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DECLARATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND PROTOTYPES

FUNCTION DECLARATIONS (PROTOTYPES)

Any function can be declared more than once. A function declaration includes:

- The return type of the function (may be void).
- The name of the function.
- In parentheses, the formal parameters with their types. Default values may be provided.
- A semicolon to terminate the declaration.



DECLARATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND PROTOTYPES

FUNCTION DEFINITIONS

A function definition consists of:

- The function **header**. This looks like the function's declaration, except that there are no default values and there is no semicolon.
- The function **body**, which consists of a code block (in braces). The code should use the formal parameters in the header. If the return type is not `void` there must be a return statement.



DECLARATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND PROTOTYPES

USING FUNCTION PROTOTYPES (DECLARATIONS)

C++ must see a function declaration or definition before it can translate a call to that function. (Formal parameters cannot be allocated if their type is not known.)



DECLARATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND PROTOTYPES

A FUNCTION PROTOTYPE (DECLARATION) AND DEFINITION

```
double f(double x, double y);
int main()
{
    double a = 2.5, b = 3.0, c;
    c = f(a, b);
    return 0;
}
double f(double x, double y)
{
    return x * x + 2 * x * y;
}
```



PARAMETER PASSING - PASS BY VALUE

PASS BY VALUE

- A separate copy of the actual parameter value is made, and assigned to the formal parameter.
- The code in the body of the function only affects the copy, not the original actual parameter.



PARAMETER PASSING - PASS BY VALUE

PASS BY VALUE - EXAMPLE

```
void f(int a, int b)
{
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
    a += 3;
    b += 5;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
}

int main()
{
    int x = 1, y = 2;
    f(x, y);
    cout << x << " " << y << endl;
}
```

x

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y

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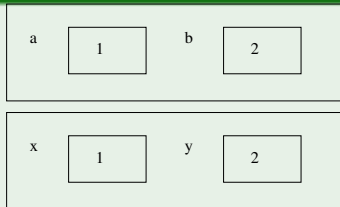
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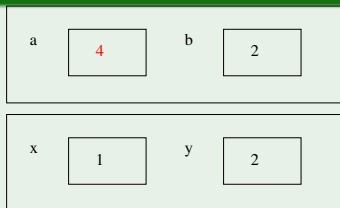
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```

a	4	b	7
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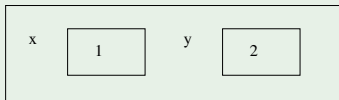
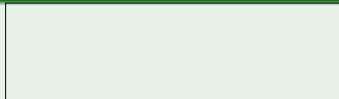
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PARAMETER PASSING - PASS BY REFERENCE

PASS BY REFERENCE

- An ampersand (&) before the formal parameter name in the header indicates passing by reference.
- A parameter passed by reference must be a variable.
- A reference to its value (its address) is passed to the called function.
- The function can use or change this value.
- If the value is changed, the actual parameter passed by reference has the changed value even after the function call is completed.



PARAMETER PASSING - PASS BY REFERENCE

PASS BY REFERENCE EXAMPLE

```
void f(int a, int &b)
{
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
    a += 3;
    b += 5;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
}

int main()
{
    int x = 1, y = 2;
    f(x, y);
    cout << x << " " << y << endl;
}
```

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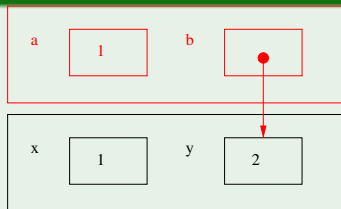


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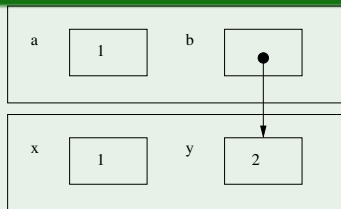
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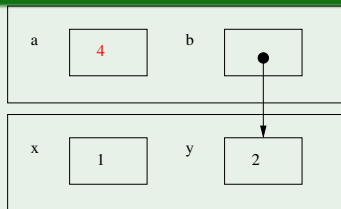
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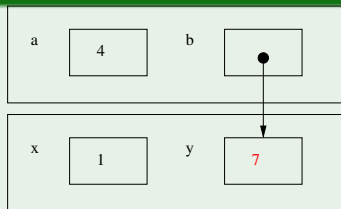
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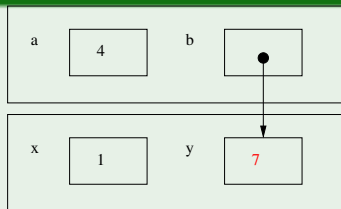
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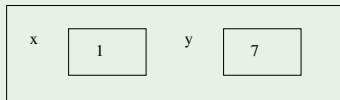
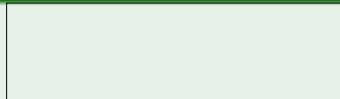
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}

```



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PASSING ARRAYS AS PARAMETERS

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- Arrays are automatically passed by reference (no ampersand is used).
- In the function header, the name of any array parameter is followed by empty brackets (`[]`).
- The function does not need to know the length of the array, but it is a good idea to give it as a separate `int` parameter.

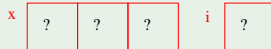


PASSING ARRAYS AS PARAMETERS

PASSING ARRAYS AS PARAMETERS - EXAMPLE

```
void clear(int a[], int size)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        a[i] = 0;
}

int main()
{
    int x[3], i;
    clear(x, 3);
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        cout << x[i] << " ";
    return 0;
}
```

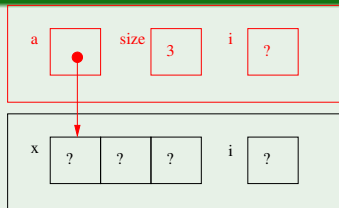


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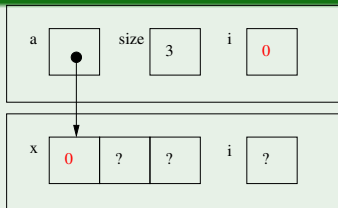


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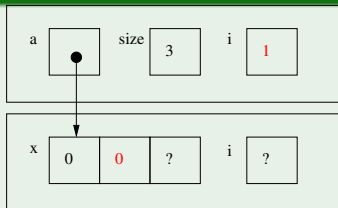


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    clear(x, 3);
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    return 0;
}
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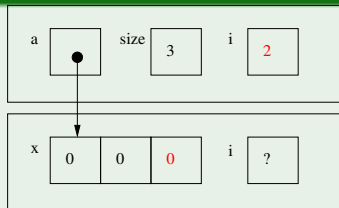


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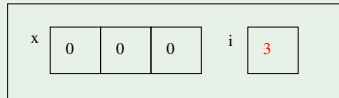
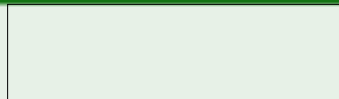


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}

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    clear(x, 3);
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        cout << x[i] << " ";
    return 0;
}
```



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CONST PARAMETERS

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Parameters whose values are not supposed to change are declared as `const` parameters. This way, the compiler will give an error message if it finds any code which changes the value of that parameter in the body of the function.



CONST PARAMETERS

CONST PARAMETERS - EXAMPLE

```
void f(const int a, int b)
{
    a = 2; // this will generate a compiler error
    b = 2; // this is fine
}
```



DEFAULT PARAMETERS

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Default parameters in C++ are similar to those in Python. That is, if a parameter value is left unspecified in a function call, the default value for that parameter will be automatically assigned. Parameters which can get default values must be the last parameters in the parameter list.



DEFAULT PARAMETERS

DEFAULT PARAMETERS - EXAMPLE

```
void f(int a, int b, int c=2, int d=3)
{
    // do something with the parameters
}
int main()
{
    f(0, 1); // equivalent to f(0, 1, 2, 3);
    f(4, 5, 6); // equivalent to f(4, 5, 6, 3);
    f(4, 5, 6, 7); // no default value used
    return 0;
}
```



HEADER FILES

HEADER FILES (EXTENSION .H) CAN BE # INCLUDED MULTIPLE TIMES

Different C++ files (extension .cpp) will often use the same library functions or member functions of the same class. Instead of re-declaring them (possibly incorrectly) use the preprocessor's `#include` directive to reuse the same file. The usual benefits of code reuse apply: fewer errors, and easier maintenance, since a change of a declaration need only be made once.



HEADER FILES

MULTIPLE #INCLUDES MUST BE MANAGED

`#included` files can `#include` other files, and so on, so there is the danger that some header file may be included multiple times in a single file by the preprocessor. If this leads to multiple declarations of the same variable or class, it will cause a build error.



HEADER FILES

#IFDEF...#ENDIF

To prevent multiple inclusions ,of the file `conversions.h`, place the directives

```
#ifndef __CONVERSIONS_H
```

```
#define __CONVERSIONS_H
```

at the beginning of the header file, and

```
#endif
```

at the end.

Update: for newer versions of C++ (such as Visual Studio), the way to do this is to put this at the beginning of any header file:

```
#pragma once
```



INLINE FUNCTIONS

INCLUDE FILES CAN HAVE FUNCTION DEFINITIONS AS WELL AS DECLARATIONS

If a function definition is small (say, one line of code) it can be placed in a header file for inclusion wherever it is needed. The `inline` keyword prevents a function definition from being included twice. suggests to the compiler that any function call to this function be replaced with the **actual code in the body of the function**. This produces a faster program, since the overhead of a function call (copying parameter values, pushing onto and popping from the call stack) is removed.



INLINE FUNCTIONS

INLINE FUNCTIONS - EXAMPLE

```
// conversions2.h
#ifndef __CONVERSIONS_H
#define __CONVERSIONS_H
inline double f_to_c(double f=0.0)
{
    return (f - 32.0) * (5.0 / 9.0);
}
inline double c_to_f(double c=0.0)
{
    return (9.0 / 5.0) * c + 32.0;
}
#endif
```



ASSERT STATEMENTS

IN C++, ASSERT HAS THE SAME BEHAVIOR AS IN PYTHON

Like Python, C++ has an assert command that halts a program immediately if the given boolean expression is false.

It has the syntax `assert(<boolean expression>)`. To be used, the C++ source file must contain the command

```
#include <cassert>
```



ASSERT STATEMENTS

TESTING

Besides ensuring that preconditions are true, The assert statement can be used to check the truth of a postcondition, say, after a member function has been called.



THE SCOPE AND LIFETIME OF VARIABLES

SCOPE

- The **scope** of a variable is the part of the program code in which the variable name is defined and has a value and meaning.
- In C++, this is the code block in which the variable is declared.



THE SCOPE AND LIFETIME OF VARIABLES

LIFETIME

- The **lifetime** of a variable is the period of time in the execution of the program code in which the variable name is defined and has a value and meaning.
- In C++, this is the time for a function call to be executed, where the variable is declared in the body of that function.



COMMON C++ MISTAKES BY PYTHON PROGRAMMERS

- forgetting the semicolon after each statement
- putting a semicolon after `for`, `if` or `while`
- putting a colon after `for`, `if` or `while`
- forgetting curly braces to mark code blocks
- forgetting parentheses around boolean expressions in `if` or `while`
- putting semicolon after heading in a function definition
- assigning one array variable to another (you must assign each entry individually by its index)

