

NAMESPACES

4TH WEEK LECTURE

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Outline

- Namespaces
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 - Namespace std
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Namespaces

- To group entities under a name
 - Classes
 - Objects
 - Functions
- To divide the global scope in sub-scopes
 - Each one with its own name

Namespace std

- All the files in the C++ standard library declare all of its entities within the std namespace

```
using namespace std;
```

Format of Namespaces

```
namespace identifier  
{  
    entities  
}
```

- where identifier is any valid identifier and entities is the set of classes, objects and functions that are included within the namespace
- Example

```
namespace myNamespace  
{  
    int a, b;  
}
```

```
myNamespace::a  
myNamespace::b
```

Examples

- To avoid redefinition errors

```
// namespaces
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
namespace first
{
    int var = 5;
}
namespace second
{
    double var = 3.1416;
}
int main () {
    cout << first::var << endl;
    cout << second::var << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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Examples Cont'd

- To introduce a name from a namespace

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

```
namespace first
{
    int x = 5;
    int y = 10;
}
```

```
namespace second
{
    double x = 3.1416;
    double y = 2.7183;
}
```

```
int main () {
    using first::x;
    using second::y;
    cout << x << endl;
    cout << y << endl;
    cout << first::y << endl;
    cout << second::x
    << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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```

Examples Cont'd

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// using
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
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namespace first
{
    int x = 5;
    int y = 10;
}
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namespace second
{
    double x = 3.1416;
    double y = 2.7183;
}
```

```
int main () {
    using namespace first;
    cout << x << endl;
    cout << y << endl;
    cout << second::x
    << endl;
    cout << second::y
    << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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```


Examples Cont'd

- To introduce a name from a namespace

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

```
namespace first  
{  
    int x = 5;  
}
```

```
namespace second  
{  
    double x = 3.1416;  
}
```

```
int main () {  
    {  
        using namespace first;  
        cout << x << endl;  
    }  
    {  
        using namespace  
        second;  
        cout << x << endl;  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

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Namespace Alias

- To declare alternate names for existing namespaces

```
namespace new_name = current_name;
```