

Functions in C++

Outline for Today

- ***Functions in C++***
 - How C++ organizes code.
- ***Some Simple Functions***
 - Getting comfortable with the language.
- ***Intro to Recursion***
 - A new perspective on problem-solving.

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You define a function by writing

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return-type fn-name(args) {
    // ... code goes here ...
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If a function does not return a value, its return type should be the cool-but-scary-sounding **void**.

The main Function

- A C++ program begins execution in a function called `main` with the following signature:

```
int main() {  
    /* ... code to execute ... */  
    return 0;  
}
```

- By convention, `main` should return `0` unless the program encounters an error.
- Curious why `main` returns an `int`? Come chat with me after class today!

A Simple C++ Program

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What Went Wrong?

One-Pass Compilation

- When you compile a C++ program, the compiler reads your code from top to bottom.
- If you call a function that you haven't yet written, the compiler will get Very Upset and will say mean things to you.
- You will encounter this issue. What should you do?



Dramatic Reenactment

Option 1: Reorder Your Functions

Option 2: Use Forward Declarations

Forward Declarations

- A ***forward declaration*** is a statement that tells the C++ compiler about an upcoming function.
 - The textbook calls these ***function prototypes***. It's different names for the same thing.
- Forward declarations look like this:
return-type function-name(parameters);
- Essentially, start off like you're defining the function as usual, but put a semicolon instead of the function body.
- Once the compiler has seen a forward declaration, you can go and call that function as normal.

Some More Functions

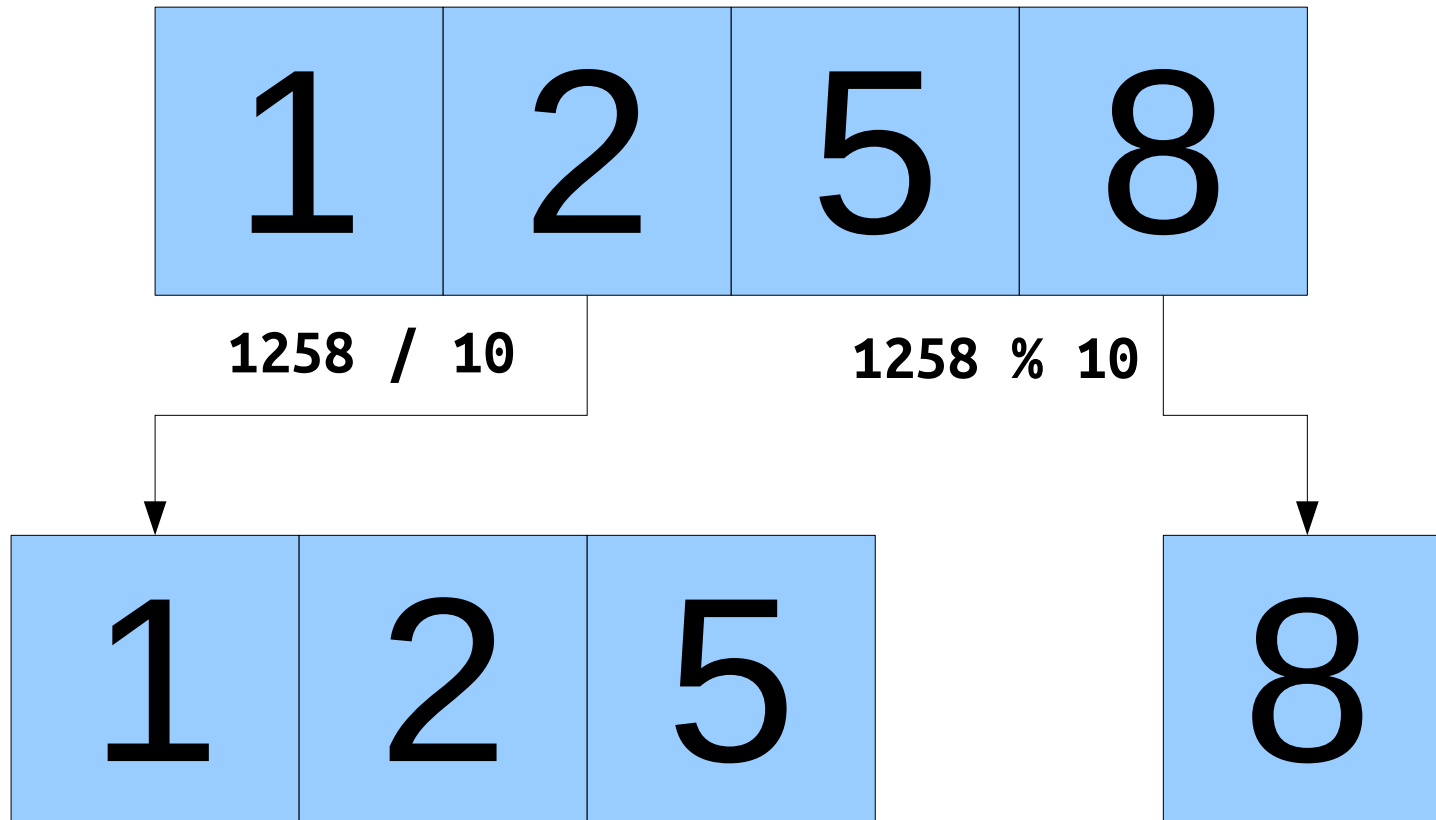
Summing Up Digits

- Ever seen that test for divisibility by three?
Add the digits of the number; if the sum is divisible by three, the original number is divisible by three (and vice-versa).
- Let's write a function

```
int sumOfDigitsOf(int n)
```

that takes in a number and returns the sum of its digits.

Working One Digit at a Time



Dividing two integers in C++ ***always*** produces an integer by dropping any decimal value. Check the textbook for how to override this behavior.

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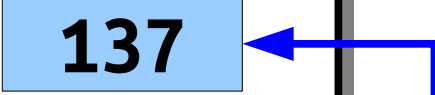
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The variable `n` actually is an honest-to-goodness integer, not a pointer to an integer that lives somewhere else. In C++, all variables stand for actual objects unless stated otherwise. (More on that later.)

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Time-Out for Announcements!

Section Signups

- Section signups go live tomorrow at 5:00PM and are open until Sunday at 5:00PM.
- Sign up using this link:
<https://cs198.stanford.edu/cs198/auth/default.aspx>
- You need to sign up here even if you're already enrolled on *Axess*; *we don't use Axess for sections in this class.*

Qt Creator Help Session

- Having trouble getting Qt Creator set up? Chase is running a Qt Creator help session this Thursday from 2:00PM - 4:00PM over Zoom.
- Check EdStem for info on how to call in.
- A request: Before showing up, use the troubleshooting guide and make sure you followed the directions precisely. It's easy to get this wrong, but easy to correct once you identify where you went off-script.

Back to CS106B!

Thinking Recursively

Factorials!

- The number ***n factorial***, denoted ***n!***, is

$$n \times (n - 1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

- Here's some examples!
 - $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6.$
 - $4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24.$
 - $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120.$
 - $0! = 1.$ (by definition!)
- Factorials show up in unexpected places! We'll see one later this quarter when we talk about sorting algorithms!
- Let's implement a function to compute factorials!

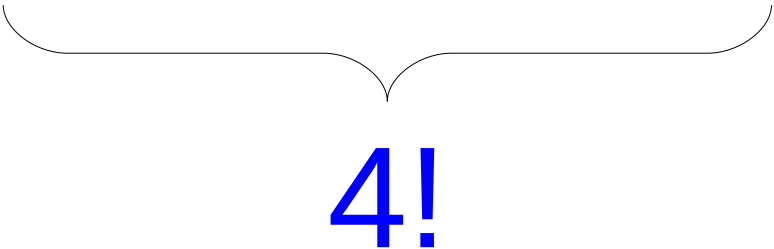
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The diagram illustrates the recursive nature of factorials. The expression $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$ is shown. The numbers 4, 3, 2, and 1 are highlighted in blue. A curly brace groups these four numbers, with $4!$ written below it, indicating that $4!$ is the product of 4, 3, 2, and 1.

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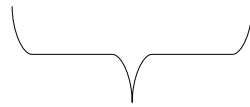
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$$5! = 5 \times 4!$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$0! = 1$$

Computing Factorials

$$5! = 5 \times 24$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$0! = 1$$

Computing Factorials

$$5! = \mathbf{120}$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$0! = 1$$

Computing Factorials

$$5! = 120$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$0! = 1$$

Computing Factorials

$$5! = 5 \times 4!$$

$$4! = 4 \times 3!$$

$$3! = 3 \times 2!$$

$$2! = 2 \times 1!$$

$$1! = 1 \times 0!$$

$$0! = 1$$

Another View of Factorials

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ n \times (n-1)! & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {  
    int nFact = factorial(5);  
    cout << "5! = " << nFact << endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {  
    int nFact = factorial(5);  
    cout << "5! = " << nFact << endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
```

```
            return 1;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
```

```
            return 1;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
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            return 1;
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        } else {
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```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

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        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
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            return 1;
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        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

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        }
```

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    }
```

5

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
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            return 1;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
```

```
            return 1;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

5

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        if (n == 0) {
```

```
            return 1;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

5

int n

5

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            if (n == 0) {
```

```
                return 1;
```

```
            } else {
```

```
                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            if (n == 0) {
```

```
                return 1;
```

```
            } else {
```

```
                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

4

int n

Every time we call factorial(), we get a new copy of the local variable n that's independent of all the previous copies.

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            if (n == 0) {
```

```
                return 1;
```

```
            } else {
```

```
                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

4

int n

4

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

4

4

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                if (n == 0) {
```

```
                    return 1;
```

```
                } else {
```

```
                    return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                }
```

```
            }
```

3

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

3

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) {
```

```
        return 1;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

3

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                if (n == 0) {
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```
                    return 1;
```

```
                } else {
```

```
                    return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                }
```

```
            }
```

3

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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                    return 1;
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                } else {
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                    return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                }
```

```
            }
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3

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                if (n == 0) {
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                    return 1;
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                } else {
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```
                    return n * factorial(n - 1);
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```
                }
```

```
            }
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3

int n

3

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
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```
            int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                if (n == 0) {
```

```
                    return 1;
```

```
                } else {
```

```
                    return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                }
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```
            }
```

3

int n

3

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                    if (n == 0) {
```

```
                        return 1;
```

```
                    } else {
```

```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                    }
```

```
                }
```

2

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

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    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                    if (n == 0) {
```

```
                        return 1;
```

```
                    } else {
```

```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                    }
```

```
                }
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2

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
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    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    if (n == 0) {
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```
                        return 1;
```

```
                    } else {
```

```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                    }
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                }
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int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    if (n == 0) {
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                        return 1;
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```
                    } else {
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                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                    }
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int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    if (n == 0) {
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                        return 1;
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                    } else {
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```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                    }
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                }
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int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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    int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    if (n == 0) {
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                        return 1;
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```
                    } else {
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```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                    }
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                }
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int n

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Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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int factorial(int n) {
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    if (n == 0) {
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        return 1;
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    } else {
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        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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    }
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int n

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Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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int factorial(int n) {
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    if (n == 0) {
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        return 1;
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    } else {
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        return n * factorial(n - 1);
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int n

Recursion in Action

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if (n == 0) {
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return 1;
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} else {
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return n * factorial(n - 1);
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int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                    int factorial(int n) {
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                        if (n == 0) {
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                            return 1;
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                        } else {
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                            return n * factorial(n - 1);
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                    }
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                }
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1

int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
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if (n == 0) {
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return 1;
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} else {
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```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
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}
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1

int n

Recursion in Action

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if (n == 0) {
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```
return 1;
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```
} else {
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return n * factorial(n - 1);
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}
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}
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1

int n

Recursion in Action

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int main() {
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int factorial(int n) {
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if (n == 0) {
```

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return 1;
```

```
} else {
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```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
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}
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}
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1

int n

1

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
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int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

1

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
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        int factorial(int n) {
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            int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    int factorial(int n) {
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```
                        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                            if (n == 0) {
```

```
                                return 1;
```

```
                            } else {
```

```
                                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                            }
```

```
                        }
```

0

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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```
                    int factorial(int n) {
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```
                        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                            if (n == 0) {
```

```
                                return 1;
```

```
                            } else {
```

```
                                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                            }
```

```
                        }
```

0

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
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                int factorial(int n) {
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                    int factorial(int n) {
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```
                        int factorial(int n) {
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```
                            if (n == 0) {
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```
                                return 1;
```

```
                            } else {
```

```
                                return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                            }
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```
                        }
```

```
0
```

```
int n
```

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

1

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
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int factorial(int n) {
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```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) {
```

```
        return 1;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
    }
```

1

1

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

1

1

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
1 × 1
```

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
}
```

1

1

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) {
```

```
        return 1;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

2

int n

2

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) {
```

```
        return 1;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
    }
```

2

1

2

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
int factorial(int n) {
```

```
if (n == 0) {
```

```
return 1;
```

```
} else {
```

```
return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

2

1

2

int n

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
```

```
    int factorial(int n) {
```

```
        int factorial(int n) {
```

```
            int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                int factorial(int n) {
```

```
                    if (n == 0) {
```

```
                        return 1;
```

```
                    } else {
```

```
                        return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

```
                    }
```

```
                }
```

2

int n

2 × 1

Recursion in Action

```
int main() {
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int n

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Recursion in Action

```
int main() {  
    int nFact = factorial(5);  
    cout << "5! = " << nFact << endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```


Recursion in Action

```
int main() {  
    int nFact = factorial(5);  
    cout << "5! = " << nFact << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

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int nFact

Thinking Recursively

- Solving a problem with recursion requires two steps.
- First, determine how to solve the problem for simple cases.
 - This is called the ***base case***.
- Second, determine how to break down larger cases into smaller instances.
 - This is called the ***recursive step***.

Recap from Today

- The C++ compiler reads from the top of the program to the bottom. You cannot call a function that hasn't either been prototyped or defined before the call site.
- Each time you call a function, C++ gives you a fresh copy of all the local variables in that function. Those variables are independent of any other variables with the same name found elsewhere.
- You can split a number into “everything but the last digit” and “the last digit” by dividing and modding by 10.
- A ***recursive function*** is one that calls itself. It has a ***base case*** to handle easy cases and a ***recursive step*** to turn bigger versions of the problem into smaller ones.
- Functions can be written both iteratively and recursively.

Your Action Items

- ***Read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.***
 - We're still easing into C++. These chapters talk about the basics and the mechanics of function call and return.
- ***Read Chapter 7.***
 - We've just started talking about recursion. There's tons of goodies in that chapter.
- ***Sign up for a Discussion Section.***
 - The link goes out tomorrow afternoon.
- ***Work on Assignment 0.***
 - Just over a third of you are already done! Exciting!

Next Time

- ***Strings and Streams***
 - Representing and Manipulating Text.
 - Recursion on Text.
 - File I/O in C++.
- ***More Recursion***
 - Getting more comfortable with this strategy.