C++ for Clever Kids!

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Chapter 1: Hello, Computer!



When we talk to a computer, we use a special language. One of these is called **C++**. Just like how we say "Hello!" to people, we can teach a computer to say "Hello!" too.

See It:

Here's what that looks like in C++:

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello, world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;</pre>
```

}

Do It:

- Can you say what this program does?
- Try changing the word "world" to your name. What happens?

```
Write your own message for the computer to say! Example: "Hello, I'm a coding hero!"
```

Chapter 2: What Are Numbers (and Friends)?



Computers love to remember things — like numbers, words, or whether something is true or false. In C++, we give these things names so we can use them later. These are called **variables**. Each one has a **type** — like a kind of box that holds a certain thing.

Let's meet the most fun types!

- Try changing number to your favourite number!
- Can you make a string with your name?
- What happens if you set bool b = false;?
- Make a const called birthYear and give it your year of birth.

```
const int birthYear = 2017;
```

Chapter 3: Talking with the Computer 👂 💬





Sometimes, we want the computer to listen to us! With C++, we can ask the computer to wait for us to type something, and then it can remember what we typed.

```
• See It:
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    int num;
    std::cout << "Type a number: ";</pre>
    std::cin >> num;
    std::cout << "You entered " << num;</pre>
    return 0;
}
```

What's happening here?

- std::cout → Says something to you
- std::cin → Waits for *you* to type something

O It:

- Change int to std::string and type your name!
- Ask the computer to say: "Nice to meet you, <your name>!"
- Try asking the user for their age and say something back!

Bonus challenge:

```
std::cout << "How old are you? ";
std::cin >> age;
std::cout << "Wow! " << age << " years old!";</pre>
```

Chapter 4: Lists of Things (Arrays!)



What if we have *lots of numbers* — like test scores? Instead of making many variables, we can use a **list** called an **array**! It's like a row of boxes, and each box has a number (called an **index**) that helps us find it.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <array>

int main() {
    std::array<int, 3> marks; // Just made the boxes
    marks[0] = 92;
    marks[1] = 97;
    marks[2] = 98;
```

```
std::cout << marks[0]; // Says: 92
}</pre>
```

You can also fill it in one go!

```
std::array<int, 3> marks = {92, 97, 98};
```

Forgot a number? It becomes 0!

```
std::array<int, 3> marks = {92, 97};
std::cout << marks[2]; // Says: 0</pre>
```

Let's see it like a row:

```
[0] [1] [2]
```

Now with more scores:

* Arrays can hold **letters** too:

```
char ref[5] = {'R', 'e', 'f'};
```

We can read each letter like this:

```
for (const char &n : ref) {
    std::cout << std::string(1, n);
}</pre>
```

```
Or the classic way:
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
    std::cout << ref[i];</pre>
}
```

Even better... Arrays in rows AND columns!

```
int x[2][6] = {
    {1,2,3,4,5,6},
    {6,5,4,3,2,1}
};
for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 6; ++j) {
        std::cout << x[i][j] << " ";
    }
}
```

This prints:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

Do It:

- Make a list of your 3 favorite numbers.
- Change one to something new.
- Print them all using a loop!
- Try making a table with 2 rows and 3 columns.

Chapter 5: If This, Then That (Decisions!) 🤔



Learn It:

Sometimes, the computer needs to *choose*. We can teach it to decide using **if**, **else**, and other fun tools!

See It:

```
The if Statement
```

```
int number = 16;
if (number % 2 == 0) {
    std::cout << "Even!";
} else {
    std::cout << "Odd!";
}</pre>
```

Else If: So Many Choices!

```
int score = 99;

if (score == 100) {
    std::cout << "Superb!";
} else if (score >= 90) {
    std::cout << "Excellent!";
} else if (score >= 80) {
    std::cout << "Very Good!";
} else if (score >= 70) {
    std::cout << "Good!";
} else if (score >= 60) {
    std::cout << "OK!";
} else {
    std::cout << "Hmm... Try again!";
}</pre>
```

Useful Operators

Relational:

```
Code Means

a == b a equals b

a != b a does not equal b

a > b a is bigger than b

a < b a is smaller than b

a >= b a is big or equal to b

a <= b a is small or equal to
```

Assignment Shortcuts:

```
x += 2; // same as x = x + 2
if (sunny && warm) { ... } // AND
if (raining || cold) { ... } // OR
if (!hungry) { ... } // NOT
```

Ternary: Tiny if-else!

```
int x = 3, y = 5, max;
max = (x > y) ? x : y;
std::cout << max; // Says: 5</pre>
```

Same as:

```
if (x > y) {
    max = x;
} else {
    max = y;
}
```

```
int num = 2;

switch (num) {
    case 0: std::cout << "Zero"; break;
    case 1: std::cout << "One"; break;
    case 2: std::cout << "Two"; break;
    case 3: std::cout << "Three"; break;
    default: std::cout << "What?"; break;
}</pre>
```

O It:

- Ask the user for a number and say if it's odd or even!
- Use else if to grade scores like a teacher.
- Try out a switch to print a day of the week (0 = Sunday, 1 = Monday...).

Chapter 6: Let's Repeat (Loops!)



What if we want the computer to do something *again* and *again*? That's where **loops** come in! A loop repeats code until we say "stop!"

6 While Loop

Repeats while something is true.

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 6) {
    std::cout << i++;
}
// Output: 012345</pre>
```

```
© Do-While Loop
```

This loop always runs at least once!

```
int i = 1;
do {
    std::cout << i++;
} while (i <= 5);
// Output: 12345</pre>
```

For Loop

Great for counting!

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    std::cout << i;
}
// Output: 01234</pre>
```

You can even do two things at once:

```
for (int i = 0, j = 2; i < 3; i++, j--) {
    std::cout << "i=" << i << ", j=" << j << "; ";
}
// Output: i=0, j=2; i=1, j=1; i=2, j=0;</pre>
```

Skip with continue

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (i % 2 == 0) continue;
    std::cout << i;
}
// Output: 13579</pre>
```

```
Stop with break
int password, tries = 0;
while (password != 1234) {
    if (tries++ >= 3) {
        std::cout << "Locked!\n";</pre>
        break;
    std::cout << "Password: ";</pre>
    std::cin >> password;
}
Forever Loops (Be Careful!)
while (true) {
    std::cout << "infinite loop";</pre>
}
for (;;) {
    std::cout << "infinite loop";</pre>
}
** Range-Based Loops (C++11)
for (int n : {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}) {
    std::cout << n << " ";
// Output: 1 2 3 4 5
Even works on words:
std::string hello = "Hello";
for (char c : hello) {
    std::cout << c << " ";
// Output: H e l l o
```

```
for_each Magic (C++11)

#include <array>
#include <algorithm>

auto print = [](int num) { std::cout << num << std::endl; };

std::array<int, 4> arr = {1, 2, 3, 4};

std::for_each(arr.begin(), arr.end(), print);
```

- Count from 1 to 10 with a while loop!
- Make a for loop that prints only odd numbers.
- Use a break to stop the loop after 3 tries.
- Try a range-based loop to spell your name!

Chapter 7: Make Your Own Magic (Functions!) 🚿



A **function** is like a mini-program that does one job. You give it something (called **arguments**) and it can give something back (**return value**).

```
Make a Function
int add(int a, int b) {
   return a + b;
}
```

This add function takes **two numbers** and gives you the **sum!**

You use it like this:

```
std::cout << add(10, 20); // Output: 30
```

→ Overloading: Same Name, Different Jobs

C++ lets you make many functions with the same name, as long as they look different!

```
void fun(std::string a, std::string b) {
    std::cout << a + " " + b;
}
void fun(std::string a) {
    std::cout << a;
}
void fun(int a) {
    std::cout << a;
}
You can now call:
fun("Hello");
                // One word
fun("Hello", "World"); // Two words
fun(123);
                        // A number!
Built-in Functions (They Come With C++!)
#include <cmath>
std::cout << sqrt(9); // Square root: 3</pre>
std::cout << pow(2, 3); // 2 to the power of 3 = 8
```

Do It:

Write a function that doubles a number.

- Write one that returns your name.
- Try using sqrt() or pow() from <cmath>.
- Make your own overloaded greet() function!

```
greet("Alex");
greet("Alex", "the Brave");
```

Chapter 8: Let's Build Something Big! (Classes & Objects) 📆



Classes are like **blueprints** — they describe what something *is* and what it *can do*. When you use a class to make a real thing, that's called an **object**.

```
A Simple Class

class MyClass {
  public:
    int myNum;
    std::string myString;
};
```

This class has two things:

- A number (myNum)
- A word or message (myString)

```
Make an Object (Your Own Copy!)
MyClass myObj;
myObj.myNum = 15;
myObj.myString = "Hello";
```

```
std::cout << myObj.myNum << std::endl; // 15
std::cout << myObj.myString << std::endl; // Hello</pre>
```

TConstructors: Auto-Build

A **constructor** is a special function that runs when an object is made!

```
class MyClass {
  public:
    int myNum;
    std::string myString;

    MyClass() {
       myNum = 0;
       myString = "";
    }
};
```

Mark Destructors: Auto-Clean

A **destructor** runs when your object goes away.

```
~MyClass() {
  std::cout << "Object destroyed." << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

Class Methods (Class Actions!)
class MyClass {
 public:
 void sayHi() {
 std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
 }
};</pre>

```
MyClass obj;
obj.sayHi(); // Hello World!
Access Modifiers
class MyClass {
  public: // Everyone can see this
    int x;
  private: // Only the class can see this
    int y;
 protected: // The class and its "children" can see
    int z;
};
myObj.x = 25; // OK!
myObj.y = 50; // X Error! It's private
Getters & Setters (Safe Access!)
class MyClass {
  private:
    int myNum;
  public:
    void setMyNum(int num) {
      myNum = num;
    int getMyNum() {
     return myNum;
    }
};
```

```
Inheritance (Family of Classes!)
class Vehicle {
```

```
public:
    std::string brand = "Ford";
    void honk() {
        std::cout << "Tuut, tuut!" << std::endl;
    }
};

class Car : public Vehicle {
    public:
        std::string model = "Mustang";
};

Car myCar;
myCar.honk(); // Tuut, tuut!
std::cout << myCar.brand + " " + myCar.model;</pre>
```

- Make a class Animal with a name and a sound().
- Create a Dog class that *inherits* from Animal.
- Make your dog say "Woof!"

Chapter 9: The Secret Wizard! (Preprocessor) 🧙



Before your C++ code runs, a **special helper** called the **preprocessor** looks at it first! It handles things like including files, making shortcuts, or even hiding code.

It starts with # and runs before the real code starts.

```
#include <iostream> // From C++ system
```

```
#include "myfile.h" // From your folder
```

This tells C++: "Bring in this file before starting!"

```
 Defines (Magic Shortcuts!)
#define PI 3.14
std::cout << PI; // Becomes: std::cout << 3.14;</pre>
You can also undefine something:
#undef PI
Conditions with #if, #ifdef, #ifndef
#define DEBUG
#ifdef DEBUG
  std::cout << "Debug mode on!";</pre>
#elif defined VERBOSE
  std::cout << "Verbose mode!";</pre>
#else
  std::cout << "Normal mode.";</pre>
#endif
Errors and Warnings
#define VERSION 2
#if VERSION == 2
  #error "Version 2 not supported!"
  // #warning "Are you sure?" \leftarrow Not standard C++, may depend on
compiler
#endif
```

```
Macros: Mini-Machines!
#define DEG(x) ((x) * 57.29)
std::cout << DEG(3.14); // Becomes: ((3.14) * 57.29)
#define MAKE_NAME(x) x##_cat
MAKE_NAME(my); // Becomes: my_cat
Turn Words into Strings
#define STR(x) #x
std::string name = STR(Hello); // "Hello"
Where Did That Happen?
#define LOG(msg) std::cout << __FILE__ << ":" << __LINE__ << " " <<
msg;
LOG("Oops!");
// Output: main.cpp:42 Oops!
Even Smarter!
#if __has_include(<vector>)
 #include <vector>
#endif
```

- Try #define AGE 8 and print it.
- Create a macro that doubles a number.
- Use #ifdef DEBUG to print a message.

Chapter 10: Quick Extras (Little Big Things!)



C++ has a *lot* of hidden treasures — some are tiny tricks, some are powerful tools. Let's meet a few!

Escape Sequences

Used in strings to do something special:

Co	de What it does
\n	New line
\t	Tab (like big space)
\\	Backslash
\"	Double quote
\ '	Single quote
\b	Backspace ()
\0	End of a string
std::cout << "Hello\nWorld"	; // Hello (new line) World

Keywords — Magic Words You Can't Use as Names!

C++ has **reserved words** you must not use for variables or functions.

Examples:

- if, else, while, return
- int, float, bool, class
- private, public, virtual

Just a few fancy ones:

- constexpr Known during compile-time
- noexcept A function that doesn't throw
- mutable Can change even in const object
- co_await / co_yield For coroutines (advanced!)
- Evaluate the substrate that the state of the state it perfectly above!
- Preprocessor Recap

Remember those #include, #define, #ifdef, and even cool things like:

```
#if __has_include(<vector>)
    #include <vector>
#endif
```

The preprocessor helps get your code ready to compile!

O It:

- Use escape characters to format your message.
- Try printing out a full ASCII art box using \n and \t.
- Look through the keyword list how many have you already used?