

CSI 32

Chapter 3: Objects, Types and Values



We will talk about



- Input
- Output
- Types: int, float, string
- Objects
- Operations and operators

Types and objects



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- OOP (*Object Oriented Programming*): *object* is an *instance* of a *class*
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- *Type* defines a set of possible values and a set of operations (for an object)

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- The data items we put into *variables* are called *values*, or
- *value* is a set of bits in memory interpreted according to a type

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- `int` type, on a typical computer, uses 4 bytes ($4 \times 8 = 32$ bits)
- `double` uses 8 bytes
- `string` takes up different amounts of space

Some other built-in types



built-in types	brief description	# of bytes (usually)
<code>char</code> x	x is a character	1
<code>bool</code> x	x is a boolean (<code>true</code> or <code>false</code>)	1
<code>float</code> x	x is a floating point number (short double)	4
<code>long int</code> x <code>long</code> x	long integer	8
<code>unsigned int</code> x <code>unsigned</code> x	non-negative integers from $[0, 2^{32}-1]$	4

Declaration, definition, initialization, assignment



```
int age; // a definition
```

```
int myFunc(int, double, char);  
// a declaration
```

```
age = 23; // an initialization  
age = 30; // an assignment
```

```
double weight = 115.6  
// definition and initialization  
// definition can provide an  
// initial value
```

- A *declaration* is a statement that gives a name to an object
- The statement that introduces a new name into a program and sets aside memory for a variable is called a *definition*
- *Initialization* gives a variable its initial value
- Assignment is giving a variable a new value

Input and output with strings



```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    string firstName, lastName;
    cout << "Enter your first name: ";
    cin >> firstName;
    cout << "Enter your last name: ";
    cin >> lastName;

    cout << "Hello, ";
    cout << firstName << " " << lastName << "! ";
    cout << "How are you?\n";
    return 0;
}
```

In-class work – part 1



Grab the file [In-classWork1.cpp](https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html) from our website:
<https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html> and follow the instructions
given there.

In-class work – part 2



Grab the file [In-classWork2.cpp](https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html) from our website: <https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html> and follow the instructions given there.

Integers and strings



- **Strings**
 - `cin >>` reads a word
 - `cout <<` writes
 - `+` concatenates
 - `+= s` adds the string `s` at end
 - `++` is an error
 - `-` is an error
 - ... see pages 66-67
- **Integers and floating-point numbers**
 - `cin >>` reads a number
 - `cout <<` writes
 - `+` adds
 - `+= n` increments by the int `n`
 - `++` increments by 1
 - `-` subtracts
 - ... see pages 66-67

The type of a variable determines which operations are valid and what their meanings are for that type

(it's called "overloading" or "operator overloading")

Type safety



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 - A variable is used only after it is initialized
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 - Every operation defined for a variable leaves the variable with a valid value
- A C++ compiler cannot guarantee complete type safety

Type safety: safe and unsafe conversions



- Safe conversions

- `bool` to `char`
- `bool` to `int`
- `bool` to `double`
- `char` to `int`
- `char` to `double`
- `int` to `double`

For some computers, for a really large int we can suffer a loss of precision when converting to double

- Unsafe conversions

- When converting to a value of another type that doesn't equal to the original value

grab at [typeSafetyExamples.cpp](https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html)
at our website
<https://natna.info/CSI32/notes.html>

follow the to-do instructions

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C++11 Hint



- C++ 11 introduced an initialization notation that outlaws narrowing conversions

```
double x{2.7}; // OK
```

```
int y{x};      // error: double → int might narrow
```

```
int a{1000};  // OK
```

```
char b{a};    // error: int → char might narrow
```

```
char b1{1000}; // error, assuming 8-bit chars (28 = 256), hence narrowing
```

```
char b2{48};  // OK
```

C++14 Hint



- You can use the type of an *initializer* as the type of a variable
 - // “auto” means “the type of the initializer”
 - `auto x = 1;` // 1 is an int, so x is an int
 - `auto y = 'c';` // 'c' is a char, so y is a char
 - `auto d = 1.2;` // 1.2 is a double, so d is a double

 - `auto s = "Howdy";` // "Howdy" is a string literal of type `const char[]`
// so don't do that until you know what it means!
 - `auto sq = sqrt(2);` // sq is the right type for the result of `sqrt(2)`
// and you don't have to remember what that is
 - `auto duh;` // error: no initializer for auto

Resources used for these slides



- slides provided by B. Stroustrup at <https://www.stroustrup.com/PPP2slides.html>
- Class textbook