

Algorithms & Programming Programming Basics

C/C++ programming
(p.2 – Functions & Arrays)



```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    printf("Hello World!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

C/C++

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C++ Arrays

- Arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable, instead of declaring separate variables for each value.
- To declare an array, define the variable type, specify the name of the array followed by square brackets and specify the number of elements it should store:

```
string cars[4];
```

C++ Arrays

- We have now declared a variable that holds an array of four strings. To insert values to it, we can use an array literal - place the values in a comma-separated list, inside curly braces:

```
string cars[4] = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
```

- To create an array of three integers, you could write:

```
int myNum[3] = {10, 20, 30};
```

Get the Size of an Array

- To get the size of an array, you can use the `sizeof()` operator:

```
int arr[] = {5, 2, 3, 7, 8};  
int size = sizeof(arr);  
cout << "size = " << size;
```

Result is:

```
size = 20
```

It is because the `sizeof()` operator returns the size of a type in bytes.

`int` type is usually 4 bytes, so from the example above,
 4×5 (4 bytes x 5 elements) = 20 bytes.

Get the Size of an Array

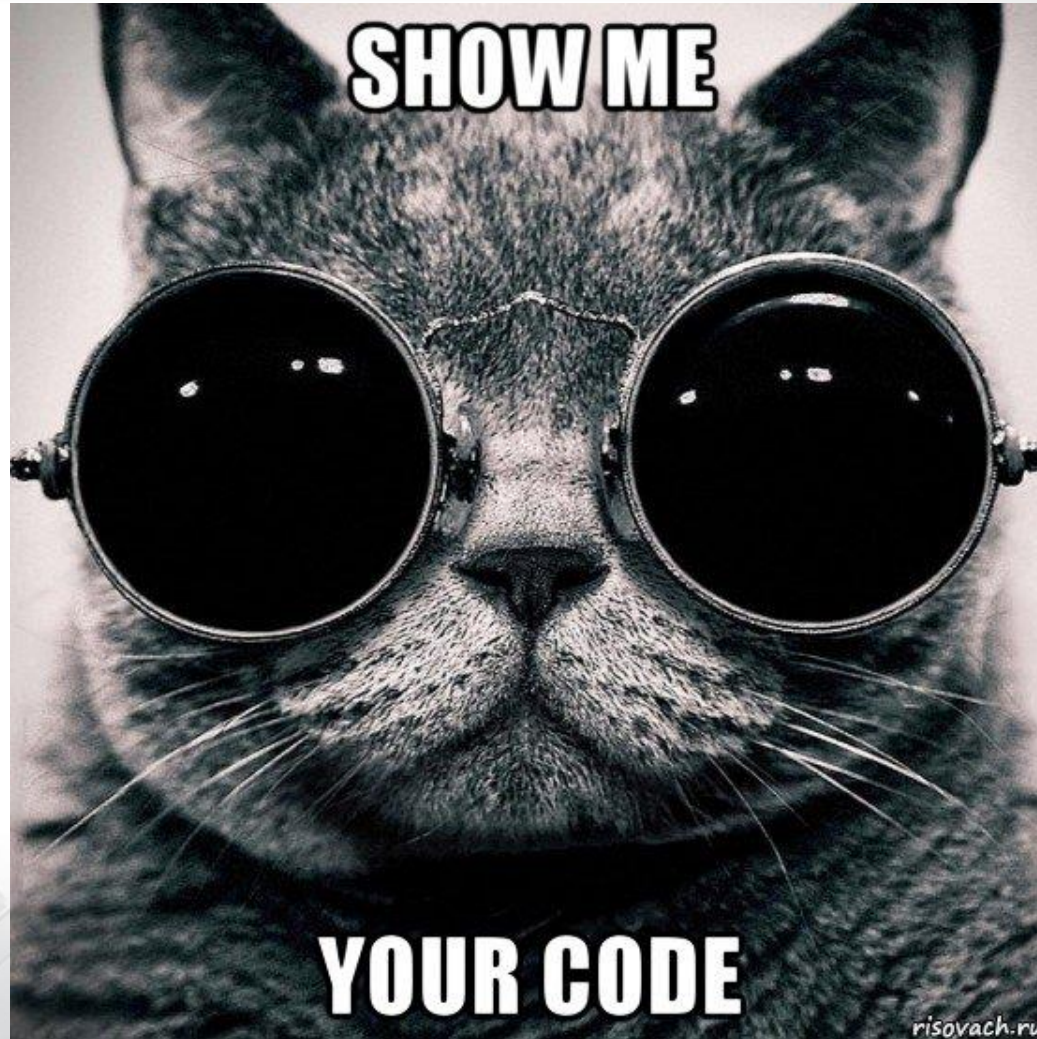
- To get the size of an array, you can use the `sizeof()` operator:

```
int arr[] = {5,2,3,7,8};  
int getArrayLength = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(int);  
cout << "length = " << getArrayLength;
```

Result is:

```
length = 5
```

Let's code!



C++ Functions

- A function is a block of code which only runs when it is called.
- You can pass data, known as parameters, into a function.
- Functions are used to perform certain actions, and they are important for reusing code:
Define the code once, and use it many times.



Create a Function

- C++ provides some pre-defined functions, such as `main()`, which is used to execute code. But you can also create your own functions to perform certain actions.
- To create (often referred to as declare) a function, specify the name of the function, followed by parentheses (`()`):

```
void myFunction() {  
    // code to be executed  
}
```

- **`myFunction()`** is the name of the function
- **`void`** means that the function does not have a return value.
- inside the function (the body), add code that defines what the function should do

Call a Function

- Declared functions are not executed immediately. They are "saved for later use", and will be executed later, when they are called.
- To call a function, write the function's name followed by two parentheses () and a semicolon ;
- In the following example, `myFunction()` is used to print a text (the action), when it is called.



Call a Function

- In the following example, `myFunction()` is used to print a text (the action), when it is called:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void myFunction() {
    cout << "I just got executed\n";
}

int main()
{
    myFunction();
    return 0;
}

// ----- result -----
I just got executed
```

Call a Function

- A function can be called multiple times:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void myFunction() {
    cout << "I just got executed\n";
}

int main()
{
    myFunction();
    myFunction();
    myFunction();
    return 0;
}

// ----- result -----
I just got executed
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```

Function Declaration and Definition

A C++ function consist of two parts:

- Declaration: the function's name, return type, and parameters (if any)
- Definition: the body of the function (code to be executed)

```
void myFunction() { // declaration  
    // the body of the function  
}
```

Note: If a user-defined function, such as `myFunction()` is declared after the `main()` function, an error will occur

Function Declaration and Definition

- However, it is possible to separate the declaration and the definition of the function - for code optimization.
- You will often see C++ programs that have function declaration above main(), and function definition below main(). This will make the code better organized and easier to read:

```
void myFunction(); // declaration

int main()
{
    myFunction(); // call the function
    return 0;
}

void myFunction() { // function definition
    cout << "I just got executed";
}
```

Parameters and Arguments

- Information can be passed to functions as a parameter. Parameters act as variables inside the function.
- Parameters are specified after the function name, inside the parentheses. You can add as many parameters as you want, just separate them with a comma:

```
void functionName(parameter1, parameter2, parameter3) {  
    // code to be executed  
}
```

Example

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void myFunction(string name) {
    cout << name << " Dow\n";
}

int main()
{
    myFunction("John");
    myFunction("Liam");
    myFunction("Jane");
    return 0;
}
```

When a parameter is passed to the function, it is called an argument.

So, from the example above: name is a parameter, while John, Liam and Jane are arguments.

Parameters

In C++, parameters are passed to a function in one of the following ways:

- By value
- By reference
- By pointer



By value

```
#include <iostream>

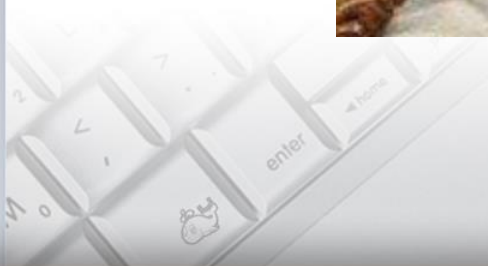
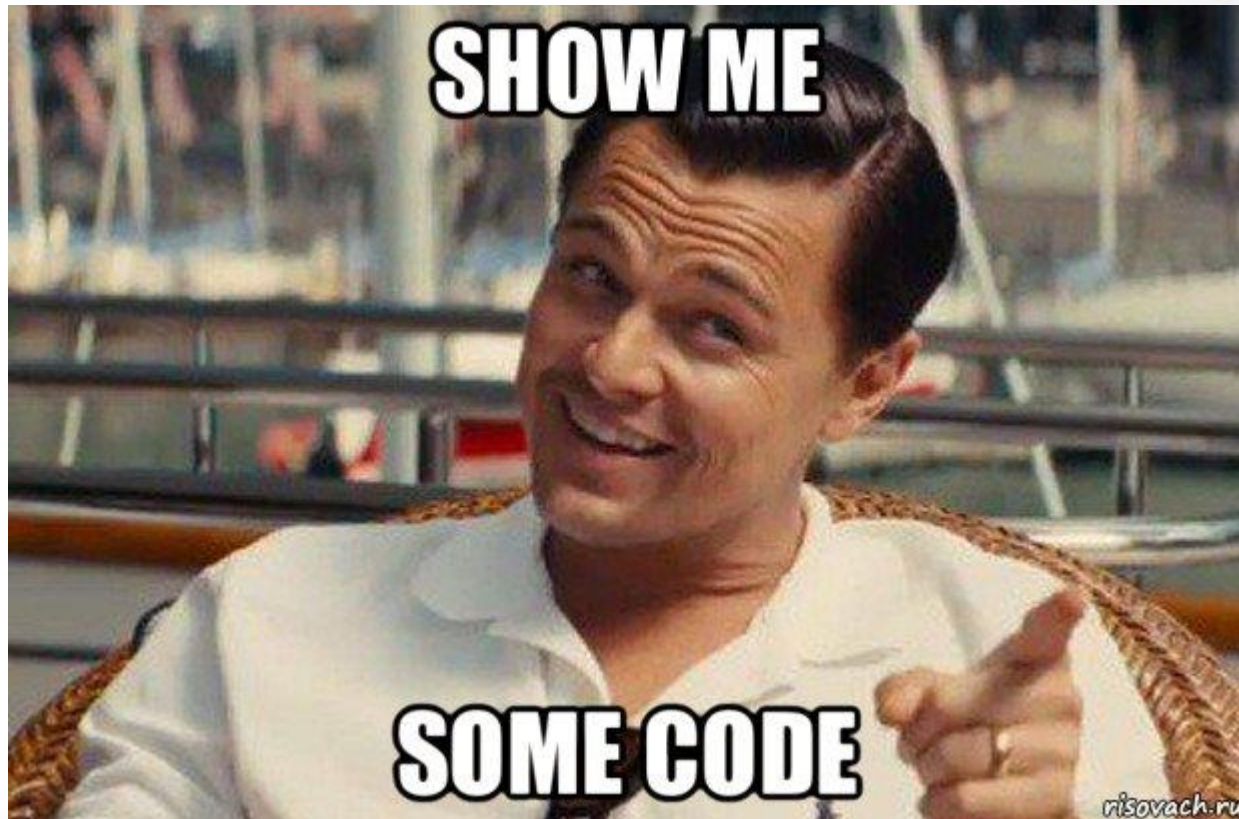
using namespace std;

void swapNums(int x, int y) {
    int t = x; x = y; y = t;
}

int main() {
    int firstNum = 5;
    int secondNum = 7;
    cout << "Before swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    swapNums(firstNum, secondNum);
    cout << "After swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    return 0;
}
```



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By reference

```
#include <iostream>

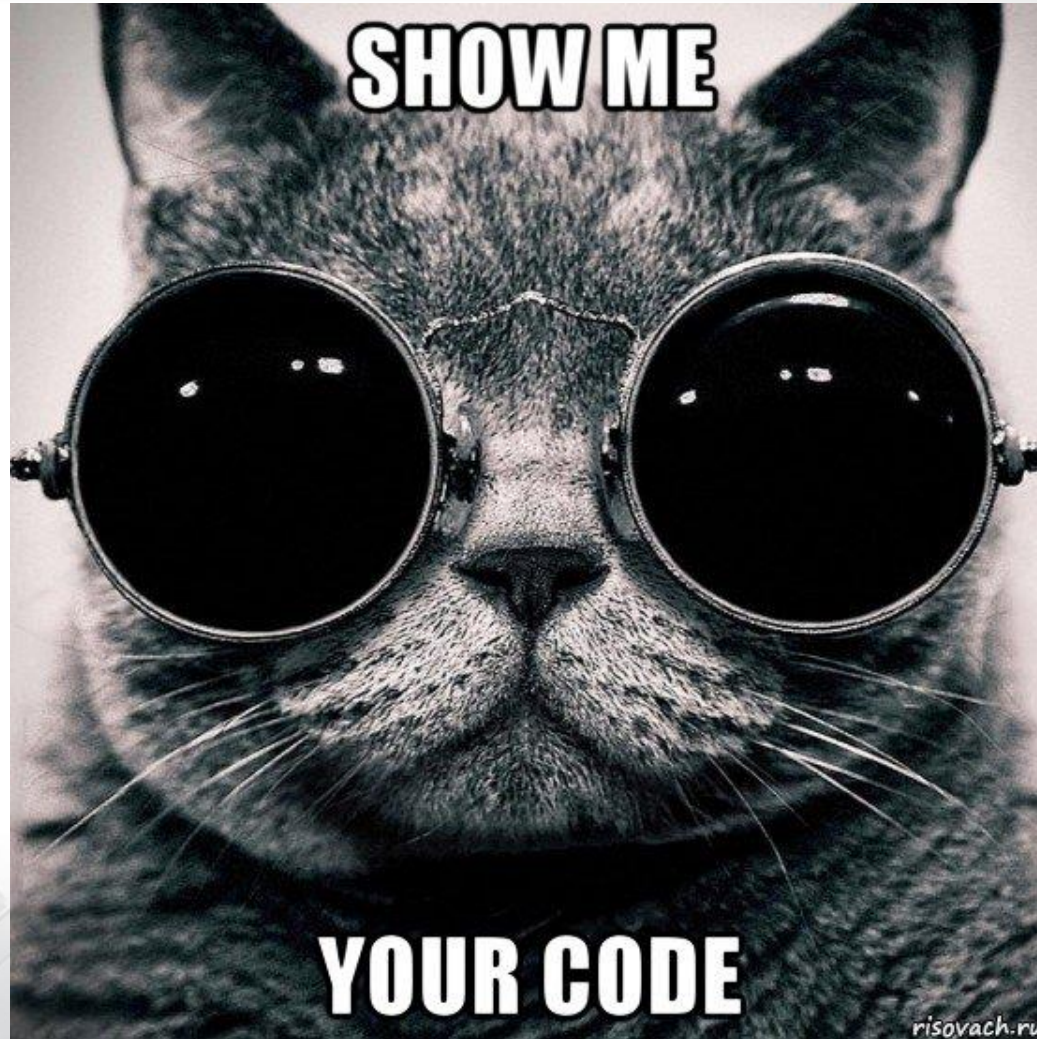
using namespace std;

void swapNums(int &x, int &y) {
    int t = x; x = y; y = t;
}

int main() {
    int firstNum = 5;
    int secondNum = 7;
    cout << "Before swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    swapNums(firstNum, secondNum);
    cout << "After swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    return 0;
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By pointer

```
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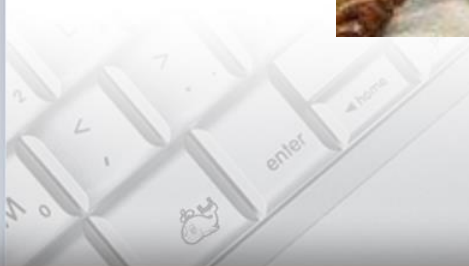
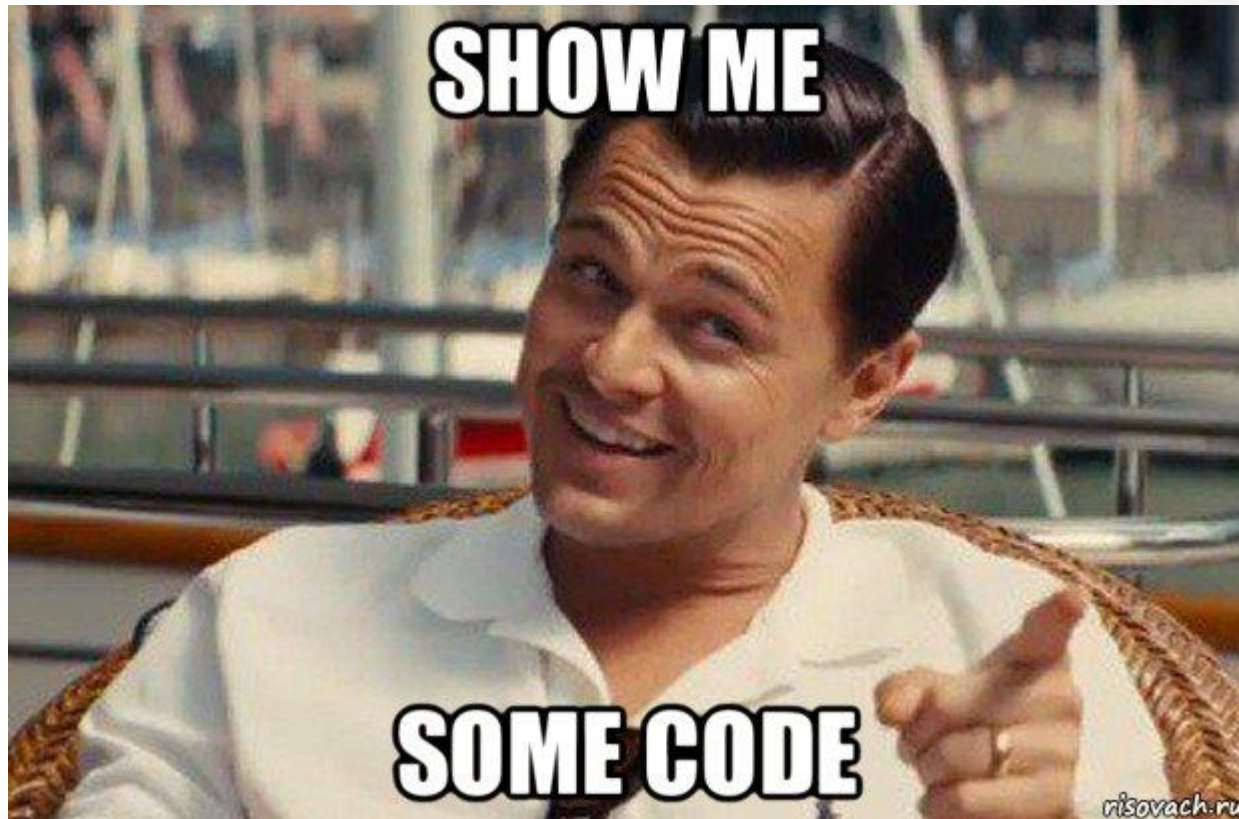
using namespace std;

void swapNums(int *x, int *y) {
    int t = *x; *x = *y; *y = t;
}

int main() {
    int firstNum = 5;
    int secondNum = 7;
    cout << "Before swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    swapNums(&firstNum, &secondNum);
    cout << "After swap: \n";
    cout << firstNum << " " << secondNum << "\n";
    return 0;
}
```



Let's see



C++ Function Overloading

- In C++, two or more functions can have the same name if the number and/or type of arguments passed is different.
- These functions having the same name but different arguments are known as overloaded functions. For example:

```
int test() { return 0; }  
  
int test(int a) { return a; }  
  
double test(double a) { return a; }  
  
int test(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
```

C++ Function Overloading

- Overloaded functions may or may not have different return types but they must have different arguments. For example

```
// error!!!  
  
int test(int a) { return a; }  
  
double test(int b) { return 1.0*b; }
```

Here, both functions have the same name, the same type, and the same number of arguments. Hence, the compiler will throw an error.

C++ Recursion

- A function that calls itself is known as a recursive function.
- And, this technique is known as recursion.

```
void recurse() {  
    ...  
    recurse();  
    ...  
}  
  
int main() {  
    ...  
    recurse();  
    ...  
    return 0;  
}
```

The diagram shows two code blocks. The first block is a function definition for `void recurse()` which contains an ellipsis, a call to `recurse();`, and another ellipsis. A blue arrow starts from the `recurse();` line and points back to the opening curly brace of the `recurse()` function, labeled "recursive call". The second block is the `int main()` function, which contains an ellipsis, a call to `recurse();`, another ellipsis, and `return 0;`. A blue arrow starts from the `recurse();` line in `main()` and points to the opening curly brace of the `recurse()` function, labeled "function call".

C++ Recursion

- The recursion continues until some condition is met.
- To prevent infinite recursion, `if...else` statement (or similar approach) can be used where one branch makes the recursive call and the other doesn't.



Example: Factorial

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

long long factorial(int);

int main() {
    int n;

    cout << "Enter a non-negative number: ";
    cin >> n;
    long long result = factorial(n);
    cout << "Factorial of " << n << " = " << result;

    return 0;
}

long long factorial(int n) {
    if (n > 1) return n * factorial(n-1);
    else return 1L;
}
```

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