

Chapter 2: Introduction to C++

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2.1 The Parts of a C++ Program

```
// sample C++ program      ← comment
#include <iostream>          ← preprocessor directive
using namespace std;        ← which namespace to use
int main()                  ← beginning of function named main
{                            ← beginning of block for main
    cout << "Hello, there!"; ← output statement
    return 0;               ← send 0 back to operating system
}                            ← end of block for main
```



2.1 The Parts of a C++ Program

Statement	Purpose
<code>// sample C++ program</code>	comment
<code>#include <iostream></code>	preprocessor directive
<code>using namespace std;</code>	which namespace to use
<code>int main()</code>	beginning of function named <code>main</code>
<code>{</code>	beginning of block for <code>main</code>
<code> cout << "Hello, there!";</code>	output statement
<code> return 0;</code>	send 0 back to the operating system
<code>}</code>	end of block for <code>main</code>



Special Characters

Character	Name	Description
//	Double Slash	Begins a comment
#	Pound Sign	Begins preprocessor directive
< >	Open, Close Brackets	Encloses filename used in <code>#include</code> directive
()	Open, Close Parentheses	Used when naming function
{ }	Open, Close Braces	Encloses a group of statements
" "	Open, Close Quote Marks	Encloses string of characters
;	Semicolon	Ends a programming statement



Important Details

- C++ is case-sensitive. Uppercase and lowercase characters are different characters. 'Main' is not the same as 'main'.
- Every { must have a corresponding }, and vice-versa.



2.2 The `cout` Object

- Displays information on computer screen
- Use `<<` to send information to `cout`
- Can use `<<` to send multiple items to `cout`

```
cout << "Hello, there!";
```

```
cout << "Hello, " << "there!";
```

Or

```
cout << "Hello, ";
```

```
cout << "there!";
```



Starting a New Line

- To get multiple lines of output on screen

- Use `endl`

```
cout << "Hello, there!" << endl;
```

- Use `\n` in an output string

```
cout << "Hello, there!\n";
```



2.3 The `#include` Directive

- Inserts the contents of another file into the program
- Is a preprocessor directive
 - Not part of the C++ language
 - Not seen by compiler

- Example:

```
#include <iostream>
```

No ;
goes here



2.4 Standard and Prestandard C++

Older-style C++ programs

- Use `.h` at end of header files

```
#include <iostream.h>
```

- Do not use `using namespace` convention
- May not compile with a standard C++ compiler



2.5 Variables, Constants, and the Assignment Statement

- Variable

- Has a name and a type of data it can hold



- Is used to reference a location in memory where a value can be stored
- Must be defined before it can be used
- The value that is stored can be changed, *i.e.*, it can “vary”



Variables

- If a new value is stored in the variable, it replaces the previous value
- The previous value is overwritten and can no longer be retrieved

```
int age;  
age = 17;      // age is 17  
cout << age;   // Displays 17  
age = 18;      // Now age is 18  
cout << age;   // Displays 18
```



Assignment Statement

- Uses the = operator
- Has a single variable on the left side and a value on the right side
- Copies the value on the right into the variable on the left

```
item = 12;
```



Constants

- Constant
 - Data item whose value does not change during program execution
 - Is also called a **literal**

```
'A'           // character constant  
"Hello"       // string literal  
12            // integer constant  
3.14          // floating-point constant
```



2.6 Identifiers

- Programmer-chosen names to represent parts of the program, such as variables
- Name should indicate the use of the identifier
- Cannot use C++ key words as identifiers
- Must begin with alphabetic character or `_`, followed by alphabetic, numeric, or `_`. Alpha may be upper- or lowercase



Valid and Invalid Identifiers

IDENTIFIER	VALID?	REASON IF INVALID
<code>totalSales</code>	Yes	
<code>total_Sales</code>	Yes	
<code>total.Sales</code>	No	Cannot contain period
<code>4thQtrSales</code>	No	Cannot begin with digit
<code>totalSale\$</code>	No	Cannot contain \$



2.7 Integer Data Types

- Designed to hold whole numbers
- Can be **signed** or **unsigned**
12 -6 +3
- Available in different sizes (*i.e.*, number of bytes): **short**, **int**, and **long**
- Size of **short** \leq size of **int** \leq size of **long**



Defining Variables

- Variables of the same type can be defined
 - In separate statements

```
int length;  
int width;
```

- In the same statement

```
int length,  
    width;
```

- Variables of different types must be defined in separate statements



Integral Constants

- To store an integer constant in a long memory location, put 'L' at the end of the number: **1234L**
- Constants that begin with '0' (zero) are octal, or base 8: **075**
- Constants that begin with '0x' are hexadecimal, or base 16: **0x75A**



2.8 The `char` Data Type

- Used to hold single characters or very small integer values
- Usually occupies 1 byte of memory
- A numeric code representing the character is stored in memory

SOURCE CODE

```
char letter = 'C';
```

MEMORY

```
letter
```

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String Constant

- Can be stored a series of characters in consecutive memory locations

"Hello"

- Stored with the **null terminator**, \0, at end

H	e	l	l	o	\0
---	---	---	---	---	----

- Is comprised of characters between the " "



A character or a string constant?

- A character constant is a single character, enclosed in single quotes:

`'C'`

- A string constant is a sequence of characters enclosed in double quotes:

`"Hello, there!"`

- A single character in double quotes is a string constant, not a character constant:

`"C"`



2.9 The C++ `string` Class

- Must `#include <string>` to create and use string objects
- Can define `string` variables in programs
`string name;`
- Can assign values to string variables with the assignment operator
`name = "George";`
- Can display them with `cout`
`cout << name;`



2.10 Floating-Point Data Types

- Designed to hold real numbers
12.45 -3.8
- Stored in a form similar to scientific notation
- Numbers are all signed
- Available in different sizes (number of bytes):
float, double, and long double
- Size of **float** \leq size of **double**
 \leq size of **long double**



Floating-point Constants

- Can be represented in
 - Fixed point (decimal) notation:
31.4159 **0.0000625**
 - E notation:
3.14159E1 **6.25e-5**
- Are **double** by default
- Can be forced to be float **3.14159F** or
long double **0.0000625L**



Assigning Floating-point Values to Integer Variables

If a floating-point value is assigned to an integer variable

- The fractional part will be truncated (*i.e.*, “chopped off” and discarded)
- The value is not rounded

```
int rainfall = 3.88;  
cout << rainfall; // Displays 3
```



2.11 The `bool` Data Type

- Represents values that are **true** or **false**
- `bool` values are stored as short integers
- **false** is represented by 0, **true** by 1

```
bool allDone = true;    allDone    finished
bool finished = false;  1          0
```



2.12 Determining the Size of a Data Type

The **sizeof** operator gives the size of any data type or variable

```
double amount;  
cout << "A float is stored in "  
      << sizeof(float) << " bytes\n";  
cout << "Variable amount is stored in "  
      << sizeof(amount) << " bytes\n";
```



2.13 More on Variable Assignments and Initialization

- Assigning a value to a variable
 - Assigns a value to a previously created variable
 - A single variable name must appear on left side of the = symbol

```
int size;  
size = 5;      // legal  
5 = size;     // not legal
```



Variable Assignment vs. Initialization

- Initializing a variable
 - Gives an initial value to a variable at the time it is created
 - Can initialize some or all variables of definition

```
int length = 12;  
int width = 7, height = 5, area;
```



2.14 Scope

- The **scope** of a variable is that part of the program where the variable may be used
- A variable cannot be used before it is defined

```
int a;  
cin >> a;    // legal  
cin >> b;    // illegal  
int b;
```



2.15 Arithmetic Operators

- Used for performing numeric calculations
- C++ has unary, binary, and ternary operators
 - unary (1 operand) `-5`
 - binary (2 operands) `13 - 7`
 - ternary (3 operands) `exp1 ? exp2 : exp3`



Binary Arithmetic Operators

SYMBOL	OPERATION	EXAMPLE	ans
+	addition	ans = 7 + 3;	10
-	subtraction	ans = 7 - 3;	4
*	multiplication	ans = 7 * 3;	21
/	division	ans = 7 / 3;	2
%	modulus	ans = 7 % 3;	1



/ Operator

- C++ division operator (/) performs integer division if both operands are integers

```
cout << 13 / 5;    // displays 2  
cout <<  2 / 4;    // displays 0
```

- If either operand is floating-point, the result is floating-point

```
cout << 13 / 5.0;  // displays 2.6  
cout << 2.0 / 4;   // displays 0.5
```



% Operator

- C++ modulus operator (%) computes the remainder resulting from integer division

```
cout << 9 % 2;    // displays 1
```

- % requires integers for both operands

```
cout << 9 % 2.0;  // error
```



2.16 Comments

- Are used to document parts of a program
- Are written for persons reading the source code of the program
 - Indicate the purpose of the program
 - Describe the use of variables
 - Explain complex sections of code
- Are ignored by the compiler



Single-Line Comments

- Begin with `//` through to the end of line

```
int length = 12; // length in inches
int width  = 15;  // width in inches
int area;        // calculated area

// Calculate rectangle area
area = length * width;
```



Multi-Line Comments

- Begin with `/*` and end with `*/`
- Can span multiple lines

```
/*-----  
    Here's a multi-line comment  
-----*/
```

- Can also be used as single-line comments

```
int area;    /* Calculated area */
```



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