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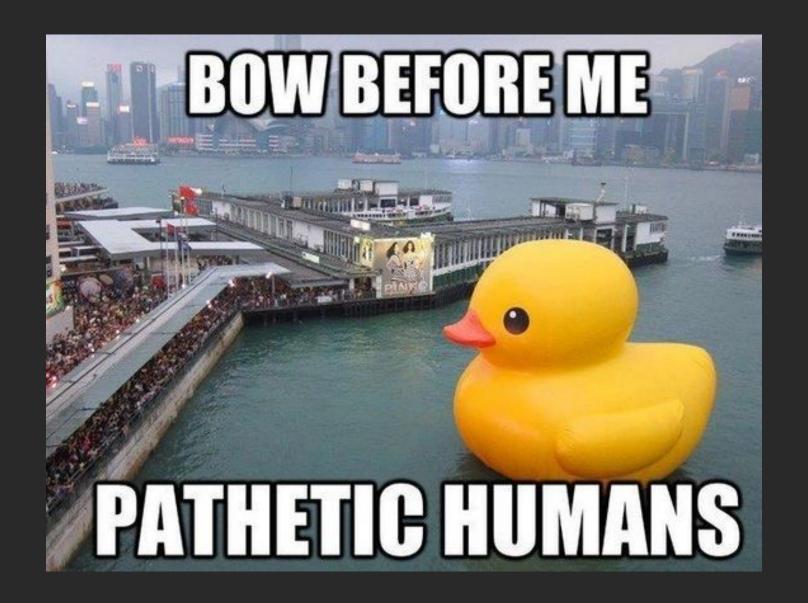
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Testing the Poll feature!

On a 1-9 rubber duck scale, how are things going today?





Game Plan



- Welcome
- Logistics
- History and Philosophy of C++
- C++ Basics
- Command-Line Compilation

Introduction

Instructors





Why C++?

C++ is still a very popular language.

Sep 2019	Sep 2018	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		Java	16.661%	-0.78%
2	2		С	15.205%	-0.24%
3	3		Python	9.874%	+2.22%
4	4		C++	5.635%	-1.76%
5	6	^	C#	3.399%	+0.10%

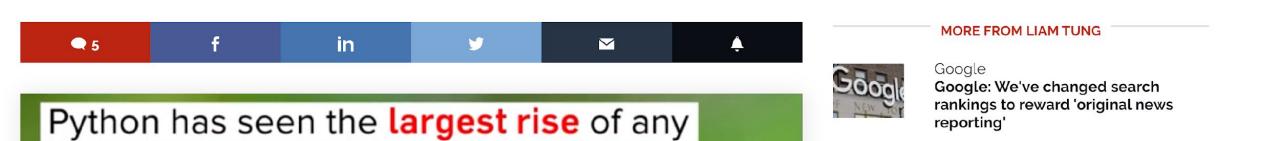
Take that, Python!

Programming language popularity: C++ bounces back at Python's expense

Broader compiler support is driving a resurgence in interest in the nearly 35-year-old C++ programming language, which replaces Python in Tiobe's top 3.



By Liam Tung | April 8, 2019 -- 12:43 GMT (20:43 GMT+08:00) | Topic: Enterprise Software

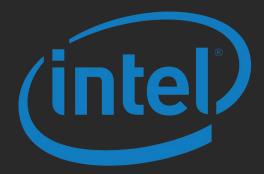


Classes that use C++

BIOE 215: Physics-Based Simulation of Biological Structure CME 213: Introduction to parallel computing using MPI CS 144: Introduction to Computer Networking CS 231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition GENE 222: Parallel Computing for Healthcare ME 328: Medical Robotics MUSIC 256A: Music, Computing, Design I MUSIC 420A: Signal Processing Models in Musical Acoustics

Companies that use C++







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Browsers written in C++







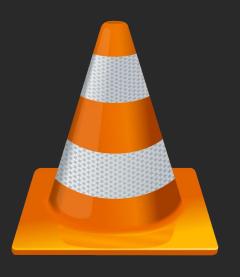


Software written in C++













Games written in C++













Cool stuff written in C++



The F-35 Lightning II (Joint Strike Fighter) relies extensively on C++

The Spirit rover was operational for over 6 years when the mission was only planned to run for around 3 months



Why CS 106L?

Goals of CS 106L

1. Learn what features are out there in C++ and why they exist.

2. Become comfortable with reading C++ documentation.

3. Become familiar with the design philosophy of modern C++.

NOT: memorize the syntax of C++.

C++ documentation is very "expert friendly".

vector<int> nums; // the first default constructor

```
vector();
     default (1)
                 explicit vector (const allocator type& alloc);
                 explicit vector (size_type n, const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
                          vector (size type n, const value type& val,
         fill (2)
                                  const allocator type& alloc = allocator type());
                 template <class InputIterator>
                vector (InputIterator first, InputIterator last,
      range (3)
                           const allocator type& alloc = allocator type());
                 vector (const vector& x);
       copy (4)
                 vector (const vector& x, const allocator type& alloc);
                vector (vector&& x);
      move (5)
                 vector (vector&& x, const allocator type& alloc);
                 vector (initializer_list<value_type> il,
initializer list (6)
                        const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
```

Class Schedule Outline

- Basics Week 1: Compilation and Structures
- Basics Week 2: References and Streams
- STL Week 3: Containers and Iterators
- STL Week 4-5: Templates and Algorithms
- Templates Week 5: Template Classes
- Templates Week 6: Metaprogramming
- Class Design Week 6: Const Correctness and Operators
- Class Design Week 7: Special Member Functions
- Class Design Week 8: RAII
- Bonus Topics Week 9: Multithreading and C++20

Logistics

Logistics

Lecture: M/W 4:30-5:50 on Zoom, weeks 1-9

Website: https://cs106l.stanford.edu

Getting Help: Office Hours, Piazza, do not use LaIR

Assignments: 2 assignments, complete both for credit

Late Days: Earn 24-hour late days through surveys

Development: Qt Creator (from CS 106B)

Honor Code: Don't cheat. Same rules as CS 106B.

Piazza: https://piazza.com/stanford/spring2020/cs106l

QT Creator Setup



Survey

https://forms.gle/MahBUdB54mfqWnQQ6

= +1 late day!

History of C++

Some C++ Code

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello, world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

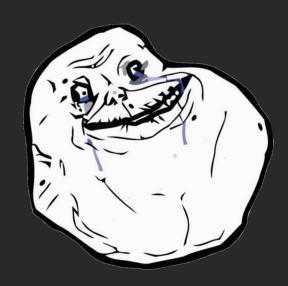
Also Some C++ Code

```
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv) {
    printf("%s", "Hello, world!\n");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

...Also (Technically) Some C++ Code

```
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv) {
   asm( "sub $0x20,%rsp\n\t"
         "movabs $0x77202c6f6c6c6548,%rax\n\t"
         "mov %rax,(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movl $0x646c726f, 0x8(%rsp)\n\t"
               $0x21, 0xc(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movw
                $0x0,0xd(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movb
                (%rsp),%rax\n\t"
         "leaq
                %rax,%rdi\n\t"
         "mov
               __Z6myputsPc\n\t"
         "call
         "add
                $0x20, %rsp\n\t"
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```



```
section
                                  ;must be declared for linker (ld)
global
            start
                                  ;tell linker entry point
_start:
            edx,len
                                  ;message length
    mov
                                  ;message to write
            ecx, msg
    mov
            ebx,1
                                  ;file descriptor (stdout)
    mov
                                  ;system call number (sys_write)
            eax,4
    mov
                                  call kernel
    int
            0x80
                                  ;system call number (sys_exit)
    mov
            eax, 1
            0x80
                                  ;call kernel
   int
            .data
section
        db 'Hello, world!',0xa ;our dear string
msg
        equ $ - msg
                                  ;length of our dear string
len
```

Benefits:

- Unbelievably simple instructions
- Extremely fast (when well-written)
- Complete control over your program

Why don't we always use assembly?

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Drawbacks:

- A lot of code to do simple tasks
- Hard to understand
- Extremely unportable

C++ History: Invention of C

Problem: computers only understand assembly.*

Idea:

- Source code can be written in a more intuitive language
- An additional program can convert it into assembly

This is called a compiler!

C++ History: Invention of C

T&R created C in 1972, to much praise.

C made it easy to write code that was

- Fast
- Simple
- Cross-platform

Learn to love it in CS107!



Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie, creators of the C language.

C++ History: Invention of C

C was popular since it was simple.

This was also its weakness:

- No objects or classes
- Difficult to write code that worked generically
- Tedious when writing large programs

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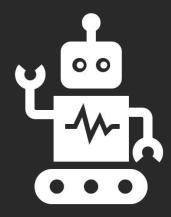
- Allow the programmer full control, responsibility, and choice if they want it.
- Express ideas and intent directly in code.
- Enforce safety at compile time whenever possible.
- Do not waste time or space.
- Compartmentalize messy constructs.

Design Philosophy of C++

- Multi-paradigm
- Express ideas and intent directly in code.
- Safety
- Efficiency
- Abstraction

Questions so far?

2-min stretch break!



Example Our first C++ program

Today: Command Line Compilation

CL Compilation

For our assignments and in CS106B, you'll use QT Creator to compile your code. However, QT Creator isn't the only way to compile C++ code!

Today we will briefly cover how to do this in the terminal.

First we should understand how C++ compilation works.

CL Compilation

- Preprocessor Deals with #include, #define, etc directives
- 2. Compiler Converts C++ source code into assembly
- 3. Assembler Turns assembled code into object code (.o files)
- 4. Linker Object files are linked together to make an executable program

Preprocessor

Responsible for everything starting with a #

```
#include
#define
#ifndef
#pragma
```

Compilers

Converts each .cpp source file into assembly.

This process is localised to each file.

Outputs .s files

Assembler

Turns previously generated assembly code into object code.

Outputs .o files.

Still no intercommunication between separate cpp files.

Linker

Combines all the separate object files into one executable file.

In previous phases we only looked at one file at a time.

The linker is the first place where files are combined.

Linker

Linker checks that every declared function has an implementation.

This is why you get errors like:

```
Linker error: symbols not found for architecture x86

Linker error: duplicate symbols found for architecture x86
```

Let's try it ourselves!

We will use g++ as our compiler.

Basic usage:

g++ main.cpp otherFile.cpp -o execFileName

Let's try it ourselves!

We will use three common compiler flags:

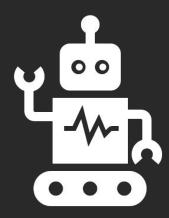
-std=c++14 Enable C++14 support

-g

Add debugging information to the output

-Wall

Turn on most compiler warnings



Example

Command-Line Compilation in Action



Next time

Structures