

Unit 3, Lesson 2  
Data Types,  
Arithmetic, Variables, Input,  
Constants, & Library Functions

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# Vocabulary

- Variable- A variable holds data that can change while the program is running
- Constant- A constant is used to store data that remains the same throughout the program's execution
- Integers- Integers include the whole numbers and the negative numbers (no decimal points).
- Floating point numbers- Floating-point numbers are real numbers (have decimal points)
- Data type- Data type is a type of variable that best fits the nature of the data itself

# Integer Data Types

- When you are working with either positive numbers, negative numbers, or zero you should use integer data types for your variables
- Several integer data types are available in C++ (integer data types can vary by the compiler)

# Simple Data Types: Integers

- Type `int`

represent integers or whole numbers

Some rules to follow:

- Plus signs do not need to be written before the number
- Minus signs must be written when using negative numbers
- Decimal points cannot be used
- Commas cannot be used
- Leading zeros should be avoided (octal or base 8 numbers)
- `limits.h`    `int_max`    `int_min`

# Simple Data Types: Double

- Type double
  - used to represent real numbers
  - many programmers use type float, the AP Board likes the extra precision of double
  - avoid leading zeros, trailing zeros are ignored
  - limits.h, float.h
    - `dbl_max`, `dbl_min`, `dbl_dig`

# Simple Data Types: Characters

- Type char

used to represent character data

- a single character which includes a space

must be enclosed in single quotes eg. 'd'

Escape sequences treated as single char

- '\n' newline
- '\'' apostrophe
- '\"' double quote
- '\t' tab

# Simple Data Types: Booleans

- Type bool
- A Boolean Variable is a variable that can have only two possible values:
  - true
  - false
- Boolean variables help us represent answers as yes, no, true, or false.

# Primitives

- Simple data types such as:

int

float

double

char

bool

are called Primitive data types, or Primitives for short.

# Integer Arithmetic

- + Addition
- - Subtraction
- \* Multiplication
- / Quotient (Integer Division)
- % Remainder (Modulus)

$$\text{Divisor} \overline{) \text{Dividend}} \begin{array}{l} \text{Quotient} \\ \hline \end{array} + \frac{\text{Remainder}}{\text{Divisor}}$$

# Integer Order Of Operations

- Expressions within parentheses  
    nested parentheses: from inside out
- \* (multiplication), % (modulus), / (division)  
    from left to right
- + (addition), - (subtraction)  
    from left to right

# Integer Arithmetic (Examples)

$$(3-4)*5 = -5$$

$$3 * (-2) = -6$$

$$17 / 3 = 5$$

$$17 \% 3 = 2$$

$$17 / (-3) = -5$$

$$-17 \% 7 = -3$$

$$-42+50\%17= -26$$

# Integers

- Stored as binary numbers inside the computer.
- Integers produce exact answers
- Int\_Min and Int\_Max  
-32,768 and 32,767
- Integer Overflow
  - a number is too large or too small to store
  - no error message
  - unpredictable value

# Real Number Arithmetic

- Type double:
- +            Addition
- -            Subtraction
- \*            Multiplication
- /            Division

# Real Number Order Of Operations

- Expressions within parentheses  
    nested parentheses: from inside out
- \* (multiplication), / (division)  
    from left to right
- + (addition), - (subtraction)  
    from left to right

# Real Number Arithmetic (Examples)

$$2.0 * (1.2 - 4.3) = -6.2$$

$$2.0 * 1.2 - 4.3 = -1.9$$

$$-12.6 / (3.0 + 3.0) = -2.1$$

$$3.1 * 2.0 = 6.2$$

$$-12.6 / 3.0 + 3.0 = -1.2$$



# Real Numbers

- Representational errors

precision of data reduced because of the order in which operations are performed

$$(-45.5 + 45.6) + 0.215 = 0.315$$

- $0.1 + 0.215 = 0.315$

$$-45.5 + (45.6 + 0.215) = 0.3$$

- if three digits of accuracy are the computers limit

- $45.6 + 0.215 = 45.815$  or  $45.8$

- $-45.5 + 45.8 = 0.3$

# Real Numbers

- Cancellation Error

lost data due to differences in the precision of operands

$2 + 0.0005 = 2.0005$  but only 2.00 if 3 digits of precision

If possible, add all small numbers before adding to a larger number

Real Overflow: trying to store very large numbers

# Identifiers

- Must start with a letter of the alphabet or underscore \_  
(we will not use underscores to start identifiers)
- after your first letter, you can use numbers or letters or underscore characters (no spaces)
- length determined by compiler  
    Borland C++ unlimited
- common use is to name variables & constants

# Variables and Constants

- Computers store data in many complex arrangements called data structures.
- Most data is stored in either variables or constants. Variables hold data that can change while the program is running. Constants are used to store data that remains the same throughout the program's execution.
- Variables must be declared before they are used. Variables should also be initialized to clear any random values that may be in the memory location. When a variable is declared, it must be given a legal name called an identifier.
- Constants are declared in a way similar to variables. The `const` keyword tells the compiler that the data is a constant. The constant must be assigned a value in the declaration statement.

# Variables and Constants 2

- **Memory Location**  
storage cell that can be accessed by address
- **Variable**  
memory location, referenced by identifier,  
whose value can be changed during a program
- **Constant**  
Symbol whose value can't be changed while  
the program is running.

# Naming Variables

- The names of variables are typically referred to as identifiers
- When naming variables, use descriptive names and consider how they might help the programmer recall the variable's purpose
- For example, the circumference of a circle should be stored in a variable named circumference.

# Software Engineering

- Self-documenting code
  - Code that is written using descriptive identifiers
- Always use descriptive variable names and constant names
  - Remember: aim for 5 to 15 characters
  - Borland C++ for Windows both can handle 32 characters for identifier names

# Declaring and Naming Variables

- Indicating to the compiler what type of variable you want and what you want to name it is called **Declaring** the variable
- You must declare a variable before you can use it
- The C++ statement declaring a variable must include the data type followed by the name you wish to call the variable and semicolon
- **Programming Style:** variable names are all lower case. If more than one word, use an underscore between the two words as spaces are not allowed in identifier names.

# Declaring Variables

- Variables must be declared before they can be used.
- For example:

```
int sum;
```

```
double average;
```

```
char menu_choice;
```

```
bool is_prime;
```

# Initializing Variables

- The compiler assigns a location in memory to a variable when it is declared
- However, a value already exists in the space reserved for your variable
- To initialize a variable, you simply assign it a value
- The assignment operator (=) is used to assign a value to a variable

# Declaring and Initializing Variables

- Variables can be declared and assigned an initial value in the same step:
- For example:

```
int sum = 0;
```

```
double average = 0.0;
```

```
char menu_choice = 'q';
```

```
bool is_prime = false;
```

# Variable Example

```
#include <iostream.h> // necessary for cout command
int main()
{
    int i; // declare i as an integer
    i = 2; // initialize i to 2
    cout << i << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# Assignment Statements

- A Method of putting values into memory locations
  - `<variable name> = <value>;`
  - `<variable name> = <expression>;`
- Assignment is made from right to left
- Constants can't be on left side of statement
- Expression is a Constant or variable or combination thereof

# Assignment Statements

- Values on right side not normally changed
- variable and expression must be of compatible data types (more later)
- Previous value of variable discarded to make room for the new value
- For now, char, int, and double are compatible with each other

# Assignment Examples

- `score1 = 72.3;`
- `score2 = 89.4;`
- `score3 = 95.6;`
- `average = (score1 + score2 + score3) / 3.0`  
why not divide by 3 instead of 3.0?

# Compound Assignments

- “Short hand” notation for frequently used assignments (We will not use these for readability of our programs.)

Short hand	Longer form
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$x += y$	$x = x + y$
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$x -= y$	$x = x - y$
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$x *= y$	$x = x * y$
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$x /= y$	$x = x / y$
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$x \% = y$	$x = x \% y$
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# Sample Program

Here is a program that prints data about the cost of three textbooks and calculates the average price of the books:

[Books.cpp](#)

# Character Data

- Type char
  - each char is associated with an integer value
- Collating sequence
  - order of character data used by the computer
- Character set
  - the character list available
  - ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) on our systems

# ASCII Code

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENQ	ACK	BEL	BS	HT
1	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI	DLE	DC1	DC2	DC3
2	DC4	NAK	SYN	ETB	CAN	EM	SUB	ESC	FS	GS
3	RS	US	SP	!	"	#	\$	%	&	`
4	(	)	*	+	,	-	.	/	0	1
5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;
6	<	=	>	?	@	A	B	C	D	E
7	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
8	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
9	Z	[	\	]	^	_	'	a	b	c
10	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
11	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w
12	x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL		

# Full ASCII Code Chart

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	<b>Space</b>	64	40	100	&#64;	<b>@</b>	96	60	140	&#96;	<b>`</b>
1	1	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	<b>!</b>	65	41	101	&#65;	<b>A</b>	97	61	141	&#97;	<b>a</b>
2	2	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	<b>"</b>	66	42	102	&#66;	<b>B</b>	98	62	142	&#98;	<b>b</b>
3	3	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	<b>#</b>	67	43	103	&#67;	<b>C</b>	99	63	143	&#99;	<b>c</b>
4	4	004	<b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	<b>\$</b>	68	44	104	&#68;	<b>D</b>	100	64	144	&#100;	<b>d</b>
5	5	005	<b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37;	<b>%</b>	69	45	105	&#69;	<b>E</b>	101	65	145	&#101;	<b>e</b>
6	6	006	<b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38;	<b>&amp;</b>	70	46	106	&#70;	<b>F</b>	102	66	146	&#102;	<b>f</b>
7	7	007	<b>BEL</b> (bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	<b>'</b>	71	47	107	&#71;	<b>G</b>	103	67	147	&#103;	<b>g</b>
8	8	010	<b>BS</b> (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	<b>(</b>	72	48	110	&#72;	<b>H</b>	104	68	150	&#104;	<b>h</b>
9	9	011	<b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41;	<b>)</b>	73	49	111	&#73;	<b>I</b>	105	69	151	&#105;	<b>i</b>
10	A	012	<b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42;	<b>*</b>	74	4A	112	&#74;	<b>J</b>	106	6A	152	&#106;	<b>j</b>
11	B	013	<b>VT</b> (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43;	<b>+</b>	75	4B	113	&#75;	<b>K</b>	107	6B	153	&#107;	<b>k</b>
12	C	014	<b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44;	<b>,</b>	76	4C	114	&#76;	<b>L</b>	108	6C	154	&#108;	<b>l</b>
13	D	015	<b>CR</b> (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45;	<b>-</b>	77	4D	115	&#77;	<b>M</b>	109	6D	155	&#109;	<b>m</b>
14	E	016	<b>SO</b> (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46;	<b>.</b>	78	4E	116	&#78;	<b>N</b>	110	6E	156	&#110;	<b>n</b>
15	F	017	<b>SI</b> (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47;	<b>/</b>	79	4F	117	&#79;	<b>O</b>	111	6F	157	&#111;	<b>o</b>
16	10	020	<b>DLE</b> (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48;	<b>0</b>	80	50	120	&#80;	<b>P</b>	112	70	160	&#112;	<b>p</b>
17	11	021	<b>DC1</b> (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49;	<b>1</b>	81	51	121	&#81;	<b>Q</b>	113	71	161	&#113;	<b>q</b>
18	12	022	<b>DC2</b> (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50;	<b>2</b>	82	52	122	&#82;	<b>R</b>	114	72	162	&#114;	<b>r</b>
19	13	023	<b>DC3</b> (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51;	<b>3</b>	83	53	123	&#83;	<b>S</b>	115	73	163	&#115;	<b>s</b>
20	14	024	<b>DC4</b> (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52;	<b>4</b>	84	54	124	&#84;	<b>T</b>	116	74	164	&#116;	<b>t</b>
21	15	025	<b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53;	<b>5</b>	85	55	125	&#85;	<b>U</b>	117	75	165	&#117;	<b>u</b>
22	16	026	<b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54;	<b>6</b>	86	56	126	&#86;	<b>V</b>	118	76	166	&#118;	<b>v</b>
23	17	027	<b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55;	<b>7</b>	87	57	127	&#87;	<b>W</b>	119	77	167	&#119;	<b>w</b>
24	18	030	<b>CAN</b> (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56;	<b>8</b>	88	58	130	&#88;	<b>X</b>	120	78	170	&#120;	<b>x</b>
25	19	031	<b>EM</b> (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57;	<b>9</b>	89	59	131	&#89;	<b>Y</b>	121	79	171	&#121;	<b>y</b>
26	1A	032	<b>SUB</b> (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58;	<b>:</b>	90	5A	132	&#90;	<b>Z</b>	122	7A	172	&#122;	<b>z</b>
27	1B	033	<b>ESC</b> (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59;	<b>;</b>	91	5B	133	&#91;	<b>[</b>	123	7B	173	&#123;	<b>{</b>
28	1C	034	<b>FS</b> (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60;	<b>&lt;</b>	92	5C	134	&#92;	<b>\</b>	124	7C	174	&#124;	<b> </b>
29	1D	035	<b>GS</b> (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61;	<b>=</b>	93	5D	135	&#93;	<b>]</b>	125	7D	175	&#125;	<b>}</b>
30	1E	036	<b>RS</b> (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62;	<b>&gt;</b>	94	5E	136	&#94;	<b>^</b>	126	7E	176	&#126;	<b>~</b>
31	1F	037	<b>US</b> (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	<b>?</b>	95	5F	137	&#95;	<b>_</b>	127	7F	177	&#127;	<b>DEL</b>

Source: [www.LookupTables.com](http://www.LookupTables.com)

# Constants

- Symbolic constant: PI
- Literal constant: 3.14
- Constant declaration section
  - after Preprocessor Directives
  - before type definition section, program heading, and the int main( ) function.
  - Literal constant is assigned to symbolic constant
    - `const double PI = 3.14;`
- **Programming Style** for constants is ALL\_CAPS

# Rationale for using Constants

- Programs are easier to read
- Easier to change values that are currently fixed but subject to change in the future  
i.e. `STATE_TAX_RATE`  
change one line, rather than searching every line
- Programs more reliable  
fewer chances for typos  
compiler will “catch” named constant typos

# Library Constants

- What are the ranges from minimum to maximum for the types char, int, double, etc.?
  - # include <limits.h>;
  - # include <float.h>;
- Varies by computer system
- Here is a test program to display the values

[sizes.cpp](#)

# Input

- Cin (pronounced see-in)

gets data from keyboard, the standard input stream

extractor operator >>

- obtain input from standard input stream and direct it to a variable (extract from stream to variable)

inserter operator <<

- insert data into standard output stream

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- Extractor Greater Greater, Inserter Less Less

# Input

- Data read in from keyboard must match the type of variable used to store data
- Interactive Input
  - enter values from keyboard while the program is running
  - cin causes the program to stop and wait for the user to enter data from the keyboard
  - prompt the user for the data (user friendly)

# Input: Sample Programs

No prompt for any of the data values:

[input.cpp](#)

[input.txt](#)

One prompt for each data value (preferred)

[triples.cpp](#)

[triples.txt](#)