Writing and Understanding C++

- Writing programs in any language requires understanding the syntax and semantics of the programming language as well as language-independent skills in programming.
 - **>** Syntax is similar to rules of spelling and grammar:
 - *i before e except after c*
 - The relationship between a command and a quote, *"this is a fact,"* or *"this is a fact"*,
 - Semantics is what a program (or English sentence) means
 - You ain't nothing but a hound dog.
 - La plume de ma tante est sur la porte.
- At first it seems like the syntax is hard to master, but the semantics are much harder
 - Natural languages are more forgiving than programming languages.

Toward an Understanding of C++

• Traditional first program, doesn't convey power of computing but it illustrates basic components of a simple program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// traditional first program
int main()
{
    cout << "Hello world" << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

- This program must be edited/typed, compiled, linked and executed.
- Other languages don't use compile/link phase, examples?

Anatomy of a C++ Program

- #include statements make libraries of classes and functions accessible to the program
 - Compiler needs access to interface, what the functions look like, but not to implementation
 - Linker/Loader needs access to implementations
 - Helps programmers develop code independently
- Comments make programs readable by humans
 - The cost of program maintenance is often far greater than the cost of program development
 - ► Use comments liberally, but make them meaningful

More C++ Anatomy

- Programmer-defined functions
 - Functions are abstractions that help you to reuse ideas and code
 - ► The square root key on a calculator invokes a function
 - ► The chorus of a song is a similar abstraction
 - One word, e.g., "chorus", takes the place of many or represents a concept
- A program is a collection of functions and classes
- Programs may be implemented in more than one file, but there is only one main function
 - Execution of the program begins with main
 - The main function returns a value to the operating system or environment

Dennis Ritchie

- Developed C and Unix
- Shared 1983 Turing award and National Medal of Science in 1999

"We wanted to preserve not just a good environment in which to do programming, but a system around which a fellowship could form"

• Unix was

- ► Free to Universities
- ► Expensive originally
- Linux precursor?



Execution and Flow Control

- Execution of C++ programs is organized around statements
 - A statement executes, it may cause another statement to execute
 - Statements execute sequentially, or as governed by control that repeats a group of statements or selects one of several groups to execute
 - Control statements covered later; for now sequential flow
- Syntax determines what's in a statement, semantics determines construction of program from statements
- Output will be part of our programs
 - Cout is the output stream, objects are placed on the stream
 - ► Objects are strings, numbers, many other *types*

Stream output

- cout is the standard output stream, use cerr for errors and other streams later. Accessible via #include<iostream>
 - > Objects inserted onto stream with insertion operator <<
 - Different objects separated by insertion operator <<</p>

- String *literals* in quotes, other *expressions* are evaluated before being output.
 - endl is the "end of line" object (IO manipulator)
 - Can also output "\n" or "\t" or "\"" (escape sequences)

More about streams and syntax

• C++ statements are terminated by a semi-colon

- Thinking ahead:
 - **>** Repetition of radius, problems?
 - **>** Repetition of π , problems?
 - > What's better, several statements, or one long statement?
 - > Evaluating expressions: rules of arithmetic?
 - ► Differences between 2*3 and 2*3.0 ?

Toward Using Functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "
                                        " << endl;
                                        " << endl;
     cout << "
                                        " << endl;
    cout << "
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                                        " << endl;</pre>
     cout << "
                                        " << endl;</pre>
    cout << "
                                        " << endl;
" << endl;</pre>
    cout << "
    cout << "
    return 0;
}
```

Prints head, but not as *modular* as program using functions
 Harder to modify to draw differently

Programmer-defined Functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// functions appear here
int main()
{
    Hair();
    Sides();
    Eyes(); Ears(); Smile();
    Sides();
    return 0;
}
```

- What are advantages of this main over one in which several output statements appear in main.
 - > New hair style? Stretched head?
 - ► Are these advantages?
 - How is width of head determined? Drawbacks? Solutions?

Advantages of Functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// functions appear here
int main()
{
    Hair();
    Sides();
    Eyes(); Ears(); Smile();
    Sides();
    return 0;
}
```

- What about eyeglasses? Mustache? Big nose? Frown?
 - Advantages in extending program rather than modifying program.
 - Multiple heads (totem poles)

Totem Functions

```
int main()
{
    Head1();
    Head2();
    Head3();
    return 0;
```

}

- What changed between the two runs of the program?
- Can you write Headxx()?
 - ► Is Head1 a good name?
 - Does Headxx call other functions?
 - Suppose we used graphics instead of cout <<?</p>



Parameterized Functions

- A square root function that only returns square root of 2 isn't very useful
 - ► F = sqrt(2), so 2 is a parameter/argument to the function
 - > Useful parameter to head-drawing functions?
 - What about happy birthday printing argument/parameter?
- Functions have parameters, *arguments* are *passed* to functions

Birthday("Fred"); // sing to fred
Birthday("Ethel"); // sing to ethel

Functions and Parameters (continued)

```
#include <iostream>
   using namespace std;
   void WinBigMoney(string name)
       cout << "Hello " << name << " you may have "
            << " won $1,000,000" << endl;
       cout << name << ", please call 1-900-IMN-IDIOT"
            << endl;
   int main()
       Hello("owen"); Hello("susan");
       Hello("bill gates");
       return 0;
   }
• Parameter list provides type and name of parameter
   Argument type must match parameter type
```

Function's prototype based on types only, not names

Parameterized Functions for Songs

- On his farm Old MacDonald had a X that that says Y
 - ▶ pig, oink
 - ► cow, moo
 - void Verse(
- Five bottles of Z on a wall, five bottles of Z
 - ► cola
 - ► lemonade
 - void Verse(

);

);

- Mama's going to buy you a *X*, and if that *X Y*
 - Mocking bird, don't sing
 - ► Looking glass, get's broke
 - void Verse(

);

Calling Functions: where, when, how?

- Some functions are imported from libraries
 - Function prototypes specified in header files, implementations linked later
 - **>** Compiler "sees" prototype before client code calls function
- Some functions are in the same file in which they're called
 - **>** Function *declaration* is the prototype only
 - Function definition includes the implementation

void Verse(string name); void Verse(string name)
{
 cout << "hi " << name << endl;</pre>

}

- Declaration or definition must appear before call
 - ► Ok to put declaration before, definition after call
 - > Ok to put main last, all definitions first (problems?)

Ada Lovelace, 1816-1853

- Daughter of Byron, advocate of work of Charles Babbage, designer of early "computer" (the Analytical Engine)
 - Made Babbage's work accessible
 - "It would weave algebraic patterns the way the Jacquard loom weaved patterns in textiles"
- Tutored in mathematics by Augustus de Morgan
- Marched around the billiard table playing the violin
- Ada is a notable programming language

Program Style

- People who use your program don't read your code
 - > You'll write programs to match user needs
- People who maintain or modify your program do read code
 - Must be readable, understandable without you next door
 - ► Use a consistent programming style, adhere to conventions
- Identifiers are names of functions, parameters, (variables, classes, ...)
 - **>** Sequence of letters, numbers, underscore _____ characters
 - Cannot begin with a number (we won't begin with __)
 - big_head vs. BigHead, we'll use AlTeRnAtInG format
 - ► Make identifiers meaningful, not droll and witty