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Chapter 1

Languages and Programming

1.1 Programming Concepts

Here are a few basic programming concepts to help you get started.

[1]Memory

A computer's memory is a very large set of bytes in which it stores the numbers (and letters and so on, but they're really all just bits) using at the moment. When you write a letter using a word processor, for example, the computer loads the word processing program file into memory, and also keeps the letter in memory as you write it. When you have finished the letter you can save it, and exit the word processor program, which is then discarded from memory along with your letter (but the files stay on disk where you can use them to load the program again later).

I say the memory is a collection of bytes because the bytes are arranged and numbered in order from zero to some very large number (if you have 128 Mbytes of memory, for example, the bytes are numbered from zero to 134 217 727). The number of each byte is called its address. ^①

[2]Program

The whole point of programming is to create programs, so it's important to know what a program is. A program is a list of step-by-step instructions telling the computer how to do something.

Computers are very stupid, so they need explicit, detailed, step-by-step instructions in order to do something. Reading a file from a disk into memory, displaying a word on the screen, and so on are all accomplished by telling the computer exactly which signals need to be sent to the hardware (the disk drive, or the video controller) at what time. A collection of these instructions strung together to make the computer do something useful (or at least do something) is a program. ^②

[3]File

A file is a collection of data stored together under one name on a disk (or some other permanent media). ^③ The computer must read the data from a file into memory before it can

do anything with it, and in order to save data so that it will not be lost when the computer is turned off (or the program ends), the data will usually have to be written to a file.

[4] Variables

A variable in math is a symbol representing an arbitrary number. In programming, a variable is also a symbol (the variable name) that represents an arbitrary number (the value of the variable). However, that is pretty much where the similarity ends.^④ In math you write and manipulate equations to prove things that are true for all possible values of a variable, or to find the set of possible values for which the equation is true. In programming a variable has a particular value at any given time, and the reason it is called a variable is because that value can be changed as the program runs. A variable can be used to store a number input by a user, or the position of the mouse (periodically updated), or the result of a calculation, and so on.

Each variable in C or C++ has a type. The type of a variable determines its size in memory (the number of bytes it takes to store) and its representation, such as int for integer words, char for character bytes, and float for floating point numbers.

[5] Assignment and Arithmetic

Variables can be used to perform arithmetic. That is, you can add, subtract, multiply and divide using variables (as well as ordinary numbers, or constants). You have to assign the result of such arithmetic to a variable (or otherwise make use of it immediately). Thus the following statement:

$$x = y + 4$$

This assigns the result of adding four to the current value of the variable y to the variable x. Note that this is very different from what the same set of symbols means in math. To further illustrate, the following statement doesn't make much sense in math:

$$x = x + 1$$

There is no (ordinary) number which is equal to itself plus one, which is what the above would mean in math, but in programming it is perfectly ordinary and results in the variable x having a value one greater after the statement has been performed.

Words

binary ['bainəri] *adj.* 二元的, 二进制的

decimal ['desiməl] *adj.* 十进制的

arithmetic [ə'riθmətik] *n.* 运算

differentiate [ˌdɪfə'renʃieɪt] *v.* 差异

representation [ˌreprɪzen'teɪʃən] *n.* 表示, 表述

symbol ['sɪmbəl] *n.* 符号

holdover ['həʊld,əʊvə(r)] *n.* 过时的东西

explicit [ɪks'plɪsɪt] *adj.* 明确的

permanent ['pɜ:mənənt] *adj.* 永久的

arbitrary ['ɑ:bitrəri] *adj.* 多变的

periodically [ˌpiəri'ɒdɪkəli] *adv.* 周期性地

Notes

- ①numbered 在此意为编号,与表示数有所不同。该句可译为“内存中各个字节按次序排列并从 0 开始进行编号直到某个很大的数,例如 128 MB 内存将从 0 编号到 134 217 727。每个字节的编号称之为地址”。
- ②strung 为 string 的过去分词,注意与名词形式的 string 常专用于表示字符串不同。该句可译为:“程序是一组串联起来的指令,可使计算机完成一定的任务(至少做点什么)”。
- ③under 在此处意为通过、依据。该句可译为“文件是数据的集合,它通过文件名在磁盘或者其他存储媒质上加以存储”。
- ④However 引出转折 that is pretty much where the similarity ends. 该句可译为“数学中的变量是指一个表示可变数值的符号,在程序设计中,变量也是指一个符号——变量名,用于表示一个可变的数值,即变量的值。但是它们之间的相似性仅限于此”。

Terms

bit

A fundamental unit of information having just two possible values, as either of the binary digits 0 or 1.

1.2 File Access in C

The examples so far have all read the standard input and written the standard output, which are automatically defined for a program by the local operating system.

The next step is to write a program that accesses a file that is not already connected to the program. One program that illustrates the need for such operations is *cat*, which concatenates a set of named files onto the standard output.^① *Cat* is used for printing files on the screen, and as a general-purpose input collector for programs that do not have the capability of accessing files by name. For example, the command

```
cat x. c y. c
```

prints the contents of the files *x. c* and *y. c* (and nothing else) on the standard output.

The question is how to arrange for the named files to be read — that is, how to connect the external names that a user thinks of to the statements that read the data.^②

The rules are simple. Before it can be read or written, a file has to be opened by the library function *fopen*. *Fopen* takes an external name like *x. c* or *y. c*, does some housekeeping and negotiation with the operation system (details of which needn't concern us), and returns a pointer to be used in subsequent reads or writes of the file.

This pointer, called the file pointer, points to a structure that contains information about the file, such as the location of a buffer, the current character position in the buffer,

whether the file is being read or written, and whether errors or end of file have occurred. Users don't need to know the details, because the definitions obtained from `<stdio.h>` include a structure declaration call `FILE`. The only declaration needed for a file pointer is exemplified by

```
FILE *fp;
```

```
FILE *fopen(char *name, char *mode);
```

This says that `fp` is a pointer to a `FILE`, and `fopen` returns a pointer to a `FILE`. Note that `FILE` is a type name, like `int`, not a structure tag; it is defined with a typedef.

The call to `fopen` in a program is

```
fp = fopen(name, mode);
```

The first argument of `fopen` is a character string containing the name of the file. The second argument is the mode, also a character string, which indicates how one intends to use the file. Allowable mode includes read ("`r`"), write ("`w`"), and append ("`a`"). Some systems distinguish between text and binary files; for the latter, a "`b`" must be appended to the mode string. ③

If a file that does not exist is opened for writing or appending, it is created if possible. Opening an existing file for writing causes the old contents to be discarded, while opening for appending preserves them. Trying to read a file that does not exist is an error, and there may be other causes of error as well, like trying to read a file when you don't have permission. If there is any error, `fopen` will return to `NULL`.

The next thing needed is a way to read or write the file once it is open. There are several possibilities, of which `getc` and `putc` are the simplest. `getc` returns the next character from a file; it needs the file pointer to tell it which file.

```
int getc(FILE *fp)
```

`getc` returns the next character from the stream referred to by `fp`; it returns to `EOF` for end of file or error.

`putc` is an output function;

```
int putc(int c, FILE *fp)
```

`putc` writes the character `c` to the file `fp` and returns to the character written, or `EOF` if an error occurs. Like `getchar` and `putchar`, `getc` and `putc` may be macros instead of functions.

When a C program is started, the operation system environment is responsible for opening three files and providing file pointers for them. These files are the standard input, the standard output, and the standard error; the corresponding file pointers are called `stdin`, `stdout`, and `stderr`, and are declared in the `<stdio.h>`. Normally `stdin` is connected to the keyboard and `stdout` and `stderr` are connected to the screen, but `stdin` and `stdout` may be redirected to files or pipes. ④

`Getchar` and `putchar` can be defined in terms of `getc`, `putc`, `stdin`, and `stdout` as follows:

```
#define getchar() getc(stdin)
```

```
#define putchar(c) putc((c), stdout)
```

For formatted input or output of files, the functions `fscanf` and `fprintf` may be used. These are identical to `scanf` and `printf`, except that the first argument is a file pointer that specifies the file to be read or written; the format string is the second argument.

```
int fscanf(FILE *fp, char *format, ...)
```

```
int fprintf(FILE *fp, char *format, ...)
```

Words

`concatenate` [kən'kæteɪnɪt] *v.* 连接

`external` [eks'tɜːnl] *adj.* 外部的

`housekeeping` ['haʊskiːpɪŋ] *n.* 内部管理

`negotiation` [niːɡəʊfi'eɪʃən] *n.* 协调

`subsequent` ['sʌbsɪkwənt] *adj.* 随后的

`definition` [ˌdefɪ'nɪʃən] *n.* 定义

`declaration` [ˌdeklə'reɪʃən] *n.* 声明

`exemplify` [ɪɡ'zemplɪfaɪ] *vt.* 例证

`argument` ['ɑːɡjʊmənt] *n.* 参数, 变量

`discard` [dɪs'kɑːd] *vt. & v.* 丢弃

Notes

① `cat`, 是一条常用的 UNIX 命令。该句可译为“接下来要做的是写一个程序可以对尚未与程序连接的文件进行处理, 一个很好的例子是 `cat` 命令, 它用于将一系列指定的文件连接起来并输出到标准输出上”。

② `that is`, 引出同位语。该句可译为“问题在于如何使得命名文件能够被读取? 也就是说, 如何在用户所希望的外部文件与读取数据的语句之间建立联系”。

③ `text files`: 文本文件, `binary files`: 二进制文件。该句可译为“可选的模式有读('r')、写('w')、追加('a')。某些系统对文本文件和二进制文件加以区别, 对于后者, 可以在模式字符串的后面加上'b'”。

④ `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` 是 C 语言中 3 个预先打开的标准文件名。pipe(管道)是操作系统中一个与程序输入输出相关的概念。该句可译为“通常 `stdin` 与键盘相连接, 而 `stdout` 和 `stderr` 则连接到屏幕。但 `stdin` 和 `stdout` 都可以被重定向到文件或者管道”。

Terms

`typedef`

`typedef` is a C keyword allows you to create a new type from an existing type.

`pipe`

A pipe is an operating system mechanism originating in UNIX, which allows the user to direct the output of one process as the input of another process.

1.3 Operator Overloading in C++

Operator overloading allows the programmer to define versions of the predefined

operators for operands of class type. For example, the String class defines many overloaded operators. Here is the definition:

```
#include <iostream>
class String;
istream & operator>>( istream &, String & );
ostream & operator<<( ostream &, const String & );
class String {
public:
    // overloaded set of constructors
    // provide automatic initialization
    String( const char * = 0 );
    String( const String & );
    // destructor; automatic deinitialization
    String();
    // overloaded set of assignment operators
    String & operator=( const String & );
    String & operator=( const char * );
    // overloaded subscript operator
    char& operator[]( int ) const;
    // overloaded set of equality operators
    // str1 == str2;
    bool operator==( const char * ) const;
    bool operator==( const String & ) const;
    // member access functions
    int size() { return _size; }
    char* c_str() { return _string; }
private:
    int _size;
    char * _string;
};
```

The class String has three sets of overloaded operators. The first set defines the assignment operators for class String:

```
// overloaded set of assignment operators
String & operator=( const String & );
String & operator=( const char * );
```

The first assignment operator is the copy assignment operator, which supports the assignment of one object of type String to another. The second assignment operator supports the assignment of a C-style character string to an object of type String, as follows:

```
String name;  
name = "Sherlock"; // use of operator=( char * )
```

The second set of overloaded operators defines one operator - the subscript operator;
// overloaded subscript operator

```
char& operator[]( int ) const;
```

This operator allows programs to index into objects of class String the same way we index into an object of built-in array type^①:

```
if ( name[0] != 'S' )  
    cout << "oops, something went wrong\n";
```

The third set of overloaded operators defines equality operators for objects of class String. A program can compare two objects of class String for equality, or can compare an object of class String with a C-style character string for equality.

```
// overloaded set of equality operators  
// str1 == str2;  
bool operator==( const String & ) const;  
bool operator==( const char * ) const;
```

Overloaded operators allow objects of class type to be used with the operators, allowing the manipulation of objects of class type to be as intuitive as that of objects of built-in types. For example, if we want to define an operation to support the concatenation of two objects of type String, we could decide to implement this new operation as a member function named `concat()`. But why choose the name `concat()` and not `append()`, for example? ^② Although the name chosen is both logical and mnemonic, users may forget the exact name we chose. It is often easier to remember the name of an operation if we define it as an overloaded operator. Instead of `concat()`, for example, we prefer to name the new String operation `operator+=()`.

An overloaded operator is declared in the class body in the same way as an ordinary member function, except that its name consists of the keyword operator followed by one of a large subset of the predefined C++ operators. Operator `+=()` might be declared as follows in class String,

```
class String {  
public:  
    // overloaded set of += operators  
    String & operator +=( const String & );  
    String & operator +=( const char * );  
    // ...  
private:  
    // ...  
};
```


Class Member versus Nonmember

Let's look at our String class equality operators in a little bit more detail. The first operator allows us to compare for equality two objects of class String, and the second operator allows us to compare an object of class String with a C-style character string.^③ For example:

```
#include "String.h"
int main() {
    String flower;
    // set flower to something
    if ( flower == "lily" ) // ok
        // ...
    else
        if ( "tulip" == flower ) // error
            // ...
}
```

The first use of the equality operator in main() calls the String class overloaded operator==(const char *). However, the second use of the equality operator results in a compiler error. How can this be?

The problem is that an overloaded operator that is a class member is only considered when the operator is used with a left operand that is an object of class type. Because the left operand is not of class type, the compiler tries to find a built-in operator that can take a left operand that is a C-style character string and a right operand that is of class String. Of course, no such operator exists and the compiler issues an error message for the second use of the equality operator in main().

But, you will say, it is possible to create an object of class String from a C-style character string using the class constructor. Why doesn't the compiler implicitly do the following conversion:

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if ( String( "tulip" ) == flower ) // ok; calls member operator
```

The short answer is efficiency. Overloaded operators do not require that both operands be of the same type.

So, to find the equality operator for this comparison, the compiler would have to look at all the class definitions, to find all the constructors that can convert the left operand to a class type, and then find the associated overloaded equality operators for each of these class types to see if any can perform the equality operation. The compiler would then need to decide which combination of constructor and equality operator, if any, best matches the right-hand operand! If the compiler were required to do this, the time it would take to compile C++ programs would increase significantly. Instead, the compiler only considers