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C++ Programming Basics

Procedural Aspects

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The Very First C++ Code

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- Let the computer greet you.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// every program has a main
int main()
{
    // print hello world and shift to
    // the next line
    cout << "Hello World" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- Save the above into a file "hello.cpp".



Compiling a C++ Code

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- `g++ -c hello.cpp.`
- This only compiles the code and checks if all the syntaxes make sense or not.
- How do we run this?
- `g++ -o hello.exe hello.cpp`
- `./hello.exe.`



Program To Illustrate Basic Features of C++

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Task *Write a program that takes in two integers and as input and prints the sum of all integers between them.*

- It should be able to take in two integers, lets say "a" and "b".
- It should print the final sum.
- It should have a way to understand $a > b$ or vice-versa.



Variable Declaration

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```
int a, b;
```

- Explicitly tell the computer which type of variable you want to use.
- Moreover, computer creates and allocates memory for this.
- Basic Numerical Variables:
 - int
 - double
- Operation which can be performed on numerical variables:
 - `a = a + b;` `a += b;`
 - `a = a - b;` `a -= b;`
 - `a = a * b;` `a *= b;`
 - `a = a / b;` `a /= b;`
 - `a = a % b;` `a %= b;`
 - `a = a + 1;` `a++;`
 - `a = a - 1;` `a--;`



The "if " statement

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```
if (a>b)
{
    cout <<' 'since a > b we need to swap
        between them' ' ;
    . . . .
```

- It is used to control the flow of the program.
- Control options are:

```
■ if (??)
{
    ...
}
else
{
    ...
}
```



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- nested if's;

```
if (x > z)
{
    if (p > q)
    {
        // Both conditions have to be met
        y = 10.0;
    }
}
```
- multiple if's;

```
if (i > 100)
{
    y = 2.0;
}
else if (i < 0)
{
    y = 10.0
}
else
{
    y = 5.0; }
```



Loops

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```
for (int i = a; i <= b; i++)  
{
```

- Executes a collection of statements certain number of times.
- `int i = a;` this both declares and initialises "i".
- `i <= b;` checks for the validity until when the loop has to run.
- `i++` increments the loop counter.



Other loops

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- The while loop:

```
while (x > 1.0)
{
    x * = 0.5;
}
```
- The do while loop:

```
do
{
    x *= 0.5 ;
} while (x > 1.0)
```



Arrays

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- For a type T , $T[n]$ is the type “one-dimensional array of n elements of type T ”, where n is a positive integer.
- the elements are indexed from 0 to $n - 1$ and are stored contiguously one after another in memory, e.g.

```
float vec[3]; // array of 3 floats : vec[0]
                // vec[1] ,vec[2]
int sg[30]; // array of 30 ints: sg[0],
                // ..., sg[29]
vec[0] = 1.0; // accessing element 0 of vec
vec[1] = 2.0; // accessing element 1 of vec
for(int i = 0; i < 30; i++) sg[i] = i*i + 7;
int j =sg[29]; // accessing the last
                // element of sg
```



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- the first two statements declare `vec` and `sg` to be one-dimensional arrays with 3 and 30 elements of type `float` and `textttint`, respectively
- a for loop is often used to access all elements of a 1D array.
- a one-dimensional array can be used to store elements of a vector



2D-Arrays

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- Two-dimensional arrays having m rows and n columns (looking like a matrix) can be declared as $T[m][n]$, for elements of type T
- the row index changes from 0 to $m - 1$ and the column index from 0 to $n - 1$

```
double mt[2][5]; // 2D array of 2 rows
                  // and 5 columns
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 5; j++) {
        mt[i][j] = i + j;
    }
}
```



Structures

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Unlike an array that takes values of the same type for all elements, a struct can contain values of different types, e.g.

```
struct point2d { // a structure of 2D point;
    char nm;    // name of the point
    float x;    // x-coordinate of point
    float y;    // y-coordinate of point
};
```

- This defines a new data type called point2d.
- note the semicolon after the right brace
- this is one of the very few places where a semicolon is needed following a right brace



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Structure members are accessed by the . (dot) operator, e.g.

```
point2d pt;    // declare pt of type point2d
pt.nm = 'f';   // assign 'f' to its field nm
pt.x = 3.14;   // assign 3.14 to its field x
pt.y = -3.14;  // assign -3.14 to its field y
```

```
double a = pt.x; // accessing member x of pt
char c = pt.nm;  // accessing member nm of pt
```



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- A variable of a struct represents a single object and can be initialised by and assigned to another variable (consequently, all members are copied)

```
point2d pt2 = pt; // initialise pt2 by pt, :  
pt3 = pt2; // assign pt2 to pt3, memberwise
```

A structure can also be initialised in a way similar to arrays:

```
point2d pt3 = 'F', 2.17, -7.8; // OK, initialisation
```



Derived Types

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Basic Data Types

- `int`
- `char`
- `double`, etc.

Derived Data Types

- Arrays;
- Structures;
- enumeration types: for representing a specific set of values
- unions for storing elements of different types when only one of them is present at a time
- pointers for manipulating addresses or locations of variables
- and so on...



Enumerations

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- The enumeration type `enum` is for holding a set of integer values specified by the user:
`enum`
`blue,yellow,pink=20,black,red=pink+5,green=20;`
is equivalent to
`const int blue = 0, yellow = 1, pink = 20,`
`black = 21, red = 25, green = 20;`
- by default, the first member (enumerator) in an `enum` takes value 0 and each succeeding enumerator has the next integer value, unless other integer values are explicitly set
- the constant `pink` would take value 2 if it were not explicitly defined to be 20 in the definition
- the member `black` has value 21 since the preceding member `pink` has value 20
- note that the members may not have to take on different values



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- Enumeration types are usually defined to make code more self-documenting; i.e easier for humans to understand
- here are a few more typical examples:

```
enum bctype {Dirichlet, Neumann, Robin};  
enum vars {DN, VX, VY, VZ, PR};  
enum Day {SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT}  
enum Color {RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN,  
BLUE, VIOLET};  
enum Suit{CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES};  
enum Roman {I=1, V=5, X=10, L=50, C=100,  
D=500, M=1000};
```



Unions

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- Unions, like structures, contain members whose individual data types may differ from one another
- however, the members within a union all share the same storage area within the computers memory, whereas each member within a structure is assigned its own unique storage area
- thus, unions are used to conserve memory
- they are useful for applications involving multiple members, where values need not be assigned to all of the members at any one time
- all members take up only as much space as its largest member



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```
union value { //i,d,c cannot be used at same time
int i;
double d; // d is largest member in storage
char c;
};
```

- the union value has three members: i, d, and c
- only one of which can exist at a time
- thus, sizeof(double) bytes of memory are enough for storing an object of value
- members of a union are also accessed by the . (dot) operator; it can be used as the following:

```
int n;
cin >> n; // n is taken at run-time
value x; // x is a variable of type value
if (n == 1) x.i = 5;
else if (n == 2) x.d = 3.14;
else x.c = 'A';
double v = sin(x.d) //error! x.d may not exist at this time
```



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Suppose that triangle and rectangle are two structures and a figure can be either a triangle or a rectangle but not both; then a structure for figure can be declared as `struct figure2d {`

```
    char name;
    bool type; // 1 for triangle, 0 for rectangle
    union { // an unnamed union
        triangle tria;
        rectangle rect;
    };
};
```

- If fig is a variable of type figure2d, its members can be accessed as fig.name, fig.type, fig.tria, or fig.rect
- since a figure can not be a rectangle and a triangle at the same time, using a union can save memory space by not storing triangle and rectangle at the same time
- the member fig.type is used to indicate if a triangle or rectangle is being stored in an object fig (e.g. fig.rect is defined when fig.type is 0).



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For a type T , T^* is the pointer to T . A variable of type T can hold the address or location in memory of an object of type T .

```
int* p; // p is a pointer to int
```

declares the variable p to be a pointer to `int`; it can be used to store the address in memory of integer variables

- If v is an object, $\&v$ gives the address of v (the address-of operator $\&$)
- if p is a pointer variable, $*p$ gives the value of the object pointed to by p
- we also informally say that $*p$ is the value pointed to by p
- the operator $*$ is called the dereferencing or indirection operator



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```
int i = 5; // i is int, value of object i is 5
int* pi = &i; //pi is a pointer to int
           // and assign address of i to pi
int j = *pi; //value of object pointed to by pi
           //is assigned to j, so j=5
double* d = &j; // illegal
```

- The second statement above declares *pi* to be a variable of type: pointer to int, and initialises *pi* with the address of object *i*
- another way of saying that pointer *pi* holds the address of object *i* is to say that pointer *pi* points to object *i*
- the third statement assigns **pi*, the value of the object pointed to by *pi* , to *j*
- the fourth statement is illegal since the address of a variable of one type can not be assigned to a pointer to a different type



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For a pointer variable `p`, the value `*p` of the object that it points to can change; so can the pointer `p` itself, e.g.

```
double d1 = 2.7, d2 = 3.1;
double* p = &d1;    // p points to d1,
                    // now *p = 2.7
double a = *p;    // a = 2.7
p = &d2;    // p now points to d2, *p = 3.1
double b = *p;    // b = 3.1
*p = 5.5;    // value p points to is now 5.5
double c = *p;    // c = 5.5
double d = d2;    // d = 5.5, since *p=5.5
```

- Since `p` is assigned to hold the address of `d2` in the statement `p = &d2`, then `*p` can also be used to change the value of object `d2` as in the statement `*p = 5.5`
- when `p` points to `d2`, `*p` refers to the value of object `d2` and assignment `*p = 5.5` causes `d2` to equal 5.5



Pointers As Arrays

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- A sequence of objects can be created by the operator `new` and the address of the initial object can be assigned to a pointer
- then this sequence can be used as an array of elements

```
int n = 100; // n can also be computed at run-time
double* a; // declare a to be a pointer to double
a = new double [n]; // allocate space for n double objects
// a points to the initial object
```

the last two statements can also be combined into a more efficient and compact declaration with an initialisation:

```
double* a = new double [n];
// allocate space of n objects
```



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- In allocating space for new objects, the keyword `new` is followed by a type name, which is followed by a positive integer in brackets representing the number of objects to be created
- the positive integer together with the brackets can be omitted when it is 1.
- this statement obtains a piece of memory from the system adequate to store n objects of type `double` and assigns the address of the first object to the pointer `a`.
- these objects can be accessed using the array subscripting operator `[]`, with index starting from 0 ending at $n - 1$
- pictorial representation:

