CISS240: Intro to Programming Lecture: The End

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- Input/output: cin, cout
- Comments:
 - · /*...*/
 - //
- Identifiers: naming convention, alphanumerics, cannot begin with numeric, do not begin with underscore, etc.
- Variables
- Basic data types: int, char, bool
- Arrays:
 - 1-dim, 2-dim, arrays and pointers
 - Array of characters as string terminated by '\0'

- structs
- enum
- typedef: give new name to a type
- Statements, block of statements
- Operators:
 - + +,-,*,/,%,==,!=,>=,>,<,<=,&&,||,!</p>
 - Precedence

- Selection:
 - if
 - If-else
 - Ternary ?:
 - switch-case
- Iterations:
 - for
 - while
 - do-while
- Goto: avoid using goto

- Memory:
 - linear arrays of cells
 - two things associated with each cell: address and value
- Pointers:
 - new and delete
 - Drawing the memory model
 - De-referencing a pointer using *
 - Assigning address using &
 - Memory leak
 - Free store (or memory heap)

References:

- Alias, must be initialized
- Use for pass-by-reference to functions if function wants to modify variable passed in, or to speed up things
- If function should not modify variable passed in by ref must use const

Stack:

- Think of this as a post office between functions
- Think of this as a place for passing values to functions and for keeping return values

Functions:

- Header, prototype
- pass by value (including pointers)
- pass by reference (including const ref)
- int/char/bool/struct are passed by value
- Array also pass by value but arrays are pointers so actually pointers are passed in, so function can modify elements of array
- Inline
- Template
- Recursive functions

- Scope:
 - Variables declared in a {...} is not available outside that {...}
 - If x is declared before a {...} and also in the {...}, then in {...} x refers to the x in the block
- Some important algorithms/techniques:
 - Monte-Carlo simulation
 - Bubble sort
 - Binary search
 - Eratosthenes sieve

- Some useful functions:
 - Math: srand, time, rand, pow, etc.
 - Format: setprecision, etc.
 - String: strcpy, strlen, etc.
- Different types of errors:
 - syntax error: not using language correctly, error occurs while compiling program
 - logic error: program works but give wrong results!
 - runtime error: no error while compiling but error occurs while running program
- Program tracing

- What now ... ?
- From here you can go onto CISS 245 where we will study object-oriented programing (OOP)
- OOP is very new and very important (good for the resume!)

 You can easily pick up other (imperative) programing languages (most of them look similar!)

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• C/C++, Java: int s=0;
for (int i=1; i<5; i++)
s = s + i;
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• Python:

$$s = 0$$

for i in [1,2,3,4,5]:
 $s = s + i$

• Pascal:

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var i: integer
var s: integer
s := 0
for i := 1 to 5 do
    s := s + i
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- You also need to know more problem solving techniques:
 - Mathematics
 - Discrete Math, Algorithms, Automata theory, Cryptography, ...
 - Ability to design software
 - OOAD
 - Software engineering
 - Operating system, networks
 - Hardware
 - Etc.

The Road goes ever on and on Down from the door where it began. Now far ahead the Road has gone, And I must follow, if I can, Pursuing it with eager feet, Until it joins some larger way Where many paths and errands meet. And whither then? I cannot say.

-- J R R Tolkien