

C++ for Problem Solving

* "\n" is faster than endl.

\n :

- 1) It just inserts a newline character into the output stream
- 2) It does not flush the output buffer automatically.
- 3) Faster, inside loops or large I/O operations.

endl :

- 1) Inserts a newline & flushes the output stream immediately.
- 2) Flushing forces the program to write everything in the buffer to the console right way.
- 3) Slower, if done repeatedly especially (in loops).
- 4) Used when we want to print output immediately, such as logging, debugging & user prompts.

Copy by Value :-

```
int f(int a, int b) {  
    a++;  
    b++;  
    return a+b;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int a, b;  
    cin >> a >> b;  
    cout << f(a, b);  
}
```

- In this, when you pass value arguments to a funcⁿ like f(a, b), you are passing copies of the values.
- Changes made to a and b inside the funcⁿ do not affect the originals in main.

Call by Reference :-

```
int f(int &a, int &b) {  
    a++;  
    b++;  
    return a+b;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int a, b;  
    cin >> a >> b;  
    cout << f(a, b);  
}
```

- int &a, int &b are reference variables.
- Instead of passing copies, the actual memory locations of a and b from main() are passed to f().
- So, any change inside the funcⁿ will directly affect original a and b in main.

Call By Pointer :-

```
int f2(int *a, int *b) {  
    a++; cout << *a << " " << *b << "\n";  
    b++;  
    return *a + *b;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int a, b;  
    cin >> a >> b;  
    cout << f2(&a, &b);  
}
```

- This funcⁿ accepts pointers to integers.
- In main, we pass the addresses of a & b using &a and &b.

Local scope : Declared inside a funcⁿ or a block and can be used within that function.

Exa: `int main() {`

`int c = 5;`

`int d = 10;`

`} cout << c << " " << d << "\n";`

Error : 'c' was not declared in this scope.
`cout << c << " " << d << "\n";`
'd' was not declared in this scope.

Global scope : Declared outside all funcⁿ (including main()). It can be accessed anywhere inside the file - inside main(), other funcⁿ etc.

How to allocate memory during runtime?

Use dynamically memory allocation typically done using new & delete operator.

Exa: `int main() {`

`int *num = new int(5);`

`cout << *num << "\n";`

`}`

output :-

5

Why?

1. Memory size is unknown at compile time.

→ Sometimes we don't know how much memory we will need until the program runs.

→ Exa: Taking user input for array size.

code `int n;`

`cin >> n;`

`int *arr = new int[n];` // User enters value
// Allocate at runtime

2. Efficient memory usage - can allocate & deallocate memory when needed, saving space.

3. Large memory allocation

4. Data structures like linked lists, Graphs require nodes to be created during runtime.

Exa: `int main() {`

`int *num = new int(5);` // allocate memory

`cout << "num << "\n";`

`delete num;` // deallocate memory

`cout << *num << "\n";`

`}`

Output

5

- 857160145 (Garbage value)

loops :-

```
string s = "abcd";  
for (char ch : s) {  
    cout << ch << "\n";  
}
```

For each loop

→ Used when to traverse elements of container (string, vector)
→ We cannot go backward and we cannot change its value.

If we want to change $ch = 'a'$ into $'b'$ → this cannot be psbl.

```
string s = "abcd";  
for (char &ch : s) {  
    cout << ch << "\n";  
    ch = 'z';  
}  
cout << s << "\n";
```

Output :-

z z z z

→ so this can be used for modify char.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    cout << i << "\n";  
}
```

Output :-

0
1
2
3
4

→ This is the classic for loop