



C++ II

Fundamental Types, Constants, and
Variables



Data Types

- C++ is a strictly typed language (like Java): It determines:
 - The internal representation of the data
 - The amount of memory to allocate
- Types:
 - bool
 - char, wchar_t
 - Arithmetic types:
 - Integral types: short, int, long
 - signed
 - unsigned
 - Floating point types: float, double, long double

- The sizeof operator: gives you the amount of memory to store an object in bytes
- void: expressions that do not represent a value
 - A function call can take a void type

Constants

- Literals are constants
 - Boolean constants: true, false
 - Numerical constants:
 - decimal: begins with a decimal number other than 0. Examples: 109 or 987650
 - octal: begins with leading 0. Examples: 077
 - hexadecimal: begins with 0x or 0X. Examples: 0x2A0
 - designate the type of a constant by adding letter L, l, U, u
 - Floating point numbers/literals are represented as decimals, can also use exponential notation, double by default
 - Character constants
 - Denoted by single quotes around a character
 - String constants: a sequence of characters, stored without the quotes and terminated by `/0`

Control and Special Characters

Sample program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "\nThis is\t a string\n\t\t"
          " with \"many\" escape sequences!\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Program output:

```
This is      a string
              with "many" escape sequences!
```

Single character	Meaning	ASCII code (decimal)
\a	alert (BEL)	7
\b	backspace (BS)	8
\t	horizontal tab (HT)	9
\n	line feed (LF)	10
\v	vertical tab (VT)	11
\f	form feed (FF)	12
\r	carriage return (CR)	13
\"	" (double quote)	34
\'	' (single quote)	39
\?	? (question mark)	63
\\	\ (backslash)	92

Valid Names for Variables or Functions

- Cannot be a keyword
- Must begin with a letter or underscore
- Conventions
 - c, ch for characters
 - i, j, k, l, m, n for integers, especially indices
 - x, y, z for floating point numbers

Variables

Examples of some
global and local
variables: global ---
outside a function,
local --- inside a
function

SYNTAX: `typ name1 [name2 ...];`

```
// Definition and use of variables
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int gVar1;                // Global variables,
int gVar2 = 2;            // explicit initialization

int main()
{
    char ch('A'); // Local variable being initialized
                  // or: char ch = 'A';

    cout << "Value of gVar1:    " << gVar1 << endl;
    cout << "Value of gVar2:    " << gVar2 << endl;
    cout << "Character in ch:   " << ch << endl;

    int sum, number = 3; // Local variables with
                          // and without initialization

    sum = number + 5;
    cout << "Value of sum:      " << sum << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Initialization, const, and volatile

- Initialization syntax:
 - `char c = 'a';`
 - `float x(1.875);`
- `const`: makes a variable read-only
 - `const double pi = 3.1415947;`
- `volatile`: can be modified by extra-program events:
 - Compiler continually checks value in memory (assumes it's been changed)
 - Syntax: `volatile unsigned long clock_ticks;`
 - `const` and `volatile` can be combined:
 - `volatile const unsigned long time_to_live;`