# **CPP**

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| // C++ program to display "Hello World"  // Header file for input output functions  #include <iostream>  **using** **namespace** std;    // Main() function: where the execution of program begins  **int** main()  {      // prints hello world      cout << "Hello World";    **return** 0;  } |

**Output**

Hello World

Let us now understand every line and the terminologies of the above program:

**1) // C++ program to display “Hello World”:** This line is a comment line. A comment is used to display additional information about the program. A comment does not contain any programming logic. When a comment is encountered by a compiler, the compiler simply skips that line of code. Any line beginning with ‘//’ without quotes OR in between /\*…\*/ in C++ is comment. Click to know [**More about Comments.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/comments-in-c-c/)

**2) #include**: In C++,  all lines that start with pound (#) sign are called directives and are processed by a preprocessor which is a program invoked by the compiler. The **#include** directive tells the compiler to include a file and **#include<iostream>**. It tells the compiler to include the standard iostream file which contains declarations of all the standard input/output library functions. Click to Know [**More on Preprocessors.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/cc-preprocessors/)

**3) using namespace std**: This is used to import the entirety of the std namespace into the current namespace of the program. The statement using namespace std is generally considered a bad practice. When we import a namespace we are essentially pulling all type definitions into the current scope. The std namespace is huge. The alternative to this statement is to specify the namespace to which the identifier belongs using the scope operator(::) each time we declare a type. Click to know [**More about using namespace std.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/using-namespace-std-considered-bad-practice/)

**4) int main()**: This line is used to declare a function named “main” which returns data of integer type. A function is a group of statements that are designed to perform a specific task. Execution of every C++ program begins with the main() function, no matter where the function is located in the program. So, every C++ program must have a main() function. Click to know [**More about the main() function.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/executing-main-in-c-behind-the-scene/)

**5) { and }**: The opening braces ‘{‘ indicates the beginning of the main function and the closing braces ‘}’ indicates the ending of the main function. Everything between these two comprises the body of the main function.

**6) std::cout<<“Hello World”;**:  This line tells the compiler to display the message “Hello World” on the screen. A semi-colon ‘;’ is used to end a statement. Semi-colon character at the end of the statement is used to indicate that the statement is ending there.

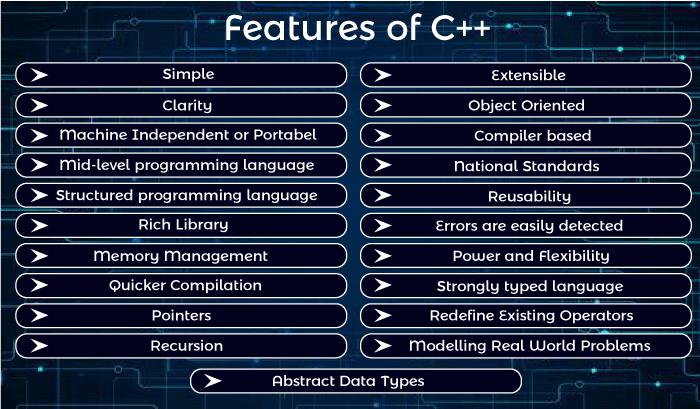
The std::cout is used to identify the standard character output device which is usually the desktop screen. Everything followed by the character “<<” is displayed to the output device. Click to know [**More on Input/Output.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/basic-input-output-c/)

**7) return 0;** : This is also a statement. This statement is used to return a value from a function and indicates the finishing of a function. This statement is basically used in functions to return the results of the operations performed by a function.

**8) Indentation**: As you can see the cout and the return statement have been indented or moved to the right side. This is done to make the code more readable. In a program as Hello World, it does not hold much relevance, but as the programs become more complex, it makes the code more readable, less error-prone. Therefore, you must always use indentations and comments to make the code more readable. Must read the [**FAQ on the style of writing programs.**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/facts-and-question-related-to-style-of-writing-programs-in-c-c/)

**Important Points to Note while Writing a C++ Program:**

1. Always include the necessary header files for the smooth execution of functions.For example, **<iostream>** must be included to use **std::cin** and **std::cout**.
2. The execution of code begins from the **main()** function.
3. It is a good practice to use **Indentation** and **comments** in programs for easy understanding.
4. **cout** is used to print statements and **cin** is used to take inputs.



**#include<iostream.h>** includes the **standard input output** library functions. It provides **cin** and **cout** methods for reading from input and writing to output respectively.

**#include <conio.h>** includes the **console input output** library functions. The getch() function is defined in conio.h file.

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| **Header File** | **Function and Description** |
| <iostream> | It is used to define the **cout, cin and cerr** objects, which correspond to standard output stream, standard input stream and standard error stream, respectively. |
| <iomanip> | It is used to declare services useful for performing formatted I/O, such as **setprecision and setw.** |
| <fstream> | It is used to declare services for user-controlled file processing. |

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()

{

std::cout << "Hello world" << std::endl;

}

Table

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Whenever a variable is defined in C++, the compiler allocates some memory for that variable based on the data-type with which it is declared.

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| **Data Type** | **Size (in bytes)** | **Range** |
| short int | 2 | -32,768 to 32,767 |
| unsigned short int | 2 | 0 to 65,535 |
| unsigned int | 4 | 0 to 4,294,967,295 |
| int | 4 | -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 |
| long int | 4 | -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 |
| unsigned long int | 4 | 0 to 4,294,967,295 |
| long long int | 8 | -(2^63) to (2^63)-1 |
| unsigned long long int | 8 | 0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615 |
| signed char | 1 | -128 to 127 |
| unsigned char | 1 | 0 to 255 |
| float | 4 |  |
| double | 8 |  |
| long double | 12 |  |
| wchar\_t | 2 or 4 | 1 wide character |

**Note** : Above values may vary from compiler to compiler. In the above example, we have considered GCC 32 bit.

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