C++ Primer

Part 2

CMSC 202

Topics Covered

- Expressions, statements, blocks
- Control flow: if/else-if/else, while, do-while, for, switch
- Booleans, and non-bools as bools
- Functions

Expressions

- An ***expression*** is a construct made up of variables, operators, and method invocations, that evaluates to a single value.
- For example:

```
int cadence = 0;
anArray[0] = 100;
cout << "Element 1 at index 0: " << anArray[0];
int result = 1 + 2;
cout << (x == y ? "equal" :"not equal");
```

Statements

- ***Statements*** are roughly equivalent to sentences in natural languages. A ***statement*** forms a complete unit of execution.
- Two types of statements:
  - Expression statements – end with a semicolon ';'
    - Assignment expressions
    - Any use of ++ or --
    - Method invocations
    - Object creation expressions
  - Control Flow statements
    - Selection & repetition structures

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If-Then Statement

- The *if-then* statement is the most basic of all the control flow statements.

Python

```
if x == 2:
    print "x is 2"
print "Finished"
```

C++

```
if (x == 2)
    cout << "x is 2";
cout << "Finished";
```

Notes about C++'s *if-then*:

- Conditional expression must be in parentheses
- Conditional expression has various interpretations of "truthiness" depending on type of expression

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A brief digression…

If-then raises questions about

- Multi-statement blocks
- Scope
- Truth in C++

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Multiple Statements

- What if our *then* case contains multiple statements?

Python

```
if x == 2:
    print "even"
    print "prime"
print "Done!"
```

C++ *(but incorrect!!)*

```
if(x == 2)
    cout << "even";
    cout << "prime";
cout << "Done!";
```

Notes:
• Unlike Python, spacing plays no role in C++'s selection/ repetition structures
• The C++ code is ***syntactically*** fine – no compiler errors
• However, it is ***logically*** incorrect

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Blocks

- A ***block*** is a group of zero or more statements that are grouped together by delimiters.
- In C++, blocks are denoted by opening and closing curly braces '{' and '}' .

```
if(x == 2) {
    cout << "even";
    cout << "prime";
}
cout << "Done!";
```

Note:
• It is generally considered a good practice to include the curly braces even for single line statements.

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Variable Scope

- You can define new variables in many places in your code, so where is it in effect?
- A variable's *scope* is the set of code statements in which the variable is known to the compiler.
- Where a variable can be referenced from in your program
- Limited to the code block in which the variable is defined
- For example:

```
if(age >= 18) {
    bool adult = true;
}
/* couldn't use adult here */
```

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Scope Example

What will this code do?

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

int main() {
  int x = 3, y = 4;

  {
    int x = 7;
    cout << "x in block is " << x << endl;
    cout << "y in block is " << y << endl;
  }

  cout << "x in main is " << x <<  endl;

return 0;
}
```

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"Truthiness"**

- What is "true" in C++?
- Like some other languages, C++ has a true Boolean primitive type (*bool*), which can hold the constant values *true* and *false*
- Assigning a Boolean value to an *int* variable will assign 0 for *false,* 1 for *true*

** kudos to Stephen Colbert

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"Truthiness"

- For compatibility with C, C++ is very liberal about what it allows in places where Boolean values are called for:
  - *bool* constants, variables, and expressions have the obvious interpretation
  - Any integer-valued type is also allowed
    - 0 is interpreted as "false", all other values as "true"
    - So, even -1 is considered true!

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Gotcha! = versus ==

```
int a = 0;

if (a = 1) {
    printf ("a is one\n") ;
}
```

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If-Then-Else Statement

- The *if-then-else* statement looks much like it does in Python (aside from the parentheses and curly braces).

Python

```
if x % 2 == 1:
    print "odd"
else:
    print "even"
```

C++

```
if(x % 2 == 1) {
    cout << "odd";
} else {
    cout << "even";
}
```

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If-Then-Else If-Then-Else Statement

- Again, very similar…

Python

```
if x < y:
    print "x < y"
elif x > y:
    print "x > y"
else:
    print "x == y"
```

C++

```
if (x < y) {
    cout << "x < y";
} else if (x > y) {
    cout << "x > y";
} else {
    cout << "x == y";
}
```

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Switch Statement

- Unlike *if-then* and *if-then-else*, the *switch* statement allows for any number of possible execution paths.
- Works with any integer-based (e.g., *char, int, long*) or enumerated type (covered later)

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Switch Statement

```
int cardValue = /* get value from somewhere */;
switch(cardValue) {
    case 1:
        cout << "Ace";
        break;
    case 11:
        cout << "Jack";
        break;
    case 12:
        cout << "Queen";
        break;
    case 13:
        cout << "King";
        break;
    default:
        cout << cardValue;
}
```

Notes:
- *break* statements are typically used to terminate each *case*.
- It is usually a good practice to include a *default* case.

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Switch Statement

```
switch (month) {
    case 1: case 3: case 5: case 7:
    case 8: case 10: case 12:
        cout << "31 days";
        break;
    case 4: case 6: case 9: case 11:
        cout << "30 days";
        break;
    case 2:
        cout << "28 or 29 days";
        break;
    default:
        cout << "Invalid month!";
        break;
}
```

Note:
- Without a break statement, cases "fall through" to the next statement.

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Switch Statement

- To repeat: the switching value must evaluate to an integer or enumerated type (some other esoteric class types also allowed—not covered in class)
- The *case* values must be constant or literal, or enum value
- The case values must be of the same type as the switch expression

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While Loops

- The *while* loop executes a block of statements while a particular condition is *true.*
- Pretty much the same as Python…

Python

```
count = 0;
while(count < 10):
    print count
    count += 1
print "Done!"
```

C++

```
int count = 0;
while(count < 10) {
    cout << count;
    count++;
}
cout << "Done!";
```

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Do-While Loops

- In addition to *while* loops, Java also provides a *do-while* loop.
  - The conditional expression is at the bottom of the loop.
  - Statements within the block are always executed at least once.
  - Note the trailing semicolon!

```
int count = 0;
do {
    cout << count;
    count++;
} while(count < 10);
cout << "Done!";
```

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For Loop

- The for statement provides a compact way to iterate over a range of values.

```
for (initialization; termination; increment) {
    /* ... statement(s) ... */
}
```

- The ***initialization expression*** initializes the loop – it is executed once, as the loop begins.
- When the ***termination expression*** evaluates to false, the loop terminates.
- The ***increment expression*** is invoked after each iteration through the loop.

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For Loop

- The equivalent loop written as a *for* loop
  - Counting from start value (zero) up to (excluding) some number (10)

Python

```
for count in range(0, 10):
    print count
print "Done!"
```

C++

```
for (int count = 0; count < 10; count++) {
    cout << count;
}
cout << "Done!";
```

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For Loop

- Counting from 25 up to (excluding) 50 in steps of 5

Python

```
for count in range(25, 50, 5):
    print count
print "Done!"
```

C++

```
for (int count = 25; count < 50; count += 5){
    cout << count;
}
cout << "Done!";
```

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The *break* Statement

- The **break** statement can be used in **while**, **do-while**, and **for** loops to cause premature exit of the loop.
- THIS IS ***NOT*** A RECOMMENDED CODING TECHNIQUE.

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Example break in a for Loop

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

int main( ) {
   int i;

   for (i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
      if (i == 5) {
          break;
       }
       cout << i << " ";
   }
   cout << "\nBroke out of loop at i = "          << i;
   return 0 ;
}
```

OUTPUT:

1 2 3 4

Broke out of loop at i = 5.

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The *continue* Statement

- The **continue** statement can be used in **while**, **do-while**, and **for** loops.
- It causes the remaining statements in the body of the loop to be skipped for the current iteration of the loop.
- THIS IS ***NOT*** A RECOMMENDED CODING TECHNIQUE.

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Example continue in a for Loop

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

int main( ) {
   int i;

   for (i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
      if (i == 5) {
         continue;
      }
      cout << i << " ";
   }
   cout << "\nDone.\n";
   return 0 ;
}
```

OUTPUT:

1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9

Done.

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Predefined Functions

- C++ has standard libraries full of functions for our use!
- Must "#include" appropriate library
  - e.g.,
    - <cmath>, <cstdlib> (Original "C" libraries)
    - <iostream> (for cout, cin)

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The Function Call

- Sample function call and result assignment:
  `theRoot = sqrt(9.0);`
  - The expression "sqrt(9.0)" is known as a function *call*, or function *invocation*
  - The argument in a function call (9.0) can be a literal, a variable, or a complex expression
  - A function can have an arbitrary number of arguments
  - The call itself can be part of an expression:
    - bonus = sqrt(sales * commissionRate)/10;
    - A function call is allowed wherever it's legal to use an expression of the function's return type

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More Predefined Functions

- #include <cstdlib>
  - Library contains functions like:
    - abs() // Returns absolute value of an int
    - labs() // Returns absolute value of a long int
    - *fabs() // Returns absolute value of a float
  - *fabs() is actually in library <cmath>!
    - Can be confusing
    - Remember: libraries were added after C++ was "born," in incremental phases
    - Refer to appendices/manuals for details

Even More Math Functions: **Display 3.2** Some Predefined Functions (1 of 2)

Display 3.2 Some Predefined Functions

NAME	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF ARGUMENTS	TYPE OF VALUE RETURNED	EXAMPLE	VALUE	LIBRARY HEADER
sqrt	Square root	double	double	sqrt(4.0)	2.0	cmath
pow	Powers	double	double	pow(2.0,3.0)	8.0	cmath
abs	Absolute value for int	int	int	abs(-7) abs(7)	7 7	cstdlib
labs	Absolute value for long	long	long	labs(-70000) labs(70000)	70000 70000	cstdlib
fabs	Absolute value for double	double	double	fabs(-7.5) fabs(7.5)	7.5 7.5	cmath

Even More Math Functions: **Display 3.2** Some Predefined Functions (2 of 2)

ceil	Ceiling (round up)	double	double	ceil(3.2) ceil(3.9)	4.0 4.0	cmath
floor	Floor (round down)	double	double	floor(3.2) floor(3.9)	3.0 3.0	cmath
exit	End program	int	void	exit(1);	None	cstdlib
rand	Random number	None	int	rand( )	Varies	cstdlib
srand	Set seed for rand	unsigned int	void	srand(42);	None	cstdlib

Programmer-Defined Functions

- Write your own functions!
- Building blocks of programs
  - Divide & Conquer
  - Readability
  - Re-use
- Your "definition" can go in either:
  - Same file as main()
  - Separate file so others can use it, too

Components of Function Use

- 3 Pieces to using functions:
  - Function Declaration/prototype
    - Information for compiler
    - To properly interpret calls
  - Function Definition
    - Actual implementation/code for what function does
  - Function Call
    - Transfer control to function

Function Declaration

- Also called function *prototype*
- An informational declaration for compiler
- Tells compiler how to interpret calls
  - Syntax:
    <return_type> FnName(<formal-parameter-list>);
  - Example:
    double totalCost(int numberParameter,
    double priceParameter);
- Placed before any calls
  - In declaration space of main()
  - Or above main() in global space
- Detail: parameter types are mandatory, but names are optional

Function Definition

- Implementation of function
- Just like implementing function main()
- Example:

```
double totalCost(int numberParameter,
                 double priceParameter)
{
    const double TAXRATE = 0.05;
    double subTotal;
    subtotal = priceParameter * numberParameter;
    return (subtotal + subtotal * TAXRATE);
}
```


Function Definition Placement

- Placed after function main()
  - NOT inside function main()!
- Functions are equals; no function is ever part of another (well, *almost* never)
- Formal parameters in definition
  - Placeholders for data passed to function
  - Variable name used to refer to data in definition
- return statement
  - Sends data back to caller

Function Call

- Just like calling predefined function
  bill = totalCost(number, price);
- Recall: totalCost returns double value
  - Assigned to variable named "bill"
- Arguments here: number, price
  - Recall arguments can be literals, variables, expressions, or combination
  - In function call, arguments often called "actual arguments"
    - Because they contain the "actual data" being sent

Function Example:
Display 3.5 A Function to Calculate Total Cost (1 of 2)

Display 3.5

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

3  double totalCost(int numberParameter, double priceParameter);
4  //Computes the total cost, including 5% sales tax,
5  //on numberParameter items at a cost of priceParameter each.

6  int main( )
7  {
8      double price, bill;
9      int number;

10     cout << "Enter the number of items purchased: ";
11     cin >> number;
12     cout << "Enter the price per item $";
13     cin >> price;

14     bill = totalCost(number, price);
```

Function declaration; also called the function prototype

Function call

Function Example:
Display 3.5 A Function to Calculate Total Cost (1 of 2)

```
15     cout.setf(ios::fixed);
16     cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
17     cout.precision(2);
18     cout << number << " items at "
19          << "$" << price << " each.\n"
20          << "Final bill, including tax, is $" << bill
21          << endl;

22     return 0;
23 }

24 double totalCost(int numberParameter, double priceParameter)
25 {
26     const double TAXRATE = 0.05; //5% sales tax
27     double subtotal;

28     subtotal = priceParameter * numberParameter;
29     return (subtotal + subtotal*TAXRATE);
30 }
```

Function head

Function body

Function definition

SAMPLE DIALOGUE

```
Enter the number of items purchased: 2
Enter the price per item: $10.10
2 items at  $10.10 each.
Final bill, including tax, is $21.21
```


Parameter vs. Argument

- Terms often used interchangeably
- Formal parameters/arguments
  - In function declaration
  - In function definition's header
- Actual parameters/arguments
  - In function call
- Parameter is *formal* variable name; argument is *actual* value or variable.

Declaring Void Functions

- "void" functions are called for side effects; they don't return any usable value
- Declaration is similar to functions returning a value, but return type specified as "void"
- Example:
  - Function declaration/prototype:
    void showResults(double fDegrees,
    double cDegrees);
    - Return-type is "void"
    - Nothing is returned

More on Return Statements

- Transfers control back to calling function
  - For return type other than void, MUST have return statement
  - Typically the LAST statement in function definition
- return statement optional for void functions
  - Closing "}" would implicitly return control from void function

main(): "Special"

- Recall: main() IS a function
- "Special" in that:
  - One and only one function called main() will exist in a program
- Who calls main()?
  - Operating system
  - Tradition holds it should have return statement
    - Value returned to "caller" → Here: operating system
  - Should return "int" or "void"