


C++ Crash Course

Module 2: More Basics


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More Basics

- Variables
- Math Operations
- Loops
 - While
 - Do While
 - For
- Decisions
 - If statements
 - Else/Else if


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Variables

- Variables store data. There are several basic types that are commonly used.
- Declaring a variable allocates space in memory to hold that data.
 - `<type> <variable name>;`
- Initializing a variable assigns value to that memory location.
 - `<type> <variable name> = <value>;`
 - `<variable name> = <value>;`


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Variables (cont)

- Integer type
 - Represents whole numbers
 - `int numPeople;`
`numPeople = 4;`
 - `int value = -77;`
- Double and Float type
 - Represent floating point values (i.e. values with decimals)
 - `double pi = 3.14159;`
 - `float factorOfSafety = 5.00;`


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Variables (cont)

- Character type
 - Represent single character “values”
 - `char` firstInitial = 'a';
 - Case sensitive
- Boolean type
 - Represent true/false conditions
 - `bool` isCorrect;
 - `bool` isContinue = `false`;


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Variables (cont)

- You can declare more than one variable at a time.
 - `int` numApples, numPears, numOranges;
- Variable naming
 - It's better to use descriptive names rather than 'x' or 'v2'.
 - You cannot use names that are already C++ keywords.
 - `double`, `else`, `true`, `for`
 - The name has to start with a character.

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Math Operations

- Addition: '+'
- Subtraction: '-'
- Multiplication: '*'
- Division: '/'
- Remainder: '%'
- Increment: '++'
- Decrement: '--'
- Precedence
 - The order in which operations are carried out.

Parentheses	()
Positive/Negative sign	+ -
Increment/Decrement	++ --
Operational Assignment	+= -= *= /= %=
Multiplicative	% * /
Addition/Subtraction	+ -
Assignment	=


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Math Operations (cont)

- Be careful when performing operations with multiple types.
 - `int x = 5;`
 - `double y;`
 - `y = x/2;`
 - Result? `y = 2`
 - ???
- Solutions
 - `y = ((double) x)/2;`
 - `y = x/2.0;`


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Math Operations (cont)

- You'll need to include math.h in order to use more complex math functions.
 - sqrt(), pow()
 - sin(), cos(), tan()
 - exp(), log()
 - fabs(), floor()


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Loops and Decisions

- Both of these tools use Boolean expressions. These expressions test to see if the specified conditions are true or false.
 - Less than: <
 - Greater than: >
 - Equal to: ==
 - Not equal to: !=
 - Less than or equal to: <=
 - Greater than or equal to: >=


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Loops

- The same code can be executed many times without being copied and pasted.
- Placing code within a loop allows you to run it as many times as desired.
- Types of loops
 - While
 - Do While
 - For

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While Loops

- Execute the given code as long as the specified condition remains true.

```

int count = 1;
while(count <=100)
{
  cout << count << endl;
  count++;
}

int count = 0;
while(true)
{
  count++;
}

```

- What will these loops do?

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Do While Loops

- Very similar to a while loop. The check is just performed after each iteration.

```
int count = 1;
do
{
    cout << count << endl;
    count++;
} while(count <=100)
```

```
bool isContinue = false;
do
{
    count = 0;
} while(isContinue)
```




For Loops

- Most often used when you know exactly how many iterations you want to run.
- Usage
 - `for`(start condition; end condition; increment)

```
for(int i=0; i<10; i++)
{
    cout << i << endl;
}
```


```
for(int x=0; x<=10; x++)
{
    for(int y=0; y<=10; y++)
    {
        cout << "(" << x << ", " << y << ")" << endl;
    }
}
```



Loops

- Be mindful of your exit conditions. You don't want a loop that runs too many or too few times.
- Use shortcuts
 - `break`;
 - This command will cause your code to permanently exit the loop.
 - `continue`;
 - This command will jump past any remaining code in the current iteration and continue to the next one.
- Take a look at the loops.cpp file.

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Decisions

- You also need a way to make decisions in code.
- If statements only execute code if the given conditions are found to be true.

```
cout << "Print the number five? (y or n)" << endl;
char choice;
cin >> choice;
if(choice=='y')
{
    cout << "5" << endl;
}
```

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Decisions


- Decisions can accommodate more than one if statement.

```

cout << "What snack would you like to purchase?" << endl;
cout << "Press 1 for Snickers." << endl;
cout << "Press 2 for Twinkies." << endl;
cout << "Press 3 for Doritos." << endl;
int choice;
cin >> choice;
if(choice==1){
    cout << "Please deposit 75 cents." << endl;
}
else if(choice==2){
    cout << "Please deposit 85 cents." << endl;
}
else if(choice==3){
    cout << "Please deposit 50 cents." << endl;
}
else {
    cout << "\n sorry. I did not understand your selection." <<
endl;
}

```

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Decisions

- Several conditions can be tested in the same statement using and (&&)/ or (||) operators.

```

if(isClose==true && isSaved==true){
    exit();
}
if(scoreA > 100 || scoreB > 100){
    gameOver();
}

```

- The decisions.cpp file has several examples to study.

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