

CS 180 - More C++ info

Note Title

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Announcements

- HW1 due next Wednesday
- Program 1 will be out today
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 due in 2 weeks
 - will be in pairs
 - 10% of credit is for "early checkpoint"

Functions : Basic Structure

or void

return type functionName (type parameter₁, ...)

{
 body ;

}

Example :

```
void countdown(int start=10, int end=1) {  
  for (int count = start; count >= end; count--)  
    cout << count << endl;  
}
```

The main function

Every program defaults to running a special "main" function first.

(In python, we just started typing code.)

```
int main ( ) {  
    body;  
}
```

no input parameters

Input + Output

C++ has several predefined, useful classes.

Class	Purpose	Library
istream	Parent class for all input streams	<iostream>
ostream	Parent class for all output streams	<iostream>
iostream	Parent class for streams that can process input and output	<iostream>
ifstream	Input file stream	<fstream>
ofstream	Output file stream	<fstream>
fstream	Input/output file stream	<fstream>
istringstream	String stream for input	<sstream>
ostringstream	String stream for output	<sstream>
stringstream	String stream for input and output	<sstream>

→
occasional

(We'll use `iostream` + `fstream` the most.)

Using cout & cin (in iostream)

at
top
of
file

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

otherwise: std::cin

Notes: - gets cout & cin

- Separate distinct variables by

>> or <<
↑ ↑
cout cin

- use endl instead of "\n"

Examples

Python

```
1 print "Hello"
2 print
3 print "Hello,", first
4 print first, last      # automatic space
5 print total
6 print str(total) + "." # no space
7 print "Wait...",      # space; no newline
8 print "Done"
```

C++

```
1 cout << "Hello" << endl;
2 cout << endl;
3 cout << "Hello, " << first << endl;
4 cout << first << " " << last << endl;
5 cout << total << endl;
6 cout << total << "." << endl;
7 cout << "Wait... ";    // no newline
8 cout << "Done" << endl;
```

Figure 7: Demonstration of console output in Python and C++. We assume that variables `first` and `last` have previously been defined as strings, and that `total` is an integer.

Formatting output

Unfortunately, '%d' output is not really available

(Inherited from C, so there but can't be used with C++ objects like strings.)

Python

```
print '%s: ranked %d of %d teams' % (team, rank, total)
```

C++

```
cout << team << ": ranked " << rank << " of " << total << " teams" << endl;
```

Setting precision is harder:

```
print 'pi is %.3f' % pi  
output?
```

pi is 3.141

In C++:

```
cout << "pi is " << fixed << setprecision(3)  
      << pi << endl;
```

Note: Precision stays set to 3.

Input : Strings

Python: raw_input

```
person = raw_input('What is your name?')
```

C++ : cin
↳ getline

```
string person;  
cout << "What is your name? ";  
getline(cin, person);
```

Note (for getline):

- inputs a string

- stores up to the newline, but strips the newline off

Cin : Other data types

Python:

```
number = int(raw_input('Enter a number from 1 to 10: '))
```

C++:

```
int number;  
cout << "Enter a number from 1 to 10: ";  
cin >> number;
```

Note: - don't need to cast
- needs to be of correct type!

Some other differences with cin:

Chaining multiple inputs

```
int a, b;  
cout << "Enter two integers: ";  
cin >> a >> b;  
cout << "Their sum is " << a + b << "." << endl;
```

Note: - different types are allowed
(but must match the variable)

- separated by any whitespace!

Ex: : 10 20 "n"
10\n20\n

A word of caution:

Ex:

```
string person;  
cout << "What is your name? ";  
cin >> person;
```

I type "Erin Wolf Chambers /n".

What happens?

person = "Erin"

if you want everything up to newline
use `getline(cin, person)`

Another caution:

```
int age;  
string food;  
cout << "How old are you? ";  
cin >> age;  
cout << "What would you like to eat? ";  
getline(cin, food);
```

30

pizza

stream: 30\npizza\n

age = 30
food = ""

File Streams : Input

If file name is known;

```
ifstream mydata("scores.txt");
```

If file name is unknown;

```
ifstream mydata;  
string filename;  
cout << "What file? ";  
→ cin >> filename;  
mydata.open(filename.c_str( ));
```

filename is a C++ string

- input to open a file needs to be a C-style string
- use `c_str()` to cast to C-style string

Output:

By default, opening ofstream overwrites
an existing file!
(just like "w" option in Python)

To append:

```
ofstream datastream("scores.txt", ios::app);
```

↑
just like 'a' in Python

fstream

There is also an "fstream" object which allows both input & output.

Much more confusing.

We've used ifstream & ofstream
 ↑ ↑
 input output

String Streams

Casting from numbers to strings is not straightforward.

```
int age(40);  
string displayedAge;  
stringstream ss;  
ss << age; // insert the integer representation into the stream  
ss >> displayedAge; // extract the resulting string from the stream
```

Can't just type:
displayedAge = String(age);
ERROR in C++

Classes

#include <string>

Creating an instance of a class

```
string s;  
string greeting("Hello");
```

NEVER: `string s();`

Why? Creates empty function called `s` that returns a string

NEVER: `string("Hello") greeting;`

Why? Gives an error

Defining a class: Remember the Point class?

```
class Point {  
    private:  
        double _x;           // explicit declaration of data members  
        double _y;  
  
    public:  
    Point( ) : _x(0), _y(0) { } // constructor  
  
    double getX( ) const { // accessor  
        return _x;  
    }  
  
    void setX(double val) { // mutator  
        _x = val;  
    }  
  
    double getY( ) const { // accessor  
        return _y;  
    }  
  
    void setY(double val) { // mutator  
        _y = val;  
    }  
  
}; // end of Point class (semicolon is required)
```

] private data is enforced!
can't be used outside the class

Classes - differences:

① Data (public or private) is explicitly declared, not just used in constructor.

② Constructor!

- has same name as class
- initializes data from the class

```
Point () {  
    -x = 0;  
    -y = 0;  
}
```

A more complicated constructor:

```
Point(double initialX=0.0, double initialY=0.0) : _x(initialX), _y(initialY) { }
```

- Allows default parameters,
but body is still empty.

Other things to note:

③ No self! Can just use `_x` or `_y`,
& understood to be attributes of
current object.

(Could use `this`, i.e. `this._x`, if necessary.)

④ Access control - public versus private

`mypoint._x`

← give an error
if in main

Other things to note (cont):

⑤ accessor versus mutator:

difference?

```
double getX() const { // accessor  
    return _x;  
}
```

← -x = 5; gives error

```
void setX(double val) { // mutator  
    _x = val;  
}
```

Forced by compiler:

