C++ Lesson 1

C++ vs. C, Java, Python

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Software written in C++:

Facebook

https://github.com/facebook/folly

Bitcoin:

https://github.com/bitcoin/bitcoin

LibreOffice:

https://github.com/LibreOffice/core

Unreal:

https://github.com/EpicGames/UnrealEngine

Why C++?

C++ = C + Java + More...	C	C++	Java, Python
Low-level machine programming (benchmarks)	Yes	**Yes**	No
High-level Object-Oriented programming	No	**Yes**	Yes
Complexity	Low	**High**	Med.

https://yosefk.com/c++fqa/

https://en.cppreference.com/w/

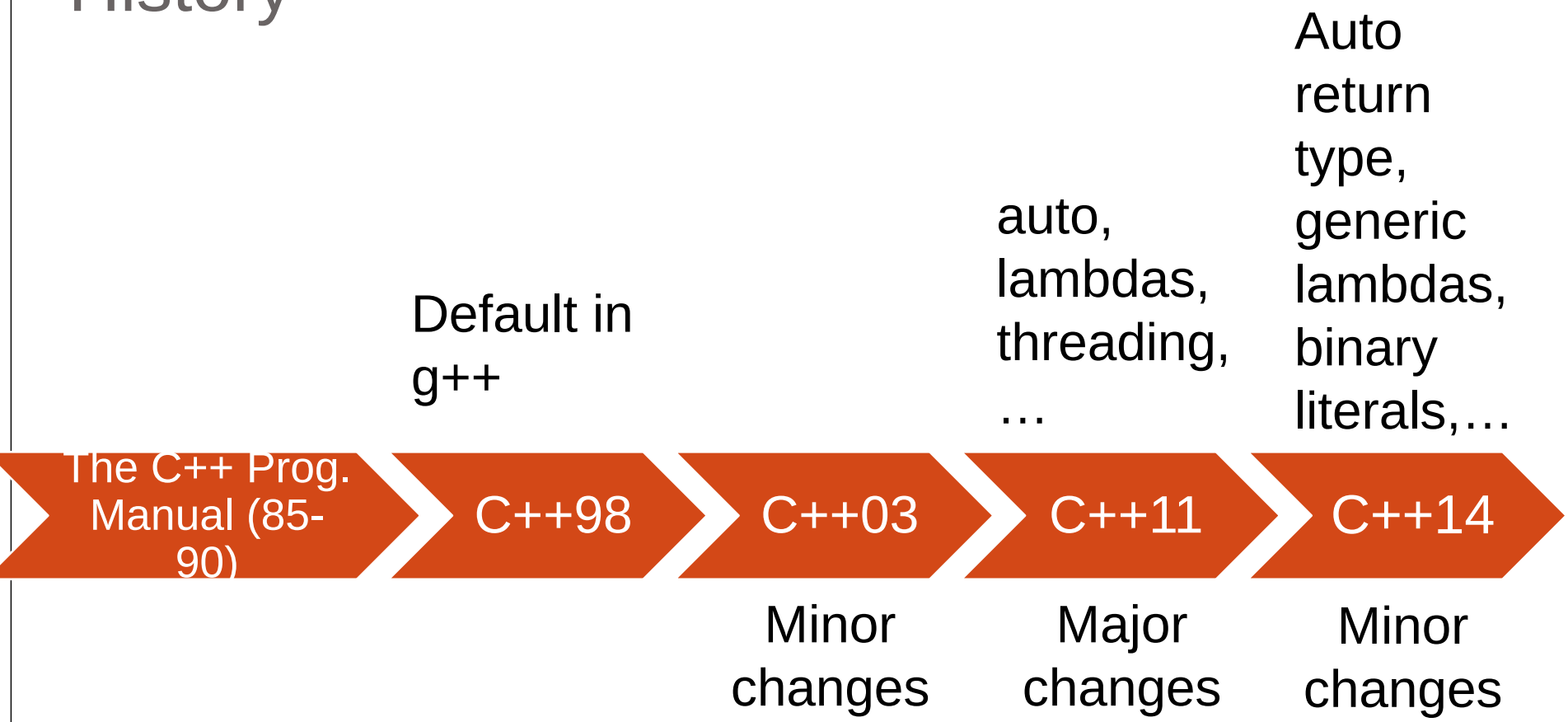
C++ vs. Java – memory

- In C++, the memory consumption of a data structure is tight – you get only what you ask for.
- In Java, your data structures might consume much more memory.
- See example in folder 1.
  - *Why is this?*

C++ vs. Python – time

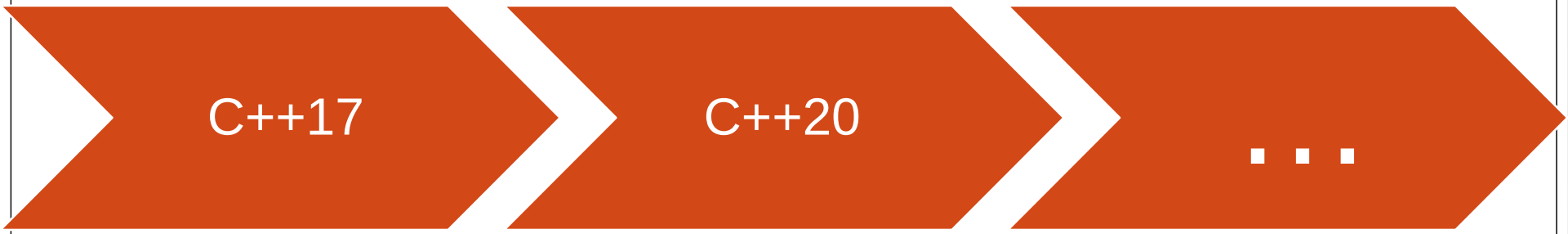
- In both languages, you can solve complex algorithmic problems, such as the Traveling Salesman Problem.
- In C++, the code runs 10-100 times faster; see example in folder 1.
- Besides speed, C++ is also better suited to work in *real time*.

History



We'll learn parts of C++-11, 14, 17,
Mostly parts that makes C++ more "pythonic" while keeping it efficient

Future



The missing types

strings in C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
int main()
{
    std::string str;
    int a;
    double b;
    std::cin >> str >> a >> b;
    if(std::cin.fail())
    {
        std::cerr << "input problem\n";
        return 1;
    }
    std::cout << "I got: "<< str << ' '
    << a << ' ' << b << std::endl;
}
```

:More about string functions

http://www.cppreference.com/cppstring

Boolean variables

```
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    bool isZero = (a == 0);
    // same conditions
    if( !isZero && isZero==false &&
    isZero!=true &&  !!! isZero && a )
    {
        std::cout << "a is not zero\n";
    }
}
```

Good style

C++ namespace (folder 3)

- Groups different variables and functions together;
- Reduces danger of name-collision when including different libraries;
- Can span multiple files.
- Standard library namespace: std;
- Another example: folly

https://github.com/facebook/folly/blob/master/folly/stop_watch.h

Error Handling in C++ *(folders 5-6)*

	Exception	**Assert**
Used during:	Normal run	Development
Used for:	Handling exceptional conditions.	Spotting internal errors and bugs.
Disabling:	No	With compiler flag

Unit-testing in C++

- You learned to do it in Java (JUnit).
- It is at least as important in C++.

- There are many frameworks for automated unit-testing in C++.
- We will use **doctest** – an open-source framework: https://github.com/onqtam/doctest
- See folder 8 for an example.