



Chap 0: Overview

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



Basics - 1

- 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`



Basics - 2

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



Basics - 3

- 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);`



Basics - 4

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



Basics - 5

- 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



Basics - 6

- 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.



Basics - 7

- 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



Basics - 8

- 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);
```

```
ofstream ofile;
```

```
ofile.open(filename);
```

```
ofile << ch;
```

```
ofile.put(ch);
```

```
ofile.open("file",
```

```
ios::app);
```



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



Examples

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



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



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



Coding Conventions Used

- 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



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 ) ) and
```

```
if ( (a==b) || (c<a) )
```