

02393 Programming in C++

Module 2: C++ language features

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Disclaimer

General note on live programming:

On these lecture slides, **we will not spell out** all points covered and discussed in live programming sessions!

- We give the key words of the covered concepts
- We put the final version of the developed program on campusnet
- We refer to the chapters in the Stanford reader that cover the material

Especially **if you miss a live programming session**, please make sure that you understand the material in detail, and ask questions to the TAs or in the next lecture!

Functions

Live programming session today will cover some of:

- Basic data types and conversions;
- Local variables, parameters;
- Several functions;
- Function prototypes;
- Namespaces.

Stanford reader chapter 1, especially section 1.6.

Functions

An Abstract View

- A bit like in mathematics:
 - ★ give an argument/several arguments
 - ★ get a result
- Differences—it is actually a procedure
 - ★ it can have **side effects** like printing on the screen
 - ★ it can depend on/change global variables
 - ★ thus: two calls with same arguments may produce different results
 - ★ there may not be a result at all:
 - if return type is void
 - ★ Later: call by reference
- Scope: arguments and local variables are declared only for the body of the procedure

Bottom line: a good tool to break down a big problem into smaller ones.

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A Technical View

The construction with the stack:

- Allows arbitrarily nested sub-routine calls—up to the size of the stack. (Note: stack-overflows!)
- Also parameters and local variables are handled on the stack!
- When using huge data structures as local variables or parameters, we get into trouble.
- Arguments and results are **copied** (when using call by value as we did so far): the local variables of the calling procedure are not affected!

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Bottom line: **Be aware of the limits of the used data types!**

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Exercises and CodeJudge

- There is an exercise sheet on campusnet filesharing
- Hand-in via CodeJudge until next Monday before the lecture.