Lecture 5: Introduction to C++ Programming (cont)

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Portability Tip 2.1

C++ allows identifiers of any length, but your C++ implementation may restrict identifier lengths. Use identifiers of 31 characters or fewer to ensure portability.



Good Programming Practice 2.6

Choosing meaningful identifiers makes a program self-documenting—a person can understand the program simply by reading it rather than having to refer to manuals or comments.



Good Programming Practice 2.7

Avoid using abbreviations in identifiers. This promotes program readability.



Good Programming Practice 2.8

Avoid identifiers that begin with underscores and double underscores, because C++ compilers may use names like that for their own purposes internally. This will prevent names you choose from being confused with names the compilers choose.



Error-Prevention Tip 2.1

Languages like C++ are "moving targets." As they evolve, more keywords could be added to the language. Avoid using "loaded" words like "object" as identifiers. Even though "object" is not currently a keyword in C++, it could become one; therefore, future compiling with new compilers could break existing code.

• Declarations of variables can be placed almost anywhere in a program, but they must appear before their corresponding variables are used in the program.



Good Programming Practice 2.9

Always place a blank line between a declaration and adjacent executable statements. This makes the declarations stand out in the program and contributes to program clarity.

- A prompt it directs the user to take a specific action.
- A cin statement uses the input stream object cin (of namespace std) and the stream extraction operator, >>, to obtain a value from the keyboard.
- Using the stream extraction operator with std::cin takes character input from the standard input stream, which is usually the keyboard. ©1992-2010 by Pearson Education, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Error-Prevention Tip 2.2

Programs should validate the correctness of all input values to prevent erroneous information from affecting a program's calculations.

- When the computer executes an input statement that places a value in an int variable, it waits for the user to enter a value for variable number 1.
- The user responds by typing the number (as characters) then pressing the *Enter* key (sometimes called the Return key) to send the characters to the computer.
- The computer converts the character representation of the number to an integer and assigns (i.e., copies) this number (or value) to the variable number 1.
- Any subsequent references to number 1 in this program will use this same value.
- In this program, an assignment statement adds the values of variables number1 and number2 and assigns the result to variable sum using the assignment operator =.
 - Most calculations are performed in assignment statements.

• The = operator and the + operator are called binary operators because each has two operands.



Good Programming Practice 2.10

Place spaces on either side of a binary operator. This makes the operator stand out and makes the program more readable.

- std::endl is a so-called stream manipulator.
- The name endl is an abbreviation for "end line" and belongs to namespace std.
- The std::endl stream manipulator outputs a newline, then "flushes the output buffer."
 - This simply means that, on some systems where outputs accumulate in the machine until there are enough to "make it worthwhile" to display them on the screen, std::endl forces any accumulated outputs to be displayed at that moment.
 - This can be important when the outputs are prompting the user for an action, such as entering data.

- Using multiple stream insertion operators (<<) in a single statement is referred to as concatenating, chaining or cascading stream insertion operations.
- Calculations can also be performed in output statements.

2.5 Memory Concepts

- Variable names such as number1, number2 and sum actually correspond to locations in the computer's memory.
- Every variable has a name, a type, a size and a value.
- When a value is placed in a memory location, the value overwrites the previous value in that location; thus, placing a new value into a memory location is said to be destructive.
- When a value is read out of a memory loca-tion, the process is nondestructive.

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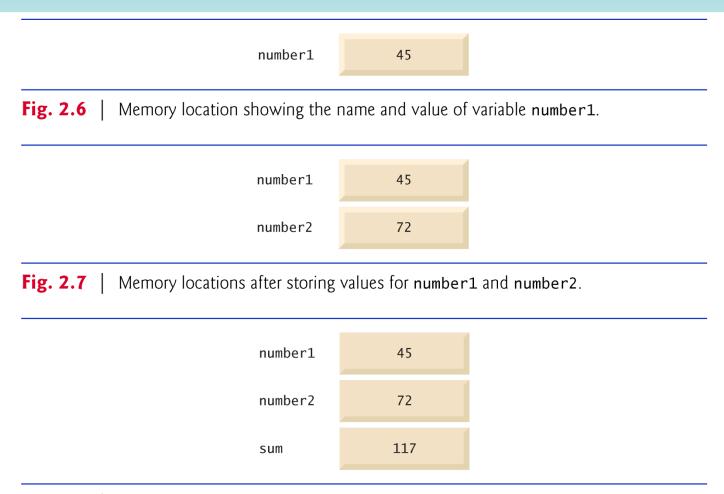


Fig. 2.8 | Memory locations after calculating and storing the sum of number1 and number2. ©1992-2010 by Pearson Education, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

2.6 Arithmetic

- Most programs perform arithmetic calculations.
- Figure 2.9 summarizes the C++ arithmetic operators.
- The asterisk (*) indicates multiplication.
- The percent sign (%) is the modulus operator that will be discussed shortly.
 - C++ provides the modulus operator, %, that yields the remainder after integer division.
 - The modulus operator can be used only with integer operands.
- The arithmetic operators in Fig. 2.9 are all binary operators.
- Integer division (i.e., where both the numerator and the denominator are integers) yields an integer quotient.
 - Any fractional part in integer division is discarded (i.e., truncated)—no rounding occurs.

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C++ operation	C++ arithmetic operator	Algebraic expression	C++ expression
Addition	+	f + 7	f + 7
Subtraction	-	p-c	р - с
Multiplication	*	$bm \text{ or } b \cdot m$	b * m
Division	/	x/y or $\frac{x}{y}$ or $x \div y$ $r \bmod s$	x / y
Modulus	%	r mod s	r % s

Fig. 2.9 | Arithmetic operators.

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Common Programming Error 2.3

Attempting to use the modulus operator (%) with noninteger operands is a compilation error.

- Arithmetic expressions in C++ must be entered into the computer in straight-line form.
- Expressions such as "a divided by b" must be written as a / b, so that all constants, variables and operators appear in a straight line.
- Parentheses are used in C++ expressions in the same manner as in algebraic expressions.
- For example, to multiply a times the quantity b + c we write a a * (b + c).

• C++ applies the operators in arithmetic expressions in a precise sequence determined by the following rules of operator precedence, which are generally the same as those followed in algebra.

Operator(s)	Operation(s)	Order of evaluation (precedence)
()	Parentheses	Evaluated first. If the parentheses are nested, the expression in the innermost pair is evaluated first. If there are several pairs of parentheses "on the same level" (i.e., not nested), they're evaluated left to right.
*, /, %	Multiplication, Division, Modulus	Evaluated second. If there are several, they're evaluated left to right.
+ -	Addition Subtraction	Evaluated last. If there are several, they're evaluated left to right.

Fig. 2.10 | Precedence of arithmetic operators.

- There is no arithmetic operator for exponentiation in C++, so x^2 is represented as x * x.
- Figure 2.11 illustrates the order in which the operators in a second-degree polynomial are applied.
- As in algebra, it's acceptable to place unnecessary parentheses in an expression to make the expression clearer.
- These are called redundant parentheses.

Questions

