

Introduction to C++



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Introduction to C++

- C++ was developed by Bjarne Stroustrup at Bell Laboratories
 - Originally called "C with classes"
 - The name C++ includes C's increment operator (++)
 - Indicate that C++ is an enhanced version of C
- C++ programs
 - Built from pieces called **classes** and **functions**.
- C++ Standard Library
 - Rich collections of existing classes and functions

Why use C++

- Many claim it is a better C because it is all of C with additions:
- Objects {and object-oriented philosophy}
- Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Exception handling
- Templates

Simple C++ Example

```
// C++ simple example
```

```
#include <iostream> //for C++ Input and Output
```

```
int main ()
```

```
{
```

```
int number3;
```

standard output stream object
stream insertion operator

```
std::cout << "Enter a number:";
```

```
std::cin >> number3;
```

stream extraction operator
standard input stream object

```
int number2, sum;
```

```
std::cout << "Enter another number:";
```

```
std::cin >> number2;
```

```
sum = number2 + number3;
```

```
std::cout << "Sum is: " << sum <<std::endl;
```

```
return 0;
```

stream manipulator
Concatenating insertion operators

```
}
```

A Simple C++ Program

- C++ file names can have one of several extensions
 - Such as: `.cpp`, `.cxx` or `.C` (uppercase)
- Commenting
 - A `//` comment is a maximum of one line long.
 - A `/*...*/` C-style comments can be more than one line long.
- `iostream`
 - Must be included for any program that outputs data to the screen or inputs data from the keyboard using C++ style stream input/output.
- C++ requires you to specify the return type, possibly `void`, for all functions.
 - Specifying a parameter list with empty parentheses is equivalent to specifying a `void` parameter list in C.

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A Simple C++ Program

- Stream manipulator `std::endl`
 - Outputs a newline.
 - Flushes the output buffer.
- The notation `std::cout` specifies that we are using a **name** (`cout`) that belongs to a **"namespace"** (`std`).

18.5 Header Files

- C++ Standard Library header files
 - Each contains a portion of the Standard Library.
 - Function prototypes for the related functions
 - Definitions of various class types and functions
 - Constants needed by those functions
 - “Instruct” the compiler on how to interface with library and user-written components.
 - Header file names ending in **.h**
 - Are “old-style” header files
 - Superseded by the C++ Standard Library header files
 - Use **#include** directive to include class in a program.

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Fig. 18.2 C++ Standard Library header files

| C++ Standard Library header files | Explanation |
|---|---|
| <code><iostream></code> | Contains function prototypes for the C++ standard input and standard output functions. This header file replaces header file <code><iostream.h></code> . This header is discussed in detail in Chapter 26, Stream Input/Output. |
| <code><iomanip></code> | Contains function prototypes for stream manipulators that format streams of data. This header file replaces header file <code><iomanip.h></code> . This header is used in Chapter 26, Stream Input/Output. |
| <code><cmath></code> | Contains function prototypes for math library functions. This header file replaces header file <code><math.h></code> . |
| <code><cstdlib></code> | Contains function prototypes for conversions of numbers to text, text to numbers, memory allocation, random numbers and various other utility functions. This header file replaces header file <code><stdlib.h></code> . |
| <code><ctime></code> | Contains function prototypes and types for manipulating the time and date. This header file replaces header file <code><time.h></code> . |
| <code><vector></code> , <code><list></code> <code><deque></code> , <code><queue></code> , <code><stack></code> , <code><map></code> , <code><set></code> , <code><bitset></code> | These header files contain classes that implement the C++ Standard Library containers. Containers store data during a program's execution. |

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18.6 Inline Functions

- Inline functions
 - Reduce function call overhead—especially for small functions.
 - Qualifier **inline** before a function's return type in the function definition
 - “Advises” the compiler to generate a copy of the function's code in place (when appropriate) to avoid a function call.
 - Trade-off of inline functions
 - Multiple copies of the function code are inserted in the program (often making the program larger).
 - The compiler can ignore the **inline** qualifier and typically does so for all but the smallest functions.

Another Simple C++ Program

```
1 // Fig. 18.3: fig18_03.cpp
2 // Using an inline function to calculate the volume of a cube.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::cin;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 // Definition of inline function cube. Definition of function appears
9 // before function is called, so a function prototype is not required.
10 // First line of function definition acts as the prototype.
11 inline double cube( const double side )
12 {
13     return side * side * side; // calculate the cube of side
14 } // end function cube
15
16 int main()
17 {
18     double sideValue; // stores value entered by user
19
```

inline qualifier

Complete function definition so the compiler knows how to expand a **cube** function call into its inlined code.

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Another Simple C++ Program

```
20  for ( int i = 1; i <= 3; i++ )
21  {
22      cout << "\nEnter the side length of your cube: ";
23      cin >> sideValue; // read value from user
24
25      // calculate cube of sideValue and display result
26      cout << "Volume of cube with side "
27           << sideValue << " is " << cube( sideValue ) << endl;
28  }
29
30  return 0; // indicates successful termination
31 } // end main
```

cube function call that could be inlined

```
Enter the side length of your cube: 1.0
Volume of cube with side 1 is 1
```

```
Enter the side length of your cube: 2.3
Volume of cube with side 2.3 is 12.167
```

```
Enter the side length of your cube: 5.4
Volume of cube with side 5.4 is 157.464
```

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Fig. 18.4 C++ keywords

C++ keywords

Keywords common to the C and C++ programming languages

| | | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| auto | break | case | char | const |
| continue | default | do | double | else |
| enum | extern | float | for | goto |
| if | int | long | register | return |
| short | signed | sizeof | static | struct |
| switch | typedef | union | unsigned | void |
| volatile | while | | | |

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Fig. 18.4 C++ keywords

C++ keywords

C++-only keywords

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| and | and_eq | asm | bi tand | bi tor |
| bool | catch | cl ass | compl | const_cast |
| del ete | dynami c_cast | expl i ci t | export | fal se |
| fri end | i nl i ne | mutabl e | namespace | new |
| not | not_eq | operator | or | or_eq |
| pri vate | protected | publ ic | rei nterpret_cast | stati c_cast |
| templ ate | thi s | throw | true | try |
| typei d | typename | usi ng | vi rtual | wchar_t |
| xor | xor_eq | | | |

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18.6 Inline Functions (Cont.)

- **using** statements help eliminate the need to repeat the namespace prefix
 - Ex: **std::**
- for statement's condition evaluates to either 0 (false) or nonzero (true)
 - Type **bool** represents boolean (true/false) values.
 - The two possible values of a **bool** are the keywords **true** and **false**.
 - When true and false are converted to integers, they become the values 1 and 0, respectively.
 - When non-boolean values are converted to type **bool**, non-zero values become true, and zero or **null** pointer values become false.

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18.7 References and Reference Parameters

. Reference Parameter

- An alias for its corresponding argument in a function call.
- **&** placed after the parameter type in the function prototype and function header
- Example
 - **int &count** in a function header
 - Pronounced as “count is a reference to an i n t”
- Parameter name in the called function body actually refers to the original variable in the calling function.

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Call by Reference and Call by Value in C++

```
1 // Fig. 18.5: fi g18_05.cpp
2 // Comparing pass-by-value and pass-by-reference with references.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int squareByValue( int ); // function prototype (value pass)
8 void squareByReference( int &); // function prototype (reference pass)
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     int x = 2; // value to square using squareByValue
13     int z = 4; // value to square using squareByReference
14
15     // demonstrate squareByValue
16     cout << "x = " << x << " before squareByValue\n";
17     cout << "Value returned by squareByValue: "
18         << squareByValue( x ) << endl;
19     cout << "x = " << x << " after squareByValue\n" <<
20
21     // demonstrate squareByReference
22     cout << "z = " << z << " before squareByReference" << endl;
23     squareByReference( z );
24     cout << "z = " << z << " after squareByReference" << endl;
25     return 0; // indicates successful termination
26 } // end main
```

Function illustrating pass-by-value

Function illustrating pass-by-reference

Variable is simply mentioned by name in both function calls

Call by Reference and Call by Value in C++

```
27
28 // squareByValue multiplies number by itself, stores the
29 // result in number and returns the new value of number
30 int squareByValue( int number )
31 {
32     return number *= number; // caller's argument not modified
33 } // end function squareByValue
```

Receives copy of argument in main

```
34
35 // squareByReference multiplies numberRef by itself and stores the result
36 // in the variable to which numberRef refers in the caller
37 void squareByReference( int &numberRef )
38 {
39     numberRef *= numberRef; // caller's argument modified
40 } // end function squareByReference
```

Receives reference to argument in main

```
x = 2 before squareByValue
Value returned by squareByValue: 4
x = 2 after squareByValue
```

Modifies variable in main

```
z = 4 before squareByReference
z = 16 after squareByReference
```

18.7 References and Reference Parameters

• References

- are used as aliases for other variables within a function.
 - All operations supposedly performed on the alias (i.e., the reference) are actually performed on the original variable.
 - An alias is simply another name for the original variable.
 - Must be initialized in their declarations.
 - Cannot be reassigned afterward.

- Example

- `int count = 1;`
`int &cRef = count;`
`cRef++;`
 - Increments count through alias `cRef`

References and Reference Parameters

```
1 // Fig. 18.6: fig18_06.cpp
2 // References must be initialized.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     int x = 3;
10    int &y = x; // y refers to (is an alias for) x
11
12    cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
13    y = 7; // actually modifies x
14    cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
15    return 0; // indicates successful termination
16 } // end main
```

Creating a reference as an alias to another variable in the function

Assign 7 to **x** through alias **y**

```
x = 3
y = 3
x = 7
y = 7
```

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References and Reference Parameters

```
1 // Fig. 18.7: fig18_07.cpp
2 // References must be initialized.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     int x = 3;
10    int &y; // Error: y must be initialized
11
12    cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
13    y = 7;
14    cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
15    return 0; // indicates successful termination
16 } // end main
```

Uninitialized reference



Borland C++ command-line compiler error message:

```
Error E2304 C:\examples\ch18\Fig18_07\fig18_07.cpp 10:
Reference variable 'y' must be initialized in function main()
```

Microsoft Visual C++ compiler error message:

```
C:\examples\ch18\Fig18_07\fig18_07.cpp(10) : error C2530: 'y' :
references must be initialized
```

GNU C++ compiler error message:

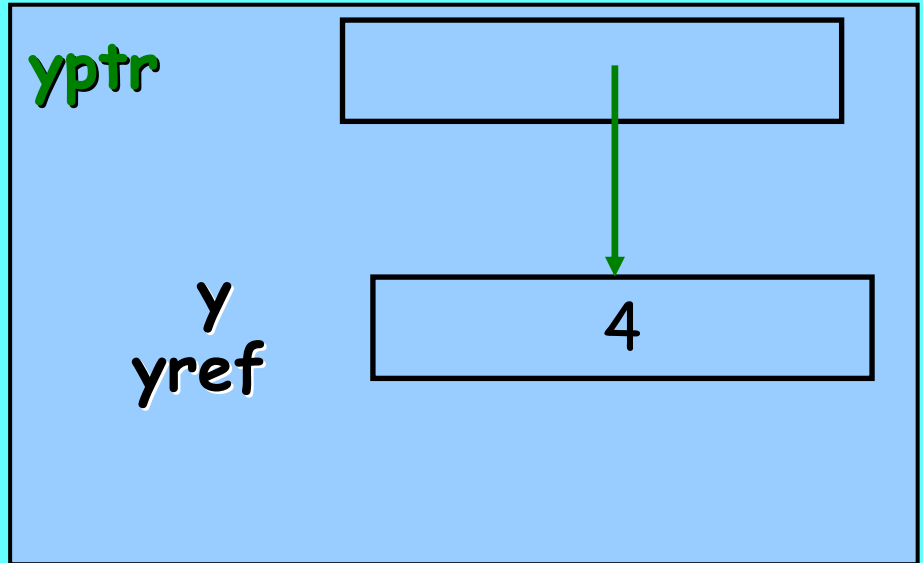
```
fig18_07.cpp:10: error: 'y' declared as a reference but not initialized
```

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References

```
// Three ways in C++
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int y = 8;
    int &yref = y;
    int *yptr = &y;

    printf(" y = %d\n using ref y = %d\n using pointer y = %d\n",
           y, yref, *yptr);
    return 0;
}
```



```
$ g++ -o ref ref.cpp
$ ./ref
y = 8
using ref y = 8
using pointer y = 8
```

References and Reference Parameters

- Returning a reference from a function
 - Functions can return references to variables.
 - Should only be used when the variable is **static**.
 - A Dangling reference
 - Returning a reference to an automatic variable
 - That variable no longer exists after the function ends.

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18.9 Default Arguments

- **Default argument**
 - A default value to be passed to a parameter.
 - Used when the function call does not specify an argument for that parameter
 - Must be the rightmost argument(s) in a function's parameter list.
 - Should be specified with the first occurrence of the function name.
 - Typically the function prototype

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Default Arguments

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```
1 // Fig. 18.8: fig18_08.cpp
2 // Using default arguments.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 // function prototype that specifies default arguments
8 int boxVolume( int length = 1, int width = 1, int height = 1 );
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     // no arguments--use default values for all dimensions
13     cout << "The default box volume is: " << boxVolume();
14
15     // specify length; default width and height
16     cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
17         << "width 1 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10 );
18
19     // specify length and width; default height
20     cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
21         << "width 5 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5 );
22
23     // specify all arguments
24     cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
25         << "width 5 and height 2 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5, 2 );
26     << endl;
27     return 0; // indicates successful termination
28 } // end main
```

Default arguments

Calling function with no arguments

Calling function with one argument

Calling function with two arguments

Calling function with three arguments

Default Arguments

```
29
30 // function boxVolume calculates the volume of a box
31 int boxVolume( int length, int width, int height )
32 {
33     return length * width * height;
34 } // end function boxVolume
```

The default box volume is: 1

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 1 and height 1 is: 10

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 1 is: 50

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 2 is: 100

Note that default arguments were specified in the function prototype, so they are not specified in the function header

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18.10 Unary Scope Resolution Operator

- **Unary scope resolution operator (::)**
 - Used to access a global variable when a local variable of the same name is in scope.
 - Cannot be used to access a local variable of the same name in an outer block.

18.10 Unary Scope Resolution Operator

```
1 // Fig. 18.9: fig18_09.cpp
2 // Using the unary scope resolution operator.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 int number = 7; // global variable named number
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     double number = 10.5; // local variable named number
12
13     // display values of local and global variables
14     cout << "Local double value of number = " << number
15         << "\nGlobal int value of number = " << ::number << endl;
16     return 0; // indicates successful termination
17 } // end main
```

```
Local double value of number = 10.5
Global int value of number = 7
```

Unary scope resolution operator used to access global variable **number**

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18.11 Function Overloading

- **Overloaded functions**
 - Overloaded functions have
 - The same name
 - But different sets of parameters
 - Compiler selects proper function to execute based on number, types and order of arguments in the function call.
 - Commonly used to create several functions of the same name that perform similar tasks, but on different data types.

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Function Overloading

```
1 // Fig. 18.10: fig18_10.cpp
2 // Overloaded functions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 // function square for int values
8 int square( int x )
9 {
10     cout << "square of integer " << x << " is ";
11     return x * x;
12 } // end function square with int argument
13
14 // function square for double values
15 double square( double y )
16 {
17     cout << "square of double " << y << " is ";
18     return y * y;
19 } // end function square with double argument
20
21 int main()
22 {
23     cout << square( 7 ); // calls int version
24     cout << endl;
25     cout << square( 7.5 ); // calls double version
26     cout << endl;
27     return 0; // indicates successful termination
28 } // end main
```

Defining a **square** function for
ints

Defining a **square** function for
doubles

Output confirms that the
proper function was called
in each case

square of integer 7 is 49
square of double 7.5 is 56.25

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Constructor overload

```
class Listnode
{
Listnode ()
{
    link = NULL;
}
Listnode( string word)
{
    link = NULL;
    lword = word;
}
...
Private:
    Listnode* link;
    string  lword;
};
```


18.12 Function Templates

- A more compact and convenient form of overloading.
 - Identical program logic and operations for each data type.
- Function template definition
 - Written by programmer once.
 - Essentially defines a whole family of overloaded functions.
 - Begins with the **template** keyword.
 - Contains a template parameter list of formal type and the parameters for the function template are enclosed in angle brackets (<>).
 - Formal type parameters
 - Preceded by keyword **typename** or keyword **class**.
 - Placeholders for fundamental types or user-defined types.

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18.12 Function Templates

- Function-template specializations
 - Generated automatically by the compiler to handle each type of call to the function template.
 - Example for function template `max` with type parameter `T` called with `int` arguments
 - Compiler detects a `max` invocation in the program code.
 - `int` is substituted for `T` throughout the template definition.
 - This produces function-template specialization `max<int>`.

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Function Template Example

```
1 // Fig. 18.12: maximum.h
2 // Definition of function template maximum.
3
4 template < class T > // or template< typename T >
5 T maximum( T value1, T value2, T value3 )
6 {
7     T maximumValue = value1; // assume value1 is maximum
8
9     // determine whether value2 is greater than maximumValue
10    if ( value2 > maximumValue )
11        maximumValue = value2;
12
13    // determine whether value3 is greater than maximumValue
14    if ( value3 > maximumValue )
15        maximumValue = value3;
16
17    return maximumValue;
18 } // end function template maximum
```

Using formal type parameter **T** in place of data type

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Common Programming Error 18.11

- Not placing keyword `class` or keyword `typename` before every formal type parameter of a function template (e.g., writing `< class S, T >` instead of `< class S, class T >`) is a syntax error.

Function Template Example

```
1 // Fig. 18.13: fig18_13.cpp
2 // Function template maximum test program.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::cin;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include "maximum.h" // include definition of function template maximum
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     // demonstrate maximum with int values
13     int int1, int2, int3;
14
15     cout << "Input three integer values: ";
16     cin >> int1 >> int2 >> int3;
17
18     // Invoke int version of maximum
19     cout << "The maximum integer value is: "
20         << maximum(int1, int2, int3);
21
22     // demonstrate maximum with double values
23     double double1, double2, double3;
24
25     cout << "\n\nInput three double values: ";
26     cin >> double1 >> double2 >> double3;
27
```

Invoking `maximum` with `int` arguments

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Function Template Example

```
28 // invoke double version of maximum
29 cout << "The maximum double value is: "
30     << maximum( double1, double2, double3 );
31
32 // demonstrate maximum with char values
33 char char1, char2, char3;
34
35 cout << "\n\nInput three characters: ";
36 cin >> char1 >> char2 >> char3;
37
38 // invoke char version of maximum
39 cout << "The maximum character value is: "
40     << maximum( char1, char2, char3 ) << endl;
41 return 0; // indicates successful termination
42 } // end main
```

Invoking **maximum** with **double** arguments

Invoking **maximum** with **char** arguments

```
Input three integer values: 1 2 3
The maximum integer value is: 3
```

```
Input three double values: 3.3 2.2 1.1
The maximum double value is: 3.3
```

```
Input three characters: A C B
The maximum character value is: C
```

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