

Programming with C++

COMP2011: Introduction

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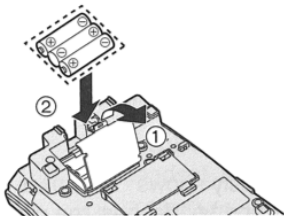


Course Objectives

- To learn how to **solve problems** by writing **computer programs**.
- To learn how to **design** a computer program.
- To learn how to program in **C++**.
- To learn how to **debug** a computer program.
- To learn **object-oriented programming**.
- To prepare you for COMP2012 (OOP & Data Structures), etc.

Question: *computer science = programming?*

Installing the Batteries

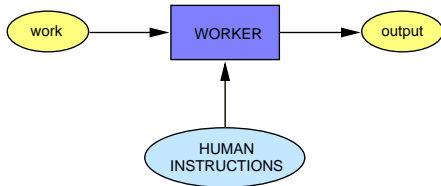


- 1 Press down in the direction of the arrow and open the cover (①).
- 2 Install the batteries in the proper order as shown (②), matching the correct polarity.
- 3 Close the battery cover.

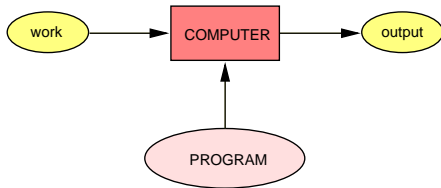
- Batteries are not included in the unit.
- Install three high quality “AA” size Alkaline (LR6) or Manganese (R6, UM-3) batteries. We recommend to use Alkaline batteries.
Battery life is: —about six months in use of Alkaline batteries.
 —about three months in use of Manganese batteries.
Battery life may depend on usage conditions and ambient temperature.

What's a Computer Program? ..

Human work model

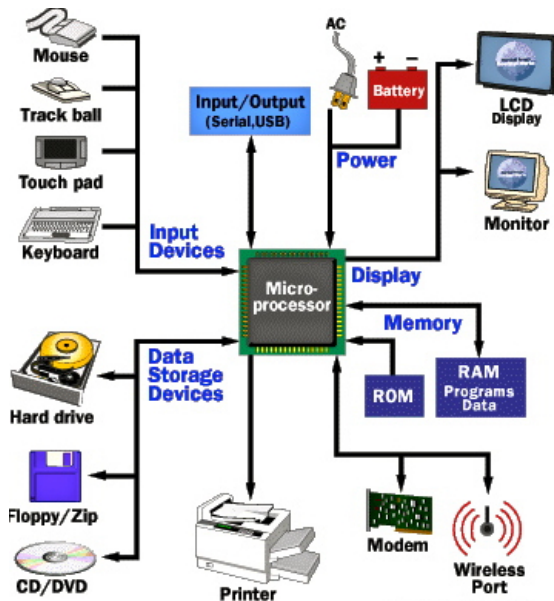


Computer work model

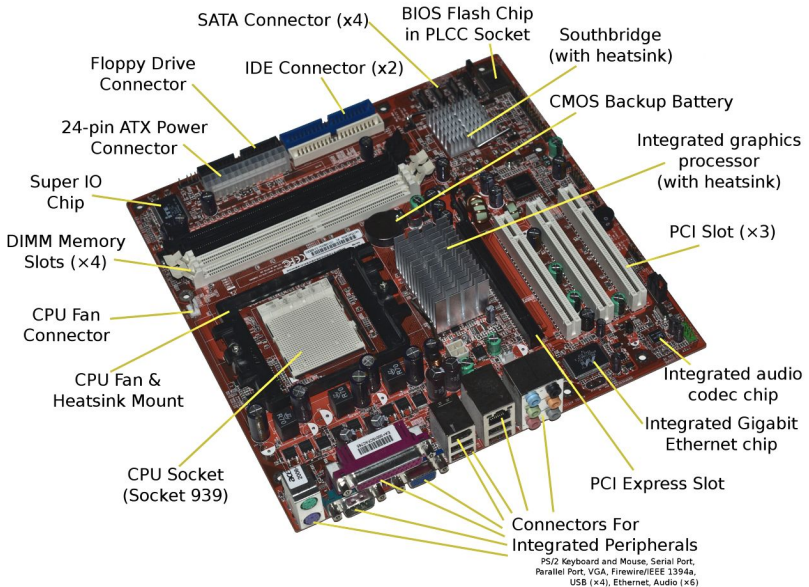


- A **computer program** is a set of **machine-readable instructions** that tells a computer how to perform a specific task. (During the execution of the program, it may interact with the users and its environment.)

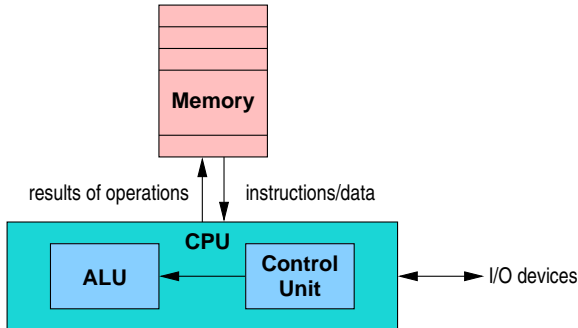
Schematic Diagram of a Personal Computer



A Typical Motherboard



von Neumann Computer Architecture



- Designed by **John von Neumann**, a mathematician, in 1945.
- It is still today's dominant computer architecture.
- **CPU** = Central Processing Unit
- **ALU** = Arithmetic Logic Unit.
- For **efficiency**, many programming languages, including C++, are designed to take advantage of the architecture.
- More on this in COMP2611 (Computer Organization).

Can You Understand This?

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How About This?

main:

```
    !#PROLOGUE# 0  
    save %sp,-128,%sp
```

```
    !#PROLOGUE# 1  
    mov 1,%o0  
    st %o0,[%fp-20]  
    mov 2,%o0  
    st %o0,[%fp-24]  
    ld [%fp-20],%o0  
    ld [%fp-24],%o1  
    add %o0,%o1,%o0  
    st %o0,[%fp-28]  
    mov 0,%i0  
    nop
```

Is This Better Now?

```
int main( )  
{  
    int x, y, z;  
  
    x = 1;  
    y = 2;  
    z = x+y;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Example: Write a Program to Sum 2 Numbers

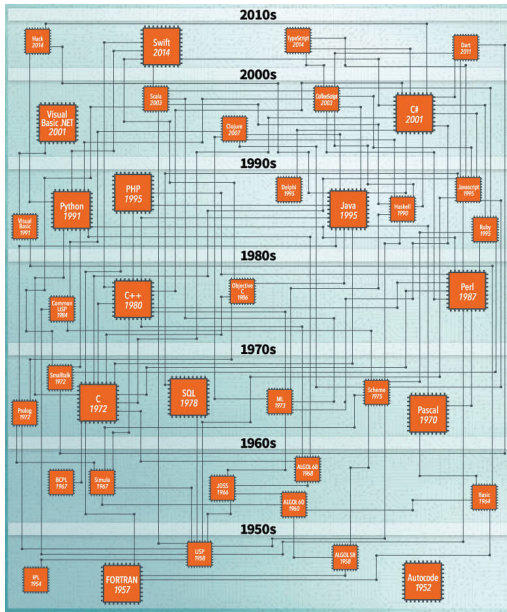
- There are 3 integer-value-holding objects: x, y, and z.
- x and y have the value of 1 and 2 respectively.
- z's value is the sum of x's and y's.

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Levels of Programming Languages

- machine (binary) language is unintelligible
- assembly language is low level
 - mnemonic names for machine operations
 - explicit manipulation of memory addresses/contents
 - machine-dependent
- high level language
 - readable
 - instructions are easy to remember
 - faster coding
 - less error-prone (fewer bugs?)
 - easier to maintain
 - no mention of memory locations
 - machine-independent = portable

Chronology of Some Programming Languages

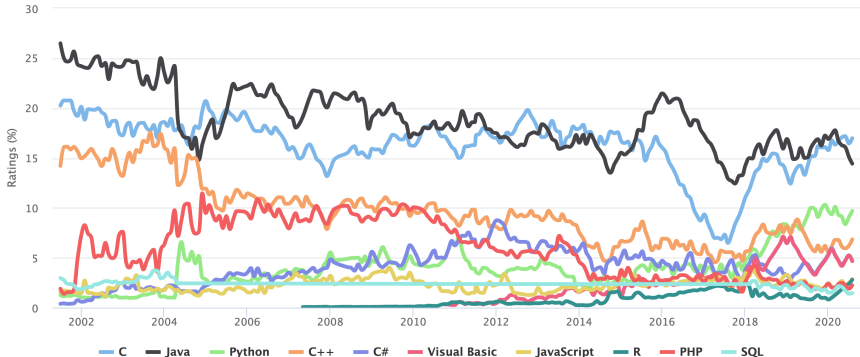


More details in
this
[computer history](#)
website, and
the following
[infographics](#).

TIOBE Index: Most Popular Programming Languages

TIOBE Programming Community Index

Source: www.tiobe.com



It is based on the number of skilled engineers world-wide, courses and third party vendors. Popular search engines such as Google, Bing, Baidu, etc. are used to calculate the ratings.

PYPL PopularitY: Most Popular Programming Languages

Worldwide, Sept 2020 compared to a year ago:

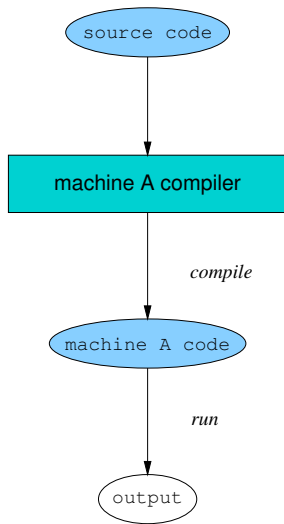
Rank	Change	Language	Share	Trend
1		Python	31.56 %	+2.9 %
2		Java	16.4 %	-3.1 %
3		Javascript	8.38 %	+0.3 %
4		C#	6.5 %	-0.8 %
5		PHP	5.85 %	-0.5 %
6		C/C++	5.8 %	+0.0 %
7		R	4.08 %	+0.3 %
8		Objective-C	2.79 %	+0.2 %
9		Swift	2.35 %	-0.1 %
10		TypeScript	1.92 %	+0.1 %

It is based on the number of Google searches on the languages' tutorials.

Mostly Used Programming Languages in Github

# Ranking	Programming Language	Percentage (Change)
1	JavaScript	18.789% (-1.133%)
2	Python	16.108% (-1.694%)
3	Java	10.731% (+0.250%)
4	Go	8.922% (+1.006%)
5	C++	7.636% (+0.383%)
6	TypeScript	7.334% (+1.919%)
7	Ruby	6.492% (+0.196%)
8	PHP	5.198% (-0.318%)
9	C#	3.797% (-0.204%)
10	C	3.320% (+0.130%)

Compilation: From Source to Runnable Program



A **compiler** translates **source programs** into **machine codes** that run directly on the target computer.

For example,
`a.cpp` \longrightarrow `a.out` (or `a.exe`).

Some C++ compilers:
`gcc/g++`, `VC++`.

- static codes
- compile once, run many
- optimized codes
 \Rightarrow more efficient
- examples: FORTRAN, Pascal, C++

Programming as Problem Solving

- **Understand** and **define** the problem clearly.
 - What are the input(s) and output(s)?
 - Any constraints?
 - Which information is essential?
- **Develop** a solution.
 - Construct an algorithm.
- **Translate** the algorithm into a C++ program.
- **Compile** the program.
- **Test** the program.
- **Debug** the program.
- **Document** the program as you write the program.
- **Maintain** the program
 - modify the codes when conditions change.
 - enhance the codes to improve the solution.

- Why C++?

Read the [FAQ](#) from the designer of C++, [Bjarne Stroustrup](#).

- Which C++?

- The language has been **evolving**:

C++ 1983 \Rightarrow C++ 1998 \Rightarrow C++ 2003 \Rightarrow C++ 2011 $\Rightarrow \dots$

- We will learn C++11 (but not all the new features).

- Which compiler?

GNU gcc/g++. It is free.

(The compiler you will use in CSE lab is C++11-compliant.)

- Which IDE (integrated development environment) for writing programs?

VS Code. It is free and supported by many operating systems such as Windows, Mac OS, and Linux. Other freeware like **Eclipse** is also fine.