Lecture Notes



Chapter 2

Basic Elements of C++

ECE 111: Introduction to C and C++ Programming

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- In this chapter, you will:
 - Become familiar with the basic components of a C++ program, including functions, special symbols, and identifiers
 - Explore simple data types
 - Discover how to use arithmetic operators
 - Examine how a program evaluates arithmetic expressions
 - Become familiar with the string data type
 - Learn what an assignment statement is and what it does





- Learn about variable declaration
- Discover how to input data into memory using input statements
- Become familiar with the use of increment and decrement operators
- Examine ways to output results using output statements
- Learn how to use preprocessor directives and why they are necessary





- Learn how to debug syntax errors
- Explore how to properly structure a program, including using comments to document a program
- Become familiar with compound statements
- Learn how to write a C++ program





- Computer program
 - A sequence of statements whose objective is to accomplish a task
- Programming
 - The process of planning and creating a program
- Real-world analogy: a recipe for cooking





A Quick Look at a C++ Program (1 of 5)

EXAMPLE 2-1

```
// Given the length and width of a rectangle, this C++ program
// computes and outputs the perimeter and area of the rectangle.
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
    double length;
    double width:
    double area:
    double perimeter;
    cout << "Program to compute and output the perimeter and "
         << "area of a rectangle." << endl;
    length = 6.0;
    width = 4.0;
    perimeter = 2 * (length + width);
    area = length * width;
    cout << "Length = " << length << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Width = " << width << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Perimeter = " << perimeter << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Area = " << area << endl;
    return 0:
```





A Quick Look at a C++ Program (2 of 5)

• Sample Run:





A Quick Look at a C++ Program (3 of 5)

```
// Given the length and width of a rectangle, this C++ program
   computes and outputs the perimeter and area of the rectangle.
                                                                         Comments
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
                            Variable declarations. A statement such as
    double length;
                            double length;
    double width;
                            instructs the system to allocate memory
    double area;
                            space and name it length.
    double perimeter;
    cout << "Program to compute and output the perimeter and "
         << "area of a rectangle." << endl;</pre>
                           Assignment statement. This statement instructs the system
    length = 6.0;
                         to store 6.0 in the memory space length.
```

FIGURE 2-1 Various parts of a C++ program





A Quick Look at a C++ Program (4 of 5)

```
width = 4.0;
perimeter = 2 * (length + width);
                                    Assignment statement.
area = length * width; ___
                                 — This statement instructs the system to evaluate
                                    the expression length * width and store
                                    the result in the memory space area.
cout << "Length = " << length << endl;</pre>
                                                        Output statements. An
cout << "Width = " << width << endl;</pre>
                                                        output statement
cout << "Perimeter = " << perimeter << endl;</pre>
                                                        instructs the system to
cout << "Area = " << area << endl;</pre>
                                                        display results.
return 0:
```

FIGURE 2-1 Various parts of a C++ program (cont'd.)





A Quick Look at a C++ Program (5 of 5)

Variable: a memory location whose contents can be changed



FIGURE 2-3 Memory allocation



FIGURE 2-4 Memory spaces after the statement **length** = **6.0**; executes





The Basics of a C++ Program

- <u>Subprogram</u> (or <u>function</u>): collection of statements
 - When executed, accomplishes something
 - May be <u>predefined</u> or <u>standard</u>
- Syntax rules: rules that specify which statements (instructions) are legal or valid
- <u>Semantic rules</u>: determine the meaning of the instructions
- Programming language: a set of rules, symbols, and special words

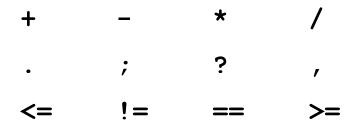




- Comments are for the reader, not the compiler
- Two types



- A token is the smallest individual unit of a program written in any language
- C++ tokens include special symbols, word symbols, and identifiers
- Special symbols in C++ include:







Reserved Words (Keywords)

- Reserved word symbols (or <u>keywords</u>):
 - Cannot be redefined within a program
 - Cannot be used for anything other than their intended use
- Examples include:
 - int
 - float
 - double
 - char
 - const
 - void
 - return



- An <u>identifier</u> is the name of something that appears in a program
 - Consists of letters, digits, and the underscore character (_)
 - Must begin with a letter or underscore
- C++ is case sensitive
 - NUMBER is not the same as number
- Two predefined identifiers are cout and cin
- Unlike reserved words, predefined identifiers may be redefined, but it is not a good idea





- Legal identifiers in C++
 - first
 - conversion
 - payRate

TABLE 2-1 Examples of Illegal Identifiers

Illegal Identifier	Reason	A Correct Identifier
employee Salary	There can be no space between employee and Salary.	employeeSalary
Hello!	The exclamation mark cannot be used in an identifier.	Hello
one+two	The symbol + cannot be used in an identifier.	onePlusTwo
2nd	An identifier cannot begin with a digit.	second





- Every C++ program contains whitespaces
 - Include blanks, tabs, and newline characters
- Whitespaces separate special symbols, reserved words, and identifiers
- Proper utilization of whitespaces is important
 - Can be used to make the program more readable





- A data type is set of values together with a set of allowed operations
- C++ data types fall into three categories:
 - Simple data type
 - Structured data type
 - Pointers





Simple Data Types (1 of 2)

- Three categories of simple data
 - Integral: integers (numbers without a decimal)
 - Can be further categorized: char, short, int, long, bool, unsigned char, unsigned short, unsigned int, unsigned long
 - Floating-point: decimal numbers
 - Enumeration: a user-defined data type



TABLE 2-2 Values and Memory Allocation for Simple Data Types

Data Type	Values	Storage (in bytes)
int	-147483648 (= -2^{31}) to 2147483647 (= $2^{31} - 1$)	4
bool	true and false	1
char	$-128 (= -2^7)$ to 127 $(= 2^7 - 1)$	1
long long	-9223372036854775808 (-2 ⁶³) to 9223372036854775807(2 ⁶³ - 1)	64

• Different compilers may allow different ranges of values





- Examples
 - -6728
 - C
 - 78
 - +763
- Positive integers do not require a + sign
- A comma cannot be used within an integer
 - Commas are only used for separating items in a list



bool Data Type

- bool type
 - Two values: true and false
 - Purpose: to manipulate logical (Boolean) expressions
- true and false
 - Logical values
- bool, true, and false
 - Reserved words



- Data type char is the smallest integral data type
- It is used for single characters: letters, digits, and special symbols
- Each character is enclosed in single quotes
 - 'A', 'a', '0', '*', '+', '\$', '&'
- A blank space is a character
 - Written ' ', with a space left between the single quotes





- Different character data sets exist
- ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange
 - Each of 128 values in ASCII code set represents a different character
 - Characters have a predefined ordering based on the ASCII numeric value
- Collating sequence: ordering of characters based on the character set code





Floating-Point Data Types (1 of 3)

C++ uses scientific notation to represent real numbers (floating-point notation)

TABLE 2-3 Examples of Decimal Numbers in Scientific and C11 Floating-Point Notations

Decimal Number	Scientific Notation	C++ Floating-Point Notation
75.924	7.5924 * 10 ¹	7.592400E1
0.18	1.8 * 10 ⁻¹	1.800000E-1
0.0000453	4.53 * 10 ⁻⁵	4.530000E-5
-1.482	-1.482 * 10°	-1.482000E0
7800.0	7.8 * 10 ³	7.800000E3





Floating-Point Data Types (2 of 3)

- float: represents any real number
 - Range: $-3.4 * 10^{38}$ to $3.4 * 10^{38}$ (four bytes)
- double: represents any real number
 - Range: $-1.7 * 10^{308}$ to $1.7 * 10^{308}$ (eight bytes)
- Minimum and maximum values of data types are system dependent





Floating-Point Data Types (3 of 3)

- Maximum number of significant digits (decimal places) for float values: 6 or 7
- Maximum number of significant digits for double: 15
- Precision: maximum number of significant digits
 - float values are called single precision
 - double values are called <u>double precision</u>





Data Types, Variables, and Assignment Statements

- To declare a variable, must specify its data type
- Syntax rule to declare a variable is:
 - dataType identifier;
- Examples include:

```
int counter;
double interestRate;
char grade;
```

- <u>Assignment statement</u> has the form: **variable** = **expression**
 - Example: interestRate = 0.05;





Arithmetic Operators, Operator Precedence, and Expressions (1 of 2)

- C++ <u>arithmetic operators</u> include:
 - + addition
 - <u>subtraction</u> (or <u>negation</u>)
 - * multiplication
 - / division
 - % mod (modulus or remainder)
- +, -, *, and / can be used with integral and floating-point data types
- Modulus (%) can only be used with integral data types





Arithmetic Operators, Operator Precedence, and Expressions (2 of 2)

- When you use / with integral data types, the integral result is truncated (no rounding)
- <u>Arithmetic expressions</u> contain values and arithmetic operators
- Operands are the numbers appearing in the expressions
- Operators can be unary (one operand) or binary (two operands)



Order of Precedence

- All operations inside () are evaluated first
- *, /, and % are at the same level of precedence and are evaluated next
- + and have the same level of precedence and are evaluated last
- When operators are on the same level
 - Operations are performed from left to right (associativity)



- <u>Integral expression</u>: all operands are integers
 - Yields an integral result
 - Example: 2 + 3 * 5
- Floating-point (decimal) expression: all operands are floating-point
 - Yields a floating-point result
 - Example: 12.8 * 17.5 34.50





Mixed Expressions (1 of 2)

- Mixed expression
 - Has operands of different data types
 - Contains integers and floating-point
- Examples of mixed expressions





Mixed Expressions (2 of 2)

- Evaluation rules
 - If operator has same types of operands
 - The operator is evaluated according to the type of the operands
 - If operator has both types of operands
 - Integer is changed to floating-point
 - Operator is evaluated
 - Result is floating-point
 - Entire expression is evaluated according to precedence rules





Type Conversion (Casting) (1 of 2)

- <u>Implicit type coercion</u>: when the value of one type is automatically changed to another type
- <u>Cast operator</u> (also called <u>type conversion</u> or <u>type casting</u>): provides explicit type conversion
 - static_cast<dataTypeName>(expression)



Type Conversion (Casting) (2 of 2)

EXAMPLE 2-9

Expression

Evaluates to

```
static cast<int>(7.9)
static cast<int>(3.3)
static cast<double>(25) 25.0
static cast<double>(5 + 3) = static cast<double>(8) = 8.0
static cast<double>(15) / 2 = 15.0 / 2
                            (because static cast<double> (15) = 15.0)
                            = 15.0 / 2.0 = 7.5
static cast<double>(15/2)
                            = static cast<double>(7) (because 15 / 2 = 7)
                            = 7.0
static cast<int>(7.8 +
                            = static cast<int>(7.8 + 7.5)
static cast<double>(15)/2)
                            = static cast<int>(15.3)
                            = 15
static cast<int>(7.8 +
static cast<double>(15/2)) = static cast<int>(7.8 + 7.0)
                            = static cast<int>(14.8)
                            = 14
```



- Data type string is a programmer-defined type supplied in ANSI/ISO
 Standard C++ library
- A <u>string</u> is a sequence of zero or more characters enclosed in double quotation marks
- A <u>null</u> (or <u>empty</u>) string is a string with no characters
- Each character has a relative position in the string
 - Position of first character is 0
- The length of a string is the number of characters in it
 - Example: length of "William Jacob" is 13





Variables, Assignment Statements, and Input Statements

- Data must be loaded into main memory before it can be manipulated
- Storing data in memory is a two-step process:
 - Instruct the computer to allocate memory
 - 2. Include statements in the program to put data into the allocated memory





Allocating Memory with Constants and Variables (1 of 2)

- Named constant: memory location whose content cannot change during execution
- Syntax to declare a named constant

```
const dataType identifier = value;
```

• In C++, const is a reserved word

EXAMPLE 2-11

Consider the following C++ statements:

```
const double CONVERSION = 2.54;
const int NO_OF_STUDENTS = 20;
const char BLANK = ' ';
```





Allocating Memory with Constants and Variables (2 of 2)

- <u>Variable</u>: memory location whose content may change during execution
- Syntax to declare one or multiple variables

```
dataType identifier, identifier, . . .;
```

EXAMPLE 2-12

Consider the following statements:

```
double amountDue;
int counter;
char ch;
int x, y;
string name;
```





Putting Data into Variables

- Ways to place data into a variable
 - Use C++'s assignment statement
 - Use input (read) statements





Assignment Statement (1 of 4)

• The assignment statement takes the form:

- Expression is evaluated and its value is assigned to the variable on the left side
- A variable is said to be <u>initialized</u> the first time a value is placed into it
- In C++, = is called the <u>assignment operator</u>



Assignment Statement (2 of 4)

EXAMPLE 2-13

Suppose you have the following variable declarations:

```
int num1, num2;
double sale;
char first;
string str;
```

Now consider the following assignment statements:

```
num1 = 4;
num2 = 4 * 5 - 11;
sale = 0.02 * 1000;
first = 'D';
str = "It is a sunny day.";
```





Assignment Statement (3 of 4)

• Example 2-14 illustrates a walk-through (tracing values through a sequence)

	Values of the Variables/Statement		Explanation
Before Statement 1	? ? num1 num2	? num3	
After Statement 1	18 ? num1 num2 num1 = 18;	? num3	
After Statement 2	15 ? num1 num2 num1 = num1 + 27;	? num3	num1 + 27 = 18 + 27 = 45. This value is assigned to num1, which replaces the old value of num1.
After Statement 3	45 45 num1 num2 num2 = num1;	? num3	Copy the value of num1 into num2.
After Statement 4	45 45 num1 num2 num3 = num2 / 5;	9 num3	num2 / 5 = 45 / 5 = 9. This value is assigned to num3. So num3 = 9.
After Statement 5	45 45 num1 num2 num3 = num3 / 4;	2 num3	num3 / 4 = 9 / 4 = 2. This value is assigned to num3, which replaces the old value of num3.





Assignment Statement (4 of 4)

• Given int variables x, y, and z. How is this legal C++ statement evaluated?

$$X = A = A$$

- The assignment operator is evaluated from right to left
 - The <u>associativity</u> of the <u>assignment operator</u> is from right to left





Saving and Using the Value of an Expression

- Declare a variable of the appropriate data type
- Assign the value of the expression to the variable that was declared
 - Use the assignment statement
- Wherever the value of the expression is needed, use the variable holding the value





Declaring and Initializing Variables

- Not all types of variables are initialized automatically
- Variables can be initialized when declared:

```
int first = 13, second = 10;
char ch = ' ';
double x = 12.6;
```

- All variables must be initialized before they are used
 - But not necessarily during declaration





Input (Read) Statement (1 of 3)

• cin is used with >> to gather one or more inputs

```
cin >> variable >> variable ...;
```

- This is called an input (read) statement
- The <u>stream extraction operator</u> is >>
- For example, if miles is a double variable:
 cin >> miles;
 - Causes the computer to get a value of type double and places it in the variable
 miles



- Using more than one variable in cin allows more than one value to be read at a time
- Example: if **feet** and **inches** are variables of type **int**, this statement:

cin >> feet >> inches;

- Inputs two integers from the keyboard
- Places them in variables feet and inches respectively



EXAMPLE 2-17

Suppose we have the following statements:

```
int feet;
int inches;
```

Suppose the input is:

23 7

Next, consider the following statement:

```
cin >> feet >> inches;
```





Increment and Decrement Operators

- Increment operator (++): increase variable by 1
 - Pre-increment: ++variable
 - Post-increment: variable++
- <u>Decrement operator</u>: (--) decrease variable by 1
 - Pre-decrement: --variable
 - Post-decrement: variable--
- What is the difference between the following?

$$x = 5;$$

 $y = ++x;$

$$x = 5;$$

 $y = x++;$



Output (1 of 4)

• The syntax of **cout** and **<<** is:

```
cout << expression or manipulator << expression or manipulator...;</pre>
```

- Called an <u>output statement</u>
- The <u>stream insertion operator</u> is <<
- Expression evaluated and its value is printed at the current cursor position on the screen



- A manipulator is used to format the output
 - Example: endl causes the insertion point to move to beginning of next line

EXAMPLE 2-21

Consider the following statements. The output is shown to the right of each statement.

	Statement	Output	
1	cout << 29 / 4 << endl;	7	
2	<pre>cout << "Hello there." << endl;</pre>	Hello there.	
3	cout << 12 << endl;	12	
4	cout << "4 + 7" << endl;	4 + 7	
5	cout << 4 + 7 << endl;	11	
6	cout << 'A' << endl;	A	
7	cout << "4 + 7 = " << 4 + 7 << endl;	4 + 7 = 11	
8	cout << 2 + 3 * 5 << endl;	17	
9	<pre>cout << "Hello \nthere." << endl;</pre>	Hello	
		there.	



- The new line character (new line escape sequence) is '\n'
 - May appear anywhere in the string
- Examples

```
cout << "Hello there.";
cout << "My name is James.";

Output:
   Hello there.My name is James.

cout << "Hello there.\n";
cout << "My name is James.";

Output:
   Hello there.
   My name is James.";</pre>
```





TABLE 2-4 Commonly Used Escape Sequences

	Escape Sequence	Description
\n	Newline	Cursor moves to the beginning of the next line
\t	Tab	Cursor moves to the next tab stop
\ b	Backspace	Cursor moves one space to the left
\r	Return	Cursor moves to the beginning of the current line (not the next line)
11	Backslash	Backslash is printed
\'	Single quotation	Single quotation mark is printed
\ 11	Double quotation	Double quotation mark is printed





Preprocessor Directives (1 of 2)

- C++ has a small number of operations
- Many functions and symbols needed to run a C++ program are provided as collection of libraries
- Every library has a name and is referred to by a header file
- Preprocessor directives are processed by the <u>preprocessor</u> program
- All preprocessor commands begin with #
- No semicolon is placed at the end of these commands





Preprocessor Directives (2 of 2)

• Syntax to include a header file

```
#include <headerFileName>
```

• For example:

#include <iostream>

- Causes the preprocessor to include the header file iostream in the program
- Preprocessor commands are processed before the program goes through the compiler





namespace and Using cin and cout in a Program

- cin and cout are declared in the header file iostream, but within std namespace
- To use cin and cout in a program, use the following two statements:

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





Using the string Data Type in a Program

- To use the **string** type, you need to access its definition from the header file string
- Include the following preprocessor directive:

#include <string>





Creating a C++ Program (1 of 3)

- A C++ program is a collection of functions, one of which is the function main
- The syntax of the function **main** used in this book has this form:

```
int main()
{
    statement_1
    .
    .
    statement_n

    return 0;
}
```



- Source code is comprised of preprocessor directives and program statements
- The source code file (source file) contains the source code
- The compiler generates the object code (file extension .obj)
- Executable code (file extension .exe) results when object code is linked with the system resources
- The first line of the function **main** is called the <u>heading</u> of the function:

```
int main()
```





Creating a C++ Program (3 of 3)

- The statements enclosed between the curly braces ({ and }) form the body of the function
- A C++ program contains two types of statements:
 - <u>Declaration statements</u> declare things, such as variables
 - <u>Executable statements</u> perform calculations, manipulate data, create output, accept input, etc.





Debugging: Understanding and Fixing Syntax Errors (1 of 2)

Sample program with line numbers added on the left

```
#include <iostream>
    using namespace std;
 4.
    int main()
6.
 7.
         int num
8.
9.
         num = 18;
10.
11.
         tempNum = 2 * num;
12.
13.
         cout << "Num = " << num << ", tempNum = " < tempNum << endl;</pre>
14.
15.
         return ;
16.
```





Debugging: Understanding and Fixing Syntax Errors (2 of 2)

- Compile the program
 - Compiler will identify the syntax errors
 - The line numbers where the errors occur are specified:

```
ExampleCh2_Syntax_Errors.cpp
c:\examplech2_syntax_errors.cpp(9): error C2146: syntax error:
missing ';' before identifier 'num'
c:\examplech2_syntax_errors.cpp(11): error C2065: 'tempNum':
undeclared identifier
```





Program Style and Form: Syntax

- Syntax rules indicate what is legal and what is not legal
- Errors in syntax are found in compilation

```
int x;  //Line 1
int y  //Line 2
double z;  //Line 3

y = w + x;  //Line 4
```

- Compilation errors would occur at:
 - Line 2 (missing semicolon)
 - Line 4 (identifier w used but not declared)



Use of Blanks

- In C++, you use one or more blanks to separate numbers when data is input
- Blanks are also used to separate reserved words and identifiers from each other and from other symbols
- Blanks must never appear within a reserved word or identifier





Use of Semicolons, Brackets, and Commas

- All C++ statements end with a semicolon
 - Also called a <u>statement terminator</u>
- { and } are not C++ statements
 - Can be regarded as delimiters
- Commas separate items in a list
 - Declaring more than one variable following a data type





- Semantics: set of rules that gives meaning to a language
 - Possible to remove all syntax errors in a program and still not have it run
 - Even if it runs, it may still not do what you meant it to do
- Example: 2 + 3 * 5 and (2 + 3) * 5
 - Both are syntactically correct expressions but have different meanings



- Identifiers can be self-documenting
 - CENTIMETERS PER INCH
- Avoid <u>run-together words</u>
 - annualsale
- Solutions may include:
 - Capitalizing the beginning of each new word: annualSale
 - Inserting an underscore just before a new word: annual_sale



Prompt Lines

• Prompt lines: executable statements that inform the user what to do

Always include prompt lines when input is needed from users





- A well-documented program is easier to understand and modify
- You use comments to document programs
- Comments should appear in a program to:
 - Explain the purpose of the program
 - Identify who wrote it
 - Explain the purpose of particular statements



- Consider two ways of declaring variables:
 - Method 1

```
int feet, inches;
double x, y;
```

Method 2

```
int feet,inches; double x,y;
```

Both are correct; however, the second is harder to read





More on Assignment Statements

- Two forms of assignment
 - Simple and compound
 - Compound operators provide more concise notation
- Compound operators: +=, -=, *=, /=, %=
- Simple assignment statement example

$$x = x * y;$$

• Compound assignment statement example

$$x *= y;$$



- A C++ program is a collection of functions, one of which is always called main
- Identifiers consist of letters, digits, and underscores, and begin with a letter or an underscore
- The arithmetic operators in C++ are addition (+), subtraction (−), multiplication (*), division (/), and modulus (%)
- Arithmetic expressions are evaluated using the precedence associativity rules



- All operands in an integral expression are integers
- All operands in a floating-point expression are decimal numbers
- A mixed expression contains both integers and decimal numbers
- Use the cast operator to explicitly convert values from one data type to another
- A named constant is initialized when declared
- All variables must be declared before used



- Use cin and the stream extraction operator >> to input from the standard input device
- Use cout and the stream insertion operator << to output to the standard output device
- Preprocessor commands are processed before the program goes through the compiler
- A file containing a C++ program usually ends with the extension .cpp

