

CIS 190: C/C++ Programming

Lecture 7 C++ Streams

Outline

- Handling Streams in C++
 - Input Control
 - Output Control
 - String Streams
- Errors in C++
- Header Protection
- Homework

Using Input Streams

- input streams include
 - **istream**
 - like reading in from the terminal
 - **ifstream**
 - like reading in from a file
 - **istringstream**
 - which we'll cover later today

Using Input Streams

- there are many ways to use input streams, with varying levels of precision/control
 - the `>>` operator
 - `read()`
 - `ignore()`
 - `get()`
 - `getline()`

Types of Whitespace

- many of the input streams delineate using whitespace
 - they'll skip leading whitespace
 - and stop at the next whitespace
- common types of whitespace:
 - space, tab, newline
 - carriage return (`\r`) – can cause problems
 - sometimes used in Windows and Mac files

The >> Operator

- returns a boolean for (un)successful read
- just like scanf and fscanf:
 - skips leading whitespace
 - stops at the next whitespace
(without reading it in)
- appends a null terminator to strings read in

The >> Operator: Example

```
cout << "Please enter your first "  
      << "and last name separated "  
      << "by a space: ";
```

```
cin >> firstName >> lastName;
```

```
cout << "Please enter your age: "
```

```
cin >> age;
```

ignore()

- `istream& ignore (streamsize n = 1,
int delim = EOF) ;`
- takes in:
 - an integer (default value: 1)
 - a character delimiter (default value: EOF)
- both arguments are optional

ignore()

- `istream& ignore (streamsize n = 1,
int delim = EOF) ;`
- ignore extracts characters and **discards them** until either:
 - **n** characters are extracted
 - **delim** is reached

ignore(): Example

- `istream& ignore (streamsize n = 1,
int delim = EOF) ;`

```
istream.ignore() ;
```

```
istream.ignore(' ');
```

```
istream.ignore(512) ;
```

```
istream.ignore(512, ' ');
```

read()

- `istream& read (char* s,
 streamsize n) ;`
- takes in:
 - a character array (a C string)
 - a size
- **streamsize** is a typedef of a signed integral type

read()

- `istream& read (char* s, streamsize n) ;`
- copies a block of data of size **n** characters
 - stops after **n** characters, or at **EOF**
 - without checking its contents
 - **without** appending a NULL terminator
 - **without** moving through the input
 - often used in conjunction with `ignore()`

read(): Example

- `istream& read (char* s,
 streamsize n) ;`

```
char strArr[SIZE] ;
```

```
inStream.read(strArr, SIZE-1) ;
```

```
/* do stuff with strArr */
```

```
// if you want to move on:
```

```
inStream.ignore(SIZE-1) ;
```

get()

- `istream& get (char &c) ;`
- takes in
 - a pointer to a character
- stores a single character
 - does not skip whitespace

```
cin.get (&character) ;
```

get()

- `int get ();`
- returns a single character
 - the ASCII value of the character read in

```
character = cin.get ();
```

Multiple Prototypes

- `get()` has two prototypes:

```
int      get  ();
```

```
istream& get (char &c);
```

- this is called ***overloading***
- many library functions are overloaded
 - which function is called depends on the arguments
- you too can do this in C++ (we'll cover it soon)

getline()

- `istream& getline (char* s, streamsize n);`
- takes in:
 - a character array
 - a size
- extracts up to `n` characters
 - stops extracting characters upon hitting `'\n'`
 - also stops if it hits EOF

istream& ?

- `istream& ignore (streamsize n = 1,
int delim = EOF) ;`
- `istream& read (char* s,
streamsize n) ;`
- `istream& get (char &c) ;`
- `istream& getline (char* s,
streamsize n) ;`

istream& ?

- `istream&` `ignore` (`streamsize n = 1,`
`int delim = EOF`);
- `istream&` `read` (`char* s,`
`streamsize n`);
- `istream&` `get` (`char &c`);
- `istream&` `getline` (`char* s,`
`streamsize n`);
- all of these functions return a reference to an object of type `istream`

istream&

- **istream** is the class type that all other input stream types are derived from
 - like **cin** and input files
- the function is returning a reference to an object of type **istream**
 - references are *kind of* like pointers
- we'll cover this in more detail later

More Ways to Handle Input

- cplusplus.com/reference/istream/istream/
 - `peek()`
 - `putback()`
 - `unget()`
 - `gcount()`
 - `tellg()`
- can be very useful, but make sure you know exactly what it's doing before you use it

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Using Output Streams

- output streams include
 - **ostream**
 - like printing out to the terminal
 - **ofstream**
 - like writing to a file
 - **ostreamstream**
 - which we'll cover later today

The <iomanip> Library

- used to format output in C++
- can be used on any output stream
 - ostream
 - ofstream
 - ostringstream
- must have `#include <iomanip>`

IO Manipulation

- **iomanip** replaces the formatting we did inside the **printf()** statements:

```
printf("it'll %-6s for %07.3f hours\n",  
       "rain", 3.14159);
```

```
> it'll rain    for 003.142 hours
```

- **iomanip** isn't as compact as **printf()**, but it's cleaner, and the code is clearer

The <iomanip> Library Functions

- **setw()**
 - used to set width of field
- **setfill()**
 - used to set a fill character ('0' or ' ' or '_', etc.)
- **setprecision()**
 - used to set decimal precision
- **left** and **right**
 - used to set alignment (not actually `iomanip`)

“Sticky”

- most of the *parametric manipulators* are “sticky” – once they are set, those manipulations apply to all future parameters unless changed by another call
 - `setfill()`, `setprecision()`, and `left/right`
- others only apply to the directly following output, and must be re-called each parameter
 - `setw()`

setw()

- set the width of the next output
 - NOT “sticky”

```
cout << "Hello" << setw(10)
      << "world" << "." << endl;
```

Hello world.

- will not cut off the output: input given is *minimum* amount of characters to be printed

setfill()

- change padding character
 - ` ` (space) is default padding character

```
cout << setfill('-') << setw(8)  
      << "hey" << endl;
```

-----hey

- padding character is set until changed again
 - IS “sticky”

setprecision()

- change maximum number of digits to display
 - numbers in total, not before or after decimal

```
cout << setprecision(5)  
      << 3.1415926535 << endl;
```

3.1416

- precision holds for all future numbers
 - IS “sticky”

setprecision()

- not affected by calls to setfill()
- attempts to round, but it's not always perfect
 - ints “behave” best, then doubles; floats are worst

- an example:

temp = 12.3456789 and test = 1234567.89

```
cout << temp << " and " << test << endl;  
12.3457 and 1.23457e+06
```

setprecision(): Example

```
set precision: 1
```

```
1e+01 and 1e+06
```

```
set precision: 2
```

```
12 and 1.2e+06
```

```
set precision: 3
```

```
12.3 and 1.23e+06
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```
set precision: 9
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12.3456789 and 1234567.89
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```

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set precision: 9
```

```
12.3456789 and 1234567.89
```

```
set precision: 20
```

```
12.345678899999999345 and  
1234567.88999999998976
```

Alignment

- in `printf()`, we used a negative to left align, since right align was always used by default
 - when using `ostream`, right is still default
- instead we use keywords `left` and `right`
 - note that there are no parentheses (they are not functions)
 - IS “sticky”

Alignment: Example

```
cout << setw(8) << "hello" << endl;  
cout << setw(8) << left << "cruel"  
    << endl;  
cout << setw(8) << right << "world"  
    << endl;
```

hello

cruel

world

Livcoding iomanip Examples

- we'll be using iomanip to:
 - left and right align
 - adjust width
 - change precision
 - set fill characters

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String Streams

- allow us to use stream functions on strings
 - must have `#include <sstream>`
- helpful for formatting strings
- two types
 - `ostream`
 - `istream`

Using String Streams

- **istream** is an input stream, so we can use any of the functions for input manipulation
 - **read()**, **>>**, **ignore()**, etc.
- **ostream** is an output stream, so we can use any of the iomanip tools
 - **setw()**, **setfill()**, **left**, etc.

Common Uses for String Streams

- use **`istringstream`** for
 - parsing a given string
- use **`ostringstream`** for
 - creating a new string with specific formatting

The str() Function

- two different prototypes for str()

```
string str () const;
```

```
void str (const string& s) ;
```

- another overloaded function
 - which version the program calls is determined by the arguments you pass in

Two Forms of str()

```
string str () const;
```

– converts from a string stream to a string

```
void str (const string& s);
```

– converts from a string to a string stream

Using First Form of str()

```
string str () const;
```

- returns a string containing a copy of the current contents of the stream
 - converts from a string stream to a string

```
newStr = oldStringStream.str();
```

Using Second Form of str()

```
void    str (const string& s) ;
```

- wipes contents of string stream, and sets to the contents of the passed-in string
 - converts from a string to a string stream

```
newStringStream.str (oldStr) ;
```

```
newStringStream.str ("hello") ;
```

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Errors in C++

- are often MUCH longer than similar errors in C
- makes it even **more** important to start with the very first error, all the way at the top
- basic errors (typos, missing semicolons, etc.) remain largely the same

???

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recover.cpp:30:10: error: no match for 'operator<<' in  
'std::cin << fileName'  
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    from /usr/include/c++/4.7/ios:43,  
    from /usr/include/c++/4.7/ostream:40,  
    from /usr/include/c++/4.7/iostream:40,  
    from recover.cpp:8:  
/usr/include/c++/4.7/bits/basic_string.h:2750:5: not  
[...]
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Used << instead of >>

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note: 'std::string'  
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Forgot `using namespace std;`

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and cannot be defined  
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recover.cpp:37:12: error: 'exit' was not declared  
in this scope  
recover.cpp:63:9: error: 'exit' was not declared  
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Forget `#include <cstdlib>`

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Headers in C++

- handled the same way as in C

- including user “.h” files:

```
#include "userFile.h"
```

- including C++ libraries

```
#include <iostream>
```

An Example

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
  
typedef struct foo{  
    BAR x;  
    char y;  
} FOO;
```

foo.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
#include "foo.h"  
  
int main()  
{  
    BAR i;  
    FOO j;  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

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                from main.c:2:  
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In file included from main.c:1:0:  
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What the Compiler is “Seeing”

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} `#include`
} `"bar.h"`

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main.c

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"bar.h"

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"foo.h"

Header Protection

- for our program to work, we need to have the definition of the **BAR** struct in both:
 - `foo.h`
 - `main.c`
- the easiest way to solve this problem is through the use of **header guards**

Header Guards

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#endif /* BAR_H */ stop the “if” at this  
point (end of the file)
```


A Fixed Example

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    int a;  
} BAR;
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bar.h

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} FOO;
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foo.h

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main.c

A Fixed Example

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} BAR;

#endif /*BAR_H*/
```

bar.h

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#define FOO_H

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    char y;
} FOO;
```

```
#endif /*FOO_H*/
```

foo.h

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Using Header Guards

- can prevent a lot of errors
- **still need to be mindful!!!**
- don't just include every possible header and let header guards handle it for you

Outline

- Handling Streams in C++
 - Input Control
 - Output Control
 - String Streams
- Errors in C++
- Header Protection
- Homework

Homework 5

- Murder Mystery
- heavy on use of streams
 - not everything you need was covered in class
 - look at the cplusplus.com pages on streams!
- should be much easier (and shorter) than Homework 4B