

# PROGRAMMING BASICS

## OVERVIEW

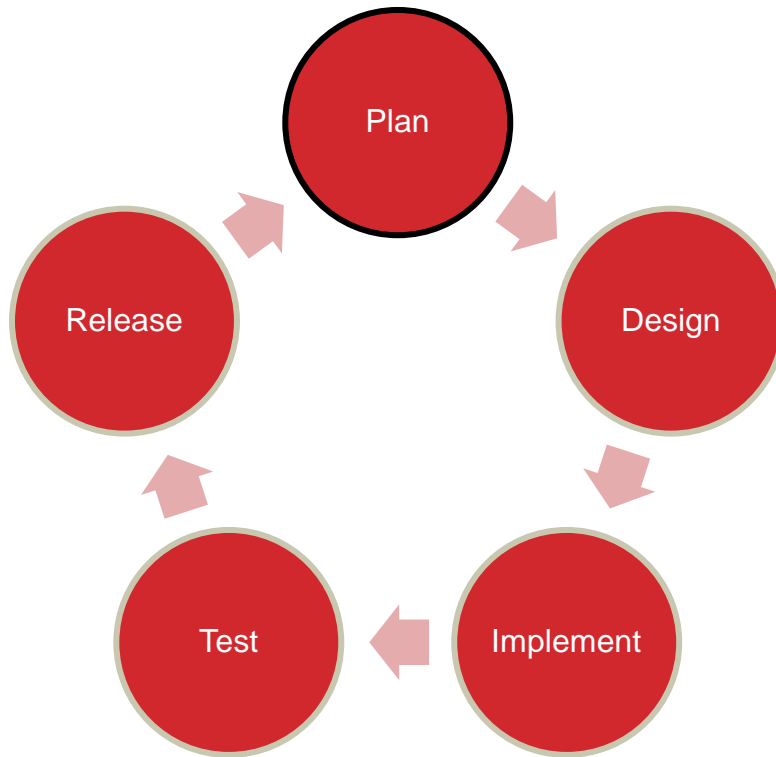
# OVERVIEW

- **What is computer programming?**
  - The objective of programming is to give the computer detailed instructions to solve a desired problem
  - Computers have to read and process these instructions so they have to be written clearly and unambiguously
  - Hundreds of programming languages have been invented for this purpose over last 50 years
  - This class will use the programming language C++ because it is very powerful and widely used in industry

# OVERVIEW

- **How do we write programs?**
  - Tools and techniques for writing programs have evolved over the last 50 years, and continue to evolve today
  - The goal is to convert abstract goals (what we want the program to do) into clear and unambiguous instructions for the computer (in our case C++ code)
  - The classic software development cycle we will be using has five stages: plan, design, implement, test, and release

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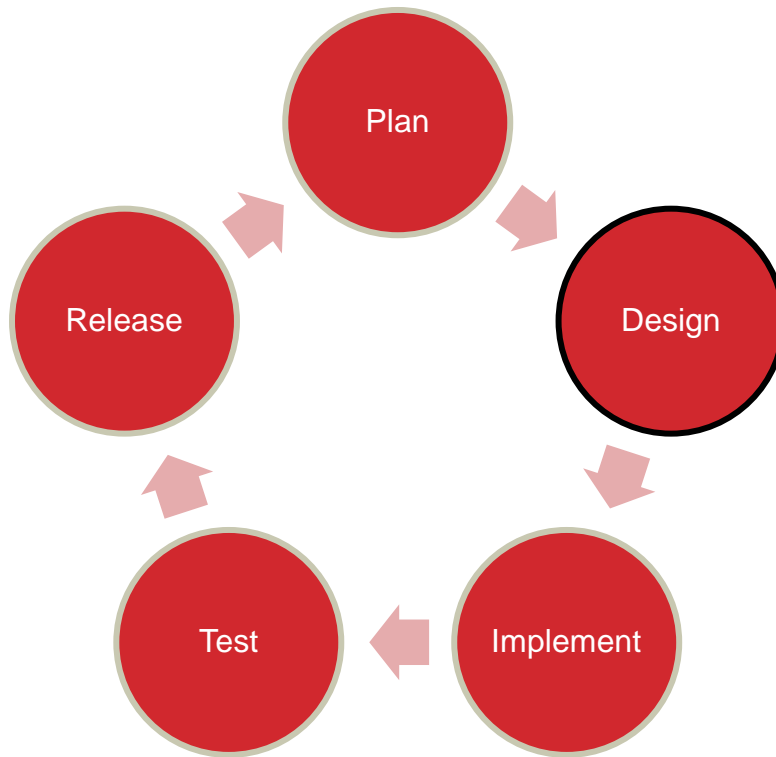


## Plan:

- Decide what problem we are trying to solve
- What are program inputs?
- What should the program output or do?

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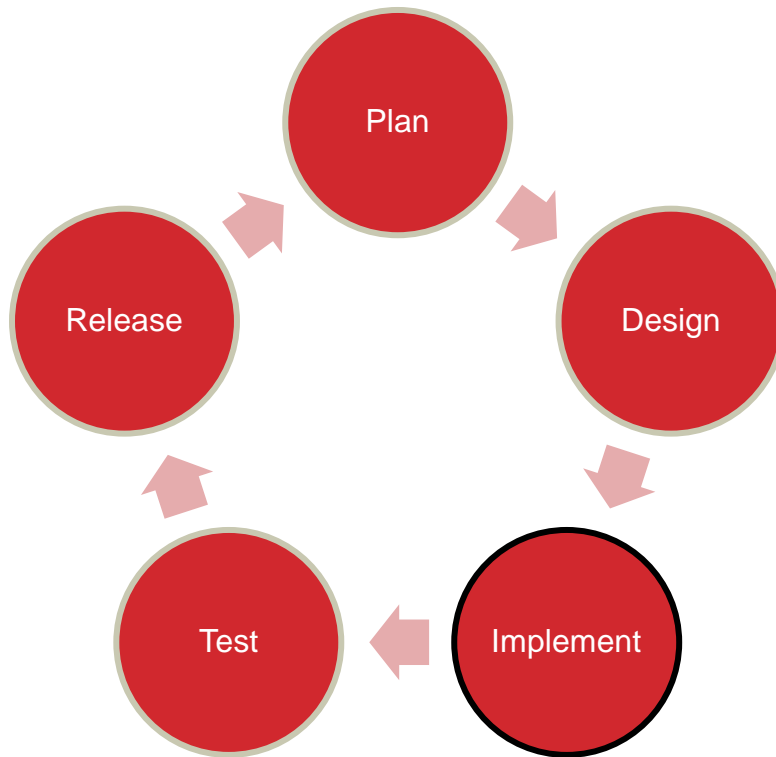


## Design:

- Break the problem into smaller steps we know how to solve
- Describe how these steps should be combined to solve the problem

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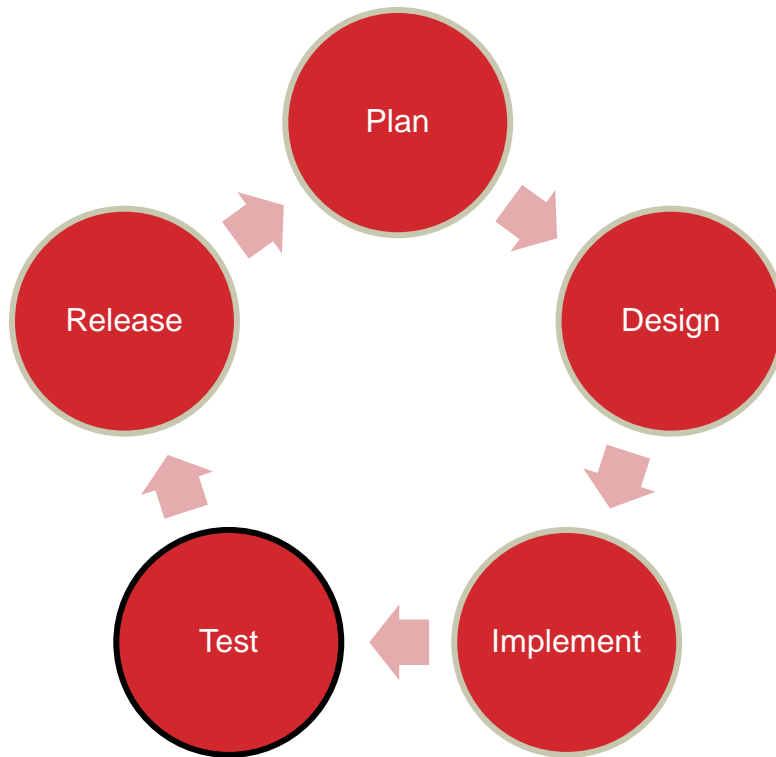


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## **Implement:**

- Write code that performs the steps needed to solve the problem
- Use existing code and software libraries whenever possible

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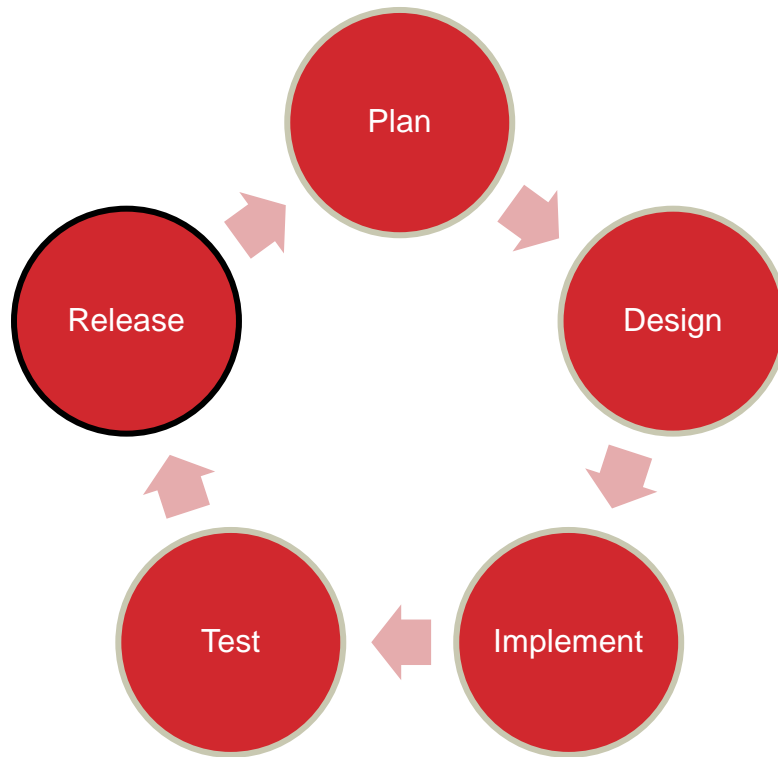


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## Test:

- Run the program with normal inputs to see if it produces correct outputs
- Run the program with incorrect inputs to check the error handling

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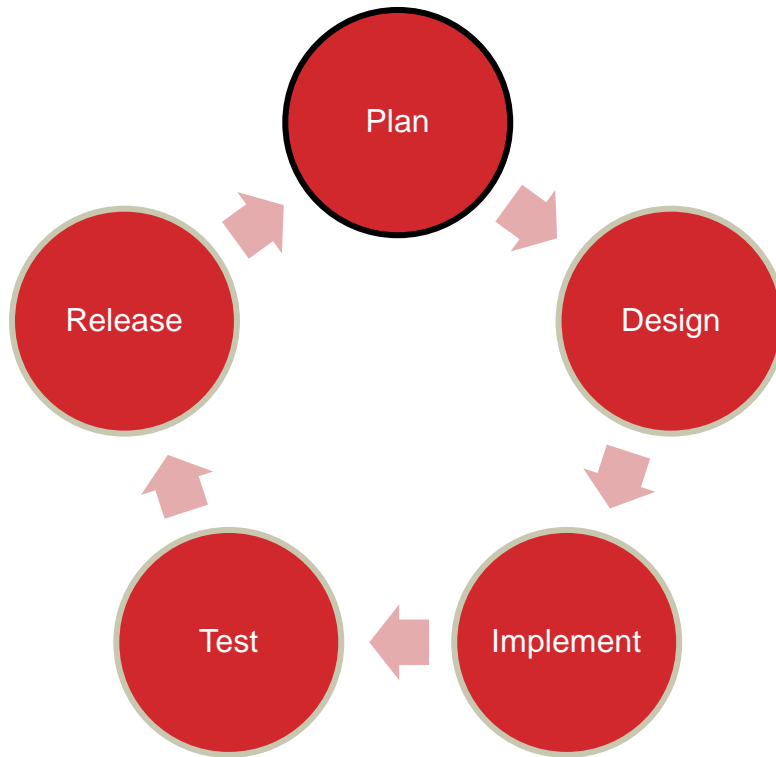
## **Release:**

- Distribute the working program to users
- Collect user feedback to identify problems to fix and new features to add

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# OVERVIEW



## Plan:

- Decide what to do next with the program
- What new features to add
- What problems/bugs to fix

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# OVERVIEW

- **There are many ways to create programs**
  - Manager: Buy all or part of solution from someone else
  - Mimic: Extend or improve solution to similar problem
  - Inventor: Create new solution from scratch
  - We must be part manager, part mimic, part inventor
- **How can we become great programmers?**
  - Learn programming tools by looking at libraries
  - Learn programming patterns by looking at examples
  - Learn programming skills by writing a lot of code

# OVERVIEW

- **How will we learn to program?**
  - We will learn the syntax of the language
    - How to write instructions
  - We will learn semantics of the language
    - What the computer does with instructions
  - We will learn problem solving techniques
    - How to break problems into smaller pieces to solve
  - We will learn how to test and evaluate programs
    - How to find and fix bugs

# OVERVIEW

- **Lesson objectives:**

- Learn the structure of C++ programs
- Learn how program input / output works
- Learn about C++ variables and data types
- Study example program using programming basics
- Complete online lab on programming basics
- Complete programming project on programming basics

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

## **PART 1**

### **WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?**

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

- **A program is a sequence of instructions to a computer**
  - Every programming language has its own “rules” describing how these instructions should be written
  - These rules define the “syntax” of the language
  - When the program runs, it will execute your written instructions one line at a time
  - For us to understand what a program will do, we need to know the meaning or “semantics” of each instruction
- **In this section, we will focus on the basic layout of a C++ program and fundamental C++ instructions**

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

- **All C++ programs have the following structure:**
  - Introductory comments – explain the purpose of program
  - Include statements - access to existing function libraries
  - Global data structures - used to store information (later)
  - User defined functions - used to decompose problem (later)
  - Main function - variables and statements for program
- **The following example C++ program prints the message “Hello Mom” to the screen**

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

```
// This program prints a message
```

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```


```
{
```

```
    cout << "Hello Mom\n";
```

```
    return 0 ;
```

```
}
```

This C++ comment line starts with a // and describes the purpose of the program






# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

// This program prints a message

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

These instructions tell the C++ compiler that we want to use the standard C++ input output library

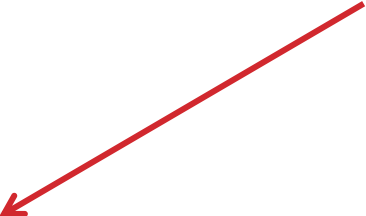


```
int main()
{
    cout << "Hello Mom\n";
    return 0 ;
}
```

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?


```
// This program prints a message  
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;
```

This is the main function where the program begins executing C++ instructions



```
int main()  
{  
    cout << "Hello Mom\n";  
    return 0 ;  
}
```

This is the line of code that prints the "Hello Mom" message on the screen



# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

// This program prints a message

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()


{

cout << "Hello Mom\n";

return 0 ;

}

This C++ command  
ends the program, so it  
should be the last line  
in the main function



# HOW TO CREATE AND RUN A PROGRAM

- **Step 1 – Type your C++ program using a text editor and save as a file on disk**
  - `% gedit hello.cpp`
  - `%` represents the Linux command prompt
  - `hello.cpp` is a human-readable file with your C++ program
  - `hello.cpp` is called your “source code” file
  - the filename for C++ code must end in `.cpp`

# HOW TO CREATE AND RUN A PROGRAM

- **Step 2 – Translate your source code into machine code using a C++ compiler**
  - `% g++ -Wall hello.cpp -o hello`
  - `g++`: the name of the C++ compiler
  - `-Wall`: parameter to compiler to turn all warnings on
  - `hello.cpp`: the name of the source code file
  - `-o hello`: the name of the output machine code file
  - `hello` is called the “executable file”

# HOW TO CREATE AND RUN A PROGRAM

- **Step 3 – Execute your program from the Linux command**
  - `% ./hello`
  - `./` is the name for the current directory
  - `hello` is the name of the file you want to execute
- **Step 4 – Examine your program output on the screen**
  - If the output is not what you expected
  - Use your editor to modify the source code
  - Recompile your program
  - Run the program again
  - Repeat until program is working correctly

# SUMMARY

- **In this section we have studied what a program is and what the basic parts of a C++ program are:**
  - Comments describing the goals of the program
  - Include statements that let us use the input/output libraries
  - The main function containing the code we want to run
  - The return statement at the end of the program

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

**PART 2**

**STORING DATA**



# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **The most common C++ data types are:**
  - int – stores positive or negative integers (32 bit)
  - float – stores positive or negative real numbers (32 bit)
  - char – stores single character like 'A' .. 'Z'
  - string – stores sequences of characters like “hello mom”
- **Other C++ data types include:**
  - long – stores larger integer values (64 bit)
  - double – stores larger real numbers (64 bit)
  - bool – stores Boolean values (true/false)

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **We allocate space in the computer memory for data by declaring variables in our program**
  - This memory is **not** automatically initialized
- **The C++ syntax for variable declaration is: “data\_type name;”**
  - data\_type: This specifies what kind of data can be stored
  - name: We refer to variables by name to perform operations

- **Example:**

int Age;	// Can store age in years
float Height;	// Can store height in meters
char Gender;	// Can store 'M' or 'F' for gender
string Name;	// Can store “John” or “Susan” for name

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **Syntax rules for variable names:**
  - Names may contain upper or lower case characters
  - Names may also contain the digits 0..9 and the underscore character, but NO other characters are allowed
  - Names must start with an upper or lower case character
- **Incorrect variable declarations**
  - `int float;`        // Can not use reserved word 'float' as a name
  - `float 2pi;`        // Can not start the name of a variable with digit
  - `int num`            // Semi-colon at end of line is missing

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **Make your variable names meaningful**
  - “the\_persons\_middle\_name” is a bit much to type
  - “n” is just too short to have any meaning
  - “per\_mid\_nme” is too cryptic
  - “middle\_name” is about right
- **There are several programming conventions for variables with multi-part names**
  - Use underscore characters: “person\_age”
  - Use capital letters for each part: “PersonAge”
  - Use capital letters for all but first part: “personAge”

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- It is possible to save space in your program by declaring several variables of the same data type on one line
  - Generally these variables logically belong together

- The C++ syntax for this is: “type name1, name2, name3;”

float x, y, z;	// Coordinate of 3D point
int height, length, width;	// Dimensions of a box
string first_name, last_name;	// Student's full name

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- It is a good programming practice to initialize all variables when they are declared
  - This way we know for sure what the variables contain
  - Otherwise, the compiler will give variables a **random** value

- The C++ syntax for this is: “**data\_type name = value;**”

```
int Answer = 42;           // Answer to ultimate question
float Height = 0.0;        // Height in meters
char Gender = 'F';         // Gender of person
string Name = "Susan";     // Name of person
```

# CONSTANTS

- **Constants are like variables but they never change value**
  - For example, the quantity  $\text{PI} = 3.14159265\dots$  should remain unchanged throughout the program
  - We define constants in C++ by adding the reserved word “const” before a variable declaration
  - We must provide the value of constant at declaration time
  - Constants can be of any variable data type

# CONSTANTS

- **Example:**

```
const int SILLY = 42;           // My favorite number
const float PI = 3.14159;      // My second favorite number
const char YES = 'Y';         // Example of character constant
```

- **Conventions when using constants:**

- Constant names are normally written in upper case
- Constants are added just below the include statements in a program so they can be used by the whole program



# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- The operator “=” is used to assign data into a variable
- The C++ syntax for assignment is: “name = value;”
  - name: the variable we wish to copy data into
  - value: the data we want to store in the variable
  - Be sure to put a semicolon at end of the statement

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- **C++ will automatically convert data types if possible**
  - If variable and value are same type – no conversion
  - If variable is more accurate – no data loss will occur
  - If variable is less accurate – conversion will lose data (most compilers will give you a warning message)
- **Example:**


```
int data1 = 42;           // int value 42 is stored
float data2 = 42;         // float value 42.0 is stored
int data3 = 4.2;          // int value 4 is stored (0.2 is discarded)
float data4 = 4.2;        // float value 4.2 is stored
int data5 = "hello";      // will not compile
```

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- **Example:**

```
int Value, Number;  
float Data;
```

```
Data = 2.158;           // Data variable now equals 2.158  
Value = 17;             // Value variable now equals 17  
Number = Value;         // Number variable now equals 17  
Data = 42;              // Data variable now equals 42.0  
Number = 3.14159;       // Number variable now equals 3
```



The floating point value  
will be truncated and the  
0.14159 will be discarded

# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we have studied how C++ variables are declared and to store information**
  - Basic data types of the language
  - Rules for choosing variable names
  - How to initialize variables
- **Next we showed how constants can be created**
- **Finally, we described the C++ assignment statement**
  - What happens if we store integer values in float variables
  - What happens if we store float values in integer variables

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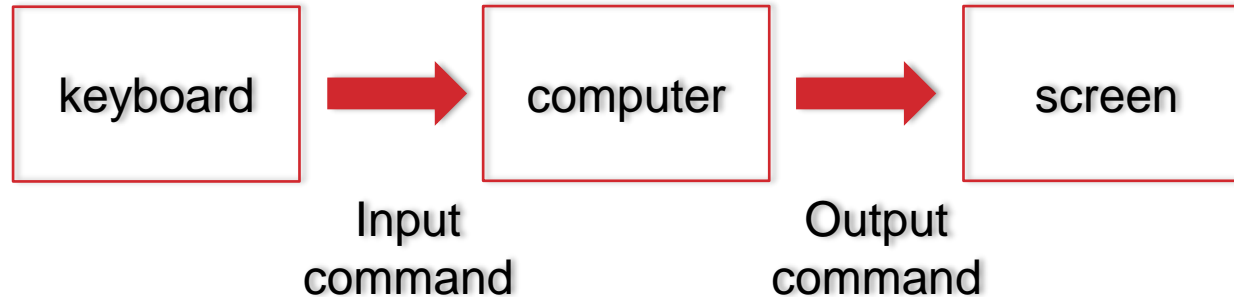
## **PART 3**

### **PROGRAM INPUT / OUTPUT**

# PROGRAM

## INPUT / OUTPUT

- We need some way to get data in and out of program
  - Input commands read values entered on the keyboard
  - Output commands write values onto the screen



# PROGRAM INPUT / OUTPUT

- **Many C++ programs have the following pattern:**
  - Print a message to the user with input instructions
  - Read the input typed by the user
  - Print the input values just read by program
  - Do some calculations with the input
  - Print the results of the calculations
- **Next we will go over C++ input / output commands**
  - Cin command for input
  - Cout command for output

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **The C++ input command is: `cin >> variable;`**
  - The “cin” part tell the computer to read from the keyboard
  - The “>>” part tells the computer to read something
  - The “variable” tells the computer where to store the data
- **How is this done?**
  - First, cin will skip over spaces or return characters
  - Then, cin will read characters from the keyboard
  - Then, cin will convert characters to desired data type
  - Finally, cin will store a value in the variable
  - Read and convert steps will **vary** for different data types



# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Integer input example:**

```
int number1;
```

```
cin >> number1;
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “123”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads all characters that are digits
- Then the system converts “123” into an integer 123 and stores this value in the variable number1

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Float input example:**

```
float number2;
```

```
cin >> number2;
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “3.14159”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads all characters that are digits then it reads the “.” then it reads more digit characters
- Then the system converts “3.14159” into a float value 3.14159 and stores this value in the variable number2

# PROGRAM INPUT

- More on reading float variables...
- The user can omit the digits **after** the decimal point and the cin command will assume they are 0
  - User input “42.” will be treated like “42.0”
- The user can omit the digits **before** the decimal point and the cin command will assume they are 0
  - User input “.125” will be treated like “0.125”

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Character input example:**

```
char ch;
```

```
cin >> ch;
```

- The user types in a single character 'y'
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads a single character 'y'
- Then the system stores this character 'y' in the variable ch

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **String input example:**

```
string str;
```

```
cin >> str;
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “hello”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads sequence of characters “hello”
- Then the system stores this string in the variable str

# PROGRAM INPUT


- How can we read multiple values from the user?

- **Solution 1: Use several cin statements**

```
int num1, num2;
```

```
cin >> num1;  
cin >> num2;
```

First value user types goes in num1  
Second value entered goes in num2




- **Solution 2: Use a sequence of >> within the cin statement**

```
float val1, val2;
```

```
cin >> val1 >> val2;
```

First value user types goes in val1  
Second value entered goes in val2



# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Common input errors:**
- **Not enough user input**
  - Cin command will cause program to stop and wait for the user to enter more data
- **Too much user input**
  - Cin will read only the characters it needs to assign a value to the input variable, the rest is left unread
- **Invalid input**
  - Cin will not read any characters, and the input variable will be unchanged by the cin command

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Examples of not enough user input:**
- **User types nothing when input variable is a float**
  - `cin >> val;`
  - Nothing is read and stored in the variable
  - The program will just sit and wait for input
- **User types “42” when cin is expecting two integers**
  - `cin >> num1 >> num2;`
  - The value 42 is stored in num1
  - The program will just sit and wait for second input



# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Examples of too much user input:**
- **User types “hello mom” when input variable is a string**
  - `cin >> str;`
  - The string “hello” will be read and stored in the variable
  - The remaining input “ mom” will be unread
- **User types “yes” when input variable is a character**
  - `cin >> ch;`
  - The character ‘y’ is read and stored in the variable
  - The remaining input “es” will be unread

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Examples of invalid input:**
- **User types “123” when input variable is a string**
  - `cin >> str;`
  - The string “123” will be read and stored in the variable
- **User types “hello” when input variable is an integer**
  - `cin >> num;`
  - There are no digits in “hello”, so cin will not read any characters, and the input variable will be set to zero

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **The C++ output command is: `cout << variable;`**
  - The “cout” part tell the computer to write to the screen
  - The “<<” part tells the computer to write something
  - The “variable” tells the computer what data to write
- **How is this done?**
  - First, cout will look at variable to get its value
  - Then, cout will convert value to sequence of characters
  - Then, cout will output these characters on the monitor
  - The convert step will **vary** for different data types

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Integer output example:**

```
float number1 = 123;
```

```
cout << number1;
```

- The system converts the integer value of the variable 123 to a sequence of ascii characters “123”
- The system displays the characters “123” on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Float output example:**

```
float number2 = 3.14;
```

```
cout << number2;
```

- The system converts the float value of the variable 3.14 to a sequence of ascii characters “3.14”
- The system displays the characters “3.14” on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Character output example:**

```
char ch = 'y';
```

```
cout << ch;
```

- No conversion to ascii character is needed since the variable is already an ascii character
- The system displays the character “y” on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **String output example:**

```
string str = "hello mom";
```

```
cout << str;
```

- No conversion to ascii character is needed since the variable is already a sequence of ascii characters
- The system displays the character "hello mom" on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Spaces are NOT automatically written between values**
  - `int var1=42, var2=17;`
  - `cout << var1;`
  - `cout << var2;`
  - This will print “4217” without spaces between values
- **We must print the spaces between values ourselves**
  - `int var1=42, var2=17;`
  - `cout << var1 << “ ”;`
  - `cout << var2 << “ ”;`
  - This will print “42 17 ” with spaces after both values



# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- We can use the reserved word “endl” to print a carriage return after data values
  - `int var1=42, var2=17;`
  - `cout << val1 << endl;`
  - `cout << val2 << endl;`
  - This will print “42” on one line and “17” on the next line

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- We can also print out any of the following special characters inside a string to format our output

\n	Carriage return
\t	Tab character
\b	Back space
\f	Form feed
\a	Bell sound
\'	Single quote
\"	Double quote
\\	Backslash character

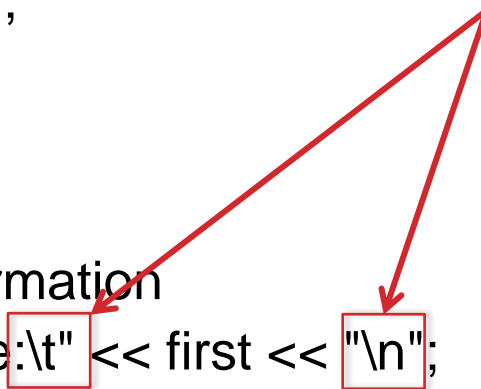
# PROGRAM OUTPUT

## Example:

```
// Initialize student information
string first = "John";
string last = "Smith";
int age = 21;
float gpa = 3.14;
```

```
// Print student information
cout << "First Name:\t" << first << "\n";
cout << "Last Name:\t" << last << "\n";
cout << "Age:\t\t" << age << "\n";
cout << "GPA:\t\t" << gpa << "\n";
```

We are printing tab and carriage return characters to make the output look nice



# PROGRAM OUTPUT

## Sample program output:

First Name: John  
Last Name: Smith  
Age: 21  
GPA: 3.14



Notice how all output  
is nicely aligned with  
each other

# COMMENTS

- **Comments are an essential part of all programs**
  - Comments are used to explain the design and implementation of a program
  - They are human readable and are ignored by the compiler
  - Programmers should write comments as the program is being written and when major changes are made
- **Do NOT wait “until the program is finished” to write your comments**
  - Comments are there to help you write the program
  - In real life, programs are never “finished”, there are always security updates and new features added

# COMMENTS

- **C++ supports two types of comments**
- **C++ style comments are a single line long (recommended)**
  - These comments start with `//` and go to end of the line  
`// Here is a new C++ style comment`  
`// This is the second line of the comment`
- **C style comments can span multiple lines (in older code)**
  - These comments start with `/*` and end with `*/`  
`/* Here is an old C style comment`  
`This is the second line of the comment */`

# SUMMARY

- In this section we have studied the “cin” command for reading and storing information from users
- We also discussed the “cout” command for writing variables and other information to the screen
- Finally, have described how C++ comments are formed and their importance in writing clear programs

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

## **PART 4**

### **NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS**



# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Arithmetic expressions are used to perform numerical calculations using variables and arithmetic operators**
- **Once the values of arithmetic expressions are evaluated, they can be printed out using `cout`, or stored in variables using the assignment operator**
- **The rules for arithmetic expressions in C++ is very similar to the rules we learn in mathematics, but there are some subtle differences we will discuss below**

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **What is the syntax for arithmetic expressions?**
  - Arithmetic expressions consist of an alternating sequence of values and arithmetic operators
  - Values can be numerical literals, variables, or constants
  - Arithmetic operators include
    - + Addition
    - Subtraction
    - \* Multiplication
    - / Division
    - % Modulo (remainder after integer division)
  - Parentheses ( ) can be used to control the order of evaluation of sub-expressions

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- Examples of **valid** arithmetic expressions:

- $7 + 2 * 5$
- $21 - \text{num} / 2$
- $(2 + 2 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$

- Examples of **invalid** arithmetic expressions:

- $17 *$                        $\leftarrow$  missing value after  $*$  operator
- $(\text{num} - 9 * 5$              $\leftarrow$  missing closing parenthesis
- $\text{cin} + 42$                  $\leftarrow$  cin is not a valid variable name

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **How are expressions evaluated?**
  - We follow the “natural” rules of mathematics
  - Multiplication, division, modulo have high precedence
  - Addition, subtraction have low precedence
  - The result of high precedence operations are calculated before low precedence operations (i.e. \* before +)
  - Operations in the expression are calculated left to right at same precedence level
  - Parenthesized expressions ( ) are calculated first, and are evaluated from the inside out

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Evaluation examples:**

- $7 + 2 * 5$

- $= 7 + 10$

- ← perform multiplication

- $= 17$

- ← perform addition

- $21 - \text{num} / 2$

- $= 21 - 10 / 2$

- ← substitute variable value

- $= 21 - 5$

- ← perform division

- $= 16$

- ← perform subtraction

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Evaluation examples:**

- $(2 + 2 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$ 
  - $= (4 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost addition
  - $= 6 / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform addition
  - $= 6 / (0 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost subtraction
  - $= 6 / -3$  ← perform subtraction
  - $= -2$  ← perform division

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- What happens if we mix data types in expressions?
- C++ will look at the data types and choose the most accurate data type for each arithmetic operation
- The ordering of data types from least accurate to most accurate is: char, short, int, long, float, double

int OP int	← int result
char OP int	← int result
int OP float	← float result
float OP double	← double result

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Mixed type examples:**

- $3 * 5 + 4.2$   
     $= 15 + 4.2$        $\leftarrow$  integer multiplication  
     $= 19.2$        $\leftarrow$  float addition
- $(16 - \text{num}) / 4.0$   
     $= (16 - 10) / 4.0$   $\leftarrow$  variable substitution  
     $= 6 / 4.0$        $\leftarrow$  integer subtraction  
     $= 1.5$        $\leftarrow$  float division



# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- In C++ there is an important difference between float division and integer division
- Float division always returns a float result
  - $3.0 / 2.0 = 1.5$
- Integer division always returns an integer result
  - $3 / 2 = 1$       ← the 0.5 is discarded !!

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Integer division examples:**

- $(16 - \text{num}) / 4$ 
  - $= (16 - 10) / 4$  ← variable substitution
  - $= 6 / 4$  ← integer subtraction
  - $= 1$  ← integer division (0.5 discarded)
- $(1 + 2) / (3 + 6)$ 
  - $= 3 / (3 + 6)$  ← integer addition
  - $= 3 / 9$  ← integer addition
  - $= 0$  ← integer division (0.333 discarded)

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- In C++ modulo operator % is used to calculate the value of the remainder after an integer division
  - Both arguments to the % operator must be integers
  - If not the compiler will give error messages
- **Modulo operator examples:**
  - $285 \% 10$   
     $= 5$                        $\leftarrow 285 / 10 = 28, \text{ remainder is } 5$
  - $285 \% 100$   
     $= 85$                        $\leftarrow 285 / 100 = 2, \text{ remainder is } 85$

# TYPE CASTING

- **C++ will do implicit type conversion in assignment statements if the value type does not match variable type**
  - The value is converted to match the variable type
  - Sometimes compilers will warn of possible loss of data
- **Examples:**
  - `int num = 4.2;` // value 4 is stored
  - `float val = 17;` // value 17.0 is stored
  - `int sum = 1 + 2.0;` // value 3 is stored
  - `float total = num + sum;` // value of 7.0 is stored

# TYPE CASTING

- **Type casting in C++ lets us convert a value from one data type to another in the middle of arithmetic expressions**
  - This is very useful if we want to force the expression to use integer operations or float operations
- **There are two equivalent ways do type casting**
  - `(data_type) value`
  - `static_cast<data_type>(value)`
- **Type casting has the highest precedence, so the type conversion is done before the next arithmetic operation**

# TYPE CASTING

- **Type casting examples:**

- $2 / 3$   
= 0                      ← integer division
- $(\text{float}) 2 / 3$   
=  $2.0 / 3$               ← converts value to float  
= 0.666                ← float division
- $1 / \text{static\_cast}\langle\text{float}\rangle(3)$   
=  $1 / 3.0$               ← converts value to float  
= 0.333                ← float division

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

- Assume we want to calculate the volume and surface area of a sphere of any size
- How can we perform this calculation?
  - Look up formulas for sphere volume and surface area
- How can we implement this?
  - Write a program to prompt user for sphere radius
  - Calculate sphere volume and surface area
  - Print the results of these calculations

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    // Local variable declarations
    // Read sphere radius and echo input
    // Calculate volume and surface area
    // Print output
    return 0;
}
```

With the first version of the program we just type in comments to describe our approach

The rest of the program is our “standard empty program” boiler plate



# SPHERE EXAMPLE

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
```


```
    // Local variable declarations
```

```
    float Radius = 0.0;
```

```
    float Volume = 0.0;
```

```
    float Area = 0.0;
```

Next we add code for  
the each of the steps in  
our approach one  
chunk of code at a time



# SPHERE EXAMPLE

...

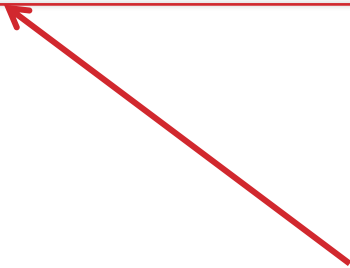
```
// Read sphere radius and echo input
```

```
cout << "Enter sphere radius: ";
```

```
cin >> Radius;
```

```
cout << "Radius = " << Radius << endl;
```

...



It is always a good idea to print the values you have read from the user to verify cin worked as expected

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

We are using float literals here to force the result to be a float value (using 4/3 would produce incorrect result due to integer division)

...

// Calculate sphere volume

**Volume = (4.0 / 3.0) \* M\_PI \* Radius \* Radius \* Radius;**

// Calculate sphere surface area

**Area = 4.0 \* M\_PI \* Radius \* Radius;**

...

M\_PI = 3.141592653 is a constant defined in the <cmath> library

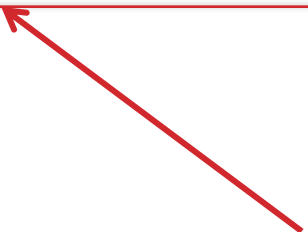
# SPHERE EXAMPLE

...

// Print output

```
cout << "Volume = " << Volume << endl;  
cout << "Area = " << Area << endl;  
return 0 ;
```

```
}
```



Finally we add the code  
to output our answers

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

**To compile on a Linux system:**

```
g++ -Wall sphere.cpp -o sphere
```

**To run on a Linux system:**

```
./sphere
```

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

## Sample program output:

Enter sphere radius: 1.0

Radius = 1

Volume = 4.18879

Area = 12.5664

Enter sphere radius: 10

Radius = 10

Volume = 4188.79

Area = 1256.64

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Think about the problem you are trying to solve before you start writing your program**
  - What data do you need to solve problem?
  - What formulas are you going to use?
  - Work out a few examples by hand to be sure you understand the process you are going to use
- **Start your program by writing your comments**
  - Add your name and date at top of program
  - Describe steps in program in point form
  - Add code to your program a little at a time
  - Compile and test program incrementally

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Top-down problem solving has the following steps:**
  - Understand the problem to be solved
  - Decompose problem into smaller pieces you can solve
  - Write computer instructions for each piece
  - Combine pieces into a single program
  - Compile, test, and debug program
  - Use program to solve initial problem



# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Bottom-up problem solving has the following steps:**
  - Understand the problem to be solved
  - Look at similar problems to identify common components
  - Design and implement general purpose components
  - Combine components into a single program
  - Compile, test, and debug program
  - Use program to solve initial problem

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Make your program easy to read and understand**
  - Pick variable names that are meaningful to you and others
  - Add blank lines and white space to separate calculations
  - Indent your code using a consistent convention
- **Make sure your program is running correctly**
  - Initialize all variables before you use their values
  - Print out intermediate results as you debug code
  - Test with “normal” and “unexpected” input values
  - Document all known bugs/limitations in the code

# SUMMARY

- In this section we have studied the syntax and use of arithmetic expressions to do numerical calculations
- We also showed an example program demonstrating the use of arithmetic expressions and input/output
- Finally, have discussed several software engineering tips for creating and debugging programs