

Chap 0: Overview



Basics - 1

- Overview of basic C++ syntax
- Refresh programming basics
- C++ Vs. Java differences
- Coding conventions used

• Comments

- single line: //
- multi-line: /* ... */

• Identifiers and keywords

- {a-zA-Z}{a-zA-Z0-9}*
– keywords are reserved words

• Fundamental data types

- bool, char, int, float, double
- modifiers: signed/unsigned, short/long

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- Variables
 - double radius; int count, i;
- Constants
 - literal: 'A', '2'
 - named: const double PI = 3.14159;
- typedef statement
 - typedef double Real;

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- Assignments and expressions
 - arithmetic expressions
 - relational and logical expressions
- Implicit type conversion
 - automatic type conversion with no loss of precision
- Explicit type conversion
 - static_cast<type>(expression)
 - int ivol = static_cast<int>(volume);

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- Input
 - int a; cin >> a;
 - int a; scanf("%d", &a);
- Output
 - cout << "Output is: " << a << "\n";
 - printf("Output is: %d\n", a);

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- Arrays
 - one dimensional: int arr[100]; arr[i] = 10;
 - multi-dimensional: int arr[100][10]; arr[i][j] = 10;
- arrays are passed to functions by *reference*
- C++ strings
 - string str = "EECS 268";
 - size(), length(), compare, concatenate, index, etc.
- C strings
 - char str[100];
 - Null character '\0' terminates the string
 - strlen(), strcpy(), strcmp(), strcat(), index, etc.

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- Functions
 - type name (formal argument list)

```
{  
    body  
}
```
- Selection statements
 - if, if-else, if-elseif-else, switch-case
- Iteration statements
 - while, do-while, for
 - break, continue

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- Structures – to group data items
 - struct Person{
 string name;
 int age;
 double gpa;
};
 - struct Person students[100];
- students[0].name = "Adam Smith";
- students[0].age = 20;
- structs are passed by *value* to another function

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see A1-CppJava.cpp



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- File input / output – provide persistent storage
 - ifstream, ofstream, fstream
- ```
ifstream inFile;
inFile.open("file.txt");
inFile >> ch;
inFile.get(ch);
ch = inFile.peek();
inFile.ignore(n);
```

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## C++ (Compared to Java)

- structs used to group data variables.
- C++ uses preprocessor for macros, file-inclusion.
- C++ can have stand-alone functions.
- Constants/variables can be defined globally, in classes, or methods.
- bool (vs. boolean)
- Explicit memory deallocation (*delete*)
- See:
  - <http://people.eecs.ku.edu/~miller/Courses/JavaToC++.html>
  - Appendix A.12 in textbook

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## Coding Conventions Used

- Need
  - to make it easier to read and maintain code
  - very important for large code bases
  - when multiple contributors
- Multiple coding styles are prevalent
  - people have differing tastes and preferences
- We impose some common coding practices for this class



## Examples

- See A1-basics.cpp
- See A1-fcopy.cpp
- See A1-CppJava -- .cpp / .java
- See A1-BookStoreCustomer -- .cpp / .java



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## Coding Conventions Used

- **Make Files**
  - to keep list of dependencies and to *build* all your project files
  - discussed further in Lab-1
- **Header (.h) and implementation (.cpp) files**
  - ADT interface (class definition) should be in .h file
- **Comments**
  - /\* ... \*/ -- for block (multi-line) comments
  - // ... -- for single-line comments
- **Indentation**
  - 2 or 4 spaces
  - For function definitions
    - open/close brace should be on its own line
    - block comment before each function tells what it does
  - For braces within functions (loops/branches)
    - open brace should be on same line as construct
    - close brace should be on its own line
- **Line width**
  - a maximum of 80 characters on a single line

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## Coding Conventions Used

- **Vertical white space and comments**
    - blank line between consecutive code constructs
    - comments before important code constructs
  - **Horizontal white space**
    - make it readable!
- if ( (a==b) || (c<a) )  
over  
if ( (a==b) || (c<a) )

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