

Tutorial: C++ basics for OpenCV

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I. Introduction

The OpenCV Library has >**2500** algorithms, extensive documentation, and sample code for real-time computer vision. You can see basic information about OpenCV at the following sites,

- Homepage: <https://opencv.org>
- Documentation: <https://docs.opencv.org>
- Source code: <https://github.com/opencv>
- Tutorial: <https://docs.opencv.org/master>
- Books: <https://opencv.org/books>



In this tutorial, you will learn fundamental concepts of the C++ language to use the OpenCV API. You will learn namespace, class, C++ syntax to use image reading, writing and displaying.

OpenCV Example Code

Image File Read / Write / Display

```
#include <iostream>
#include <opencv.hpp>

using namespace std;
using namespace cv;

int main()
{
    /* read image */
    String filename1 = "image.jpg"; // class
    Mat img = imread(filename1); //Mat class
    Mat img_gray = imread("image.jpg", 0); // read in grayscale

    /* write image */
    String filename2 = "writeTest.jpg"; // C++ class/syntax (String, cout, cin)
    imwrite(filename2, img);

    /* display image */
    namedWindow("image", WINDOW_AUTOSIZE);
    imshow("image", img);

    namedWindow("image_gray", WINDOW_AUTOSIZE);
    imshow("image_gray", img_gray);

    waitKey(0);
}
```

C++ for OpenCV

OpenCV is provided in C++, Python, Java. We will learn how to use OpenCV in

1. C++ (general image processing)
2. Python (for Deep learning processing)

For C++, we need to learn

- Basic C++ syntax
- Class
- Overloading, namespace, template
- Reference

C++

C++ is a general-purpose programming language created by Bjarne Stroustrup as an **extension of the C programming language**. C++ is portable and can be used to develop applications that can be adapted to multiple platforms. You can see basic C++ tutorials in following site,

- <https://www.w3schools.com/cpp/>
- <https://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/variables/>






Project Workspace Setting

Create the lecture workspace as **C:\Users\yourID\source\repos**

- e.g. `C:\Users\ykkim\source\repos`

Then, create sub-directories such as :

- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP`
- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Tutorial`
- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Include`
- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Assignment`
- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\LAB`
- `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Image`

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Define and Declare Functions in Header Files

We will learn how to declare and define functions in the header file

Exercise 1

1. Create a new C++ project in Visual Studio Community
 - Project Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex1`
 - Project Folder: `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Tutorial\`
2. Create a new C+ source file
 - File Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex1.cpp`
3. Create new header files
 - File Names: `TU_DLIP.h`, `TU_DLIP.cpp`
 - Lib Folder: `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Include\`
4. Declare the sum function in the header file(`TU_DLIP.h`) as

```
int sum(int val1, int val2);
```

5. Define the sum function in the header source file(`TU_DLIP.cpp`) as

```
int sum(int val1, int val2){...}
```

6. Include the header file in the main source code of `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex1.cpp`.
7. Modify the source main code to print the sum value of any two numbers
8. Compile and run.

```
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```

```

// #include "TU_DLIP.h"
#include "../.../Include/TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    // =====
    // Exercise 1 :: Define Function
    // =====
    int val1 = 11;
    int val2 = 22;

    // Add code here

    std::cout << out << std::endl;
}

```

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{% tab title="TU_DLIP.h" %}

```

#ifndef _TU_DLIP_H // same as "#if !define _TU_DLIP_H" (or #pragma once)
#define _TU_DLIP_H

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1 :: Define Function
// =====

// Add code here

#endif // !_TU_DLIP_H

```

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{% tab title="TU_DLIP.cpp" %}

```

#include "TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1 :: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    // Add code here
}

```

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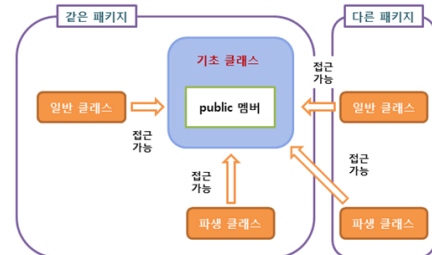
C++ Class

Class is similar to C structure:

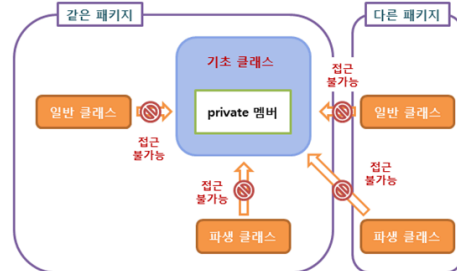
- Structure: Cannot include functions. Only variables
- Class: Can include variables, functions definition/declaration, other classes

키워드 클래스 이름
`class Book`
클래스 이름
{
클래스 멤버
private: ← private 제어 지시자는 생략가능
멤버 변수 → `int current_page_;`
멤버 함수 → `void set_percent();`
public: ← 나머지 제어 지시자는 생략 불가능
`int total_page_;`
...
};
세미 콜론

Public:



Private:



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{% tab title="Structure (C)" %}

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef struct {
    char number[20];
    char password[20];
    char name[20];
    int balance;
}Account;
```

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{% tab title="Class (C++)" %}

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

/* Class Definition */
class Account{
public:
    char number[20];
    char password[20];
    char name[20];
    int balance;
```

```

    void deposit(int money); // Can include functions
    void withdraw(int money); // Can include functions
};

/* Class Function Definition */
void Account::deposit(int money){
    balance += money;
}
void Account::withdraw(int money){
    balance -= money;
}

```

```

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```

Class Constructor

Constructor is **special method** automatically called when an object of a class is created.

- Use the **same** name as the class, followed by parentheses ()
- It is always **public**.
- It does not have any return values.

```

class MyNum{
public:
    MyNum(); // Constructor 1
    MyNum(int x); // Constructor 2

    int num;
};

// Class Constructor 1
MyNum::MyNum(){}

// Class Constructor 2
MyNum::MyNum(int x)
{
    num = x;
}

int main(){
    // Creating object by constructor 1
    MyNum mynum;
    mynum.num = 10;

    // Creating object by constructor 2
    MyNum mynum2(10);
}

```

Mat Class in OpenCV

The image data are in forms of 1D, 2D, 3D arrays with values 0~255 or 0~1

OpenCV provides the Mat class for operating multi dimensional images



Example

Printing out informations about the source image using OpenCV

```
#include "opencv.hpp"
#include <iostream>

using namespace cv;
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    cv::Mat src, gray, dst;
    src = cv::imread("testImage.jpg");

    if (src.empty())
        std::cout << "src is empty!!" << std::endl;

    // Print result
    std::cout << "is empty? \t: " << src.empty() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "channels \t: " << src.channels() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "row of src \t: " << src.rows << std::endl;
    std::cout << "col of src \t: " << src.cols << std::endl;
    std::cout << "type of src \t: " << src.type() << std::endl;

    cv::namedWindow("src");
    cv::imshow("src", src);

    cv::waitKey(0);
}
```

Results



Exercise 2

1. Create a new C++ project in Visual Studio Community

- Project Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex2`
- Project Folder: `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Tutorial\`

2. Create a new C+ source file

- File Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex2.cpp`

Create a Class 'MyNum'

3. Modify the header file `TU_DLIP.h` and `TU_DLIP.cpp` to declare a class member named as **MyNum**.

- Constructor : `MyNum()`
- Member variables: `val1, val2` // integer type
- Member functions: `int sum()` // returns the sum of `val1` and `val2`

- Member functions: void print() // prints values of **val1**, **val2**, and **sum**

4. Then, compile and run the program.

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```

```
//#include "TU_DLIP.h"
#include "../.../Include/TU_DLIP.h"

int main()
{
    // =====
    // Exercise 1: Define Function
    // =====

    int val1 = 11;
    int val2 = 22;

    int out = sum(val1, val2);

    std::cout << out << std::endl;

    // =====
    // Exercise 2: Create a Class 'MyNum'
    // =====

    MyNum mynum(10, 20);
    mynum.print();
}
```

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```

```
{% tab title="TU_DLIP.h" %}
```

```
#ifndef _TU_DLIP_H // same as "#if !define _TU_DLIP_H" (or #pragma once)
#define _TU_DLIP_H

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

// Declare Constructor, function(sum, print), variable(val1, val2)
```



```

class MyNum
{
    // Add code here
};

#endif // !_TU_DLIP_H

```

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{% tab title="TU_DLIP.cpp" %}

```

#include "TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

// Constructor: x1 -> val1, x2 -> val2
MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2)
{
    // Add code here
}

int MyNum::sum(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

void MyNum::print(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

```

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Solution

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```

#ifndef _TU_DLIP_H // same as "#if !define _TU_DLIP_H" (or #pragma once)
#define _TU_DLIP_H

```

```

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2);

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

class MyNum
{
    public:
        MyNum(int x1, int x2);
        int val1;
        int val2;
        int sum(void);
        void print(void);
};

#endif // !TU_DLIP_H

```

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{% tab title="TU_DLIP_solution.cpp" %}

```

#include "TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    int out = val1 + val2;

    return out;
}

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

// Constructor: x1 -> val1, x2 -> val2
MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2)
{
    val1 = x1;
    val2 = x2;
}

```

```

int MyNum::sum(void)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

void MyNum::print(void)
{
    std::cout << "MyNum.val1: " << val1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val2: " << val2 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Sum : " << sum() << std::endl;
}

```

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```

Namespace

A namespace provides a scope to the identifiers (the names of types, functions, variables, etc) inside it.

- Uses `::` as scope resolution operator
- Use **namespace** in order to avoid collision using functions with the same name e.g.
KimHandong --> Student::KimHandong, TA::KimHandong

```

// Method 1. Calling specific function(recommended)
int main(void){
    project_A::add_value(3, 7);
    project_A::subtract_value(10, 2);
    return 0;
}

// Method 2. Calling all functions in the namespace
using namespace project_A;

int main(void){
    add_value(3, 7);
    subtract_value(10, 2);
    return 0;
}

```

- **std::cout**, **std::cin**, **std::endl** are also defined in **iostream**

```

// Method 1
std::cout<<"print this"<<std::endl;

// Method 2
using namespace std
cout<<"print this"<<endl;

```

Exercise 3

Create another Class 'MyNum'

In this exercise, you create the `MyNum` class, previously implemented in **Exercise 2**, with the same class name in different namespaces, `proj_A`, and `proj_B`.

1. Create a new C++ project in Visual Studio Community
 - Project Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex3`
 - Project Folder: `C:\Users\yourID\source\repos\DLIP\Tutorial\`
2. Create a new C++ source file
 - File Name: `DLIP_Tutorial_C++_Ex3.cpp`
3. Modify the header file `TU_DLIP.h` and `TU_DLIP.cpp` to declare two class members named as **MyNum** in `proj_A` and `proj_B`.
4. Use namespace to identify two classes clearly
 - First **MyNum** class: namespace name **proj_A**
 - Second **MyNum** class: namespace name **proj_B**
5. Also, declare class member variables for each MyNum class: **Constructor / val1 / val2 / val3 / sum / print**
 - Constructor `MyNum(int in1, int in2, int in3)`: A constructor for specifying values `val1`, `val2`, `val3`
 - `val1`, `val2`, `val3`: member variable of integer type
 - `sum(void)`: member function that returns the sum of `val1`, `val2`, and `val3`
 - `print(void)`: member function that prints `val1`, `val2`, `val3`, and `sum`

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```
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```

```
#include "../../../Include/TU_DLIP.h"
#include "TU_DLIP.h"

void main()
{
    proj_A::MyNum mynum1(1, 2, 3);
    proj_B::MyNum mynum2(4, 5, 6);

    mynum1.print();
    mynum2.print();

    system("pause");
}
```

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```
{% tab title="TU_DLIP.h" %}
```

```
#ifndef _TU_DLIP_H // same as "#if !define _TU_DLIP_H" (or #pragma once)
```

```

#define _TU_DLIP_H

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2);

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

class MyNum
{
public:
    MyNum(int x1, int x2);
    int val1;
    int val2;
    int sum(void);
    void print(void);
};

// =====
// Exercise 3: Create two Class "MyNum" in proj_A, proj_B
// =====
namespace proj_A
{
    // Add code here
}

namespace proj_B
{
    // Add code here
}
#endif // !_TU_DLIP_H

```

{% endtab %}

{% tab title="TU_DLIP.cpp" %}

```

#include "TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

```

```

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2)
{
    val1 = x1;
    val2 = x2;
}

int MyNum::sum(void)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

void MyNum::print(void)
{
    std::cout << "MyNum.val1 : " << val1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val2 : " << val2 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Sum : " << sum() << std::endl;
}

// =====
// Exercise 3: Create two Class "MyNum" in proj_A, proj_B
// =====
proj_A::MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3)
{
    // Add code here
}

int proj_A::MyNum::sum(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

void proj_A::MyNum::print(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

proj_B::MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3)
{
    // Add code here
}

int proj_B::MyNum::sum(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

void proj_B::MyNum::print(void)
{
    // Add code here
}

```

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```
{% tab title="TU_DLIP_Solution.h" %}
```

```
#ifndef _TU_DLIP_H          // same as "#if !define _TU_DLIP_H" (or #pragma once)
#define _TU_DLIP_H

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2);

// =====
// Exercise 2: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

class MyNum
{
public:
    MyNum(int x1, int x2);
    int val1;
    int val2;
    int sum(void);
    void print(void);
};

// =====
// Exercise 3: Create two Class "MyNum" in proj_A, proj_B
// =====

namespace proj_A
{
    class MyNum
    {
    public:
        MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3);
        int val1;
        int val2;
        int val3;
        int sum(void);
        void print(void);
    };
}

namespace proj_B
{
    class MyNum
    {
    public:
        MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3);
        int val1;
    };
}
```

```

        int val2;
        int val3;
        int sum(void);
        void print(void);
    };
}
#endif // !_TU_DLIP_H

```

{% endtab %}

{% tab title="TU_DLIP_solution.cpp" %}

```

#include "TU_DLIP.h"

#include <iostream>

// =====
// Exercise 1 :: Define Function
// =====

int sum(int val1, int val2)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

// =====
// Exercise 2 :: Create a Class "MyNum"
// =====

MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2)
{
    val1 = x1;
    val2 = x2;
}

int MyNum::sum(void)
{
    return val1 + val2;
}

void MyNum::print(void)
{
    std::cout << "MyNum.val1 : " << val1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val2 : " << val2 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Sum : " << sum() << std::endl;
}

// =====
// Exercise 3: Create two Class "MyNum" in proj_A, proj_B
// =====

proj_A::MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3)
{
    val1 = x1;
    val2 = x2;
    val3 = x3;
}

```



```

}

int proj_A::MyNum::sum(void)
{
    return val1 + val2 + val3;
}

void proj_A::MyNum::print(void)
{
    std::cout << "MyNum.val1 : " << val1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val2 : " << val2 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val3 : " << val3 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Sum : " << sum() << std::endl;
}

proj_B::MyNum::MyNum(int x1, int x2, int x3)
{
    val1 = x1;
    val2 = x2;
    val3 = x3;
}

int proj_B::MyNum::sum(void)
{
    return val1 + val2 + val3;
}

void proj_B::MyNum::print(void)
{
    std::cout << "MyNum.val1 : " << val1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val2 : " << val2 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "MyNum.val3 : " << val3 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Sum : " << sum() << std::endl;
}

```

```

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```

Template

A template can make a variable type(int, float, char..) as a variable.

How can you use the same function but with a different number type as the input argument?

: add(float A, float B), add(int A, int B) → add(T A, T B) where T=int or T=float

C++, pasted just now:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int add_value(int A, int B){
5     int result;
6     return result=A+B;
7 }
8
9
10 double add_value(double A, double B){
11     double result;
12     return result=A+B;
13 }
14
15 int main(void){
16     cout<<add_value(13 , 7)<<endl;
17     cout<<add_value(12.5 , 7.5)<<endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
20
```

Output:

```
1 20
2 20
```

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. using namespace std;
3.
4. template <typename T>
5. T add_value(T A, T B){
6.     return A+B;
7. }
8.
9. int main(void) {
10.     cout<<add_value(13,7)<<endl;
11.     cout<<add_value(12.5,7.5)<<endl;
12.     return 0;
13. }
```

Make function
Without Data type

Function Overloading

Functions with the same name (but with different types or number of parameters) can be defined.

- Different return type (with everything else the same) is not a function overloading.

C, pasted just now:

```
1
2 int add_value(int A, int B){
3     int result;
4     return result=A+B;
5 }
6
7
8 double add_value(double A, double B){
9     double result;
10    return result=A+B;
11 }
12
13 int main(void){
14     add_value(13 , 7);
15     add_value(12.5 , 7.5);
16     return 0;
17 }
```

SAME NAME

Output: **Error**

```
1 Line 8: error: conflicting types for 'add_value'
2 Line 2: error: previous definition of 'add_value' was here
```

C++, pasted just now:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int add_value(int A, int B){
5     int result;
6     return result=A+B;
7 }
8
9
10 double add_value(double A, double B){
11     double result;
12     return result=A+B;
13 }
14
15 int main(void){
16     cout<<add_value(13 , 7)<<endl;
17     cout<<add_value(12.5 , 7.5)<<endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
20
```

Output:

```
1 20
2 20
```

Example

cv::Mat can be created in many different ways. Use the up or down the keyboard to see what the options are.

cv::Mat()

▲ 1 of 24 ▼ Mat()

cv::Mat()

▲ 2 of 24 ▼ Mat(int_rows,int_cols,int_type)

:

cv::Mat()

▲ 24 of 24 ▼ Mat<_Tp>(const std::vector<_Tp, std::allocator<_Tp>> &vec, bool copyData = false)

Function Overloading Reference

```
#include <opencv2/opencv.hpp>
#include <iostream>

cv::Mat cvtGray(const cv::Mat color);
void cvtGray(cv::Mat color, cv::Mat & gray);

void main() {
    cv::Mat src, gray, dst;
    src = cv::imread("image.jpg");

    if (src.empty())
        std::cout << "src is empty!!" << std::endl;

    cvtGray(src, gray);

    cv::namedWindow("src");
    cv::imshow("src", src);

    cv::namedWindow("gray");
    cv::imshow("gray", gray);

    cv::waitKey(0);
}

cv::Mat cvtGray(cv::Mat color)
{
    cv::Mat gray;
    color = cv::Mat::zeros(color.size(), CV_8UC3);
    cv::cvtColor(color, gray, CV_RGB2GRAY);
    return gray;
}

void cvtGray(cv::Mat color, cv::Mat gray)
{
    cv::cvtColor(color, gray, CV_RGB2GRAY);
    cv::namedWindow("inside_function");
    cv::imshow("inside_function", gray);
}
```

Default Parameter

● Default value setting

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int add_value(int A, int B=5)
4 {
5     int result=A+B;
6     cout<<result<<" result of add_value function"<<endl;
7     return result;
8 }
9
10 int main(void) {
11     add_value(10);
12     add_value(10,7);
13     return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
1 15: result of add_value function
2 17: result of add_value function
```

Parameter value can be predetermined

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int add_value(int A, int B=5);
4
5 int main(void) {
6     add_value(10);
7     add_value(10,7);
8     return 0;
9 }
10
11 int add_value(int A, int B)
12 {
13     int result=A+B;
14     cout<<result<<endl;
15     return result;
16 }
```

If using function declaration
before its definition,
Default value must be
defined **in declaration**

● Ambiguity problem

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int add_value(int A=3, int B=3)
4 {
5     int result=A+B;
6     cout<<result<<endl;
7     return result;
8 }
9
10 int add_value(void)
11 {
12     return 1;
13 }
14
15 int main(void) {
16     add_value();
17     return 0;
18 }
19
```

It is possible to make
functions w/ same name
(∴function overloading)

BUT!!

Compiler doesn't know
which function user wants
to use

Output:

```
1 In function 'int main()':
2 Line 16: error: call of overloaded 'add_value()' is ambiguous
3 compilation terminated due to -Wfatal-errors.
```

Ambiguity problem must be avoided when
setting a default value

Default parameter in OpenCV

`cv::imread()`

`cv::Mat imread(const std::string &filename, int flags = 1)`

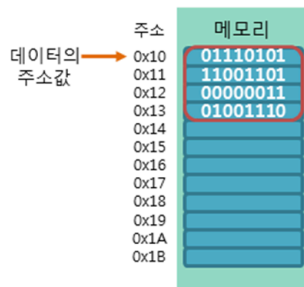
`src = cv::imread("testImage.jpg");` flags == 1

`src = cv::imread("testImage.jpg", 0);` flags == 0

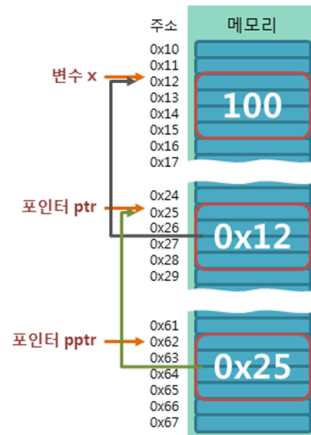
Pointer

A **pointer** is a variable whose value is the address of another variable.

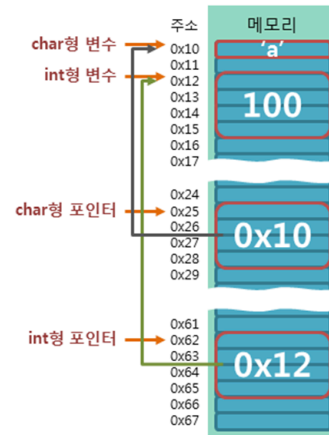
```
int n = 100; // 변수의 선언
int *ptr = &n; // 포인터의 선언
```



```
int x = 100; // 변수의 선언
int *ptr = &x; // 포인터의 선언
int **pptr = &ptr; // 포인터의 참조
```



```
int x = 100; // 변수의 선언
char y = 'a';
int *ptr = &x; // 포인터의 선언
int *pptr = &y;
```



What are Pointers?

A **pointer** is a variable whose value is the address of another variable.

i.e. direct address of the memory locations

Pointers are the basis for data structures.

- **Define** a pointer variable `int *ptr;`
- **Assign** the address of a variable to a pointer `ptr = &var`
- **Access** the value at the address available in the pointer variable `int value = *ptr`

Example

```
#include <iostream>

void swap(int *a, int *b);

int main() {
    int val1 = 10;
    int val2 = 20;

    printf("Before SWAP operation \n");
    printf("val1: %d \n", val1);
    printf("val2: %d \n", val2);

    swap(&val1, &val2);

    printf("After SWAP operation \n");
    printf("val1: %d \n", val1);
    printf("val2: %d \n", val2);

    system("pause");
    return 0;
}

void swap(int *a, int *b) {
    int temp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = temp;
}
```

```
}
```

Reference

Reference can replace the use of pointer *

- The disadvantage of reference is "We do not know if a function is call-by-value or call-by-reference"

```
// C/C++ syntax (Pointer)
#include <iostream>

void swap(int *a, int *b){
    int temp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = temp;
}

int main(void){
    int value1 = 10;
    int value2 = 20;

    std::cout << "value1 :" << value1 << "  ";
    std::cout << "value2 :" << value2 << std::endl;

    swap(&value1, &value2);

    std::cout << "value1 :" << value1 << "  ";
    std::cout << "value2 :" << value2 << std::endl;

    return 0;
}

// C++ only (Reference)
#include <iostream>

void swap(int &a, int &b){
    int temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}

int main(void){
    int value1 = 10;
    int value2 = 20;

    std::cout << "value1 :" << value1 << "  ";
    std::cout << "value2 :" << value2 << std::endl;

    swap(value1, value2);

    std::cout << "value1 :" << value1 << "  ";
    std::cout << "value2 :" << value2 << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

