

CS 106B, Lecture 2

Functions and Strings

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Programming Abstractions in C++, Chapters 2-3

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 - Prototypes
 - Pass by value vs. reference; the const keyword
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Defining functions

- A C++ **function** is like a Java **method**.

return type

parameters (arguments)

```
type functionName(type name, type name, ..., type name) {  
    statement;  
    statement;  
    ...  
    statement;  
    return expression; // if return type is not void  
}
```

- Calling a function:
- parameters (arguments)*
- ```
functionName(value, value, ..., value);
```
-

# Defining a function

```
#include "console.h"
using namespace std;
const string DRINK_TYPE = "Coke";

// Function Definition and Code
void bottles(int count) {
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl;
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << "." << endl;
 cout << "Take one down, pass it around, " << (count-1) <<
 " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl << endl;
}

int main() {
 for (int i = 99; i > 0; i--) {
 bottles(i);
 }
 return 0;
}
```

# Declaration order

- **Compiler error: unable to find the bottles function**
  - C++ reads the file from top to bottom (unlike Java or Python)

```
int main() {
 for (int i = 99; i > 0; i--) {
 bottles(i);
 }
 return 0;
}
```

```
void bottles(int count) {
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl;
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << "." << endl;
 cout << "Take one down, pass it around, " << (count-1) <<
 " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl << endl;
}
```

# Function prototypes

- Declare the function (without writing its body) at top of program.
- Include everything up to the first curly brace

```
void bottles(int count); // Function prototype
```

```
int main() {
 for (int i = 99; i > 0; i--) {
 bottles(i);
 }
 return 0;
}
```

```
void bottles(int count) {
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl;
 cout << count << " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << "." << endl;
 cout << "Take one down, pass it around, " << (count-1) <<
 " bottles of " << DRINK_TYPE << " on the wall." << endl << endl;
}
```

# Pass by Value

- **value semantics:** In Java and C++, when variables (int, double) are passed as parameters, their values are copied.
  - Modifying a parameter will not affect the variable passed in.

```
void swap(int a, int b) {
 int temp = a;
 a = b;
 b = temp;
}
```

```
int main() {
 int x = 17;
 int y = 35;
 swap(x, y);
 cout << x << ", " << y << endl; // 17,35
 return 0;
}
```



# Pass by Reference

- **reference semantics:** If you declare a parameter with an & after its type, it will link the caller and callee function variables to the same place in memory.

- Modifying a parameter *will* affect the variable passed in.
- The ampersand is only used in declaration, not in function call
- **Can't** pass in non-variables (e.g. `swap(1, 3)` won't work)
- Faster for larger types with many elements

```
void swap(int& a, int& b) {
 int temp = a;
 a = b;
 b = temp;
}
int main() {
 int x = 17;
 int y = 35;
 swap(x, y);
 cout << x << ", "
 << y << endl; // 35,17
 return 0;
}
```

# Const parameters

- What if you want to avoid copying a large variable but don't want to change it?
- Use the **const** keyword to indicate that the parameter won't be changed
  - Usually used with strings and collections
  - Passing in a non-variable (e.g. `printString("hello")`) **does** work

```
void printString(const string& str) {
 cout << "I will print this string" << endl;
 cout << str << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
 printString("This could be a really really long
 string");
}
```

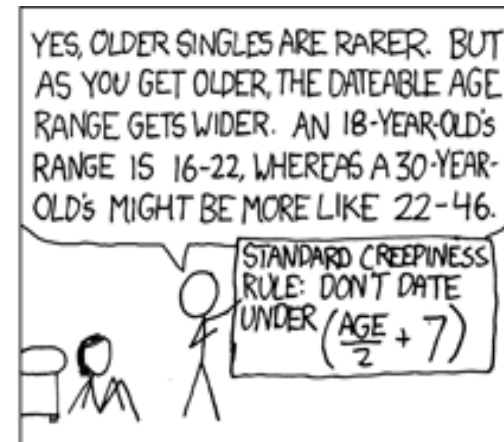
# Output parameters

- Can also pass by reference to return multiple items
- What is the minimum and maximum non-creepy age to date?

```
void datingRange(int age, int& min, int& max) {
 min = age / 2 + 7;
 max = (age - 7) * 2;
}
```

```
int main() {
 int young;
 int old;
 datingRange(48, young, old);
 cout << "A 48-year-old could date someone from "
 << young << " to " << old << " years old." << endl;
}
```

```
// A 48-year-old could date someone from
// 31 to 82 years old.
```



<http://xkcd.com/314/>

# Quadratic exercise

- Write a function **quadratic** to find roots of quadratic equations.

$a x^2 + b x + c = 0$ , for some numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

- Find roots using the **quadratic formula**.

– Example:  $x^2 - 3 x - 4 = 0$

roots:  $x = 4$ ,  $x = -1$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

- What parameters should our function accept? What should it return?
  - Which parameters should be passed by value, and which by reference?

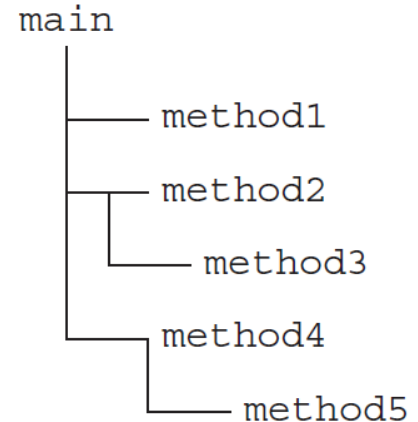
# Quadratic solution

```
/*
 * Solves a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,
 * storing the results in output parameters root1 and root2.
 * Assumes that the given equation has two real roots.
 */
void quadratic(double a, double b, double c,
 double& root1, double& root2) {
 double d = sqrt(b * b - 4 * a * c);
 root1 = (-b + d) / (2 * a);
 root2 = (-b - d) / (2 * a);
}
```

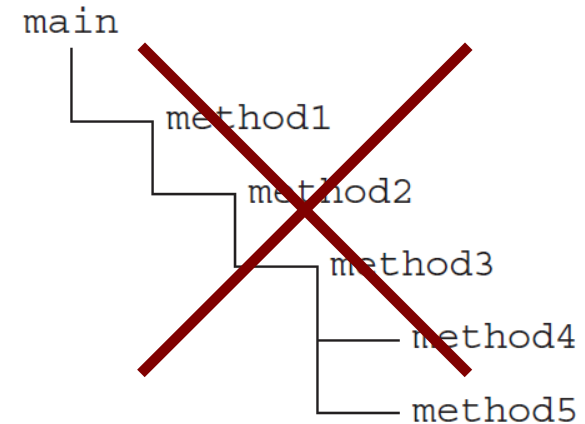
$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

# Good Decomposition

- Properties of a good function:
  - **Fully performs a single coherent task.**
  - **Does not do too large a share of the work.**
  - Is not unnecessarily connected to other functions.
    - No "chaining" of functions



- The **main** function should be a concise summary of the overall program.
  - Basically an overview of the steps needed to solve the problem



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# Strings

```
#include <string>
...
string s = "hello";
```

- A string is a (possibly empty) sequence of characters.
  - Strings are *mutable* (can be changed) in C++.
  - There are two types of strings in C++. :-/



# Characters

- Characters are values of type `char`, with 0-based indices:

```
string s = "Hi 106B!";
```

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>index</i>     | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| <i>character</i> | 'H' | 'i' | ' ' | '1' | '0' | '6' | 'B' | '!' |

- Individual characters can be accessed using [*index*] or `at`:

```
char c1 = s[3]; // '1'
```

```
char c2 = s.at(1); // 'i'
```

- Characters have **ASCII** encodings (integer mappings):

```
cout << (int) s[0] << endl; // 72
```

# Member functions

| Member function name                                                                         | Description                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>s.append(<i>str</i>)</code>                                                            | add text to the end of a string                                                                                             |
| <code>s.compare(<i>str</i>)</code>                                                           | return <0, 0, or >0 depending on relative ordering                                                                          |
| <code>s.erase(<i>index</i>, <i>Length</i>)</code>                                            | delete text from a string starting at given index                                                                           |
| <code>s.find(<i>str</i>)</code><br><code>s.rfind(<i>str</i>)</code>                          | first or last index where the start of <i>str</i> appears in this string (returns <code>string::npos</code> if not found)   |
| <code>s.insert(<i>index</i>, <i>str</i>)</code>                                              | add text into a string at a given index                                                                                     |
| <code>s.length()</code> or <code>s.size()</code>                                             | number of characters in this string                                                                                         |
| <code>s.replace(<i>index</i>, <i>Len</i>, <i>str</i>)</code>                                 | replaces <i>len</i> chars at given index with new text                                                                      |
| <code>s.substr(<i>start</i>, <i>Length</i>)</code> or<br><code>s.substr(<i>start</i>)</code> | the next <i>length</i> characters beginning at <i>start</i> (inclusive); if <i>length</i> omitted, grabs till end of string |

```
string name = "Donald Knuth";
if (name.find("Knu") != string::npos) {
 name.erase(7, 5); // "Donald "
}
```

# Operators

- **Concatenate** using + or += :

```
string s1 = "Ty";
s1 += "ler"; // "Tyler"
```

- **Compare** using relational operators (ASCII ordering):

```
string s2 = "Kate"; // == != < <= > >=
if (s1 > s2 && s2 != "Joe") { // true
 ...
}
```

- Strings are **mutable** and can be changed:

```
s1.append(" Jay") // "Tyler Jay"
s1.erase(1, 3); // "Tr Jay"
s1[4] = '@'; // "Tr J@y"
```

# Stanford library

- #include "strlib.h"

| Function name                                                                                                                 | Description                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| endsWith( <i>str</i> , <i>suffix</i> )<br>startsWith( <i>str</i> , <i>prefix</i> )                                            | true if string begins or ends with the given text  |
| integerToString( <i>int</i> )<br>realToString( <i>double</i> )<br>stringToInteger( <i>str</i> )<br>stringToReal( <i>str</i> ) | convert between numbers and strings                |
| equalsIgnoreCase( <i>s1</i> , <i>s2</i> )                                                                                     | true if s1 and s2 have same chars, ignoring casing |
| toLowerCase( <i>str</i> )<br>toUpperCase( <i>str</i> )                                                                        | returns an upper/lowercase version of a string     |
| trim( <i>str</i> )                                                                                                            | returns string with surrounding whitespace removed |

# What's the output?

```
void mystery(string a, string& b) {
 a.erase(0, 1); // erase 1 from index 0
 b += a[0];
 b.insert(3, "FOO"); // insert at index 3
}

int main() { // 01234
 string a = "ashley";
 string b = "taylor";
 mystery(a, b);
 cout << a << " " << b << endl;
 return 0;
}

// A. shley taylor
// B. ashley taylor
// C. shley ataylorFOO
// D. ashley tayFOOlors
// E. shley tayFoolors
```

# String exercise



nameDiamond

- Write a function **nameDiamond** that accepts a string parameter and prints its letters in a "diamond" format as shown below.
  - For example, `nameDiamond("SHREYA")` should print:

```
S
SH
SHR
SHRE
SHREY
SHREYA
 HREYA
 REYA
 EYA
 YA
 A
```

# Exercise solution

```
void nameDiamond(string s) {
 int len = s.length();

 // print top half of diamond
 for (int i = 1; i <= len; i++) {
 cout << s.substr(0, i) << endl;
 }

 // print bottom half of diamond
 for (int i = 0; i <= len; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) { // indent
 cout << " "; // with spaces
 }
 cout << s.substr(i) << endl;
 }
}
```

# C vs. C++ strings

- C++ has two kinds of strings:
  - **C strings** (char arrays) and **C++ strings** (string objects)
- A string literal such as "hi there" is a **C string**.
  - C strings don't include any methods/behavior shown previously.
    - No member functions like length, find, or operators.
- Converting between the two types:
  - `string("text")` C string to C++ string
  - `string.c_str()` C++ string to C string



# C string bugs

- `string s = "hi" + "there"; // C-string + C-string`
- `string s = "hi" + '?'; // C-string + char`
- `string s = "hi" + 41; // C-string + int`
  - C strings can't be concatenated with +.
  - C-string + char/int produces garbage, not "hi?" or "hi41".
  - **This bug usually manifests in print statements, and you'll see partial strings**
- `string s = "hi";`  
`s += 41; // "hi)"`
  - Adds character with ASCII value 41, ' ) ', doesn't produce "hi41".
- `int n = (int) "42"; // n = 0x7ffdc08`
  - Bug; sets n to the memory address of the C string "42" (ack!).

# C string bugs fixed

- `string s = string("hi") + "there";`
- `string s = "hi"; // convert to C++ string`  
`s += "there";`
  - These both compile and work properly.
- `string s = "hi"; // C++ string + char`  
`s += '?'; // "hi?"`
  - Works, because of auto-conversion.
- `s += integerToString(41); // "hi?41"`
- `int n = stringToInteger("42"); // 42`
  - Explicit string <-> int conversion using Stanford library.

# Look Ahead

- Assignment 0 due Thursday
  - Note: I had to make a few changes to the starter code. If you downloaded the ZIP file before 1:40PM Monday, please download it again
  - Qt Creator Installation help session **tomorrow from 8-10pm** in Gates B02
- Sign up for section at [cs198.stanford.edu](https://cs198.stanford.edu)
  - Section signups close **today at 5PM**

# Extra slides

# Ref param mystery



parameterMysteryBCA

- What is the output of this code?

```
void mystery(int& b, int c, int& a) {
 a++;
 b--;
 c += a;
}

int main() {
 int a = 5;
 int b = 2;
 int c = 8;
 mystery(c, a, b);
 cout << a << " " << b << " " << c << endl;
 return 0;
}
```

// A. 5 2 8  
// B. 5 3 7  
// C. 6 1 8  
// D. 6 1 13  
// E. other

# Return mystery



returnMystery1

- What is the output of the following program?

```
int mystery(int b, int c) {
 return c + 2 * b;
}
```

```
int main() {
 int a = 4;
 int b = 2;
 int c = 5;

 a = mystery(c, b);
 c = mystery(b, a);
 cout << a << " " << b << " " << c << endl;
 return 0;
}
```

// A.                    B.                    C.                    D.                    E.  
// 12 2 16              9 2 10              12 2 8              9 2 12              N/A

# Default parameters

- You can make a parameter optional by supplying a *default value*:
  - All parameters with default values must appear last in the list.

```
// Prints a line of characters of the given width.
void printLine(int width = 10, char letter = '*') {
 for (int i = 0; i < width; i++) {
 cout << letter;
 }
}
```

...

```
printLine(7, '?'); // ???????
printLine(5); // *****
printLine(); // ****************
```



# Exercise: BMI

- Write code to calculate 2 people's body mass index (BMI):

$$BMI = \frac{weight}{height^2} \times 703$$

- Match the following example output:

This program reads data for two people and computes their Body Mass Index (BMI).

| BMI         | Category |
|-------------|----------|
| below 18.5  | class 1  |
| 18.5 - 24.9 | class 2  |
| 25.0 - 29.9 | class 3  |
| 30.0 and up | class 4  |

```
Enter Person 1's information:
```

```
height (in inches)? 70.0
```

```
weight (in pounds)? 194.25
```

```
BMI = 27.8689, class 3
```

```
Enter Person 2's information:
```

```
height (in inches)? 62.5
```

```
weight (in pounds)? 130.5
```

```
BMI = 23.4858, class 2
```

```
BMI difference = 4.3831
```



# BMI solution

```
/* Prints a welcome message explaining the program. */
void introduction() {
 cout << "This program reads data for two people" << endl;
 cout << "and computes their body mass index (BMI)." << endl << endl;
}

/* Computes/returns a person's BMI based on their height and weight. */
double computeBMI(double height, double weight) {
 return weight * 703 / height / height;
}

/* Outputs information about a person's BMI and weight status. */
int bmiClass(double bmi) {
 if (bmi < 18.5) {
 return 1;
 } else if (bmi < 25) {
 return 2;
 } else if (bmi < 30) {
 return 3;
 } else {
 return 4;
 }
}
```

# BMI solution, cont'd

```
/* Reads information for one person, computes their BMI, and returns it. */
double person(int number) {
 cout << "Enter person " << number << "'s information:" << endl;
 double height = getReal("height (in inches)? ");
 double weight = getReal("weight (in pounds)? ");
 double bmi = computeBMI(height, weight);
 cout << "BMI = " << bmi << ", class " << bmiClass(bmi) << endl << endl;
 return bmi;
}

/* Main function to run the overall program. */
int main() {
 introduction();
 double bmi1 = person(1);
 double bmi2 = person(2);
 cout << "BMI difference = " << abs(bmi1 - bmi2) << endl;
 return 0;
}
```

# Char and ctype

- `#include <ctype>`
  - Useful functions to process char values (not entire strings):

| Function name                                                                                                                                                                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>isalpha(c)</code> <code>isalnum(c)</code><br><code>isdigit(c)</code> <code>isspace(c)</code><br><code>isupper(c)</code> <code>ispunct(c)</code><br><code>islower(c)</code> | returns true if the given character is an alphabetic character from a-z or A-Z, a digit from 0-9, an alphanumeric character (a-z, A-Z, or 0-9), an uppercase letter (A-Z), a space character (space, <code>\t</code> , <code>\n</code> , etc.), or a punctuation character (., ; !), respectively |
| <code>tolower(c)</code> <code>toupper(c)</code>                                                                                                                                  | returns lower/uppercase equivalent of a character                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

```
// index 012345678901234567890
string s = "Grace Hopper Bot v2.0";
if (isalpha(s[6]) && isnumer(s[18])
 && isspace(s[5]) && ispunct(s[19])) {
 cout << "Grace Hopper Smash!!" << endl;
}
```