

C++ Basics

Lecture 10-2

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Overview

- C++ Introduction
- Print/Console Input
- Variables/Const Keyword/Data Types
- Operators
- Namespaces
- Arrays
- Conditions/Loops
- Function
- File I/O
- Pointers/References



What is C++?

- C++ is a general-purpose programming language created as a an extension of the C programming language.
- C++ has object-oriented, generic, and functional features in addition to facilities for low-level memory manipulation.
 - C++ is also considered as "C with Classes".
- C++ was designed with a focus on system
 programming for embedded software and large
 systems, which need to achieve high performance.

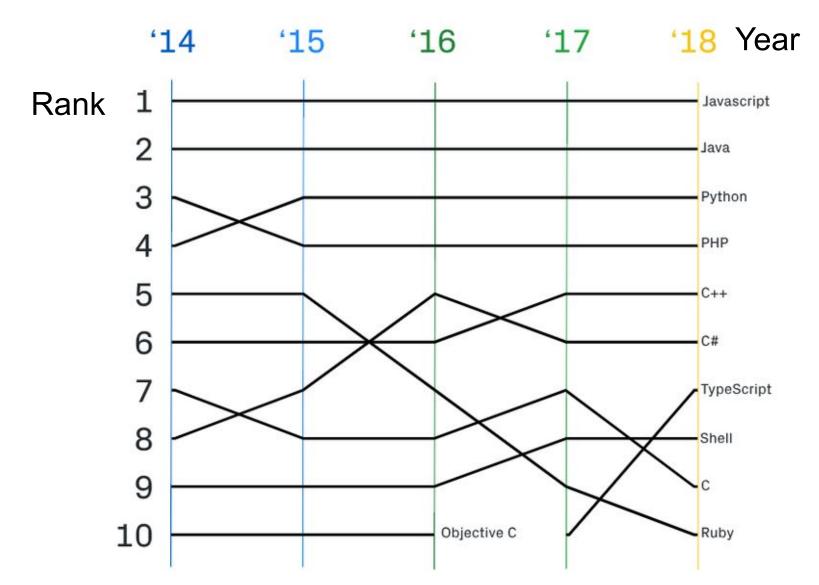


Why Use C++?

- You can do everything with C++: from low-level programming (memory manipulation, etc.) to high-level programming (generic data structure).
 - Programmer can choose their own programming style.
- Compatibility with C programming language.
- Generally, C++ is much faster than Java when there are lots of memory allocations.



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Revisiting Course Connections

- Java and C++ are used in many other courses.
- JAVA
 - Data Structure
 - Algorithm
 - Introduction to Data Mining
 - Mobile Computing and Its Applications
- C/C++
 - Systems Programming
 - Operating Systems
 - Computer Graphics
 - Compiler



Hello World with C++

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
int main(void) {
  std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
}</pre>
```



How to Compile & Run?

- 1. Write a C++ source code. Use .cpp extensions.
- 2. Use "g++" to compile. Specify the source code file path, and the output binary file path with -o option.
- 3. Type the path of the output file to run.

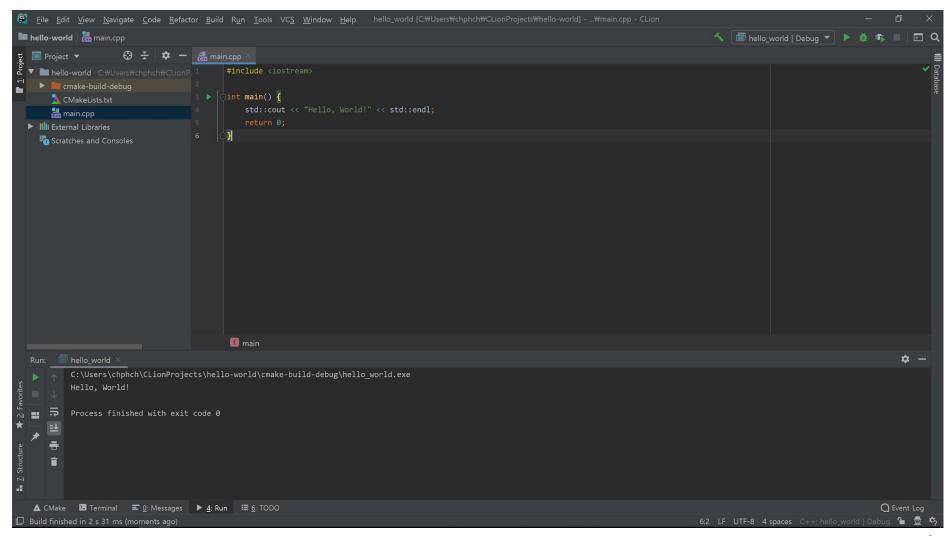
```
$ g++ -o main main.cpp
```

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Hello World!

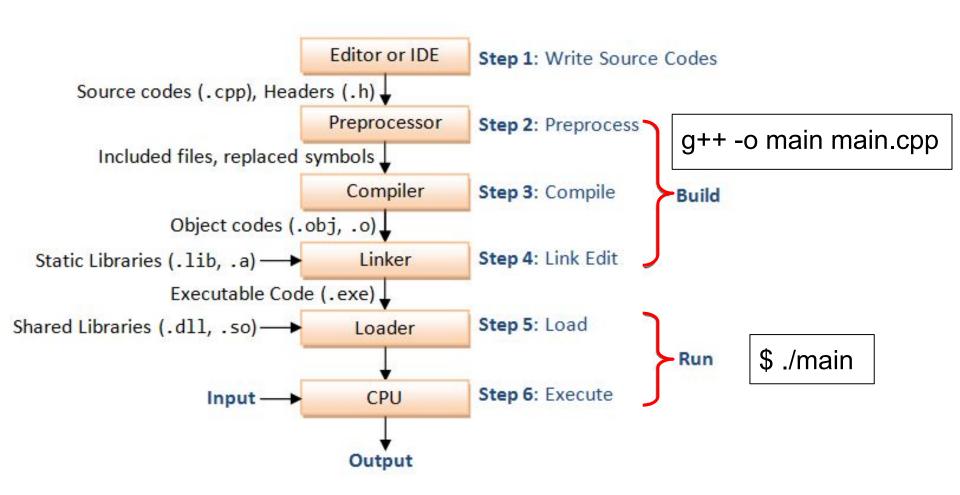


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Deeper Look





What Does it Mean?

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
                              Import I/O library "iostream" to
                              use "std::cout" and "std::endl".
  int main() { The main function is a starting point of a c++
                   program. Exceptionally, you don't have to
                   return a value from the main function.
     std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;</pre>
"std::cout" followed by one or
                                         "std::endl" breaks a line.
                                         You can use '\n' instead.
more "<< VARIABLE" prints
the variables to the standard
                                String expression with
output (console).
```



Print (std::cout):

- std::cout followed by one or more << variables prints the variables to the standard output (console).
- Use std::endl or '\n' to break a line.

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
  int i = 3;
  float f = 4.5;
  char c = 'd';
  std::cout << i << ' ' << f << ' ' << c << std::endl;
}</pre>
```



Print:String Formatting

Use sprintf to write a data to a format string.

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

int main() {
    char str[50];
    sprintf(str, "Hi, I am %d years old", 3);
    cout << str << endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

```
Hi, I am 3 year old.
```



User Input (std::cin)

- Use std::cin and extraction operator >> to get input and save it to the given variable.
- The extraction operator can be used multiple times to get multiple inputs. std::cin assume that the multiple inputs are seperated with a space or in different lines.
- Import <iostream> to use std::cin.



User Input: More Examples

```
output | Put an integer
                                                         Console
                       input | 4
#include <iostream>
                       output | The first input is 4
                       output | Put an integer and a character
int main() {
                       input 2 d
  int var, ivar;
                       output | The second input is 2, d
  char cvar;
  std::cout << "Put an integer" << std::endl;</pre>
  std::cin >> var;
  std::cout << "The first input is " << var << std::endl;</pre>
  std::cout << "Put an integer and a character"</pre>
             << std::endl;
  std::cin >> ivar >> cvar;
  std::cout << "The second input is " << ivar</pre>
             << ", " << cvar << std::endl;
                                                               15
```



Comments

- Use //, /* */ for comments in C++ like Java.
 - // for single-line comments.
 - /* */ for multi-line comments.

```
#include <iostream>
int main(void) {
   // This is a comment
   std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl; // This is a
comment
   /* The code above will print the words Hello World!
to the screen, and it is amazing */
}</pre>
```



Variables

- Containers for storing data values.
- All C++ variables must be identified with unique names like Java variables.
- A C++ variable should be a specified data type.
- There are different types of C++ variables like
 Java variables. (following slide...)



const Keywords

 const keyword specifies that the object or variable is not modifiable.

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  const int i = 5;
  i = 10;
}
```

Output

```
main.cpp:6:7: error: cannot assign to variable 'i' with
const-qualified type
        'const int'
        i = 10;
        ~ ^
1 error generated.
```



Data Types

- C++ provides multiple data types as in JAVA.
- int, float, double, and char types of C++ are similar to those of Java.
- bool of C++ stores true or false.
 - When a bool variable is printed, 1 or 0 is printed (for true or false respectively).
 - A bool can be cast to int 1 or 0.
- string of C++ is similar to that of Java.
 - You should import <string> library as it is not a built-in data type.



Data Types

Data Type	Size	Description	
int	4 bytes	Stores whole numbers, without decimals	
float	4 bytes	Stores fractional numbers, containing one or more decimals. Sufficient for storing 7 decimal digits	
double	8 bytes	Stores fractional numbers, containing one or more decimals. Sufficient for storing 15 decimal digits	
boolean	1 byte	Stores true or false values	
char	1 byte	Stores a single character/letter/number, or ASCII values	



Data Types

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
int main() {
                        // Integer (whole number)
  int myNum = 5;
  float myFloatNum = 5.99;  // Floating point number
  double myDoubleNum = 9.98; // Floating point number
  char myLetter = 'D';
                      // Character
  bool myBoolean = true;  // Boolean
  string myText = "Hello"; // String
  std::cout << myNum << ' ' << myFloatNum << ' '</pre>
      << myDoubleNum << ' ' << myLetter << ' '
      << myBoolean << ' ' << myText << std::endl;
```

Output

5 5.99 9.98 D 1 Hello



String Compare

 Check string equality with == operator. (Different from Java string comparison)

Output



Type Conversion

- Type conversion are automatically performed when a value is copied to a compatible type.
- Both widening casting and narrowing casting are done automatically.
 - *Different from the type casting of JAVA
- Converting to the smaller data type may lose some data.



Converting to the Smaller Data Type

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    double d = .12345678901234567;
    float f = d;
    std::cout.precision(17);
    std::cout << d << std::endl;
    std::cout << f << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

```
    0.1234567890123456
    0.1234567910432815
    Trash value: float variable can store at most 7 digits.
```



Explicit Type Conversion

- You can also force conversions with () as Java.
- There are various types of explicit type conversions in C++ such as dynamic_cast, static_cast, reinterpret_cast, and const_cast. We may cover some of them later.



Explicit Type Conversion

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    int i = 100;
    float f1 = i / 3,
          f2 = (float) i / 3;
    std::cout << f1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << f2 << std::endl;
```

Output

```
33
33.3333
```



Type Checking

Check type with typeid() like typeof in Java.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class MyClass { };
int main() {
   int value = 3;
   MyClass myObject;
   cout << typeid(value).name() << endl;
   cout << typeid(myObject).name() << endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

```
i
7MyClass
```



Operators

- There are various operators in C++.
- There is also operator precedence in C++.

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
1		Scope resolution	Left-to-right
3	++a, -a,	Prefix Increment/decrement, plus/minus,	Right-to-Left
5	a*b, a/b,	Multiplication, division,	Left-ro-right
6	a+b, a-b	Addition and subtraction	Left-ro-right
9	<, <=,	Relation operators	Left-ro-right
10	==, !=	Relation operators	Left-ro-right



Namespaces

- As packages help manage the scope of various classes in JAVA, namespaces provide a way to define a scope for identifiers (variables, functions, etc.) in C++.
- Namespaces are used to systematize code in logical groups which prevents naming conflict, which can occur especially if there are multiple libraries with single names in your code base.



Namespace Declaration

- Declare a namespace with namespace keyword.
- Access identifiers in a namespace using :: .

```
#include <iostream>
namespace my_namespace {
    int x = 123;
int main() {
  std::cout << my_namespace::x << std::endl;</pre>
```



using namespace Directive

- Avoid prepending of namespaces with using namespace directive. The directive tells the compiler that the subsequent code is making use of names in the specified namespace.
- A using namespace directive can be applied to multiple libraries. For example, using namespace std; enables the use of all std namespaces in multiple c++ files.



using namespace Directive

```
#include <iostream>
#include <ctime>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  int i;
  clock_t start, end; // std::clock_t of <ctime>
  start = clock(); // std::clock of <ctime>
  for (i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {}
  end = clock();
  cout << i << endl; // std::cout, std::endl of <iostream>
  cout << end - start << endl;</pre>
```

Output

```
100000
169
```



Global Variables and Functions

- In Java, all variables and functions are members of classes.
- However, in C++, there are global variables and global functions which are not a member of any class.
- A global variable can be accessed by any function. That is, a global variable is available for use throughout the entire program.
- The main function is a typical global function.



Global Variables and Functions

```
#include <iostream>
int glob = 123; // Global variable declaration
int func(int i) { // Global function declaration
    return glob + i;
int main () {
   int local = 111; // Local variable declaration
   cout << func(local) << endl;</pre>
```

Output

234

Arrays Declaration

- Like Java, arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable.
- Declare an array with the variable type, the name of the array followed by square brackets and specify the number of elements it should store. (It's different from Java array declaration).
- Use can also declare an array with new keyword like Java array, but we will handle this later.

```
#include <string>
int iarr[5];
string sarr[5];
```



Array Initialization

- Use array literal to declare an array with initialization.
- Place the values in a comma-separated list, inside curly braces.
- The size of the array can be omitted.

```
#include <string>
int nums1[3] = \{10, 20, 30\},
    nums2[] = \{10, 20, 30\};
string cars1[4] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"},
    cars2[] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
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```



Access/Change an Array Element

 Access/change an array element by referring to the index number.

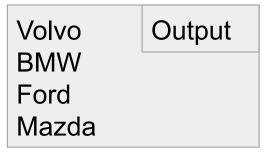
```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
string cars[] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
cout << cars[0] << endl;
// This statement changes the value of the first
element in cars
                                              Output
cars[0] = "Opel";
                                              Volvo
cout << cars[0] << endl;
                                              Opel
                                                         37
```



Loop Through an Array

Loop through array elements with a loop.

```
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main() {
   string cars[] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
   // Outputs all elements in the cars array:
   for (string car : cars) { cout << car << endl; }
}</pre>
```





Array Length

- Unlike Java, there is no magic keyword length to get the size of an array.
- There are several ways to get the size of an array, but the most safe way is to use "size" function in "iterator" library. (From C++17)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iterator>
using namespace std;
int main() {
   string cars[] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
   cout << size(cars) << endl;
}</pre>
```



Conditions (Boolean Expression)

- Less than: a < b
- Less than or equals to: a <= b
- Greater than: a > b
- Equal to: a == b
- Not equal to: a != b



if else

 Use if, else, and else if to specify a block of code to execute depending on a condition.

```
int time = 22;
if (time < 10) {
  cout << "Good morning." << endl;
} else if (time < 20) {
  cout << "Good day." << endl;
} else {
  cout << "Good evening." << endl;
}</pre>
```



switch

 Use the switch statement to select one of many code blocks to be executed. (The syntax same with switch of Java)

```
int day = 4;
switch (day) {
  case 6:
    cout << "Today is Saturday" << endl;</pre>
    break;
  case 7:
    cout << "Today is Sunday" << endl;</pre>
    break;
  default:
    cout << "Looking forward to the Weekend" << endl;
                                                             42
```



Ternary Operator

Shorthand if-else like Java ternary operator.

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

int main() {
  int a = 10, b = 20;
  cout << a > b ? "a" : "b" << " is greater" << endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

b is greater



Loop

- Like Java, there are four types of loops, while, do-while, for, and for-each.
- C++ loop syntax is same with the syntax of Java.



while & do-while Loop

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
  cout << i++ << endl;
i = 0;
do {
  cout << i++ << endl;
while (i < 5);
```



for & for-each Loop

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iterator>
using namespace std;
int arr[] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\};
for (int i = 0; i < size(arr); i++) {
  cout << i << endl;</pre>
for (int i : arr) {
  cout << i << endl;</pre>
```



Breaking Loop

- Use break to break the whole loop statement.
- Use continue to break the current iteration, and go to the next iteration.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    cout << i;
    if (i == 1) { continue; }
    cout << ',';
    if (i == 6) { break; }
  cout << endl;</pre>
```

Output

0,12,3,4,5,6,



One-line if/else/while/for/for-each

- You can omit curly brackets {} of a if/else statement or while/for/for-each loop containing only a single statement, just like Java.
- Not recommended, because this may increase your chances of writing buggy code. However, some codes are already in this style, so you have to be aware of this syntax.

```
int hour = 14;
if (hour < 12)
  cout << "It's before noon." << endl;
// else (accidentally commented)
  cout << "It's after noon." << endl;</pre>
```

Output

It's before noon.
It's after noon.



Function

 A function is a block of code which only runs when it is called.

This should match parameter parameter to the return type. type name



Function Overloading

 Multiple functions can have the same name with different parameters and return types.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int plus(int x, int y) { return x + y; }
double plus(double x, double y) { return x + y; }
int main() {
                                                 Output
  cout << plus(1, 2) << endl;</pre>
  cout << plut(1.2, 3.4) << endl;</pre>
                                                 4.6
```



Header (.h) File

- Lots of libraries separates declarations and implementations of elements (variables, functions, and classes) as header files and body (.cpp) files.
- Only importing a header file enables to use all implementations of the declarations in the header file.
- Header file also prevent multiple inclusion.



Header (.h) File

- In C++, to call a function, the function should be written in the previous lines, which is different from Java.
- However, the written positions of function bodies isn't important when all declarations of the functions are written in a header file.



Macro

- A macro is a fragment of code which has been given a name. Whenever the name is used, it is replaced by the contents of the macro.
- There are two kinds of macros, object-like macros and function-like macros. Use #define directive to give symbolic names to numeric constants.



Object-Like Macro Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#define PI 3.14
int main() {
    double radius = 10;
    double circumference = 2 * PI * radius;
    cout << circumference << endl;</pre>
```

Output

62.8



Function-like Macro Example

```
#define SUB(x,y) x-y
#define PRINT(x) cout << x << endl;</pre>
int main() {
    int k = 10;
    int m = 5;
    int diff = SUB(k,m);
    PRINT(diff);
```

Output

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inline Function

- Whole code of the inline function gets inserted or substituted at the point of inline function call.
- This substitution is performed by the C++ compiler at compile time.

```
inline int min(int x, int y) {
   return x > y ? y : x;
}
int main() {
   cout << min (10, 5) << endl;
   // min (10, 5) is not really a function call, but a
text replacement
}</pre>
```

typedef

- typedef gives an alias (nickname) to an existing type.
- Note that it does not create a new type.

```
typedef long miles_t;
typedef long speed_t;
typedef int int16_t;
typedef std::vector<std::pair<std::string, int>>
pairlist_t;
miles_t distance = 5 ;
speed_t mhz = 3200;
```



Files

- fstream library provide features to work with files.
- To use fstream library, include both iostream and fstream.
- Three objects included in the fstream library, which are used to create, write, or read files.
 - ofstream: Creates and writes to files.
 - ifstream: Reads from files.
 - fstream: A combination of ofstream and ifstream: creates, reads, and writes to files.



Create and Write to a File

- To create a file, use either ofstream or fstream object, and specify the name of the file.
- Use insertion operator << to write to the file.
- Close the stream object when the writing is done.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    // Create and open a text file
    ofstream my_file("filename.txt");
    // Write to the file
    my_file << "Files are fun!" << endl;
    my_file.close(); // Close the file
}</pre>
```



Read a File

- To read from a file, use either the ifstream or fstream object, and the name of the file.
- Use getline function defined in fstream library with a ifstream/fstream object, and a string variable.
- You can get the whole lines of a file by using getline and while statement together. In while statement, the return value of getline is casted to true or false by whether there are any more lines left to read.
- Close the stream object when the reading is done.



Read a File

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  string str;
  ifstream my_file("filename.txt");
  while (getline(my_file, str)) {
    cout << str << endl;</pre>
  my_file.close();
```

filename.txt

1st line 2nd line 3rd line

Output

1st line 2nd line 3rd line



Motivation: Pointers and References

- It is not straightforward to swap two variables with a function when only values are passed to the the function.
- We can swap two variables after we learn pointers.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void swap(int var1, int var2) {
  int temp = var1; var1 = var2; var2 = temp;
}
int main() {
  int var1 = 1, var2 = 2;
  swap(var1, var2);
  cout << var1 << ',' << var2 << endl;
}</pre>
Output

1,2 # Not swapped!!!
```



Address-of Operator &

Get memory address with address-of operator &.

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

int main() {
  int var = 3;
  cout << var << endl;
  cout << &var << endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

```
3
0x7ffeeeee1d7fc # This can be different at each run
```



Pointers

- A pointer variable can store the memory address.
- A pointer data type is created with * on the existing data type. In the example below, ptr stores the address of an integer variable, var.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  int var = 3;
  int* ptr = &var;
  cout << var << endl;
  cout << &var << endl;
  cout << ptr << endl;
}</pre>
```

Output

```
3
0x7ffeeaeb67fc
0x7ffeeaeb67fc
```



Pointer Expressions

There are three types of pointer expressions.

```
string* mystring;
string *mystring;
string * mystring;
```

The first expression is recommended.



Misuse of Pointer Syntax

```
char *str1, str2;
char* str1, str2;
```

- Two lines are equivalent.
- Be careful! str1 is a char pointer type variable,
 but str2 is a char type variable.



Access Pointer Value

 You can access a value of a pointer by using the dereference operator (*).

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  string food = "Pizza";
  string* ptr = &food;
  // Output the value of food
  cout << food << "\n";
  // Access the memory address
of food and output its value
  cout << *ptr << "\n";
```

Output

```
Pizza
Pizza
```



Change Pointer Value

 You can change the value of a variable that the pointer points to by using the dereference operator.

```
#include <iostream>
                                                  Output
#include <string>
                                                  Hamburger
using namespace std;
                                                  Hamburger
int main() {
  string food = "Pizza";
  string* ptr = &food;
  // Change the value of the pointer
  *ptr = "Hamburger";
  // Output the new value of the pointer
  cout << *ptr << endl;</pre>
  // Output the new value of the food variable
  cout << food << endl;</pre>
```



Swap Values with Pointers

We can swap values of two variables with pointers.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void swap(int* ptr1, int* ptr2) {
  int temp = *ptr1;
  *ptr = *ptr2;
  *ptr2 = temp;
int main() {
  int var1 = 1, var2 = 2;
  cout << var1 << ',' << var2 << endl;
  swap(&var1, &var2);
  cout << var1 << ',' << var2 << endl;
```

Output

```
1,2
2,1
```



new & delete keyword

- "new" keyword allocate a memory in the heap space, and return the pointer of the memory.
- delete keyword delete the allocated memory which the pointer points.

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

int main() {
   int *ptr = new int;
   cout << ptr << endl;
   delete ptr;
}</pre>
```

Output

0x7fbc6d4006a0



References

 A reference variable is a reference to an existing variable, and it is created with the & operator.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  string my_home = "My Home";
  string &my_house = my_home
  cout << my_home << endl;</pre>
  cout << my_house << endl;</pre>
```

Output

My Home
My Home



Swap with References

Easier swap with references.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void swap(int& a, int& b) {
  int temp = a;
 a = b;
  b = temp;
int main() {
  int var1 = 1, var2 = 2;
  cout << var1 << ',' << var2 << endl;</pre>
  swap(var1, var2);
  cout << var1 << ',' << var2 << endl;
```

Output

```
1,2
2,1
```