

CS A250 – C++ Programming II

WHAT ARE WE REVIEWING?

- Prerequisite for this course: **CS A150**
- This presentation will *only* <u>outline</u> important **key points** that are **needed** for this class.
 - It is your responsibility to review any topic from **CS A150** not covered in this class's reviews.
 - This review contains a collection of items that you need to keep in mind when coding to avoid losing points.

OBJECTIVES

- Items that will be reviewed:
 - Identifiers
 - Literals vs. constants
 - Arithmetic precision, type casting, and decimal format
 - Shorthand notation / Prefix and postfix
 - The optional else
 - Conditional operator
 - Functions and passing parameters
 - Function overloading
 - Arrays and vectors: capacity, size and number of elements
 - The **const** modifier for parameters

IDENTIFIERS, LITERALS AND CONSTANTS

IDENTIFIERS

• An identifier is a name given to a variable, a constant, a function, an object, a class...

```
int myInteger = 3;

vector<int> myVector;

MyClass myObject;
```

• Identifiers in C++ are case-sensitive

GOOD PROGRAMMING PRACTICE

- To improve readability:
 - Choose <u>meaningful</u> identifiers
 - Do <u>not</u> abbreviate
 - Follow the <u>standards</u> we discussed for this class (see syllabus)

LITERAL DATA

o Literals

• Examples:

```
2  // Literal constant int
5.75  // Literal constant double
'Z'  // Literal constant char
"Hello World"  // Literal constant string
```

- Cannot change values during execution
- Called "literals" because you "literally" type them in your program!

CONSTANTS

- Literals are "OK", but provide little meaning
 - For example, seeing the number 24 throughout your code, tells nothing about what it represents
- → Use named constants instead

```
const int NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS = 24;
```

- Use all CAPITAL_LETTERS separated by an underscore for **identifiers** that refer to **constants**.
- Added benefit: changes to value can be done in one fix

WHICH ONE TO USE?

- Use a **literal** if
 - You are using that value only once
 - The value will never change (weeks in a year)
- If you use a **literal**, always provide a comment to explain what the value represents
 - Example: Dividing a salary by 52 weeks
 - Can leave "52" because it is used only once, but need to comment about what it represents.
- Use a **global constant** if the value will be used more than once AND/OR the value might need to be changed in the future
 - Example: An interest rate

ABOUT GLOBAL VARIABLES...

- Do NOT use them!
- Only **global** constants will be allowed!



ARITHMETIC PRECISION

- Precision of calculations
 - VERY important consideration!
 - Expressions in C++ might not evaluate as you would "expect"!
 - "Highest-order operand" determines type of arithmetic "precision" performed
 - Common error!

(see examples on next slide)

ARITHMETIC PRECISION (CONT.)

• Examples:

- 17/5 evaluates to 3 in C++
 - Both operands are **integers**
 - Integer division is performed and gives incorrect result
- 17.0 / 5 equals 3.4 in C++
 - Double "precision" division is performed
- The following performs *integer* division, giving a result of 0

```
int n1 = 1,
    n2 = 2;
cout << (n1/ n2);</pre>
```

ARITHMETIC PRECISION (CONT.)

- Calculations done "one-by-one"
 - 1/2/3.0/4 performs 3 separate divisions
 - First \rightarrow 1/2 equals 0
 - Then \rightarrow 0 / 3.0 equals 0.0
 - Then \rightarrow 0.0 / 4 equals 0.0!
- So changing just "one operand" in a large expression can lead to incorrect results
 - Must keep in mind all individual calculations that will be performed during evaluation!
 - Do NOT trust your program...
 - Trust your <u>calculator</u>

Type Casting

- Casting for variables
 - Can add ".0" to literals to force precision arithmetic

```
cout << (5.0 / 2) << endl;
```

- Can use static cast<type> for variables
 - o Casting is only temporary → variable **num** will stay an **integer**

```
int num = 2;
double x = static_cast<double>(num) / 2;
```

o Do **NOT** use (double) num

FORMATTING DECIMALS

- Decimal format is only for output
- Option 1:

```
cout.setf(ios::fixed);
cout.setf(ios::showpoint); //shows point even if 0
cout.precision(2); //shows 2 decimals
```

• Option 2:

```
#include <iomanip>
...
cout << fixed << showpoint << setprecision(2);</pre>
```

SHORTHAND NOTATION

SHORTHAND NOTATIONS

• Use them!

| EXAMPLE | EQUIVALENT TO |
|------------------------|---|
| count += 2; | <pre>count = count + 2;</pre> |
| total -= discount; | total = total - discount; |
| bonus *= 2; | bonus = bonus * 2; |
| time /= rushFactor; | <pre>time = time/rushFactor;</pre> |
| change %= 100; | change = change % 100; |
| amount *= cnt1 + cnt2; | <pre>amount = amount * (cnt1 + cnt2);</pre> |

Prefix and Postfix

o Post-Increment

```
int n1 = 3;
int n2 = n1++;
```

• Uses current value of variable, THEN increments it

o Pre-Increment

```
int n1 = 3;
int n2 = ++n1;
```

• Increments variable first, THEN uses new value

• No difference if "alone" in statement:

```
n1++;
++n1;
```

they both give the same result.

PREFIX IN EXPRESSIONS

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 2

What is the output?

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 2 3

This happens first and **firstNumber** is incremented by 1.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

```
firstNumber = 3
3 < 3 ? FALSE</pre>
```

Comparison happens next.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 3

Condition is false and body of loop will <u>not</u> be executed.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 3

Program continues and prints value of firstNumber.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;

OUTPUT:</pre>
```

POSTFIX IN EXPRESSIONS

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 2

What is the output?

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

```
firstNumber = 2
2 < 3 ? TRUE</pre>
```

The whole condition is evaluated first.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 2 3

The value of **firstNumber** is incremented by 1.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

Body of loop is executed.

OUTPUT:

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
3 < 3 ? FALSE
```

Condition is evaluated again.

OUTPUT:

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

firstNumber = 34

The value of **firstNumber** is incremented by 1.

OUTPUT:

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << endl;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

Condition is false and body of loop will <u>not</u> be executed.

OUTPUT:

```
int firstNumber = 2,
    secondNumber = 3;

while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)
{
    cout << firstNumber << end1;
}
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```

Program continues and prints value of firstNumber again.

OUTPUT:

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Prefix and Postfix

• As we saw, prefix and postfix **might** change the results of the statement.

```
int firstNumber = 2,
                                              OUTPUT:
    secondNumber = 3;
while (++firstNumber < secondNumber)</pre>
          cout << firstNumber << endl;</pre>
cout << firstNumber;</pre>
                               int firstNumber = 2,
                                    secondNumber = 3;
                OUTPUT:
                               while (firstNumber++ < secondNumber)</pre>
                                         cout << firstNumber << endl;</pre>
                               cout << firstNumber;</pre>
```



THE OPTIONAL ELSE

- In an if statement, else clause is optional
 - If, in the false branch (else), you want "nothing" to happen → leave it out
 - Example:

```
if (sales >= minimum)
     salary += bonus;
cout << "Salary = " << salary;</pre>
```

• Note:

- Nothing to do for **false** condition, so there is **no else** clause!
- Execution continues with **cout** statement

CONDITIONAL OPERATOR

- o Conditional operator, also called "ternary operator"
 - Essentially "shorthand if-else" operator

```
if (n1 > n2)
    max = n1;
else
    max = n2;
```

• Can be written:

```
max = (n1 > n2) ? n1 : n2;
```

• "?" and ":" form the "ternary" operator

CONDITIONAL OPERATOR

• Avoid using the conditional operator in an output expression, because misplacing parenthesis can produce unwanted results:

```
cout << ( ( grade < 60 ) ? "fail" : "pass" );
    // prints pass or fail

cout << ( grade < 60 ) ? "fail" : "pass";
    // prints 1 or 0

cout << grade < 60 ? "fail" : "pass";
    // error: compares cout to 60</pre>
```



FUNCTIONS

- Two types:
 - void
 - Does **not** return a value

Do NOT exit from a void function using return;

Find an elegant way to terminate the execution of the function.

- return a value
 - o In C++
 - o Only <u>one value</u> can be returned
 - Cannot return arrays
 - Cannot return functions

FUNCTION DECLARATION

Function declaration

Syntax

return_type funcName (parameter_list);

- Goes *before* **main()** function
- May or may not have parameters
 - Although there is no need for parameter names, it improves readability to include names.
- Comments go before or after function declaration
- Also known as function prototypes

FUNCTION DEFINITIONS

Function definition

Syntax

```
return_type funcName (parameter_list)
{
    // body
}
```

- Goes *after* the **main()** function
- May or may not have a parameter list
- Parameters are automatic objects
 - They are destroyed when execution of the function terminates, just like **local variables**

ARGUMENT PASSING

- The type of parameter determines the interaction between the parameter and its argument
 - If the parameter is passed by reference
 - Parameter is bound to its argument
 - If the parameter is passed by value
 - The value is copied

Passing Arguments by Value

```
void myFunction (int n)
       ++n;
       cout << n << endl;</pre>
int main()
                                      int n
       int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
       ++n;
       cout << n << endl;
int main()
                                    int n
       int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
                              call to myFunction (3)
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
                                 a local copy of n is created
                                        int n
        ++n;
                                            3
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
int main()
                                        int n
        int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
                                local variable n is incremented
                                       int n
        ++n;
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
int main()
                                       int n
        int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
                                                           47
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
                                cout statement is executed
                                       int n
        ++n;
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                    OUTPUT:
int main()
                                                    4
                                       int n
        int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
                                                           48
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
                                 function execution is
                                 terminated and all local
                                 variables are destroyed
        ++n;
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                     OUTPUT:
int main()
                                                     4
                                        int n
        int n = 3;
        myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
                                                             49
```

```
void myFunction (int n)
       ++n;
       cout << n << endl;
                                                  OUTPUT:
int main()
                                      int n
       int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
                                return to function call
                                                         50
                                and print n again
```

PASSING ARGUMENTS BY REFERENCE

- When passing by reference
 - Address of argument is passed
 - Caller's data can be modified by called function
 - Typically used
 - For input function to retrieve data for caller, data is then "given" to caller
 - When more than one value needs to be returned
 - Specified by **ampersand** (&) after type in parameter list

PASSING ARGUMENTS BY REFERENCE

```
void myFunction (int& n)
       ++n;
       cout << n << endl;</pre>
int main()
                                    int n
       int n = 3;
                                         3
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
       ++n;
       cout << n << endl;
int main()
                                   int n
       int n = 3;
                                       3
       myFunction(n);
       cout << n;
                              call to myFunction (3)
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
                                address of n is passed
                               int& n
       ++n;
                                    [address]
       cout << n << endl;</pre>
int main()
                                     int n
        int n = 3;
                                          3
       myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
                                    increment n
                               int& n
                                                  finds the
        ++n;
                                                  address in
                                     [address]
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                  local scope
int main()
                                                  increments
                                                  variable at
                                      int n
        int n = 3;
                                                  address
                                           4
        myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
                                                             55
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
                                cout statement is executed
                               int& n
        ++n;
                                   [address]
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                    OUTPUT:
int main()
                                                    4
                                     int n
        int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
                                                           56
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
                                 function execution is
                                 terminated and all local
                                 variables are destroyed
        ++n;
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                     OUTPUT:
int main()
                                                     4
                                      int n
        int n = 3;
        myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
```

```
void myFunction (int& n)
        ++n;
        cout << n << endl;</pre>
                                                    OUTPUT:
int main()
                                     int n
        int n = 3;
       myFunction(n);
        cout << n;
                                 return to function call
                                                            58
                                 and print n again
```

EXAMPLE

• Project: parameter_passing

FUNCTION OVERLOADING

- Overloaded functions have
 - Same function name
 - Different parameter lists
 - Two separate function declarations/definitions
 - Function "signature"
 - Function name & parameter list
 - Must be "unique" for each function definition
 - Allows same task performed on different data

FUNCTION OVERLOADING (CONT.)

• Example:

```
double compute( double n1, double n2);
double compute( double n1, double n2, double n3);
double compute( int n1, double n2);
```

- The above functions have the same name but have parameters that differ in numbers and/or types.
- Careful: Return type does not matter

ARRAYS AND VECTORS

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Capacity, size, and number of elements

CAPACITY, SIZE, AND NUMBER OF ELEMENTS

- Arrays are frequently partially filled.
- Need to differentiate the **physical length** of the array from the actual **number of elements** that occupy the array.
- We will use the following conventions:
 - The **capacity** to define the **physical length** of the array
 - The **number of elements** to define the total number of **items stored** in the array.
- We will **NOT** use "size" when referring to arrays.

CAPACITY OF STATIC ARRAYS

- Capacity of static arrays <u>must</u> be defined at compilation time
 - <u>Always</u> use defined/named **constant** for array capacity

```
const int CAPACITY = 5;
...
int score[CAPACITY];
```

VECTOR SIZE

- The STL vector class defines size as the number of elements stored in the vector.
- If using a loop, <u>avoid</u> calling the function size inside the loop and use a variable instead

Function size() returns an **unsigned int**, but we can **cast** it to an **int**.

REFERENCE, VALUE AND const MODIFIER FOR PARAMETERS

THE const MODIFIER FOR PARAMETERS

- Reference arguments inherently "dangerous"
 - Caller's data can be changed
 - Often this is desired, sometimes not
- o Use the const modifier to "protect" data

o So, when should you use & and when const?

When to Pass by Reference (&)?

- When passing objects
 - They are **large**; no need to make another copy
 - Example: strings, vectors, objects of classes you created

```
void someFunction(string& name, MyClass& obj)
{
    // does something
}
```

When to Pass by Reference? (cont.)

• When passing **variables** that need to be **changed** and **retain** their new value after the function is done

```
double calculatePayCheck()
{
    double payRate = 0.0, hours = 0.0;
    getInfo(payRate, hours);
    return (payRate * hours);
}
void getInfo(double& payRate, double& hours)
{
    cout << "Enter pay rate and total hours worked: ";
    cin >> payRate >> hours;
}
The value of payRate and hours will be determined by the user and they need to send the information back to the function calling.
```

WHEN TO USE const?

- IF you are passing by reference (&)
 - AND the value passed by the parameter should <u>not</u> be modified inside the function

```
o THEN use const
```

```
void printVector(const vector<int>& v)
{
  int size = static_cast<int>( v.size() );

  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
     cout << v[i] << " ";
}</pre>
```

Passing Arrays

- o Careful! Arrays are automatically passed by reference, but no & is used!
 - Need to use **const** when necessary

```
void fillArray(int a[], int numOfElem)
{
   for (int i = 0; i < numOfElem; ++i)
        a[i] = i + 1;
}
void printArray(const int a[], int numOfElem)
{
   for (int i = 0; i < numOfElem; ++i)
        cout << a[i] << "";
}</pre>
Array will be modified.
Cannot use const.

Array will be modified.
Cannot use const.
```

EXAMPLES

• Project: arrays

• Project: vectors

GOOD PROGRAMMING

CHANGING FLOW OF CONTROL

♦ ♦ ♦ IMPORTANT ♦ ♦ ♦

Do NOT use:

- break (except on switch statements) and/or
- continue in any of the exercises and /or programming exams

Choose an elegant way to exit loops and functions.

A FEW RULES

• When creating a new VS project

- Name your project "Project"
 - You should rename the folder later
 - If the project name is too long, files might not be transfer when you turn in your project
- Name the file that contains the main() function "Main.cpp"
 - We will be exchanging files; therefore, we ALL need to use same naming conventions
- Do NOT forget the name header
 - o You will lose points if you do
 - Make sure has the same format shown on the syllabus

A FEW RULES (CONT.)

• When **coding**:

- Leave a **space** in between operators
- Leave a **line** in between blocks of code
- Split statements to avoid horizontal scrolling
- Improve readability when writing decimal numbers:
 - **0.0** instead of .0
 - **3.0** instead of 3
- Write code that is easy to read and understand
 - You are not going to look "cool" if you write some code that is difficult to read
- Declare variables only <u>right before</u> you need them, instead of listing them at the beginning of the function

ARE YOU DETAIL ORIENTED?

- As a **programmer**, you need to:
 - Make sure your program is **readable**
 - Choose an implementation that makes your code
 efficient
 - Follow instructions carefully

END REVIEW 1