

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 & flushing 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;
```

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```
int main () {
```

```
    int a, b;
```

```
    cin >> a >> b;
```

```
    cout << f(a,b);
```

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- 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.

Q. What does it mean?

A. It means that we can modify

funcⁿ arguments in $f()$ but not in main().

call by Reference :-

```
int f (int &a, int &b) {
```

```
    a++;
```

```
    b++;
```

```
    return a+b;
```

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```
int main () {
```

```
    int a, b;
```

```
    cin >> a >> b;
```

```
    cout << f(a,b);
```

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- $\&a$, $\&b$ 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);
```

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- 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;

// User enters value

int *arr = new int[n]; // 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)
→ He cannot go backward and we cannot change its value.

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

```
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