

# Input / Output Stream Object

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# Stream Objects

- cout and cin are actually C++ objects (stream Class)
  - Include a series of manipulators and methods (functions)
- Manipulators modify the content of the stream
  - Require `#include <iomanip>`
- Methods operate on the contents of the stream

# Stream Objects

- cout manipulators
  - setw()
    - Sets the width used to print out **the next** value
    - When necessary – pads with leading spaces
    - Parameter must be an int

```
int foo;
double boo;
foo = 1;
boo = 4.5;
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setw(3);
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setw(2) << foo << " | " << setw(5) << boo << endl;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C:
1 | 4.5
 1 | 4.5
1 |  4.5
```

# Stream Objects

- cout manipulators
  - `setprecision()`
    - Sets the precision used to print out floating point values
    - # of digits printed (excluding the decimal point)
    - Parameter must be an int
    - Remains in effect until changed

```
int foo;
double boo;
foo = 1234;
boo = 1234.5678;
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(3);
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(5) << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [
1234 | 1234.57
1234 | 1.23e+003
1234 | 1234.6
```

# Stream Objects

- cout manipulators
  - `fixed`
    - Forces numbers to be printed in fixed point form vs. scientific notation

```
int foo;
double boo;
foo = 1234;
boo = 1234.5678;
cout << fixed;
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(3);
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(5) << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C
1234 | 1234.567800
1234 | 1234.568
1234 | 1234.56780
```

# Stream Objects

- cout manipulators
  - `showpoint`
    - Forces numbers to be printed with the decimal point showing

```
int foo;
double boo;
foo = 1234;
boo = 1234;
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << fixed << showpoint;
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(3);
cout << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
cout << setprecision(5) << foo << " | " << boo << endl;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C
1234 | 1234
1234 | 1234.000000
1234 | 1234.000
1234 | 1234.00000
```

# Stream Objects

- cout manipulators
  - left and right
    - Forces left or right alignment
    - Maintains sense until changed
    - Default is right

```
double foo;
foo = 12.34;
cout << fixed << showpoint << setprecision(3);
cout << left;
cout << setw(12) << foo << setw(12) << foo/10 << setw(12) << foo/100 << setw(12) << foo/1000 << endl;
cout << right;
cout << setw(12) << foo << setw(12) << foo/10 << setw(12) << foo/100 << setw(12) << foo/1000 << endl;
cout << left;
cout << setw(12) << foo << setw(12) << foo/10 << setw(12) << foo/100 << setw(12) << foo/1000 << endl;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C/C++ Application] [
12.340    1.234    0.123    0.012
    12.340    1.234    0.123    0.012    0.012
12.340    1.234    0.123    0.012
```

# Stream Objects

- cin manipulator
  - setw()
    - Read in only the specified number of **characters**
    - If too few characters entered, cin stops reading at any white space

```
string foo;                                     stream_objects.cpp
cout << "enter a long string: ";
cin >> setw(3) >> foo;
cout << foo << endl;
cin >> setw(3) >> foo;
cout << foo << endl;
cin >> setw(5) >> foo;
cout << foo << endl;
cin >> setw(5) >> foo;
cout << foo << endl;
cout << "enter 2 short strings separated by a space: ";
cin >> setw(8) >> foo;
cout << foo << endl;
```

```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C/C++ Application] D:\G
enter a long string: 123456789abcdef
123
456
789ab
cdef
enter 2 short strings separated by a space: 123 abc
123
```

terminated by  
the white space





# Stream Objects

- cin member functions
  - `cin.getline`(name of array to store line, #of characters to read + 1)

```
char foo[20];  
cout << "enter a string: ";  
cin.getline(foo, 20);  
cout << foo << endl;  
cout << "enter a string: ";  
cin.getline(foo, 8);  
cout << foo;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C:  
enter a string: abcdefghijklmno  
abcdefghijklmno  
enter a string: abcdefghijklmno  
|abcdefg
```

# Stream Objects

- cin member functions
  - `cin.get`(name of variable to store character)
  - Reads in a single character
    - Includes whitespace

```
char foo;
cout << "enter a string: " << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl ;
```

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```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C
enter a string:
12 34
1
2

3
4
```

```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C
enter a string:
12
1
2

345
|
4
```

Note: the return causes 2 lines  
1 for the next output and 1 for  
the return (LF)

# Stream Objects

- cin member functions
  - `cin.ignore` (number of characters to ignore)
  - `cin.ignore`(number of characters to ignore, character to stop reading at (if reached))

```
char foo; stream_objects.cpp
cout << "enter a string: " << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.ignore(3);
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.ignore(); //ignore the CR

cout << "enter a string: " << endl;
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo << endl;
cin.ignore(20, 'e');
cin.get(foo);
cout << foo;
```

```
<terminated> (exit value: 0) class_notes.exe [C/C+
enter a string:
abcde
a
e
enter a string:
abcdefgh
|
f
```