

# INTRODUCTION TO MODERN C++

## LECTURE 2

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If you had trouble installing VirtualBox or Ubuntu you can:

- Go to <http://cpp.sh> to test code (tick C++14 and all warnings)
- Ask for help by sending an mail
- Get a pre-installed VirtualBox image on a USB stick

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TYPES, STATEMENTS, ARITHMETIC

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## TYPES, BUILT-INS, REPRESENTATION

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# WHAT IS A TYPE?



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A

27



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A **type** is a label that we attach to data.

Examples:

- 27 is a **number**, more precisely a **positive integer**
- A is a **letter**, more precisely a **capital letter**

## WHAT ARE TYPES USEFUL FOR? I

Types tell us how to deal with **operations**.

Examples:

- $27 + 27$
- $A + A$
- cabbage + carrot,  $A + 3$ ,  $A * A$

Note: In C++, **you can't mix different types**.

This is called **type safety**.  
Cabbage with cabbage, carrots with carrots.

Types tell us how to **interpret data**.

Examples:

- 1000001 read as a number is 65
- 1000001 read as a letter is A
- 1000001 read as a carrot is ?

C++ comes equipped with several default types known as built-ins:

- `int` for “integer”: 45, 8088, -78
- `bool` for “Boolean”: `true`, `false`
- `float` for “floating-point number”: 3.14159, -24.3
- `char` for “character”: `'A'`, `'\n'`, `'0'`
- `void` for the empty type (no possible value).

That is the complete list.

C++ is **statically typed**, which means that:

- You **must** explicitly provide the type of everything (**declaration**)
- You **can't change it** after.

Example declaration: `int myinteger;`

Note: identifiers must start with a letter, and contain only letters, digits, and underscores

`my1, 1dt, my-variable, HelloWorld, lol_123, float`

## INTEGER AND FLOAT ARITHMETIC

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## INTEGER AND FLOAT ASSIGNMENT

Let's start with numbers. First, you must declare variables:

```
int myinteger;  
float myfloat;  
int a, b, c, d, e, f;
```

Assignment is done with the equal sign (**statement**):

```
myinteger = 443;  
myfloat = 23.4;  
myfloat = 1e14;
```

Reminder: You can use this to check

```
std::cout << myinteger << std::endl;
```

Basic operations on `int` or `float`:

- Addition with `+`
- Subtraction with `-`
- Multiplication with `*`
- Division with `/`      **Caution!**



USS Yorktown (DDG-48/CG-48) — death by division

What does this code do?

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    int myint;
    std::cout << "Enter a number and press Enter: ";
    std::cin >> myint;
    std::cout << myint << std::endl
              << myint*2 << std::endl
              << myint*myint << std::endl;
}
```

Test it with some values: 27, -10, 16777215, 16777216

The previous example illustrates the following fundamental fact:

$$\text{int} \neq \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{float} \neq \mathbb{R}$$

We will see more about that in a subsequent lecture.

Just a remark: What happens if I do this?

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int x = 123.999;
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Answer: I will get 123 and maybe a warning.

This is called **implicit conversion** and it's **bad practice**.

Try `int x = 1e89;` and see what happens.

Take away: Respect type safety

If you should convert, do it explicitly

## BOOLEAN AND BINARY OPERATIONS

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A Boolean algebra encodes classical propositional logic:

AND, OR, NOT, XOR, ...

For instance, let  $P$  be any proposition, then:

- $\text{NOT}(\text{NOT } P) = P$
- $P \text{ AND } (\text{NOT } P) = \text{False}$
- $P \text{ OR } (\text{NOT } P) = \text{True}$

The Boolean operations are expressed in C++ with the following symbols:

- AND with &&
- OR with ||
- NOT with !

Example: “NOT (P AND Q)” is written in C++ as follows:

```
!(P && Q)
```

Other example: `((x == 4) || (x < 1))`

What does this code do?

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    int age;
    bool adult;
    std::cout << "How old are you? ";
    std::cin >> age;
    adult = (age >= 18);

    if (!adult) {
        std::cout << "Try again in "
                  << 18 - age
                  << " years!"
                  << std::endl;
    }
}
```

The binary operations act like the Boolean operations, but bitwise.  
Let:

$$x = 65 = 1000001$$

$$y = 42 = 0101010$$

Then

$$\cdot x \ \& \ y = 00000000 = 0 \text{ (binary AND)}$$

$$\cdot x \ | \ y = 01101011 = 107 \text{ (binary OR)}$$

$$\cdot x \ \wedge \ y = 01101011 = 107 \text{ (binary XOR)}$$

Do not be confused!

- = (assignment) vs. == (equality test)
- & (binary AND) vs. && (boolean AND)
- | (binary OR) vs. || (boolean OR)

The first one in particular is deadly.

## MORE TYPES, HIGHER-ORDER TYPES

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Not going into too many details now, we will meet other types:

- Standard library types, e.g. `std::string`
- Dependent types, e.g. `std::vector<int>`
- Higher-order types, e.g. types of functions

Remark : Type theory is a very active research area.

## SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

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Addition and multiplications are nice, but what about  $\cos(\pi/27)$ ?

```
#include <cmath>
```

Then you can just use

```
float myvalue = cos(M_PI/27);
```

More interesting computations in the homework (Black-Scholes option pricing).

Question: What happens with this code and why?

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    int myint;
```

```
    float myfloat;
```

```
    std::cout << myint << std::endl
```

```
                << myfloat << std::endl;
```

```
}
```

QUESTIONS?

## LAB SESSION

MATH, ARRAYS, VECTORS, AND THE QUAKE 3 TRICK