

Programming Design

Introduction

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Outline

- **Computer programming**
- Our first C++ program: basic structure and `cout`
- Our second C++ program: variable declaration and `cin`
- Our third C++ program: the `if` and `while` statements
- Formatting a C++ program

Computer programming

- What are **computer programs**?
 - The elements working in computers.
 - Also known as **software**.
 - A structured combination of data and instructions used to operate a computer to produce a specific result.
- Strength: High-speed computing, large memory, etc.
- Weakness: People (programmers) need to tell them what to do.
- How may a programmer tell a computer what to do?
 - Programmers use “**programming languages**” to write codes line by line and construct “computer programs”.
- Running a program means executing the instructions line by line and (hopefully) achieve the programmer’s goal.

Programming languages

- People and computers talk in programming languages.
- A programming language may be a **machine language**, an **assembly language**, or a **high-level language** (or something else).
 - Machine and assembly languages: Control the hardware directly, but hard to read and program.
 - High-level languages: Easy to read and program, but need a “translator.”
- Most application software are developed in **high-level languages**.
 - The language we study in this course, C++, is a high-level language.
 - Some others: Basic, Quick Basic, Visual Basic, Fortran, COBOL, Pascal, Delphi, C, Perl, Python, Java, C#, PHP, Matlab, etc.
- A **compiler** translates C++ programs into assembly programs.
 - For other high-level programs, an **interpreter** may be used instead.

The C++ programming language

- C++ is developed by Bjarne Stroustrup starting from 1979 at AT&T Bell Labs.
- C++ originates from another programming language C.
 - C is a **procedural** programming language.
 - C++ is an **object-oriented** programming (OOP) language.
- Roughly speaking, C++ is created by adding object-oriented functionalities to C.
 - For **teams** to build **large** software systems requiring a **long** time.
- C++ is (almost) a superset of C.
 - Most C programs can be compiled by a C++ compiler.

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Our first C++ program

- As in most introductory computer programming courses, let's start from the “Hello World” example:

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

- Let's try to compile this source code and run it!

Our first C++ program

- The program can be decomposed into four parts.
 - The preprocessor.
 - The namespace.
 - The main function block.
 - The statements.
- Some words are colored because they are C++ **reserved words** (**keywords**), which serve for special purposes.
 - We will talk about them soon.

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```


The preprocessor and namespace

- At this moment, let's ignore the first two lines.
 - They are doing some preparations before you may write your own instructions.
 - To be discussed later.
- For now, just copy them.

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

The main function block

- A C++ Program always runs from the first line of “**the main function block**” to the last line.
 - The function is named `main()`.
 - One program, one main function.
- A pair of braces (curly brackets) defines a **block**.
 - Within `{` and `return 0;`, we write our statements to tell the program what to do.
- For now, just copy them.

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

Statements

- There are always some **statements** in the main function.
 - **return 0;** is also a statement.
 - The computer executes the first statement, then the second, then the third....
- Each C++ statement is ended with a **semicolon** (`;`).
 - There are two statements in this main function.

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

`cout` and `<<`

```
cout << "Hello World! \n";
```

- `cout` is a pre-defined object for “console output”.
 - It sends whatever data passed to it to the standard display device.
 - Typically this is a computer screen in the console mode.
- The **insertion operator** `<<` marks the direction of data flow.
 - Data “flow” like streams.
- `"Hello world! \n"` is a **string**.
 - Characters within a pair of **double quotation marks** form a string.
- `cout << "Hello world! \n"`:
 - Let the string `"Hello world! \n"` flow to the screen. The character **H** first, then **e**, then **l**....

The escape sequence `\n`

```
cout << "Hello World! \n";
```

- But wait... what is that “`\n`”?
- In C++, the **slash** symbol “`\`” starts an **escape sequence**.
 - An escape sequence represents a “special character” that does not exist on the keyboard.
 - The **newline character** `\n` in C++ means “changing to a new line”.
 - To see this, try the following codes:

```
cout << "Hello World! \n";  
cout << "I love C++\n  so much!";
```

Escape sequences

- Some common escape sequences are listed below:

Escape sequence	Effect	Escape sequence	Effect
<code>\n</code>	A new line	<code>\\</code>	A slash: <code>\</code>
<code>\t</code>	A horizontal tab	<code>\'</code>	A single quotation: <code>'</code>
<code>\b</code>	A backspace	<code>\"</code>	A double quotation: <code>"</code>
<code>\a</code>	A sound of alert		

Concatenated data streams

- The insertion operator `<<` can be used to **concatenate** multiple data streams in one single statement.
 - The two statements

```
cout << "Hello World! \n";  
cout << "I love C++\n  so much!";
```

and this statement

```
cout << "Hello World! \n" << "I love C++\n  so much!";
```

display the same thing.

- Note that the statement

```
"Hello World!" >> cout;
```

is wrong!

Our first C++ program as a whole

- This is our first C++ program:

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

- Go modify the statements by yourself!

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The `cin` object

- The `cout` object prints out data to the console output.
- Another object, `cin`, accepts data **input** (by the user or other programs) from the console input (typically the keyboard).
- In order to use the `cin` object, we need to first prepare a “**container**” for the input data. The thing we need is a **variable**.
- When we use a single variable to receive the data, the syntax is

```
cin >> variable;
```

- In this week, you will use the `cin` object to **interact** with your program.
- In the future, you will use `cin` to read testing data of your program.
- Let's first learn how to **declare variables**.

Variables and data types

- A variable is a container that stores a value.
 - Once we declare a variable, the system allocates a **memory space** for it.
 - A value may then be stored in that space.
- In C++, each variable must be specified a **data type**.
 - It tells the system how to allocate memory spaces.
 - It tells the system how to interpret those 0s and 1s stored there.
- The data type will also determine how **operations** are performed on the variable.

Basic data types

- There are ten **basic** (or **built-in** or **primitive**) data types in C++.
 - They are provided as part of the C++ standard.

Category	Type	Bytes	Type	Bytes
Integers	<code>bool</code>	1	<code>long</code>	4
	<code>char</code>	1	<code>unsigned int</code>	4
	<code>int</code>	4	<code>unsigned short</code>	2
	<code>short</code>	2	<code>unsigned long</code>	4
Fractional numbers	<code>float</code>	4	<code>double</code>	8

- There are ten basic data types, belonging to two categories.
 - The number of bytes is **compiler-dependent**.
- Today let's use integer and Boolean variables only.

Variable declaration

- Before we use a variable, we must first **declare** it.
 - We need to specify its **name** and **data type**.
- The syntax of a variable declaration statement is

```
type variable name;
```

- For example,

```
int myInt;
```

declares an integer variable called **myInt**.

- A variable name is an **identifier**.
 - We do not need to memorize the memory address (which is a sequence of numbers).
 - We access the space through the variable name.

Address	Identifier	Value
0x22fd4c	myInt	???

Memory

Declaration and assignment

- Beside declaring a variable, we may also **assign** values to a variable.
 - `int myInt;` declares an integer variable.
 - `myInt = 10;` assigns 10 to `myInt`.
- We may do these together.

type variable name = initial value;

- `int yourInt = 5;` declares an integer variable `yourInt` and assigns 5 to it.
- The assignment is called **initialization** if it is done with declaration.
- Without initialization, the variable may be of **any value** (depending on what was left since the last time this space is used)!

Address	Identifier	Value
0x20c648	yourInt	5
0x22fd4c	myInt	10

Memory

More about variable declaration

- We may declare multiple variable in the same type together:
 - `int a, b, c;` declares three integers `a`, `b`, and `c`.
- We may initialize all of them also in a single statement:
 - `int a = 1, b = 2, c = 3;`
- A variable's name consists of a consecutive sequence of letters, digits, and the underline symbol “_”.
 - It cannot begin with a number.
 - It cannot be the same as a C++ **keywords** (cf. Figure 3.3 of the textbook).
 - It (and the whole C++ world) is **case-sensitive**.
- **Always** initialize your variables (e.g., 0).
- Use meaningful names (e.g., `yardToInch` is) better than `y`).
- **Capitalize** the first character of each word, but not the very first one.
 - `int yardToInch = 12, avgGrade = 0, maxGrade = 100;`

Our 2nd C++ program (in progress)

- This is our second C++ program (to be completed later):
- We first declare and initialize two integers.
- We then do

```
cout << num1 + num2;
```

- There are two **operations** here:
 - `num1 + num2` is an addition operation. The sum will be **returned** to the program.
 - That returned value is then sent to `cout` through `<<`.
- As a result, **17** is displayed on the screen.

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

int main()
{
    int num1 = 13, num2 = 4;
    cout << num1 + num2;

    return 0;
}
```


When we execute this program

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int num1 = 13, num2 = 4;
    cout << num1 + num2;

    return 0;
}

```

(4)

17

Console

	Address	Identifier	Value
(3)	0x20c630	(no name)	17
(1)	0x20c648	num1	13
(2)	0x22fd4c	num2	4

Memory

Our 2nd C++ program (in progress)

- Let's make the output look better:

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

int main()
{
    int num1 = 13, num2 = 4;
    cout << "The sum of " << num1 << " and " << num2 << " is "
         << num1 + num2 << "\n";

    return 0;
}
```

- How would you interpret the program?

Our 2nd C++ program (in progress)

- There are other arithmetic operations:
 - Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and modulus.
- What will be displayed on the screen?
- Data types matter!
 - If the inputs of the division operation are both integers, the output will be **truncated** to an integer.
 - We will discuss this in details later in this semester.

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

int main()
{
    int num1 = 13, num2 = 4;

    cout << num1 + num2 << "\n";
    cout << num1 - num2 << "\n";
    cout << num1 * num2 << "\n";
    cout << num1 / num2 << "\n";
    cout << num1 % num2 << "\n";

    return 0;
}
```

Our second C++ program

- Now we are ready to present our second C++ program:

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

int main()
{
    int num1 = 0, num2 = 0;

    cout << "Please enter one number: ";
    cin >> num1;
    cout << "Please enter another number: ";
    cin >> num2;

    cout << "The sum is " << num1 + num2;

    return 0;
}
```

The `cin` object

- In this example, we allow the user to enter two numbers.
- We declare two variables to receive the inputs.
- We then use the `cin` object to send input values into the variables.

```
cout << "Please enter one number: ";  
cin >> num1;  
cout << "Please enter another number: ";  
cin >> num2;
```

- The `cout` statements are **prompts**: a message telling the user what to do.
- The input of a value ends when the user press “enter”.
- The variables (and their values) can then be used in other statements.

```
cout << "The sum is " << num1 + num2;
```

The `cin` object

- The **extraction operator** `>>` is used with the `cin` object.
- One cannot use `cout` with `>>` or `cin` with `<<`!
 - Both statements here are wrong:

```
a >> cout;  
b << cin;
```

- The input stream is split into multiple pieces by “enter” and white spaces.
 - Different pieces are sent to different variables.
 - If the number of variables is fewer than the input pieces, pieces will be put in an **input buffer** waiting for future `cin` operations.
- Try to run the program by entering “**4 13**”.

Our second C++ program

- Another way to implement this program:

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

int main()
{
    int num1 = 0, num2 = 0;

    cout << "Please enter two numbers, separated by a white space: ";
    cin >> num1 >> num2;

    cout << "The sum is " << num1 + num2;

    return 0;
}
```

- `>>` may send (pieces of) values to multiple variables.
- Data types matter: What if we enter “**1.3 4**”?

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Our third C++ program (in progress)

- Would you guess what does this program do?
- We use the `if` statement to control the sequence of executions.

```
if (condition)  
{  
    statements  
}
```

- If condition returns `true`, do statements sequentially.
- Otherwise, skip those statements.
- What is `==`?

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main()  
{  
    int num1 = 0, num2 = 0;  
  
    cout << "Please enter two numbers, "  
        << "separated by a white space: ";  
    cin >> num1 >> num2;  
  
    if (num1 > num2)  
        cout << "The larger one is " << num1;  
    if (num1 < num2)  
        cout << "The larger one is " << num2;  
    if (num1 == num2)  
        cout << "The two are equal";  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

The comparison operators

- `==` checks whether the two sides of it are **equal**.
 - Returns a **Boolean** value: true (non-zero) or false (zero).
- `=` and `==` are different!
 - When we write `a = 20`, it assigns 20 to `a`. The value 20 is then returned.
 - When we write `a == 20`, it checks whether `a` equals 20. Either **true** or **false** is then returned.
 - What happens to the following three programs?

```
int a = 0;
if(a == 1)
{
    cout << "here!";
}
```

```
int a = 0;
if(a = 1)
{
    cout << "here!";
}
```

```
int a = 0;
if(a = 0)
{
    cout << "here!";
}
```

- Do distinguish “**becomes**” and “**equals**”!
 - `a = 20` is read as “`a` becomes 20”. `a == 20` is read as “`a` equals 20”.

The comparison operators

- All the following comparison operators return a Boolean value.
 - `>`: bigger than
 - `<`: smaller than
 - `>=`: not smaller than
 - `<=`: not bigger than
 - `==`: equals
 - `!=`: not equals

The `if` statement

- In an `if` block, there may be **multiple** statements.
- A pair of **curly brackets** are used to define the block.
- We may drop `{ }` if, and only if, there is **only one** statement under the `if` statement.
- What will happen to this program?

```
int a = 0;
if(a == 1)
{
    cout << "he";
    cout << "re!";
}
```

```
int a = 0;
if(a == 1)
    cout << "here!";
```

```
int a = 0;
if(a == 1)
    cout << "he";
    cout << "re!";
```

Our third C++ program

- Would you guess what does this program do?
- We use the `while` statement to **repeat** several statements.

```
while (condition)  
{  
    statements  
}
```

- If condition returns **true**, do statements sequentially and then go back to check condition again.
- What is `num1 = num1 - 1`?

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main()  
{  
    int num1 = 0, num2 = 0;  
    cout << "Please enter two numbers, "  
         << "separated by a white space: ";  
    cin >> num1 >> num2;  
  
    while (num1 > num2)  
    {  
        cout << "number 1 is " << num1 << "\n";  
        num1 = num1 - 1;  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

The `while` statement

- `while` is nothing but an `if` that repeats.
- Consider the assignment operator `=` again:

```
num1 = num1 - 1;
```

- Read it as “becomes”: `num1` becomes `num1` minus 1.
- First, `num1 - 1` is calculated and returned by the subtraction operator `-`.
- This value is then assigned to `num1`.
- Now we fully understand this program:

```
while (num1 > num2)
{
    cout << "number 1 is " << num1 << "\n";
    num1 = num1 - 1;
}
```

Syntax errors vs. logic errors

- A **syntax error** occurs when the program does not follow the standard of the programming language.

```
if (num1 > num2)
    cout << "The larger one is << num1;
if (num1 < num2)
    cout << "The larger one is " << num2
```

- The compiler detects syntax errors.

- A **logic error** occurs when the program does not run as the programmer expect.

```
if (num1 > num2)
    cout << "The larger one is " << num1;
if (num1 < num2)
    cout << "The larger one is " << num1;
```

- Programmers must detect logic errors by themselves.
- The process is called **debugging**.

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Formatting a C++ program

- In a C++ program, semicolons are marks of the end of statements.
- White spaces, tabs, and new lines do not affect the compilation and execution of a C++ program.
 - Except strings and preprocessor commands.
- The following two programs are equivalent:

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

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace
std; int main
(){cout << "Hello
World! \n";return 0;}
```

Formatting a C++ program

- Maintaining the program in a good **format** is very helpful.
- While each programmer may have her own programming style, there are some general guidelines.
 - Start a new line after each semicolon.
 - Align paired braces vertically.
 - Indent blocks according to their levels.
 - Write comments.

Formatting a C++ program

- Start a **new line after** each semicolon.
 - Never put two statements in the same line!
- **Align** paired braces vertically.
 - Which one do you prefer?

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5)
    {
        cout << "...";
        cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5)
    {
        cout << "...";
        cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5) {
        cout << "...";
        cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Indentations

- **Indent** blocks according to their levels.
 - Which one do you prefer?

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5)
    {
        cout << "...";
        cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5)
    {
        cout << "...";
        cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    if(a < 5)
    {cout << "...";
      cout << "...";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Comments

- **Comments** are programmers' **notes** and will be ignored by the compiler.
- In C++, there are two ways of writing comments:
 - A single line comment: Everything following a `//` in the same line are treated as comments.
 - A block comment: Everything within `/*` and `*/` (may across multiple lines) are treated as comments.

```
/* Ling-Chieh Kung's work
   for the first lecture */

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World! \n";
    return 0; // the program terminates correctly
}
```