

## CISC 1600/1610 Computer Science I

Basics continued!  
Variables and arithmetic

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### User input: "Hello \_\_\_\_!"

```
// include library of standard input and output commands
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{ // Begin main function
  string name; // create variable called name
  cout << "What is your name?";
  cin >> name; // get name from user
  cout << "Hello "; // output "Hello "
  cout << name << "!\n"; // output "<name>!"
  return 0; // end program
} // End main function
```

```
> ./myProgram
What is your name? Alice
Hello Alice!
>
```

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## Variables

Variables store information

char	single character ('a', 'Q')
int	integers (-4, 82)
bool	logic (true or false)
float	real numbers (1.3, -0.45)
string	text ("Hello", "reload")

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## Variable declaration

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"Declare" new variable by writing type followed by variable name.

More examples:

```
int age, weight; // multiple declarations
```

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## Variable declaration and initialization

- All variables must be declared before they are used  
`int cost; // declare variable`
- Variables are initialized with the first assignment statement  
`cost = 25; // initialize variable`
- Declaration and initialization can be performed in one line  
`int weight = 140;`

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## Variable assignment

- Typically, variables are assigned values with the = operator  
`string weather;`  
`weather = "sunny";`  
`cout << "The weather today is ";`  
`cout << weather << endl;`
- The variable to be changed is always to the left of the = operator
- The value assigned from the right of the = operator
  - Constants: `weight = 140;`
  - Variables: `ageErica = ageJen;`
  - Expressions: `balance = balance - cost;`

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## Input command

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```

- `cin >> varName;` receives input from keyboard  
saves into the `varName`

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## Variable names

- A variable name is any valid identifier that is not a keyword
  - Starts with a letter, contains letters, digits, and underscores (`_`) only
  - Cannot begin with a digit
  - Case sensitive: `username` ≠ `userName` ≠ `UserName`

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## Variable names, part 2

Choose meaningful names

- Avoid acronyms
- Avoid lengthy names
- Good:
  - `age`, `size`, `address`, `count`, `sumData`
  - `x`, `y`, `i` – single letters as counting variables
- Bad:
  - `rbi`, `lda`, `xZ25`,  
`neuron_response_magnitude`

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## Keywords

Also known as: "Reserved names"

- Examples
  - `cout`, `return`, `string`, `int`
- Must be used as they are defined in the programming language
- Cannot be used as variable names

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## Arithmetic in C++

Operators

- Addition: `5 + 2` evaluates to 7
- Subtraction: `5 - 2` evaluates to 3
- Multiplication: `5 * 2` evaluates to 10
- Division: `4 / 2` evaluates to 2
- Modulo: `5 % 2` evaluates to 1 (only integers)

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## What does this program do?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
  int dollars, coins;
  cout << "How many dollars do you have? ";
  cin >> dollars;
  coins = dollars*4;
  cout << "I will give you " << coins;
  cout << " coins.\n";
  return 0;
}
```

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## Variable types, revisited

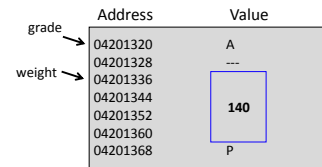
char	single character ('a', 'Q')	1 byte
int	integers (-4, 82)	4 bytes
bool	logic (true or false)	1 byte
float	real numbers (1.3, -0.45)	4 bytes
string	text ("Hello", "reload")	? bytes

- Each variable is represented by a certain number of 0s and 1s
- Each 0-or-1 is a bit
- 8 bits in a row is a byte

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## Variables – locations in memory

- Each variable indicates a location in memory
- Each location holds a value
- Value can change as program progresses
- Variable value exists before initialization



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## Assigning between types

```
int x = 5;
float y = -2.5;
float z = x * y;
int g = y - x;
```

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