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Lecture 1



Outline

- **1. Introduction to computer programming**
- 2. Advanced flow control and data aggregates



- First we need to define our expectations for the program. They'll be very modest.
- We want a short text to appear on the screen. Let's assume that the text will state:

"It's me, your first program."

- What further steps does our first program need to perform? Let's try to enumerate them here:
 - to start
 - to write the text on the screen
 - to stop
- This type of structured and semi-formal description of each step of the program is called an algorithm.



 # (hash) at the beginning of the first line means that the content of this line is the so-called preprocessor directive

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    cout << "It's me, your first program.";
    return 0;
</pre>
```

 it's a separate part of the compiler whose task is to pre-read the text of the program and make some modifications in it.

- The changes the preprocessor will introduce are fully controlled by its directives.
- We are dealing with the include directive.
- When the preprocessor meets that directive, it replaces the directive with the content of the file whose name is listed in the directive



- Writing a program is similar to building a construction with ready-made blocks.
- In our program, we are going to use one such block and it will happen when we want to write something on the screen.
- That block is called cout, but the compiler knows nothing about it so far.





- A set of preliminary information that the compiler needs is included in **header files**.
- These files contain a collection of preliminary information about ready-made blocks which can be used by a program to write text on the screen, or to read letters from the keyboard.
- So when our program is going to write something, it will use a block called cout.



- In the C++ language, all elements of the standard C++ library are declared inside the namespace called std.
- A namespace is an abstract container or environment created to hold a logical grouping of unique entities (blocks).

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    cout << "It's me, your first program.";
    return 0;</pre>
```







- The standard of the C++ language assumes that among many different blocks that may be put into a program, one specific block must always be present, otherwise the program won't be correct.
- This block is always a function with the same name: main.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    cout << "It's me, your first program.";
    return 0;
}</pre>
```







- Inside the main function body we find a reference to a block named cout.
- Each instruction in C++ must end with a semicolon.
- This particular statement says: instruct the entity named **cout** to show the following text on the screen (as indicated by the << digraph, which specifies the direction in which the text is sent).

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main(void) {

cout << "It's me, your first program.";</pre>

return 0;

- Return is used in the function, it causes the end of function execution.
- If you perform return somewhere inside a function, this function immediately interrupts its execution.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
    cout << "It's me, your first program.";
    return 0;
}</pre>
```



Numbers

- The numbers handled by modern computers are of two types:
 - integers, that is, whole numbers or those which are devoid of the fractional part,
 - floating-point numbers (or simply floats) that contain (or are able to contain) the fractional part.
- The characteristic of a number which determines its kind, range and application is called type.



- To store numbers or results of arithmetic operation we use special "containers" called **variables**.
- Each variable have:
 - a name
 - a type
 - a value

- If you want to give a name to the variable, you have to follow some strict rules:
 - the name of the variable can be composed of upper-case or lower-case Latin letters, digits and the character _ (underscore),
 - the name of the variable must begin with a letter,
 - the underline character is a letter (strange but true),
 - upper- and lower-case letters are treated as different (a little differently than in the real world Alice and ALICE are the same given names, but they are two different variable names, and consequently, two different variables).

- The **type** is an **attribute** that uniquely defines which values can be stored inside the variable.
- We've already encountered the integer (int) and floating point (float) types.
- The value of a variable is what we have put into it. We can only enter a value that is compatible with the variable's type.
- The variable exists as a result of a declaration.
- A declaration is a syntactic structure that binds a name provided by the programmer with a specific type off by the C++ language.

• **Declaration** of variable of type int named Counter.

int Counter;

• Assignment operator has a simple syntax and unambiguous interpretation.

Counter = 1;

• Another example:

Result = 100 + 200;





- In the C++ language the sign = does not mean is equal to, but assign a value.
- The value of variable x is **incremented** by one, which has nothing to do with comparing the variable with any value.

x = x + 1;



 List of words that play a very special role in every C++ language program.

and	do	new	switch	
and eq	double	not	template	
asm	dynamic cast	not eq	this	
auto	else	operator	throw	
bitand	enum	or	true	
bitor	explicit	or eq	try	
bool	export	private	typedef	
break	extern	protected	typeid	
case	false	public	typename	
catch	float	register	union	
char	for	reinterpret_cast	unsigned	
class	friend	return	using	0
compl	goto	short	virtual	
const	if	signed	void	
const_cast	inline	sizeof	volatile	P
continue	int	static	wchar_t	ZNA
default	long mutable	static_cast	while	
delete	namespace	struct	xor	
			xor_eq	

Comments on the comments

 A line comment discards everything from where the pair of slash signs (//) is found up to the end of that same line.

int Counter; // counts the number of sheep in the meadow

 In the C++ language a block comment is a text that begins with a pair of the following characters:

/* Counter variable counts the number of sheep in the meadow */ int Counter;





Floating-point numbers

- Note: the decimal point is essential to recognize floatingpoint numbers in C++. Look at these two numbers:
 - 4
 - **4.0**
- You might think that they're exactly the same, but the C++ compiler sees them completely differently:
 - 4 is an int.
 - 4.0 is a float.

Floating-point numbers

• Very important difference between these two data types

int i; float x;

i = 10 / 4; x = 10.0 / 4.0;

After changing from *int* to *float*, the value of the variable *f* is 100.0, because the value of type *int* (100) is automatically converted into a *float* (100.0).

int i; float f;

i = 100; f = i;

- An **assignment operator** is the = sign
- An asterisk * is a multiplication operator.

int i,j,k;
float x,y,z;

i = 10; j = 12; k = i * j; x = 1.25; y = 0.5; z = x * y;



• A slash / is a divisional operator.

int i,j,k;
float x,y,z;

i = 10; j = 5; k = i / j; x = 1.0; y = 2.0; z = x / y;

• Division by zero

float x;

float x,y;

x = 1.0 / 0.0;

x = 0.0; y = 1.0 / x;



• The addition operator is the + (plus) sign

int i,j,k;
float x,y,z;

i = 100; j = 2; k = i + j; x = 1.0; y = 0.02; z = x + y;

The subtraction operator is obviously the – (minus) sign
 int i,j,k;
 float x,y,z;

i = 100; j = 200; k = i - j; x = 1.0; y = 1.0; z = x - y;



- The **remainder operator** is quite peculiar, because it has no equivalent among traditional arithmetic operators.
- Its graphical representation in the C++ language is the % (percent) character. It's a binary operator (it performs the modulo operation)

int i,j,k;



• Operators in order from the highest to the lowest priority.



- Both operators (* and %) have the same priority.
- 2 * 3 % 5
 Subexpressions in parentheses are always calculated of first

int i,j,k,l; i = 100; j = 25; k = 13; l = (5 * ((j % k) + i) / (2 * k)) / 2;



- Operator used to increment a variable by one
 - int SheepCounter;
 - SheepCounter = 0;
 - SheepCounter++;
- Decrease the value by one
 - DaysUntilHoliday--;





- Operation: ++Variable --Variable
 - Effect: Increment/decrement the variable by 1 and use its value already increased/reduced.
- Operation: Variable++ Variable--
 - Effect: Use the original (unchanged) variable's value and then increment/decrement the variable by 1.
 - Variable++post-increment operator++Variablepre-increment operatorVariable--post-decrement operator--Variablepre-decrement operator



• Result?

int i,j;
i = 4;
j = 2 * i++;
i = 2 * --j;



Shortcut operators

i *= 2; SheepCounter += 10;

SheepCounter = SheepCounter + 10; i = i * 2;

char, which is an abbreviation of the word "character".
 char Character;

• Computers store characters as numbers.

_						
	Character	Dec	Hex	Character	Dec	Hex
	@	64	40		96	60
	A	65	41	а	97	61
	В	66	42	b	98	62
	С	67	43	С	99	63
	D	68	44	d	100	64
		-				





Enclosed in single quotes (apostrophes)

 Assign a non-negative integer value that is the code of the desired character

Character = 65;

- The C++ language uses a special convention that also extends to other characters, not only to apostrophes.
- The \ character (called backslash) acts as a so-called escape character because by using the \ we escape from the normal meaning of the character that follows the slash.

Character = '\'';

 \n - denotes a transition to a new line and is sometimes called an LF (Line Feed)

 \r - denotes a return to the beginning of the line and is sometimes called a CR (Carriage Return)

 \a (as in alarm) is a relic of the past when teletypes were often used to communicate with computers; sending this character to a teletype turns on its ringer, hence the character is officially called BEL (as bell);
Character type

• There is an assumption in the C++ language that may seem surprising at first: the char type is treated as a special kind of **int** type.

char Char;	
Char = 'A';	
Char += 32;	
Char -= ' ';	

Char = 'A' + 32; Char = 'A' + ' ' ; Char = 65 + ' '; Char = 97 - ' '; Char = 'a' - 32; Char = 'a' - ' ';



Question: is x equal to y?

 Here we have another developer who counts black and white sheep separately and can only fall asleep when there are exactly twice as many black sheep as white ones.

BlackSheepCounter == 2 * WhiteSheepCounter





Question: is x not equal to y?

• To ask this question, we use the **!=** (exclamation equal).

DaysUntilTheEndOfTheWorld != 0





Question: is x greater than y?

• You can ask this question using the > (greater) operator.

BlackSheep > WhiteSheep





Question: is x greater than or equal to y?

 The "greater" operator has another special, non-strict variant but it's denoted differently than in the classical arithmetic notation: >= (greater equal).

CentigradesOutside >= 0.0





Question: is x less than (or equal to) y?

 The operators we're using in this case are the < (less) operator and its non-strict sibling <= (less equal).

> CurrentVelocity < 110 CurrentVelocity <= 110

How do we use the answer we got?

 What can we do with the answer the computer has given us? Well, we have at least two options: first, we can memorize it (store it in a variable) and make use of it later. How do we do that?

int Answer, Value1, Value2;

Answer = Value1 >= Value2;



- Mechanism to allow us to do something if a condition is met.
- The C++ language offers us a special instruction. Due to its nature and its application, it's called a conditional instruction (or conditional statement).

if(true_or_not) do_this_if_true;

if(TheWeatherIsGood) GoForAWalk();
HaveLunch();



- Mechanism to allow us to do something if a condition is met.
- The C++ language offers us a special instruction. Due to its nature and its application, it's called a conditional instruction (or conditional statement).

if(SheepCounter >= 120) SleepAndDream();

 When we have to execute conditionally more than one instruction, we need to use the braces { and } which create a structure known as a compound statement or (much simpler) a block. The compiler treats the block as a single instruction.

if(SheepCounter >= 120) {MakeABed(); TakeAShower();

SleepAndDream(); } FeedTheSheepdogs();



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if(SheepCounter >= 120){
 MakeABed();
 TakeAShower();
 SleepAndDream();
}
FeedTheSheepdogs();



- cout is one of these streams and is ready to work without any special preparations – it only needs the header file name.
- Both the << operator and the *cout* stream are responsible for two important actions:
 - converting the internal (machine) representation of the integer value into a form acceptable for humans
 - transferring the converted form to the output device e.g. console

int herd_size = 110; cout << herd_size;</pre>

 You can also connect more than one << operator in one cout statement and each of the printed elements may be of a different type and a different nature.

> int herd_size = 123; cout << "Sheep counted so far: " << herd_size;</pre>

int square_side = 12; cout << "The square perimeter is: " << 4 * square_side;</pre>



- If you want a value of type *int* to be presented as a fixedpoint hexadecimal number, you need to use the socalled **manipulator**.
- A manipulator that is designed to switch the stream into a hexadecimal mode is called a hex.

int byte = 255; cout << "Byte in hex: " << hex << byte;</pre>

int byte = 255; cout << hex << byte; cout << byte << dec << byte;</pre>



• The *oct* manipulator switches the stream into the octal mode.

int byte = 255; cout << oct << byte;</pre>



- The three manipulators we showed you previously are only one of the methods (probably the simplest one) of accessing the basefield property. You can achieve the same effect by using the setbase manipulator, which directly instructs the stream on what base value it should use during conversion.
- It requires a header file called iomanip

#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>

```
using namespace std;
int main(void)
{
    int byte = 255;
    cout << setbase(16) << byte;
    return 0;
```



 In general, output streams (including *cout*) are able to recognize the type of the printed value and act accordingly i.e. they'll use a proper form of data presentation for char and float values.

char Char = 'X', Minus = '-';
float Float = 2.5;
cout << Char << Minus << Float;</pre>

- *cout* is able to **recognize the actual type of its element** even when it is an effect of a conversion.
- ASCII code of X is 88

char Char = 'X';
int Int = Char;
cout<<Char<<" "<<(int)Char<<" "<<Int<<" "<<(char)Int;</pre>







• Sometimes we may want to (and sometimes we may have to) break the line being sent to the screen.

cout << "1\n2" << endl << "3\n";</pre>





- The output streams try to output float values in a form that is more compact, and a decision is taken for every printed float value.
- For example, the following snippet:
 - float x = 2.5, y = 0.000000025;
 - cout << x << endl << y << endl;</p>
- It will produce the following output on the screen:
 - 2.5
 - **2.5e-009**



float x = 2.5, y = 0.0000000025; cout << fixed << x << " " << y << endl; cout << scientific << x << " " << y << endl;</pre>

- The program will output the following text:
 - 2.500000 0.000000
 - 2.50000e+000 2.500000e-009

- The simplest way is to mentally reverse the direction of the transfer and to acknowledge that for the data input:
 - we use cin stream instead of cout
 - we use >> operator instead of <<.</p>
- By the way, the >> operator is often referred to as an extraction operator.
- The *cin* stream, along with the extraction operator, is responsible for:
 - transferring the human-readable form of the data from the input device e.g. a console
 - converting the data into the internal (machine) representation the value being input.



• The user enters the value from the keyboard and the program stores it in a specified variable (*MaxSheep*).

cin >> MaxSheep;





#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main(void)

int value,square;

cout << "Give me a number and I will square it!\n"; cin >> value; square = value * value; cout << "You've given " << value << endl; cout << "The squared value is " << square << endl; return 0;







```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main(void) {
    float value,squareroot;
```

```
cout << "Give me a number and I will find its square root:" << endl;
cin >> value;
if(value >= 0.0) {
    squareroot = sqrtf(value);
    cout << "You have given: " << value << endl;
    cout << "The square root is: " << squareroot << endl;
}
return 0;
```







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- The "C++" language allows us to express these alternative plans.
- So the *if-else* execution goes as follows:
 - if the condition is "true" (its value is not equal to zero) the perform_if_condition_true is executed and the conditional statement comes to an end;
 - if the condition is "false" (it is equal to zero) the perform_if_condition_false is executed and the conditional statement comes to an end

if (true_or_false_condition)
 perform_if_condition_true;
else

perform_if_condition_false;

if(TheWeatherIsGood)
 GoForAWalk();
else
 GoToATheatre();

HaveLunch();





- Just like the other, simpler instructions we've already encountered, both *if* and *else* may **contain only one statement**.
- If you want to add more than one instruction, then you have to use a block

```
if(TheWeatherIsGood) {
    GoForAWalk();
    HaveFun();
}
else {
    GoToATheatre();
    EnjoyTheMovie();
}
HaveLunch();
```



- Think about when the instruction placed after *if* is another *if*.
- Remember that every *else* refers to the closest former *if* that doesn't match any other *else*.

```
if(TheWeatherIsGood)
    if(NiceRestaurantFound)
        HaveLunch();
    else
        EatASandwich();
else
    if(TicketsAvailable)
        GoToATheatre();
    else
        GoShopping();
```



• When you assemble subsequent *if* statements, it's called a **cascade**.

if(TheWeatherIsGood)
 GoForAWalk();
else if(TicketsAvailable)
 GoToATheatre();
else if(TableAvailable)
 GoForALunch();
else
 PlayChessAtHome();



- To specify our memory requirements, we can use some additional keywords called modifiers:
 - long used to declare that we need a wider range of ints than the standard one;
 - short used to declare that we need a narrower range of ints than the standard one;
 - unsigned used to declare that a variable will be used only for non-negative numbers;



- The Counter variable will use fewer bits than the standard int (e.g. it could be 16 bits long - in this case, the range of the variable will be suppressed to the range of [-32768 to 32767]).
- The word *int* may be omitted as all the declarations lacking a type name are considered to specify *int* by default

short int Counter;



 The Ants variable will use more (or just as many) bits than the standard int (e.g. 64 bits so it can be used to store numbers from the range of [-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807]





• If we decide that a variable will never be a negative value, we can use the *unsigned* modifier

unsigned int Positive;

We can also mix some of the modifiers together

unsigned long int HugeNumber;





- The *short* and *long* modifiers cannot be used with the *float*, but there is a type named *double*.
- The data stored in the floating-point variable has finite precision - in other words, only a certain number of digits are precisely stored in the variable

111111131851653120.000000

 We can say that the variable saves (only) 8 precise digits. This is within the expected accuracy of 32-bit long floats. Using a double (which is usually 64 bit long) guarantees that the variable will save more signification digits - about 15 to 17.

Floats and their traits

• If a very small float value is added to a very large one, you could end up with a surprise.

1111111000.0 + 0.00011111111

- If we add these two floats, we'll probably get
 - 11111110656.000000
In memory of George Boole

• Variables of this type are able to store only two distinct values: **true** and **false**.

bool developer_is_hungry = false;





Two simple programs

```
/* finding the larger of two numbers */
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main(void) {
    /* the two numbers */
    int number1,number2;
```

```
/* we will save the larger number here */
int max;
```

```
/* read two numbers */
cin >> number1;
cin >> number2;
```

```
/* we temporarily assume that the former number is the larger one */
/* we will check it soon */
max = number1;
```

```
/* we check if the assumption was false */
if(number2 > max)
max = number2;
```

```
/* we print the result */
cout << "The larger number is " << max << endl;</pre>
```

```
/* we finish the program successfully */ return 0;
```







Two simple programs

/* finding the largest of three numbers */
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(void) {
 /* the three numbers */
 int number1,number2, number3;

/* we will save the larger number here */ int max;

/* read three numbers */
cin >> number1;
cin >> number2;
cin >> number3;

/* we temporarily assume that the former number is the larger one */
/* we will check it soon */
max = number1;

/* we check if the second value is the largest */ if(number2 > max) max = number2;

/* we check if the third value is the largest */
if(number3 > max)
max = number3;

/* we print the result */
cout << "The largest number is " << max << endl;</pre>

/* we finish the program successfully */ return 0;







Two simple programs

- Let's ignore the "C++" language for the moment and try to analyze the problem while not thinking about the programming. In other words, let's try to write the algorithm, and when we're happy with it, we'll try to implement it.
- We're going to use a kind of notation that is not a programming language at all, but is formalized, concise and readable. We call this pseudo-code.
 - 1. max = -999999999;
 - 2. read number
 - 3. if(number == -1) print max next stop;
 - 4. if(number > max) max = number
 - 5. go to 2

• Performing a certain part of the code more than once is called a **loop**.

while my hands are dirty I am washing my hands;

 while repeats the execution as long as the condition evaluates to "true".

while(conditional_expression) statement;

 if you want while to execute more than one statement, you must (like *if*) use a block

```
while(conditional_expression) {
                   statement 1;
                   statement_2;
                   statement n;
while(1) {
     cout << "I am stuck inside a loop" << endl;</pre>
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
   /* temporary storage for the incoming numbers */
   int number;
   /* get the first value */
   cin >> number;
   /* we will store the currently greatest number here */
   int max = number;
   /* if the number is not equal to -1 we will continue */
   while(number != -1) {
      /* is the number greater than max? */
       if(number > max)
         /* yes – update max */
         max = number;
       /* get next number */
       cin >> number;
    /* print the largest number */
   cout << "The largest number is " << max << endl;
    /* finish the program successfully */
   return 0;
```

```
int main(void) {
    /* we will count the numbers here */
    int Evens = 0, Odds = 0;
```

/* we will store the incoming numbers here */
int Number;

```
/* read first number */
cin >> Number;
```

```
/* 0 terminates execution */
while(Number != 0) {
    /* check if the number is odd */
    if(Number % 2 == 1)
        /* increase "odd" counter */
        Odds++;
    else
        /* increase "even" counter */
        Evens++;
        /* read next number */
        cin >> Number;
}
/* print results */
cout << "Even numbers: " << Evens << endl;
cout << "Odd numbers: " << Odds << endl;
return 0;</pre>
```





if(Number % 2 == 1) ...
if(Number % 2) ...



```
int main(void) {
                                                              int main(void) {
    int counter = 5;
                                                                  int counter = 5;
   while(counter != 0) {
                                                                  while(counter) {
        cout << "I am an awesome program" << endl;</pre>
                                                                       cout << "I am an awesome program" << endl;</pre>
        counter--;
                                                                       counter--;
   return 0;
                                                                  return 0;
                        int main(void) {
                            int counter = 5;
                            while(counter--)
                                  cout << "I am an awesome program" << endl;</pre>
                            return 0;
```

The "do" loop or do it at least once

• do while loop:

- the condition is checked at the end of the body execution,
- the loop's body is executed at least once, even if the condition is not met.

```
do
    statement;
while(condition);
do {
    statement_1;
    statement_2;
    :
    statement_n;
} while(condition);
```



The "do" loop or do it at least once

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

```
int main(void) {
        int number;
        int max = -100000;
        int counter = 0;
        do {
              cin >> number;
              if(number != -1)
                      counter++;
              if(number > max)
                      max = number;
        } while (number != -1);
        if(counter)
          cout << "The largest number is " << max << endl;</pre>
        else
          cout << "Are you kidding? You haven't entered any number!" << endl;</pre>
        return 0;
```



"for" - the last loop

- it's more important to **count the "turns" of the loop** than to check the conditions.
- We can distinguish three independent elements there:
 - the initiation of the counter
 - the checking of the condition
 - the modification of the counter

int i;

```
i = 0;
while (i < 100) {
    /* the body goes here */
    i++;
```





"for" - the last loop

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main(void) {
    int pow = 1;
```

```
for(int exp = 0; exp < 16; exp++) {
    cout << "2 to the power of " << exp << " is " << pow << endl;
    pow *= 2;
}
return 0;</pre>
```





break and continue – the loop's spices

 break - exits the loop immediately and unconditionally ends the loop's operation; the program begins to execute the nearest instruction after the loop's body;





break and continue – the loop's spices

 continue – behaves as the program suddenly reached the end of the body; the end of the loop's body is reached and the condition expression is tested

immediately.

#include <iostream>

using namespace std; int main(void) {

int number; int max = -100000; int counter = 0;

do {

cin >> number; if(number == -1) continue; counter++; if(number > max) max = number; } while (number != -1); if(counter) cout << "The largest number is " << max << endl; else cout << "Are you kidding? You haven't entered any number!" << endl;</pre>

cout << "Are you kidding? You haven't entered any number!" << end return 0; 0



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