two numbers: ";
    std::cin >> x >> y; // input x and y
    int sum = x + y; // compute their sum
    std::cout << "Their sum is " << sum << std::endl;
}
```

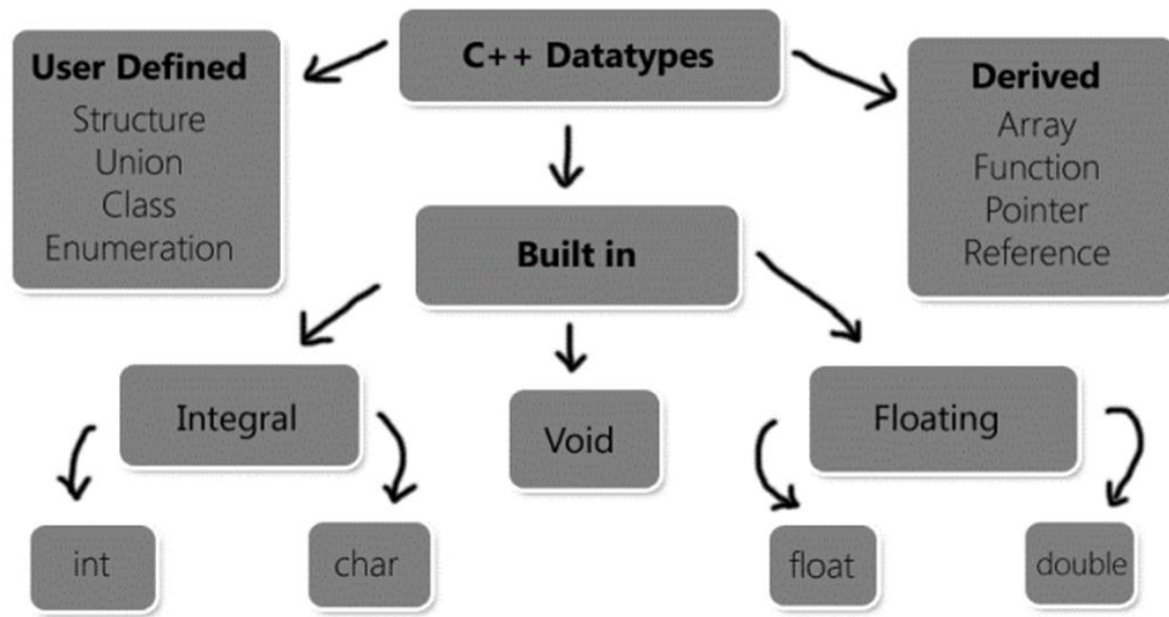
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operator(<<).

insertion
operator(>>)

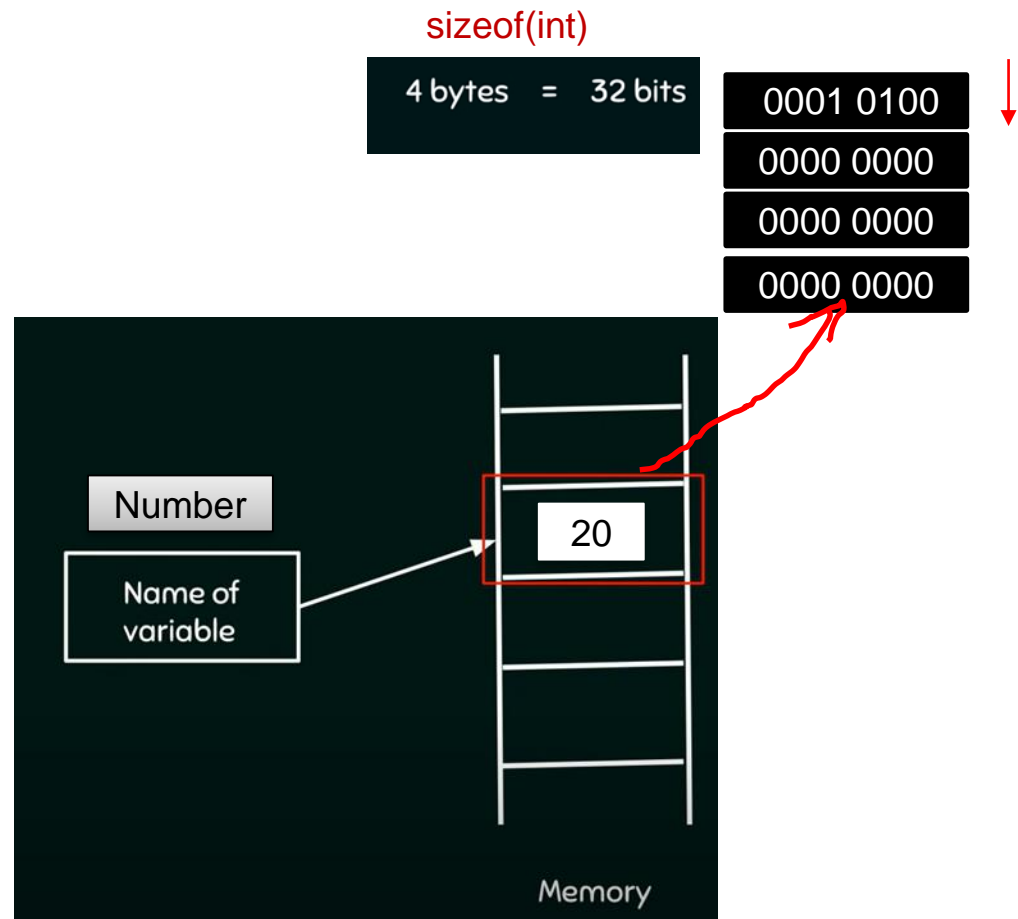
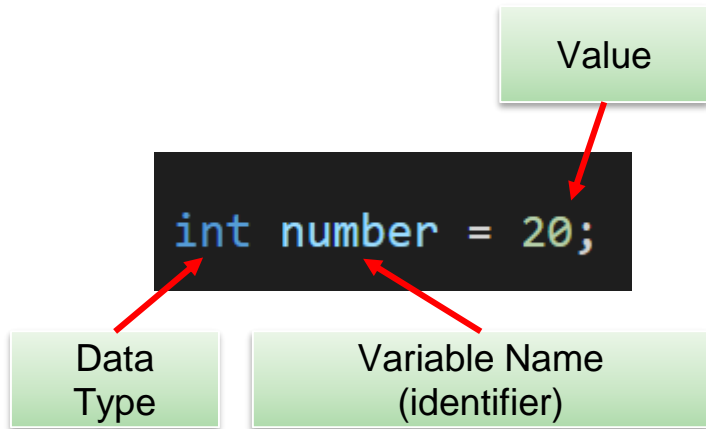
```
Please enter two numbers: 25 30
Their sum is 55
```

Variables and Data Types

- **Variables** are named memory locations
- A **data type** defines a set of values and a set of operations that can be applied on those values.
 - Types are one of the most fundamental concepts in programming

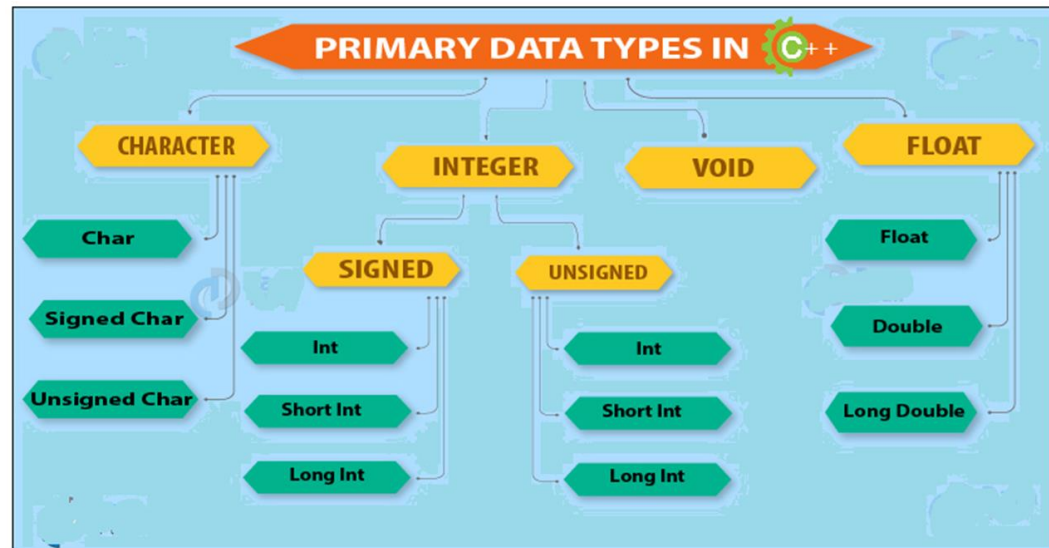


Example



Type Modifiers

- C++ primitive data types can be modified using one or more types of suitable modifiers :
 - ❑ signed
 - ❑ unsigned
 - ❑ short
 - ❑ long



Size of C++ data types – sizeof(...)


<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/types>

Data type	Size (in Bytes)	Description	Example
signed int / int	4	Stores integers values starting from -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	signed int x = -40;
unsigned int	4	Stores 0 and positive integers (0 to 4,294,967,295)	unsigned int x = 40;
short / signed short	2	Equivalent to short int or signed short int , stores small integers ranging from -32768 to 32767	short x = -2;
unsigned short	2	Equivalent to unsigned short int, stores 0 and small positive integers ranging from 0 to 65535	unsigned short x = 2;
long	4	Equivalent to long int, stores large integers	long x = 4356;
unsigned long	4	Equivalent to unsigned long int, stores 0 and large positive integers	unsigned long x = 562;
long long	8	Equivalent to long long int , stores very large integers	long long x = -243568;
unsigned long long	8	Equivalent to unsigned long long int, stores 0 and very large positive integers	unsigned long long x = 12459;
long double	16	Stores large floating-point values	long double x = 432.6781;
signed char / char	1	Stores characters ranging from -128 to 127	signed char ch = 'b';
unsigned char	1	Stores characters ranging from 0 to 255	unsigned char ch = 'g';

Variable declaration and Initialization

```
char c;    //character variable declaration.  
int area;  //integer variable declaration.  
float num; //float variable declaration.
```

```
int a; //integer variable declaration.  
int b; //integer variable declaration.  
int c; //integer variable declaration.
```



```
int a, b, c; //more than one variable declaration.
```

```
// C++ variable initialization  
int num1; // no initializer --> Default initialization  
int num2 = 5; // initializer after equals sign-->Copy initialization  
int num3( 6 ); // initializer in parenthesis-->Direct initialization  
int num4 { 7 }; // initializer in braces -->Brace initialization
```

Best practice: Use Brace initialization in c++ for variable initialization

Example

```
// Example
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
    int sum1,sum2; // sum1 and sum2 variables declaration; not initialized
    int num1{5}; // num 1 variable declaration and initialized to 5
    int num2(10); // num2 variable declaration and initialized to 10
    int num3; // num3 variable declaratio but NOT initialized
    sum1=num1+num2;
    sum2=num1+num3;
    std::cout<<num1<<" + " <<num2<<" = "<<sum1<<std::endl;
    std::cout<<"SUM2 = "<<sum2<<std::endl; //prints some garbage value
}
```

Output

5 + 10 = 15

SUM2 = -800058475

Local and Global Scopes

- C++ statements are usually enclosed in curly braces ({...})
- Variables declared within a block are called **local variables** and only accessible from within the block
- Variable declared outside of any block called **global variables** and accessible from everywhere in the program.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int x=10,y =10; // x and y are global variables
int main()
{
    int a=7,b=2; //x and y are Local variables
    int x =5,y=5; //a and b are local variables
    int sum1 = x+y+a+b;
    int sum2 = ::x + ::y + a + b; // The :: operator is scope resolution operator
    cout<<"Sum1 ="<<sum1<<endl;
    cout<<"Sum2 ="<<sum2<<endl;
}
```

Namespaces

- Global variables present many problems in large software systems because they can be accessed and possibly modified any where in the program => **Name conflict**
- **namespace** is a mechanism that allows a group of related names to be defined in one place.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std; // Standard Name space
namespace namespace1 // user defined namespace1
{
    int x=4,y=0;
}
namespace namespace2 // user defined namespace 2
{
    int x=14,y=10;
}
int main()
{
    int x=20; //Local variable
    cout<<"x from namespace1 ="<<namespace1::x<<endl;
    cout<<"y from namespace1 ="<<namespace1::y<<endl;
    cout<<"x from namespace2 ="<<namespace2::x<<endl;
    cout<<"y from namespace2 ="<<namespace2::y<<endl;
    cout<<"Local x ="<<x<<endl;
}
```

The **using** Keyword makes just **std** namespace accessible

```
using namespace std;
```

```
using std::cout, std::cin, std::endl;
```

or

```
std::cout<<"...";
```

```
x from namespace1 =4
y from namespace1 =0
x from namespace2 =14
y from namespace2 =10
Local x =20
```

C++ Constants

- In C++, we can create variables whose value cannot be changed. For that, we use the **const keyword**.

```
//Example
const int PI = 3.14;
const double MAX_VALUE = 2000.5;
PI = 3.142; // error: assignment of read-only variable 'PI'
```

Type casting

■ Implicit type conversion

- the compiler can implicitly convert a value from one data type to another

```
double d = 10 / 4; // does integer division, initializes d with value 2.0
```

```
double d = 10 / 4; // does integer division, initializes d with value 2.0
```

```
1 | int x { 10 };
```

```
2 | int y { 4 };
```

```
3 | double d = x / y; // does integer division, initializes d with value 2.0
```

$$T_C = (T_F - 32) \cdot \frac{5}{9}$$

```
1 | double TF { 100.0 };
```

```
2 | double TC {};
```

```
3 |
```

```
4 | TC = ( TF - 32 ) * ( 5 / 9 ); // Compiles but does not compute what is expected...
```

```
5 | cout << TF << " Fahrenheit = " << TC << " Celsius" << endl;
```

```
100 Fahrenheit = 0 Celsius
```

```
TC = ( TF - 32.0 ) * ( 5.0 / 9.0 );
```

```
100 Fahrenheit = 37.7778 Celsius
```


Explicit type conversion

- C++ major type casting methods are:
 - C-style casts and
 - static casts

C-style casts

```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int x { 10 };
6      int y { 4 };
7
8
9      double d { (double)x / y }; // convert x to a double so we get floating point division
10     std::cout << d; // prints 2.5
11
12     return 0;
13 }
```

static casts

- C++ introduces a casting operator called **static_cast**, which can be used to convert a value of one type to a value of another type.

```
int main()
{
    char c { 'a' };
    std::cout << c << ' ' << static_cast<int>(c) << '\n'; // prints a 97

    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
    int x { 10 };
    int y { 4 };
    // static cast x to a double so we get floating point division
    double d { static_cast<double>(x) / y };
    std::cout << d; // prints 2.5
    return 0;
}
```

Best practice: Use static_cast when you need to convert a value from one type to another type.

Expressions

- An expression is a sequence of operators and their operands, that specifies a computation.

Assignment Operators

Assignment Operator	Shorthand operation
<code>a = a + b</code>	<code>a += b</code>
<code>a = a - b</code>	<code>a -= b</code>
<code>a = a * b</code>	<code>a *= b</code>
<code>a = a / b</code>	<code>a /= b</code>
<code>a = a % b</code>	<code>a %= b</code>

```
// Example
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
    int a=10;
    int c=a+=5;

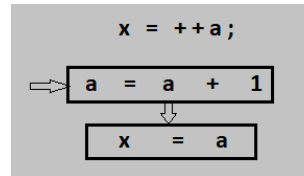
    std::cout<<"c = "<<c <<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

output = 15

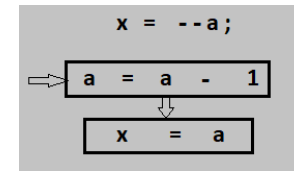
C++ Increment and decrement operator

Operator	Meaning
++	Increment Operator
--	Decrement Operator

Pre-increment

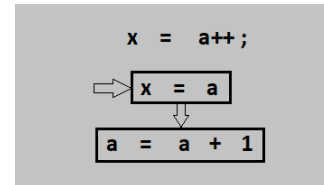


Pre-decrement

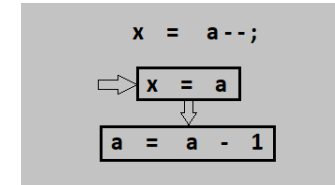


First, the value of the variable `a` incremented by 1 (`++a`) or decremented by 1 (`--a`) and store in the memory location of variable `a`. Second, the value of variable `a` will be assigned to the variable `x`.

Post-increment



Post-decrement

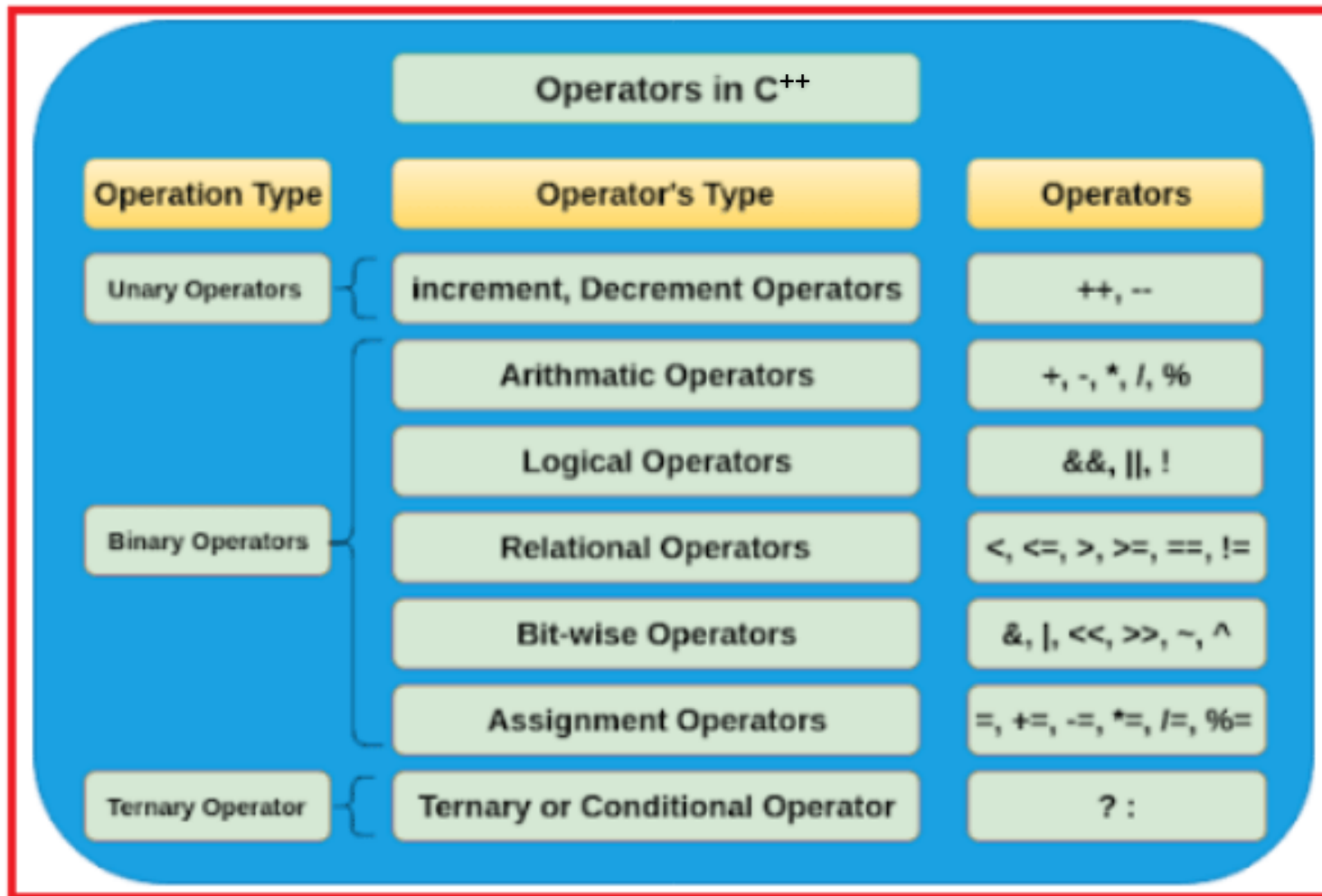


First, the value of the variable `a` will assign to the variable `x`. Second, the value of the variable `a` will be incremented by 1 (`a++`) or decremented (`a--`) and store in the memory location of the variable `a`.

```
// Example
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
    int a=5;
    int x=a;
    std::cout<<a++<<endl;
    std::cout<<a<<endl;
    std::cout<<++a<<endl;
    std::cout<<a<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

5
6
7
7

Summary of C++ Operators



Example : C++ Ternary Operator

```
1  ✓ #include <iostream>
2    #include <string>
3    using namespace std;
4  ✓ int main() {
5      double marks;
6      // take input from users
7      cout << "Enter your marks: ";
8      cin >> marks;
9  ✓  // ternary operator checks if
10     // marks is greater than 40
11     string result = (marks >= 40) ? "passed" : "failed";
12     cout << "You " << result << " the exam.";
13     return 0;
14 }
```

```
Enter your marks: 54
You passed the exam.
```

Control Flow - Conditions

- Every programming language includes a way of making choices

```
if ( condition )  
    true_statement  
else if ( condition )  
    else_if_statement  
else  
    else_statement
```

While and Do-While Loops

while (*condition*)
 loop_body_statement

do
 loop_body_statement
while (*condition*)

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int i = 1;
    int sum = 0;
    while (i < 100 )
    {
        sum += i;
        i++;
    }
    cout<<"sum ="<<sum<<endl;
}
```

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int i = 1;
    int sum = 0;
    do
    {
        sum += i;
        i++;
    } while(i < 100 );
    cout<<"sum ="<<sum<<endl;
}
```


For Loop

for (*initialization ; condition ; increment*)
 loop_body_statement

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i =1; i < 100; i++)
        sum +=i;
    cout<<"Sum ="<<sum<<endl;
}
```

Sum = 4950

Pointers, Arrays, and Structures

■ Pointers

- Each program variable is stored in the computer's memory at some location, or address
- A pointer is a variable that holds the value of such an address

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    char ch = 'Q';
    char* p = &ch; // p holds the address of ch
    cout << *p; // outputs the character 'Q'
    ch = 'Z'; // ch now holds 'Z'
    cout << *p; // outputs the character 'Z'
    *p = 'X'; // ch now holds 'X'
    cout << ch; // outputs the character 'X'
}
```

Caution

```
int* x, y, z; // same as: int* x; int y; int z;
```

Arrays

- An array is a collection of elements of the **same type**
- Each element of the array is referenced by its **index**
- Once declared, it is not possible to increase the number of elements in an array.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    double f[5]; // array of 5 doubles: f[0], . . . , f[4]
    int m[10]; // array of 10 ints: m[0], . . . , m[9]
    f[4] = 2.5;
    m[2] = 4;
    cout << f[m[2]]; // outputs f[4], which is 2.5
}
```

```
int a[ ] = {10, 11, 12, 13}; // declares and initializes a[4]
bool b[ ] = {false, true}; // declares and initializes b[2]
char c[ ] = {'c', 'a', 't'}; // declares and initializes c[3]
```

Pointers and Arrays

- There is an interesting connection between arrays and pointers

```
char c[ ] = {'c', 'a', 't'};
char* p = c; // p points to c[0]
char* q = &c[0]; // q also points to c[0]
cout << c[2] << p[2] << q[2]; // outputs "ttt"
```

Strings

- C++ provides a string type as part of its Standard Template Library (STL)

```
#include<iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
using std::string;
int main()
{
    string s = "to be";
    string t = "not " + s; // t = "not to be"
    string u = s + " or " + t; // u = "to be or not to be"
    if (s > t) // true: "to be" > "not to be"
        cout << u; // outputs "to be or not to be"
}
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
using std::string;
int main()
{
    string s = "John"; // s = "John"
    int i = s.size(); // i = 4
    char c = s[3]; // c = 'n'
    s += " Smith"; // now s = "John Smith"
    cout<<s<<endl;
}
```

C-Style Structures

- A structure is useful for storing an aggregation of elements.
- Unlike an array, the elements of a structure may be of different types

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  struct employee {
4      int empID;
5      char name[50];
6      int salary;
7      char department[50];
8  };
9  int main() {
10     struct employee emp[3] = {
11         { 1 , "Harry" , 20000 , "Finance" } ,
12         { 2 , "Sally" , 50000 , "HR" } ,
13         { 3 , "John" , 15000 , "IT" }
14     };
15     cout<<"The employee information is given as follows:"<<endl;
16     cout<<endl;
17     for(int i=0; i<3;i++) {
18         cout<<"Employee ID: "<<emp[i].empID<<endl;
19         cout<<"Name: "<<emp[i].name<<endl;
20         cout<<"Salary: "<<emp[i].salary<<endl;
21         cout<<"Department: "<<emp[i].department<<endl;
22         cout<<endl;
23     }
24     return 0;
25 }
```

The employee information is given as follows:

Employee ID: 1
Name: Harry
Salary: 20000
Department: Finance

Employee ID: 2
Name: Sally
Salary: 50000
Department: HR

Employee ID: 3
Name: John
Salary: 15000
Department: IT

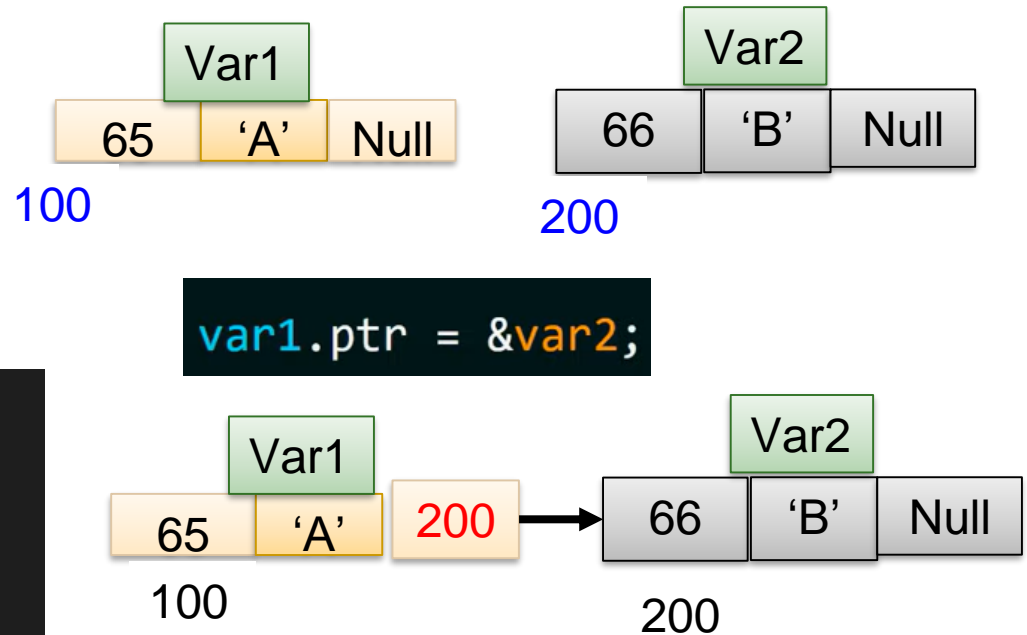
Self Referential Structures

- Self referential structures are those structures in which one or more pointers points the structure of the same type

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
struct code
{
    int num;
    char ch;
    code *ptr;
};
int main()
{
    code var1;
    code var2;
    var1.num=65;
    var1.ch = 'A';
    var1.ptr = nullptr;

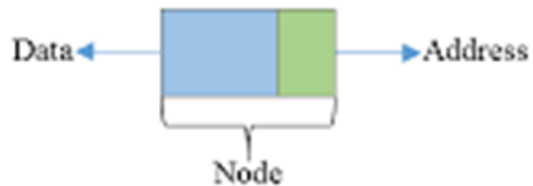
    var2.num=66;
    var2.ch = 'B';
    var2.ptr = nullptr;
    var1.ptr = &var2;

    cout<<var1.ptr->num<<" "<<var1.ptr->ch<<endl;
}
```



OUTPUT: 66 B

Self Referential Structures very useful in linked list



```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

struct node
{
    int data;
    node *next;
};
```

