

# Chapter 3 - Functions

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# Chapter 3 - Functions

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## 3.1 Introduction

- Divide and conquer
  - Construct a program from smaller pieces or components
  - Each piece more manageable than the original program

## 3.2 Program Components in C++

- Modules: functions and classes
- Programs use new and “prepackaged” modules
  - New: programmer-defined functions, classes
  - Prepackaged: from the standard library
- Functions invoked by function call
  - Function name and information (arguments) it needs
- Function definitions
  - Only written once
  - Hidden from other functions

## 3.2 Program Components in C++

- Boss to worker analogy
  - A boss (the calling function or caller) asks a worker (the called function) to perform a task and return (i.e., report back) the results when the task is done.



## 3.3 Math Library Functions

- Perform common mathematical calculations
  - Include the header file `<cmath>`
- Functions called by writing
  - `functionName (argument);`
  - or
  - `functionName(argument1, argument2, ...);`
- Example

```
cout << sqrt( 900.0 );
```

  - `sqrt` (square root) function The preceding statement would print 30
  - All functions in math library return a `double`



### 3.3 Math Library Functions

- Function arguments can be
  - Constants
    - `sqrt( 4 );`
  - Variables
    - `sqrt( x );`
  - Expressions
    - `sqrt( sqrt( x ) ) ;`
    - `sqrt( 3 - 6x );`

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Method	Description	Example
<code>ceil( x )</code>	rounds $x$ to the smallest integer not less than $x$	<code>ceil( 9.2 )</code> is 10.0 <code>ceil( -9.8 )</code> is -9.0
<code>cos( x )</code>	trigonometric cosine of $x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>cos( 0.0 )</code> is 1.0
<code>exp( x )</code>	exponential function $e^x$	<code>exp( 1.0 )</code> is 2.71828 <code>exp( 2.0 )</code> is 7.38906
<code>fabs( x )</code>	absolute value of $x$	<code>fabs( 5.1 )</code> is 5.1 <code>fabs( 0.0 )</code> is 0.0 <code>fabs( -8.76 )</code> is 8.76
<code>floor( x )</code>	rounds $x$ to the largest integer not greater than $x$	<code>floor( 9.2 )</code> is 9.0 <code>floor( -9.8 )</code> is -10.0
<code>fmod( x, y )</code>	remainder of $x/y$ as a floating-point number	<code>fmod( 13.657, 2.333 )</code> is 1.992
<code>log( x )</code>	natural logarithm of $x$ (base $e$ )	<code>log( 2.718282 )</code> is 1.0 <code>log( 7.389056 )</code> is 2.0
<code>log10( x )</code>	logarithm of $x$ (base 10)	<code>log10( 10.0 )</code> is 1.0 <code>log10( 100.0 )</code> is 2.0
<code>pow( x, y )</code>	$x$ raised to power $y$ ( $xy$ )	<code>pow( 2, 7 )</code> is 128 <code>pow( 9, .5 )</code> is 3
<code>sin( x )</code>	trigonometric sine of $x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>sin( 0.0 )</code> is 0
<code>sqrt( x )</code>	square root of $x$	<code>sqrt( 900.0 )</code> is 30.0 <code>sqrt( 9.0 )</code> is 3.0
<code>tan( x )</code>	trigonometric tangent of $x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>tan( 0.0 )</code> is 0

Fig. 3.2 Math library functions.

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## 3.4 Functions

- Functions
  - Modularize a program
  - Software reusability
    - Call function multiple times
- Local variables
  - Known only in the function in which they are defined
  - All variables declared in function definitions are local variables
- Parameters
  - Local variables passed to function when called
  - Provide outside information

## 3.5 Function Definitions

- Function prototype
  - Tells compiler argument type and return type of function
  - **int square( int );**
    - Function takes an **int** and returns an **int**
  - Explained in more detail later
- Calling/invoking a function
  - **square(x);**
  - Parentheses an operator used to call function
    - Pass argument x
    - Function gets its own copy of arguments
  - After finished, passes back result

## 3.5 Function Definitions

- Format for function definition

```
return-value-type function-name( parameter-list )
{
    declarations and statements
}
```

- Parameter list
  - Comma separated list of arguments
    - Data type needed for each argument
    - If no arguments, use **void** or leave blank
- Return-value-type
  - Data type of result returned (use **void** if nothing returned)

## 3.5 Function Definitions

- Example function

```
int square( int y )
{
    return y * y;
}
```

- **return** keyword
  - Returns data, and control goes to function's caller
    - If no data to return, use **return;**
  - Function ends when reaches right brace
    - Control goes to caller
- Functions cannot be defined inside other functions
- Next: program examples

```

1 // Fig. 3.3: fig03_03.cpp
2 // Creating and using a programmer-defined function.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 int square( int ); // function prototype
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     // loop 10 times and calculate and output
13     // square of x each time
14     for ( int x = 1; x <= 10; x++ )
15         cout << square( x ) << " ";
16     cout << endl;
17
18     return 0; // indicates successful termination
19
20 }
21 // end main
22

```

Function prototype: specifies data types of arguments and return values. **square** expects an **int**, and returns an **int**.

Parentheses () cause function to be called. When done, it returns the result.

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```

23 // square function definition returns square of an integer
24 int square( int y ) // y is a copy of argument to function
25 {
26     return y * y; // returns square of y as an int
27 } // end function square
28
29 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100

```

Definition of **square**. **y** is a copy of the argument passed. Returns **y \* y**, or **y squared**.

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```

1 // Fig. 3.4: fig03_04.cpp
2 // Finding the maximum of three floating-point numbers.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 double maximum( double, double, double ); // function prototype
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     double number1;
14     double number2;
15     double number3;
16
17     cout << "Enter three floating-point numbers: ";
18     cin >> number1 >> number2 >> number3;
19
20     // number1, number2 and number3 are arguments to
21     // the maximum function call
22     cout << "Maximum is: "
23         << maximum( number1, number2, number3 ) << endl;
24
25     return 0; // indicates successful termination

```

Function **maximum** takes 3 arguments (all **double**) and returns a **double**.

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```

26
27 } // end main
28
29 // function maximum definition;
30 // x, y and z are parameters
31 double maximum( double x, double y, double z )
32 {
33     double max = x; // assume x is largest
34
35     if ( y > max ) // if y is larger,
36         max = y; // assign y to max
37
38     if ( z > max ) // if z is larger,
39         max = z; // assign z to max
40
41     return max; // max is largest value
42
43 } // end function maximum

```

Comma separated list for multiple parameters.

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```

Enter three floating-point numbers: 99.32 37.3 27.1928
Maximum is: 99.32

Enter three floating-point numbers: 1.1 3.333 2.22
Maximum is: 3.333

Enter three floating-point numbers: 27.9 14.31 88.99
Maximum is: 88.99

```

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## 3.6 Function Prototypes

- Function prototype contains
  - Function name
  - Parameters (number and data type)
  - Return type (**void** if returns nothing)
  - Only needed if function definition after function call
- Prototype must match function definition
  - Function prototype
 

```
double maximum( double, double, double );
```
  - Definition
 

```
double maximum( double x, double y, double z )
{
...
}
```

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## 3.6 Function Prototypes

- Function signature
  - Part of prototype with name and parameters
    - `double maximum( double, double, double );`
- Argument Coercion
  - Force arguments to be of proper type
    - Converting **int** (4) to **double** (4.0)
 

```
cout << sqrt(4)
```
  - Conversion rules
    - Arguments usually converted automatically
    - Changing from **double** to **int** can truncate data
      - 3.4 to 3
  - Mixed type goes to highest type (promotion)
    - **int \* double**

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## 3.6 Function Prototypes

Data types	
<code>long double</code>	
<code>double</code>	
<code>float</code>	
<code>unsigned long int</code>	(synonymous with <code>unsigned long</code> )
<code>long int</code>	(synonymous with <code>long</code> )
<code>unsigned int</code>	(synonymous with <code>unsigned</code> )
<code>int</code>	
<code>unsigned short int</code>	(synonymous with <code>unsigned short</code> )
<code>short int</code>	(synonymous with <code>short</code> )
<code>unsigned char</code>	
<code>char</code>	
<code>bool</code>	( <code>false</code> becomes 0, <code>true</code> becomes 1)

Fig. 3.5 Promotion hierarchy for built-in data types.



## 3.7 Header Files

- Header files contain
  - Function prototypes
  - Definitions of data types and constants
- Header files ending with .h
  - Programmer-defined header files

```
#include "myheader.h"
```
- Library header files
 

```
#include <cmath>
```



## 3.8 Random Number Generation

- **rand** function (`<cstdlib>`)

- `i = rand();`
- Generates unsigned integer between 0 and RAND\_MAX (usually 32767)

- Scaling and shifting

- Modulus (remainder) operator: %

- $10 \% 3$  is 1
  - $x \% y$  is between 0 and  $y - 1$

- Example

```
i = rand() % 6 + 1;
```

- “`Rand() % 6`” generates a number between 0 and 5 (scaling)
  - “`+ 1`” makes the range 1 to 6 (shift)

- Next: program to roll dice



```

1 // Fig. 3.7: fig03_07.cpp
2 // Shifted, scaled integers produced by 1 + rand() % 6.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setw;
11
12 #include <cstdlib> // contains function prototype for rand
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     // loop 20 times
17     for ( int counter = 1; counter <= 20; counter++ )
18     {
19         // pick random number from 1 to 6 and output it
20         cout << setw( 10 ) << ( 1 + rand() % 6 );
21
22         // if counter divisible by 5, begin new line of output
23         if ( counter % 5 == 0 )
24             cout << endl;
25     }
26 } // end for structure

```



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Output of `rand()` scaled and shifted to be a number between 1 and 6.

```
27  
28     return 0; // indicates successful termination  
29  
30 } // end main
```

6	6	5	5	6
5	1	1	5	3
6	6	2	4	2
6	2	3	4	1



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## 3.8 Random Number Generation

- Next
  - Program to show distribution of **rand()**
  - Simulate 6000 rolls of a die
  - Print number of 1's, 2's, 3's, etc. rolled
  - Should be roughly 1000 of each

```
1 // Fig. 3.8: fig03_08.cpp
2 // Roll a six-sided die 6000 times.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setw;
11
12 #include <cstdlib> // contains function prototype for rand
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     int frequency1 = 0;
17     int frequency2 = 0;
18     int frequency3 = 0;
19     int frequency4 = 0;
20     int frequency5 = 0;
21     int frequency6 = 0;
22     int face; // represents one roll of the die
23 }
```



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```
24 // loop 6000 times and summarize results
25 for ( int roll = 1; roll <= 6000; roll++ ) {
26     face = 1 + rand() % 6; // random number from 1 to 6
27
28     // determine face value and increment appropriate counter
29     switch ( face ) {
30
31         case 1:           // rolled 1
32             ++frequency1;
33             break;
34
35         case 2:           // rolled 2
36             ++frequency2;
37             break;
38
39         case 3:           // rolled 3
40             ++frequency3;
41             break;
42
43         case 4:           // rolled 4
44             ++frequency4;
45             break;
46
47         case 5:           // rolled 5
48             ++frequency5;
49             break;
```



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```

50
51     case 6:           // rolled 6
52         ++frequency6;
53         break;
54
55     default:          // invalid value
56         cout << "Program should never get here!";
57
58 } // end switch
59
60 } // end for
61
62 // display results in tabular form
63 cout << "Face" << setw( 13 ) << "Frequency"
64     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency1
65     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency2
66     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency3
67     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency4
68     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency5
69     << "\n" << setw( 13 ) << frequency6 << endl;
70
71 return 0; // indicates successful termination
72
73 } // end main

```



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Default case included even though it should never be reached. This is a matter of good coding style

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Face	Frequency
1	1003
2	1017
3	983
4	994
5	1004
6	999



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## 3.8 Random Number Generation

- Calling `rand()` repeatedly
  - Gives the same sequence of numbers
- Pseudorandom numbers
  - Preset sequence of "random" numbers
  - Same sequence generated whenever program run
- To get different random sequences
  - Provide a seed value
    - Like a random starting point in the sequence
    - The same seed will give the same sequence
  - `srand(seed);`
    - `<cstdlib>`
    - Used before `rand()` to set the seed

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```

1 // Fig. 3.9: fig03_09.cpp
2 // Randomizing die-rolling program.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 #include <iomanip>
10
11 using std::setw;
12
13 // contains prototypes for functions srand and rand
14 #include <cstdlib>
15
16 // main function begins program execution
17 int main()
18 {
19     unsigned seed;
20
21     cout << "Enter seed: ";
22     cin >> seed; ▲
23     srand( seed ); // seed random number generator
24 }
```

Setting the seed with  
`srand()`.



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```

25 // loop 10 times
26 for ( int counter = 1; counter <= 10; counter++ ) {
27
28     // pick random number from 1 to 6 and output it
29     cout << setw( 10 ) << ( 1 + rand() % 6 );
30
31     // if counter divisible by 5, begin new line of output
32     if ( counter % 5 == 0 )
33         cout << endl;
34
35 } // end for
36
37 return 0; // indicates success
38
39 } // end main

```

**rand( )** gives the same sequence if it has the same initial seed.

Enter seed: 67

6	1	4	6	2
1	6	1	6	4

Enter seed: 432

4	6	3	1	6
3	1	5	4	2

Enter seed: 67

6	1	4	6	2
1	6	1	6	4



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## 3.8 Random Number Generation

- Can use the current time to set the seed
  - No need to explicitly set seed every time
  - **srand( time( 0 ) );**
  - **time( 0 );**
    - <ctime>
    - Returns current time in seconds
- General shifting and scaling
  - *Number = shiftingValue + rand( ) % scalingFactor*
  - *shiftingValue* = first number in desired range
  - *scalingFactor* = width of desired range



## 3.9 Example: Game of Chance and Introducing enum

- Enumeration
  - Set of integers with identifiers

```
enum typeName {constant1, constant2...};
```

  - Constants start at 0 (default), incremented by 1
  - Constants need unique names
  - Cannot assign integer to enumeration variable
    - Must use a previously defined enumeration type

- Example

```
enum Status {CONTINUE, WON, LOST};
Status enumVar;
enumVar = WON; // cannot do enumVar = 1
```

## 3.9 Example: Game of Chance and Introducing enum

- Enumeration constants can have preset values
 

```
enum Months { JAN = 1, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY,
JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC};
```

  - Starts at 1, increments by 1
- Next: craps simulator
  - Roll two dice
  - 7 or 11 on first throw: player wins
  - 2, 3, or 12 on first throw: player loses
  - 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
    - Value becomes player's "point"
    - Player must roll his point before rolling 7 to win

```

1 // Fig. 3.10: fig03_10.cpp
2 // Craps.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 // contains function prototypes for functions srand and rand
9 #include <cstdlib>
10 #include <ctime> // contains pr
11 int rollDice( void ); // function prototype
12
13 int main()
14 {
15     // enumeration constants represent game status
16     enum Status { CONTINUE, WON, LOST };
17
18     int sum;
19     int myPoint;
20
21     Status gameStatus; // can contain CONTINUE, WON or LOST
22
23
24

```

Function to roll 2 dice and return the result as an int.

Enumeration to keep track of the current game.

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```

25 // randomize random number generator using current time
26 srand( time( 0 ) );
27
28 sum = rollDice(); // first
29 // determine game status and outcome based on die roll
30 switch ( sum ) {
31
32     // win on first roll
33     case 7:
34     case 11:
35         gameStatus = WON;
36         break;
37
38     // lose on first roll
39     case 2:
40     case 3:
41     case 12:
42         gameStatus = LOST;
43         break;
44
45

```

switch statement determines outcome based on die roll.

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```

46     // remember point
47     default:
48         gameStatus = CONTINUE;
49         myPoint = sum;
50         cout << "Point is " << myPoint << endl;
51         break;           // optional
52
53 } // end switch
54
55 // while game not complete ...
56 while ( gameStatus == CONTINUE ) {
57     sum = rollDice();           // roll dice again
58
59     // determine game status
60     if ( sum == myPoint )      // win by making point
61         gameStatus = WON;
62     else
63         if ( sum == 7 )        // lose by rolling 7
64             gameStatus = LOST;
65
66 } // end while
67

```



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```

68 // display won or lost message
69 if ( gameStatus == WON )
70     cout << "Player wins" << endl;
71 else
72     cout << "Player loses" << endl;
73
74 return 0; // indicates successful termination
75
76 } // end main
77
78 // roll dice, calculate sum and display results
79 int rollDice( void )
80 {
81     int die1;
82     int die2;
83     int workSum;
84
85     die1 = 1 + rand() % 6; // pick random die1 value
86     die2 = 1 + rand() % 6; // pick random die2 value
87     workSum = die1 + die2; // sum die1 and die2
88

```

Function **rollDice** takes no arguments, so has **void** in the parameter list.



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```

89 // display results of this roll
90 cout << "Player rolled " << die1 << " + " << die2
91 << " = " << workSum << endl;
92
93 return workSum;           // return sum of dice
94
95 } // end function rollDice

```



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```

Player rolled 2 + 5 = 7
Player wins

Player rolled 6 + 6 = 12
Player loses

Player rolled 3 + 3 = 6
Point is 6
Player rolled 5 + 3 = 8
Player rolled 4 + 5 = 9
Player rolled 2 + 1 = 3
Player rolled 1 + 5 = 6
Player wins

```

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```

Player rolled 1 + 3 = 4
Point is 4
Player rolled 4 + 6 = 10
Player rolled 2 + 4 = 6
Player rolled 6 + 4 = 10
Player rolled 2 + 3 = 5
Player rolled 2 + 4 = 6
Player rolled 1 + 1 = 2
Player rolled 4 + 4 = 8
Player rolled 4 + 3 = 7
Player loses

```



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## 3.10 Storage Classes

- Variables have attributes
  - Have seen name, type, size, value
  - Storage class
    - How long variable exists in memory
  - Scope
    - Where variable can be referenced in program
  - Linkage
    - For multiple -file program (see Ch. 6), which files can use it

## 3.10 Storage Classes

- Automatic storage class
  - Variable created when program enters its block
  - Variable destroyed when program leaves block
  - Only local variables of functions can be automatic
    - Automatic by default
    - keyword **auto** explicitly declares automatic
  - **register** keyword
    - Hint to place variable in high-speed register
    - Good for often-used items (loop counters)
    - Often unnecessary, compiler optimizes
  - Specify either **register** or **auto**, not both
    - **register int counter = 1;**

## 3.10 Storage Classes

- Static storage class
  - Variables exist for entire program
    - For functions, name exists for entire program
  - May not be accessible, scope rules still apply (more later)
- **static** keyword
  - Local variables in function
  - Keeps value between function calls
  - Only known in own function
- **extern** keyword
  - Default for global variables/functions
    - Globals : defined outside of a function block
  - Known in any function that comes after it

## 3.11 Scope Rules

- Scope
  - Portion of program where identifier can be used
- File scope
  - Defined outside a function, known in all functions
  - Global variables, function definitions and prototypes
- Function scope
  - Can only be referenced inside defining function
  - Only labels, e.g., identifiers with a colon (**case:**)

## 3.11 Scope Rules

- Block scope
  - Begins at declaration, ends at right brace }
  - Can only be referenced in this range
  - Local variables, function parameters
  - **static** variables still have block scope
    - Storage class separate from scope
- Function-prototype scope
  - Parameter list of prototype
  - Names in prototype optional
    - Compiler ignores
  - In a single prototype, name can be used once

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```

1 // Fig. 3.12: fig03_12.cpp
2 // A scoping example.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 void useLocal( void );
9 void useStaticLocal( void );
10 void useGlobal( void );
11
12 int x = 1;           // global variable
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     int x = 5;        // local variable to main
17
18     cout << "local x in main's outer scope" << endl;
19
20 { // start new scope
21
22     int x = 7;
23
24     cout << "local x in main's inner scope is " << x << endl;
25
26 } // end new scope

```

Declared outside of function;  
global variable with file  
scope.

Local variable with function  
scope.

Create a new block, giving x  
block scope. When the block  
ends, this x is destroyed.



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```

27     cout << "local x in main's outer scope is " << x << endl;
28
29
30     useLocal();      // useLocal has local x
31     useStaticLocal(); // useStaticLocal has static local x
32     useGlobal();      // useGlobal uses global x
33     useLocal();      // useLocal reinitializes its local x
34     useStaticLocal(); // static local x retains its prior value
35     useGlobal();      // global x also retains its value
36
37     cout << "\nlocal x in main is " << x << endl;
38
39     return 0;    // indicates successful termination
40
41 } // end main
42

```



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```

43 // useLocal reinitializes local variable x during each call
44 void useLocal( void )
45 {
46     int x = 25; // initialized each time useLocal is called
47     cout << endl << "local x is "
48     << " on entering useLoca
49     ++x;
50     cout << "local x is " << x
51     << " on exiting useLoca
52 }
53
54 } // end function useLocal
55

```



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Automatic variable (local variable of function). This is destroyed when the function exits, and reinitialized when the function begins.

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```

56 // useStaticLocal initializes static local variable x only the
57 // first time the function is called; value of x is saved
58 // between calls to this function
59 void useStaticLocal( void )
60 {
61     // initialized only first time useStaticLocal is called
62     static int x = 50;
63
64     cout << endl << "local static x is " << x
65     << " on entering useStaticLocal" << endl;
66     ++x;
67     cout << "local static x is " <<
68     << " on exiting useStaticLocal"
69
70 } // end function useStaticLocal
71

```

Static local variable of  
function; it is initialized only  
once, and retains its value  
between function calls.

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```

72 // useGlobal modifies global variable x during each call
73 void useGlobal( void )
74 {
75     cout << endl << "global x is " << x
76     << " on entering useGlobal" << endl;
77     x *= 10;
78     cout << "global x is " << x
79     << " on exiting useGlobal" << endl;
80
81 } // end function useGlobal

```

```

local x in main's outer scope is 5
local x in main's inner scope is 7
local x in main's outer scope is 5

```

```

local x is 25 on entering useLocal
local x is 26 on exiting useLocal

```

```

local static x is 50 on entering useStaticLocal
local static x is 51 on exiting useStaticLocal

```

```

global x is 1 on entering useGlobal
global x is 10 on exiting useGlobal

```

This function does not declare  
any variables. It uses the  
global x declared in the  
beginning of the program.

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```
local x is 25 on entering useLocal  
local x is 26 on exiting useLocal  
  
local static x is 51 on entering useStaticLocal  
local static x is 52 on exiting useStaticLocal  
  
global x is 10 on entering useGlobal  
global x is 100 on exiting useGlobal  
  
local x in main is 5
```

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## 3.12 Recursion

- Recursive functions
  - Functions that call themselves
  - Can only solve a base case
- If not base case
  - Break problem into smaller problem(s)
  - Launch new copy of function to work on the smaller problem (recursive call/recursive step)
    - Slowly converges towards base case
    - Function makes call to itself inside the return statement
  - Eventually base case gets solved
    - Answer works way back up, solves entire problem

## 3.12 Recursion

- Example: factorial

$$n! = n * (n - 1) * (n - 2) * \dots * 1$$

– Recursive relationship ( $n! = n * (n - 1)!$ )

$$5! = 5 * 4!$$

$$4! = 4 * 3! \dots$$

– Base case ( $1! = 0! = 1$ )



```

1 // Fig. 3.14: fig03_14.cpp
2 // Recursive factorial function.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setw;
11
12 unsigned long factorial( unsigned long ); // function prototype
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     // Loop 10 times. During each iteration, calculate
17     // factorial( i ) and display result.
18     for ( int i = 0; i <= 10; i++ )
19         cout << setw( 2 ) << i << "!" = "
20             << factorial( i ) << endl;
21
22     return 0; // indicates successful termination
23
24 } // end main

```

Data type **unsigned long**  
can hold an integer from 0 to  
4 billion.



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```

25 // recursive definition of function factorial
26 unsigned long factorial( unsigned long number )
27 {
28     // base case
29     if ( number <= 1 )
30         return 1;
31
32     // recursive step
33     else
34         return number * factorial( number - 1 );
35
36 }
37 } // end function factorial

```

```

0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 2
3! = 6
4! = 24
5! = 120
6! = 720
7! = 5040
8! = 40320
9! = 362880
10! = 3628800

```

The base case occurs when we have  $0!$  or  $1!$ . All other cases must be split up (recursive step).

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## 3.13 Example Using Recursion: Fibonacci Series

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- Fibonacci series: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8...
  - Each number sum of two previous ones
  - Example of a recursive formula:
    - $fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)$

- C++ code for Fibonacci function

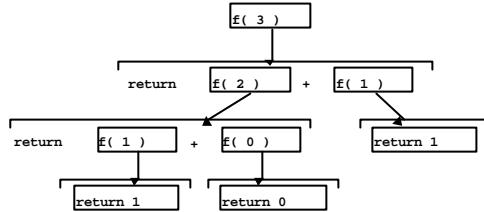
```

long fibonacci( long n )
{
    if ( n == 0 || n == 1 ) // base case
        return n;
    else
        return fibonacci( n - 1 ) +
               fibonacci( n - 2 );
}

```

## 3.13 Example Using Recursion: Fibonacci Series

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## 3.13 Example Using Recursion: Fibonacci Series

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- Order of operations
  - `return fibonacci( n - 1 ) + fibonacci( n - 2 );`
- Do not know which one executed first
  - C++ does not specify
  - Only `&&`, `||` and `? :` guaranteed left-to-right evaluation
- Recursive function calls
  - Each level of recursion doubles the number of function calls
    - 30<sup>th</sup> number =  $2^{30} \sim 4$  billion function calls
  - Exponential complexity

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```

1 // Fig. 3.15: fig03_15.cpp
2 // Recursive fibonacci function.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 unsigned long fibonacci( unsigned long ); // function declaration
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     unsigned long result, number;
14
15     // obtain integer from user
16     cout << "Enter an integer: ";
17     cin >> number;
18
19     // calculate fibonacci value for number input by user
20     result = fibonacci( number );
21
22     // display result
23     cout << "Fibonacci(" << number << ") = " << result << endl;
24
25     return 0; // indicates successful termination

```

The Fibonacci numbers get large very quickly, and are all non-negative integers. Thus, we use the **unsigned long** data type.

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```

26
27 } // end main
28
29 // recursive definition of function fibonacci
30 unsigned long fibonacci( unsigned long n )
31 {
32     // base case
33     if ( n == 0 || n == 1 )
34         return n;
35
36     // recursive step
37     else
38         return fibonacci( n - 1 ) + fibonacci( n - 2 );
39
40 } // end function fibonacci

```

Enter an integer: 0  
Fibonacci(0) = 0

Enter an integer: 1  
Fibonacci(1) = 1

Enter an integer: 2  
Fibonacci(2) = 1

Enter an integer: 3  
Fibonacci(3) = 2

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```
Enter an integer: 4
Fibonacci(4) = 3

Enter an integer: 5
Fibonacci(5) = 5

Enter an integer: 6
Fibonacci(6) = 8

Enter an integer: 10
Fibonacci(10) = 55

Enter an integer: 20
Fibonacci(20) = 6765

Enter an integer: 30
Fibonacci(30) = 832040

Enter an integer: 35
Fibonacci(35) = 9227465
```



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## 3.14 Recursion vs. Iteration

- Repetition
  - Iteration: explicit loop
  - Recursion: repeated function calls
- Termination
  - Iteration: loop condition fails
  - Recursion: base case recognized
- Both can have infinite loops
- Balance between performance (iteration) and good software engineering (recursion)

## 3.15 Functions with Empty Parameter Lists

- Empty parameter lists
  - **void** or leave parameter list empty
  - Indicates function takes no arguments
  - Function **print** takes no arguments and returns no value
    - **void print();**
    - **void print( void );**

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```
1 // Fig. 3.18: fig03_18.cpp
2 // Functions that take no arguments.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 void function1();           // function prototype
9 void function2( void );    // function prototype
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     function1(); // call function1 with no arguments
14     function2(); // call function2 with no arguments
15
16     return 0;    // indicates successful termination
17
18 } // end main
19
```



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```

20 // function1 uses an empty parameter list to specify that
21 // the function receives no arguments
22 void function1()
23 {
24     cout << "function1 takes no arguments" << endl;
25 }
26 } // end function1
27
28 // function2 uses a void parameter list to specify that
29 // the function receives no arguments
30 void function2( void )
31 {
32     cout << "function2 also takes no arguments" << endl;
33 }
34 } // end function2

```

function1 takes no arguments  
function2 also takes no arguments



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## 3.16 Inline Functions

- Inline functions
  - Keyword **inline** before function
  - Asks the compiler to copy code into program instead of making function call
    - Reduce function-call overhead
    - Compiler can ignore **inline**
  - Good for small, often-used functions
- Example
 

```
inline double cube( const double s )
{ return s * s * s; }
```

  - **const** tells compiler that function does not modify **s**
    - Discussed in chapters 6-7

```
1 // Fig. 3.19: fig03_19.cpp
2 // Using an inline function to calculate.
3 // the volume of a cube.
4 #include <iostream>
5
6 using std::cout;
7 using std::cin;
8 using std::endl;
9
10 // Definition of inline function cube. Definition of function
11 // appears before function is called, so a function prototype
12 // is not required. First line of function definition acts as
13 // the prototype.
14 inline double cube( const double side )
15 {
16     return side * side * side; // calculate cube
17
18 } // end function cube
19
```



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```
20 int main()
21 {
22     cout << "Enter the side length of your cube: ";
23
24     double sideValue;
25
26     cin >> sideValue;
27
28     // calculate cube of sideValue and display result
29     cout << "Volume of cube with side "
30         << sideValue << " is " << cube( sideValue ) << endl;
31
32     return 0; // indicates successful termination
33
34 } // end main
```



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```
Enter the side length of your cube: 3.5
Volume of cube with side 3.5 is 42.875
```

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## 3.17 References and Reference Parameters

- Call by value
  - Copy of data passed to function
  - Changes to copy do not change original
  - Prevent unwanted side effects
- Call by reference
  - Function can directly access data
  - Changes affect original

## 3.17 References and Reference Parameters

- Reference parameter
  - Alias for argument in function call
    - Passes parameter by reference
  - Use **&** after data type in prototype
    - **void myFunction( int &data )**
    - Read “**data** is a reference to an **int**”
  - Function call format the same
    - However, original can now be changed

```

1 // Fig. 3.20: fig03_20.cpp
2 // Comparing pass-by-value and pass-by-reference
3 // with references.
4 #include <iostream>
5
6 using std::cout;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 int squareByValue( int );           // function prototype
10 void squareByReference( int & );   // function prototype
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     int x = 2;
15     int z = 4;
16
17     // demonstrate squareByValue
18     cout << "x = " << x << " before squareByValue\n";
19     cout << "Value returned by squareByValue: "
20         << squareByValue( x ) << endl;
21     cout << "x = " << x << " after squareByValue\n" << endl;
22 }
```

Notice the `&` operator,  
indicating pass-by-reference.



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```

23 // demonstrate squareByReference
24 cout << "z = " << z << " before squareByReference" << endl;
25 squareByReference( z );
26 cout << "z = " << z << " after squareByReference" << endl;
27
28 return 0; // indicates successful termination
29 } // end main
30
31 // squareByValue multiplies number by itself
32 // result in number and returns the new value of number
33 int squareByValue( int number )
34 {
35     return number *= number; // caller's argument not modified
36
37 } // end function squareByValue
38
39 // squareByReference multiplies numberRef by its
40 // stores the result in the variable to which number
41 // refers in function main
42 void squareByReference( int &numberRef )
43 {
44     numberRef *= numberRef; // caller's argument modified
45
46 } // end function squareByReference
```

Changes `number`, but  
original parameter (`x`) is not  
modified.

Changes `numberRef`, an  
alias for the original  
parameter. Thus, `z` is  
changed.



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```
x = 2 before squareByValue  
value returned by squareByValue: 4  
x = 2 after squareByValue  
  
z = 4 before squareByReference  
z = 16 after squareByReference
```



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## 3.17 References and Reference Parameters

- Pointers (chapter 5)
  - Another way to pass-by-refernce
- References as aliases to other variables
  - Refer to same variable
  - Can be used within a function

```
int count = 1; // declare integer variable count
Int &cRef = count; // create cRef as an alias for count
++cRef; // increment count (using its alias)
```
- References must be initialized when declared
  - Otherwise, compiler error
  - Dangling reference
    - Reference to undefined variable

```

1 // Fig. 3.21: fig03_21.cpp
2 // References must be initialized.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int x = 3;
11
12     // y refers to (is an alias for) x
13     int &y = x; → y declared as a reference to x.
14
15     cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
16     y = 7;
17     cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
18
19     return 0; // indicates successful termination
20
21 } // end main

```

x = 3  
y = 3  
x = 7  
y = 7



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```

1 // Fig. 3.22: fig03_22.cpp
2 // References must be initialized.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int x = 3;
11     int &y; → Uninitialized reference –
12     // Error: y must be initialized
13
14     cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
15     y = 7;
16     cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
17
18     return 0; // indicates successful termination
19 } // end main

```

Borland C++ command-line compiler error message:  
Error E2304 Fig03\_22.cpp 11: Reference variable 'y' must be initialized- in function main()

Microsoft Visual C++ compiler error message:  
D:\cpphtp4\_examples\ch03\Fig03\_22.cpp(11) : error C2530: 'y' : references must be initialized



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## 3.18 Default Arguments

- Function call with omitted parameters
  - If not enough parameters, rightmost go to their defaults
  - Default values
    - Can be constants, global variables, or function calls
- Set defaults in function prototype
 

```
int myFunction( int x = 1, int y = 2, int z = 3 );
```

  - **myFunction( 3 )**
    - **x = 3**, **y** and **z** get defaults (rightmost)
  - **myFunction( 3, 5 )**
    - **x = 3**, **y = 5** and **z** gets default

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```

1 // Fig. 3.23: fig03_23.cpp
2 // Using default arguments.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 // function prototype that specifies default arguments
9 int boxVolume( int length = 1, int width = 1, int height = 1 );
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     // no arguments--use default values for all dimensions
14     cout << "The default box volume is: " << boxVolume();
15
16     // specify length; default width and height
17     cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
18         << "width 1 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10 );
19
20     // specify length and width; default height
21     cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
22         << "width 5 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5 );
23

```

Set defaults in function prototype.

Function calls with some parameters missing – the rightmost parameters get their defaults.

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```

24 // specify all arguments
25 cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
26     << "width 5 and height 2 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5, 2 )
27     << endl;
28
29 return 0; // indicates successful termination
30
31 } // end main
32
33 // function boxVolume calculates the volume of a box
34 int boxVolume( int length, int width, int height )
35 {
36     return length * width * height;
37
38 } // end function boxVolume

```

The default box volume is: 1

The volume of a box with length 10,  
width 1 and height 1 is: 10

The volume of a box with length 10,  
width 5 and height 1 is: 50

The volume of a box with length 10,  
width 5 and height 2 is: 100



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## 3.19 Unitary Scope Resolution Operator

- Unary scope resolution operator (`:::`)
  - Access global variable if local variable has same name
  - Not needed if names are different
  - Use `::variable`
    - `y = ::x + 3;`
  - Good to avoid using same names for locals and globals

```

1 // Fig. 3.24: fig03_24.cpp
2 // Using the unary scope resolution operator.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setprecision;
11
12 // define global constant PI
13 const double PI = 3.14159265358979;
14
15 int main()
16 {
17     // define local constant PI
18     const float PI = static_cast<float>( ::PI );
19
20     // display values of local and global PI constants
21     cout << setprecision( 20 )
22         << " Local float value of PI = " << PI
23         << "\nGlobal double value of PI = " << ::PI << endl;
24
25     return 0; // indicates successful termination

```

Access the global **PI** with  
**::PI**.

Cast the global **PI** to a  
**float** for the local **PI**. This  
example will show the  
difference between **float**  
and **double**.

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```

26
27 } // end main

```

Borland C++ command-line compiler output:  
Local float value of PI = 3.141592741012573242  
Global double value of PI = 3.141592653589790007

Microsoft Visual C++ compiler output:  
Local float value of PI = 3.1415927410125732  
Global double value of PI = 3.14159265358979

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## 3.20 Function Overloading

- Function overloading
  - Functions with same name and different parameters
  - Should perform similar tasks
    - I.e., function to square **ints** and function to square **floats**

```
int square( int x ) {return x * x; }
float square(float x) { return x * x; }
```
- Overloaded functions distinguished by signature
  - Based on name and parameter types (order matters)
  - Name mangling
    - Encodes function identifier with parameters
  - Type-safe linkage
    - Ensures proper overloaded function called

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```
1 // Fig. 3.25: fig03_25.cpp
2 // Using overloaded functions.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 // function square for int values
9 int square( int x )
10 {
11     cout << "Called square with int argument: " << x << endl;
12     return x * x;
13
14 } // end int version of function square
15
16 // function square for double values
17 double square( double y )
18 {
19     cout << "Called square with double argument: " << y << endl;
20     return y * y;
21
22 } // end double version of function square
23
```

Overloaded functions have the same name, but the different parameters distinguish them.



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```

24 int main()
25 {
26     int intResult = square( 7 );           // calls int version
27     double doubleResult = square( 7.5 ); // calls double version
28
29     cout << "\nThe square of integer\n"
30     << "\nThe square of double\n"
31     << endl;
32
33     return 0; // indicates successful termination
34
35 } // end main

```

Called square with int argument: 7  
 Called square with double argument: 7.5

The square of integer 7 is 49  
 The square of double 7.5 is 56.25

The proper function is called  
 based upon the argument  
 (**int** or **double**).

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```

1 // Fig. 3.26: fig03_26.cpp
2 // Name mangling.
3
4 // function square for int values
5 int square( int x )
6 {
7     return x * x;
8 }
9
10 // function square for double values
11 double square( double y )
12 {
13     return y * y;
14 }
15
16 // function that receives arguments of types
17 // int, float, char and int *
18 void nothing1( int a, float b, char c, int *d )
19 {
20     // empty function body
21 }
22

```

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```

23 // function that receives arguments of types
24 // char, int, float * and double *
25 char *nothing2( char a, int b, float *c, double *d )
26 {
27     return 0;
28 }
29
30 int main()
31 {
32     return 0; // indicates successful termination
33
34 } // end main

```

```

_main
@nothing2$qcipfpd
@nothing1$qifcp1
@square$qd
@square$qi

```

Mangled names produced in assembly language.

\$q separates the function name from its parameters. c is **char**, d is **double**, i is **int**, pf is a pointer to a **float**, etc.



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## 3.21 Function Templates

- Compact way to make overloaded functions
  - Generate separate function for different data types
- Format
  - Begin with keyword **template**
  - Formal type parameters in brackets <>
    - Every type parameter preceded by **typename** or **class** (synonyms)
    - Placeholders for built-in types (i.e., **int**) or user-defined types
    - Specify arguments types, return types, declare variables
  - Function definition like normal, except formal types used

## 3.21 Function Templates

- Example

```
template < class T > // or template< typename T >
T square( T value1 )
{
    return value1 * value1;
}
```

- **T** is a formal type, used as parameter type
  - Above function returns variable of same type as parameter
- In function call, **T** replaced by real type
  - If **int**, all **T**'s become **ints**

```
int x;
int y = square(x);
```

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```
1 // Fig. 3.27: fig03_27.cpp
2 // Using a function template.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 // definition of function template maximum
10 template < class T > // or template < typename T >
11 T maximum( T value1, T value2, T value3 )
12 {
13     T max = value1;
14
15     if ( value2 > max )
16         max = value2;
17
18     if ( value3 > max )
19         max = value3;
20
21     return max;
22
23 } // end function template maximum
24
```

Formal type parameter **T**  
placeholder for type of data to  
be tested by **maximum**

**maximum** expects all  
parameters to be of the same  
type.



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```

25 int main()
26 {
27     // demonstrate maximum with int values
28     int int1, int2, int3;
29
30     cout << "Input three integer values: ";
31     cin >> int1 >> int2 >> int3;
32
33     // invoke int version of maximum
34     cout << "The maximum integer value is: "
35         << maximum( int1, int2, int3 );
36
37     // demonstrate maximum with double values
38     double double1, double2, double3;
39
40     cout << "\n\nInput three double values: ";
41     cin >> double1 >> double2 >> double3;
42
43     // invoke double version of maximum
44     cout << "The maximum double value is: "
45         << maximum( double1, double2, double3 );
46

```

maximum called with various data types.



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```

47 // demonstrate maximum with char values
48 char char1, char2, char3;
49
50 cout << "\n\nInput three characters: ";
51 cin >> char1 >> char2 >> char3;
52
53 // invoke char version of maximum
54 cout << "The maximum character value is: "
55     << maximum( char1, char2, char3 )
56     << endl;
57
58 return 0; // indicates successful termination
59
60 } // end main

```

Input three integer values: 1 2 3  
The maximum integer value is: 3

Input three double values: 3.3 2.2 1.1  
The maximum double value is: 3.3

Input three characters: A C B  
The maximum character value is: C



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