

# Basic and Library Types

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Object oriented Programming (Using C++)

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## Basic C++ Types

- o integer data-types :  
char, short, int, long, unsigned char, unsigned short,...
- o floating point data-types :  
float, double, long double
- o logical data-type : bool
  - bool constants : true, false
- o character data-type : char and wchar\_t
  - Char constants in single quotes : 'a'
- o text data-type :  
string  
string constants in double quotes : "Hello world"

## Basic C++ Types

Recommended assignments:  
2.4/2.7/2.8/2.9

- o void

- Return type for a function with no return value
- void pointers

- o unsigned and signed integers

- unsigned char x = -1; ?
- unsigned short int x = -1; ?



## Basic Arithmetic types

Type	Low	High	Digits of Precision	Bytes
char	-128	127	-	1
short	-32768	32767	-	2
int	-2147483648	2147483647	-	4
long	-2147483648	2147483647	-	4
float	$3.4 \times 10^{-38}$	$3.4 \times 10^{38}$	7	4
double	$1.7 \times 10^{-308}$	$1.7 \times 10^{308}$	15	8
long double	$3.4 \times 10^{-4932}$	$3.4 \times 10^{4932}$	19	10

## Variable Naming

- o Read about hungarian naming:
- o [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian\\_notation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_notation)
- o <http://www.idleloop.com/hungarian/hungarian.html>
- o [http://www.totse.com/en/technology/computer\\_technology/hungnote.html](http://www.totse.com/en/technology/computer_technology/hungnote.html)
- o Use them in your next assignment onwards.

## Hungarian naming

- o Three parts
  - Base Type
  - One or more prefixes
  - Qualifier



## Hungarian Base Types

- o Specifies the type of the variable being named
- o Not for predefined types
- o Example:
  - wn = Window
  - scr = Screen
  - fon = Font
  - pa = Paragraph
- o Example:
  - WN wnMain=NULL;
  - FONT fonUserSelected = TIMES\_NEW\_ROMAN;



## Prefixes

- o Go in front of the base type
- o Somewhat standard list:
  - a = Array
  - c = Count
  - d = Difference
  - e = Element of an array
  - g = Global variable
  - h = Handle
  - i = index to array
  - m = Module-level variable
  - p(np, lp) = Pointer (near or long)
- o Describes how the variable will be used.
- o Examples
  - Array of windows: awnDialogs
  - Handle to a window: hwnMyWindow
  - Number of fonts: cfon



## Qualifiers

- o The rest of the variable name in case you were not using Hungarian naming.



## More Examples

- o bBusy : boolean
- o cApples : count of items
- o dwLightYears : double word
- o fBusy : boolean (flag)
- o iSize : integer
- o fpPrice: floating-point
- o dbPI: double
- o pFoo : pointer
- o rgStudents : array, or range
- o szLastName : zero-terminated string
- o u32Identifier : unsigned 32-bit integer
- o m\_nWheels : member of a class, integer



## Variables

- o What you should know?
  - Machine level representation of built in types.
  - Difference between : 'a' and "a"
  - Type of every entity in our program should be known to the compiler.



## Variables

- o Declaration
  - extern int i;
- o Definition
  - int i;
  - Is also a declaration

Type specifier

• • • Variable Initialization

Recommended Exercises: 2.15/2.16

- Direct initialization
  - float funity (1.0); → Can be more efficient for general classes.
  - std::string all\_nines(10, '9'); // #include <string>
  - Happens when a variable is created and gives the variable its initial value.
- Copy initialization
  - float funity = 1.0;
  - Assignment involves replacing the current value of the variable with a new one.

More on this when we do "class" in detail.

• • • Coding Standards

- Always initialize your variables
- Define variables where they are used.
- Pick names carefully.
- Be careful about scopes of variables
  - Global Scope
  - Local Scope
  - Statement scope

• • • Const Qualifier

- for (int Index = 0; Index < 512; ++Index)
- const int ibufSize = 512;
- ibufSize = 0; // error: attempt to write to const object
- const int i, j = 0; ← What is wrong?
- Const objects are local to a file by default.
- Prefer const to #define
  - Using const instead of #define allows much better type checking and reduces name space pollution.

• • • Const qualifier

- Const member functions
  - Specify which member functions can be invoked on const objects.

```
Class Rational { ...
public:
    ...
    const int numerator(void);
    ...
    const Rational operator+(const Rational& rhs) const;
}

const Rational operator+(const Rational& lhs,
    const Rational& rhs);
```

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}

Rational a,b,c; a = b+c;
But does not allow (a+b) = c;
```

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```
const Rational operator+(const Rational& lhs,
    const Rational& rhs);
```

When operator+ is a member function,  
 $a = b + c$  is allowed, but what if you want to do  
 $a = c + 2$ ;  
 $a = 2 + c$ ;  
Mixed mode operations are the reason why operators are usually defined outside the class.

## References

- What is a reference?
  - An alternate name for an object.
  - Frequently used for pass by reference.

```
void swap(int& i, int& j)
{
    int tmp = i;
    i = j;
    j = tmp;
}

int main()
{
    int x, y;
    ...
    swap(x,y);
    ...
}
```

Here `i` and `j` are aliases for `main`'s `x` and `y` respectively. In other words, `i` is `x` — not a pointer to `x`, nor a copy of `x`, but `x` itself. Anything you do to `i` gets done to `x`, and vice versa.

## References

- A reference is an alias.
  - `Int ival = 1024; int &refVal = ival;`
  - `refVal += 2; // increases ival.`
- Errors:
  - `int &refVal2 = 10; // a reference must be initialized.`
  - `Int &refVal3;`

## Const references

- A reference that refers to a `const` object.
  - `const int ival = 1024;`
  - `const int& refval = ival;`
  - `const double& pi = 3.14; // only legal for const references`
- Errors:
  - `Int &ref2 = ival; // Non-const reference to a const object.`

## Const references

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

int main(void){
    int dval = 100;
    const int& ref = dval;
    ref++;
    return 0;
}
```

What is wrong?

## Type aliasing

```
using lets us define an alias for a type.
using wages = double;
using exam_score = int;
using salary = wages;

Variable definitions:
wages wage1, wage2;
exam_score person1, person2;
-----
using WEIGHT = struct { int scruples; int drams; int grains; } ;

using WEIGHT = class {
public:
    int scruples; int drams; int grains;
};

typedef is older syntax for using.
```

## auto

- Type deduction

```
auto item1 = val1 + val2;

int l = 0; &r = l; auto a = r; // a is an int
auto &a = l; // ra is an int&

auto l; // compilation error

const int ci = l, &cr = ci; auto b = ci; // b is an int, const is dropped
const auto f = ci; // Explicit Const
```

## decltype

- Define a variable with a type deduced from an expression

```
decltype(f()) sum = x;

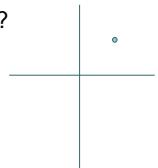
const int ci = 0, &cj = ci;
decltype(ci) x = 0; // x has type const int
decltype(ci) y = x; // y has type const int& and is bound to x
decltype(ci) z; // error: z is a reference and must be initialized
decltype(i) d; // error: d is an int& and must be initialized
decltype(i) e; // e is an uninitialized int
```

## Back to the C++ Class

- The C++ Class
  - Similar to a struct
  - Defines what objects of a class are (what attributes describe them)
  - Usually contains functionality in addition to attributes
- The Object
  - An *instance* of a class
  - A variable declared to be of a "class type"
- class member:** a component of a class; may be either a data item or a function

## Class example

- Write a class to represent a two dimensional point.
- What data attributes do we need?
- What operations?



## 2D Point class

- Data
  - Position
- Operations
  - Set Position
  - Get Position
  - Distance from another point

## Your first class.

```
#ifndef POINT2D_HPP
#define POINT2D_HPP

class point2D{
private: int _x,_y;
public:
    void setX(const int val);
    void setY(const int val);
    int getX();
    int getY();
    double double_distance(point2D& p);
};

using Cell_tower = Point2D;
using Cell_phone = Point2D;

// Implementation goes here...
#endif
```

## Using the point2D class

```
Point2D p,q;
p.setX(10); p.setY(10);
q.setX(0); q.setY(10);
```

```
Cout << "Distance between p and q is "
<< p.distance(q) << endl;
```

## Implementing the point2D class.

```
#ifndef POINT2D_HPP
#define POINT2D_HPP

class point2D{
private: int _x,_y;

public:
    void setX(const int val) {
        _x = val;
    }

    // ... Rest of the interface/implementation...
};

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public:
    void setX(const int val);
    // ... Rest of the interface/implementation...
};

using point2D = Cell_tower;
using point2D = Cell_phone;

// Implementation goes here...
void point2D::setX(const int val){
    _x = val;
}

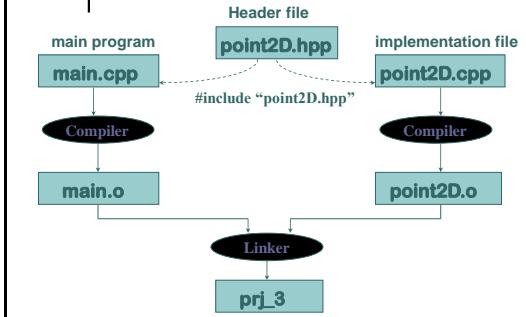
#endif
```

Can be also implemented in point2D.cpp

## Headers

- Always use #include guards
- Do not define variables or functions in headers except
  - Class definitions
  - Const objects
  - Inline functions
- Difference between
  - #include <myfile.h>
  - #include "myfile.h"

## Header files



## Avoiding Multiple Inclusion of Header Files

- often several program files use the same header file containing typeid statements, constants, or class type declarations—but it is a compile-time error to define the same identifier twice
- this preprocessor directive syntax is used to avoid the compilation error that would otherwise occur from multiple uses of #include for the same header file

```
#ifndef Preprocessor_Identifier
#define Preprocessor_Identifier
.
.
.
#endif
```

## Using the boost timer class

```
#include <iostream>
#include <boost/timer.hpp>

using namespace std;

int main(void) {
    boost::timer t;
    std::cout << t.elapsed() << std::endl;
    return 0;
}

// Compile with: g++ -g -Wall -std=c++1y c.cpp
```



## A Problem with #define.

- o `#define max(a,b) ((a) > (b) ? (a) : (b))`
- o `int a = 10, b = 20;`
- o `max(a,b)`
- o `max(++a,b)`
- o `max(++a,b+10)`