

C++

CPP-01

(Variables, Basic Types, Control Structures)

⇒ Compiling hello-world.cpp file

`g++ -std=c++11 -o hello-world hello-world.cpp`

↓
(name of our program in the end)

* Declaring Variables

⇒ Variable declaration always follows pattern:

`<TYPE> <NAME> [= <VALUE>];`

- Every variable has a type
- Variables cannot change their type
- Always initialize variables if you can.

* Naming variables

- Name must start with a letter.
- Give variables meaningful names.
- Don't be afraid to use longer names.
- Don't include type in the name.
- Don't use negation in the name.
- GOOGLE-STYLE name variables in snake_case
all lowercase, underscores separated words.
- C++ is case sensitive

* Built-in types

- ① **bool** → Either true or false
 - ② **char** → Single character
 - ③ **int** → Integer number
 - ④ **short** → Short number
 - ⑤ **long** → Long number
 - ⑥ **float** → Single precision float (0.01f)
 - ⑦ **double** → Double precision float
- ⑧
- | | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| auto someint = 13; | [int] |
| auto somefloat = 13.0f; | [float] |
| auto somedouble = 13.0; | [double] |

* Operations on arithmetic types

⇒ All character, integer and floating point types are arithmetic.

⇒ Arithmetic operations: +, -, *, /

⇒ Comparisons <, >, <=, >=, ==
returns bool.

⇒ Avoid == for floating point type.

⇒ $a += 1 \Leftrightarrow a = a + 1$, Same for -=, *=, /= etc.

* Some additional Operations

⇒ Boolean variables have logical operations
or: ||, and: &&, not: !

→ / is integer division: $7/3 == 2$

→ % is modulo division: $7\%3 == 1$

→ $a++ \Leftrightarrow ++a \Leftrightarrow a+=1$

→ $a-- \Leftrightarrow --a \Leftrightarrow a-=1$

(first return a
value then updat
a)

(first updated
then return a
value)

fastest recommended

* Strings (Part of std library)

⇒ #include <string> to use std::string.

⇒ Concatenate strings with +

⇒ Check if str is empty with str.empty()

⇒ Works out of the box with I/O stream

* Use std::array for fixed size collection of items

⇒ #include <array> to use std::array

⇒ Stores collection of items of same type

⇒ Create from data:

`std::array<float, 3> arr = {1.0f, 2.0f, 3.0f};`

⇒ Access items with `arr[i]` indexing starts with 0

⇒ Number of stored items: `arr.size()`

⇒ Useful access aliases:

▪ First item `arr.front() == arr[0]`

▪ Last item `arr.back() == arr[arr.size()-1]`

★ Use std::Vector when number of items is Unknown before-wise

⇒ #include <vector> to use std::vector

⇒ Vectors are implemented as a dynamic table.

⇒ Access stored item just like in std::array

⇒ Add a new item in one of ~~two~~ ways:

- vec.emplace-back(value)

[Preferred, C++11]

- vec.push-back(value)

[Historically better known]

"Consider it to be a default container to store collection of items of any same type"

★ Optimize vector resizing

⇒ Many push-back/emplace-back operations force vector to change its size many times.

⇒ reserve(n) ensures that the vector has enough memory to store n items.

⇒ The parameter n can even be approximate

⇒ This is very important optimization

```
std::vector<std::string> vec;
```

```
const int KItemNum = 100;
```

```
vec.reserve(KItemNum);
```

★ Variables live in scopes

- ⇒ There is a **single global scope**
- ⇒ Local scope starts with { and ends with }.
- ⇒ All variables belong to the scope where they have been declared.
- ⇒ All variables die in the end of their scope.
- ⇒ This is the core of C++ memory system.

★ Any variable can be const

- ⇒ Use const to declare a constant
- ⇒ The compiler will guard it from any changes
- ⇒ Keyword **const** can be used with any type.
- ⇒ GOOGLE-STYLE name constants in Camel Case starting with a small letter k:

Example:
`const int kSomeInt = 20;`

- ⇒ const is part of type:

Variable kSomeInt has type const int

- ⇒ Tip: declare everything const unless it must be changed.

★ Reference to variable

⇒ We can create a reference to any variable.

⇒ Use & to state that a variable is a reference.

Example:
`std::string& hello_ref = hello;`

⇒ Reference is part of type:

Variable `hello_ref` has type `string&`

⇒ Whatever happens to a reference happens to the variable and vice versa.

⇒ Yields performance gain as reference avoid copying data.

★ Const with references

Example: `const float& ref = original;`

★ If Statement

⇒ Used to conditionally execute code

`if (STATEMENT) {`

`} else if (OTHER_STATEMENT) {`

`} else {`

`}`

⇒ STATEMENT can be any boolean expression.

* Switch statement

⇒ Used to Conditionally execute code.

```
switch (STATEMENT) {
```

```
    case CONST-1:
```

```
        break;
```

```
    case CONST-2:
```

```
        break;
```

```
    default:
```

```
}
```

⇒ break exits the switch block

⇒ STATEMENT usually returns int or enum value.

* While loop

```
while (STATEMENT) {
```

```
}
```

⇒ Usually used when the exact number of iterations is unknown before-hand.

* For loop

```
for (INITIAL-CONDITION; END-CONDITION; INCREMENT) {
```

```
}
```

* Range for loop

⇒ Iterating over a standard containers like array or vector has simpler syntax.

- Show intent with the syntax
- Has been added in C++11

```
for (const auto& value: container) {  
  
}
```

* Exit loops and iterations

⇒ Use break to exit the loop.

⇒ Use continue to skip to next iteration

