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# Preface

Welcome to *Starting Out with* C++: *From Control Structures through Objects, 10th edition.* This book is intended for use in a two-semester C++ programming sequence, or an accelerated one-semester course. Students new to programming, as well as those with prior course work in other languages, will find this text beneficial. The fundamentals of programming are covered for the novice, while the details, pitfalls, and nuances of the C++ language are explored in depth for both the beginner and more experienced student. The book is written with clear, easy-to-understand language, and it covers all the necessary topics for an introductory programming course. This text is rich in example programs that are concise, practical, and real-world oriented, ensuring that the student not only learns how to implement the features and constructs of C++, but why and when to use them.

#### Revel

If you are using this textbook along with **Revel** for Gaddis *Starting Out with C++, 10e,* please understand that there may be some pedagogical differences between the two. **Revel,** Pearson's fully immersive, all-in-one digital learning environment, is design for interactive online learning. Therefore, some of the learning aids in the textbook had to be removed or re-imagined in order to create a better online learning experience for students.

### **Changes in the Tenth Edition**

This book's pedagogy, organization, and clear writing style remain the same as in the previous edition. Many improvements and updates have been made, which are summarized here:

• New material on the if statement and the switch statement with Initialization

C++ 17 introduced new forms of the if statement and the switch statement that include an initialization clause. In this edition, Chapter 4 includes new material on this syntax and shows examples using both.

New Random Number Generator

Modern C++ provides a new and improved random number generator with an intuitive syntax for getting a random number within a specified range. This edition replaces the previous C-style technique for random number generation with the new, modern C++ approach.

• Tuples

Chapter 17, which covers the Standard Template Library, provides a new section on the tuple library. Tuples are explained and numerous examples of using tuples to store and retrieve data are given.

#### • New Forms of String and Numeric Literals

This edition introduces raw string literals, binary literals, and the use of digit separators in numeric literals.

#### • The filesystem Library

Chapter 12 includes a new section on the filesystem library, which was introduced in C++ 17. The filesystem library allows you to work with files and directories at the operating system level, performing operations such as copying and deleting files, getting a list of a directory's contents, and recursively traversing a directory tree.

#### • Structured Binding Declarations

Structured binding declarations, which were introduced in C++ 17, provide a concise syntax for unpacking a collection or data structure and assigning its contents to individual variables. This edition shows how to use structured binding declarations to unpack arrays, structures, and tuples.

#### • Defaulted and Deleted Operations

Chapter 14 shows how to use the default and delete key words to explicitly instruct the compiler to either generate or not generate a class's default constructor, default copy constructor, default move constructor, default copy assignment operator, and default destructor.

#### • Usage of typename Instead of class In Templates

In the code for function and class templates, this edition uses the typename key word instead of the class key word for declaring type parameters.

#### • The noexcept Key Word

Chapter 16 in this edition introduces the noexcept key word and discusses its use for declaring functions that do not throw an exception.

#### • Enhanced Discussion of Deleting Nodes in a Linked List

Chapter 18's explanation of deleting a node in a linked list has been expanded with more detail, including a new figure that illustrates the process of unlinking a node, and pseudo-code describing the process for deleting a node in either a sorted or an unsorted linked list.

#### • Variadic Function Templates

Chapter 20 presents a new section on variadic function templates, which allow you to write a set of function templates that use recursion to process a variable number of arguments.

### **Organization of the Text**

This text teaches C++ in a step-by-step fashion. Each chapter covers a major set of topics and builds knowledge as the student progresses through the book. Although the chapters can be easily taught in their existing sequence, some flexibility is provided. The diagram shown in Figure P-1 suggests possible sequences of instruction.

Chapter 1 covers fundamental hardware, software, and programming concepts. You may choose to skip this chapter if the class is already familiar with those topics. Chapters 2 through 7 cover basic C++ syntax, data types, expressions, selection structures, repetition structures, functions, and arrays. Each of these chapters builds on the previous chapter and should be covered in the order presented.

#### Figure P-1 Chapter dependency chart



After Chapter 7 has been covered, you may proceed to Chapter 8, or jump to Chapter 9.

After Chapter 9 has been covered, Chapter 10, 11, 12 or 13 may be covered. (If you jump to Chapter 12 at this point, you will need to postpone Sections 12.8, 12.9, and 12.10 until Chapter 11 has been covered.) After Chapter 13, you may cover Chapters 14 through 18 in sequence. Next, you can proceed to either Chapter 19 or Chapter 20. Finally, Chapter 21 may be covered.

This text's approach starts with a firm foundation in structured, procedural programming before delving fully into object-oriented programming and advanced data structures.

## **Brief Overview of Each Chapter**

#### **Chapter 1: Introduction to Computers and Programming**

This chapter provides an introduction to the field of computer science and covers the fundamentals of programming, problem solving, and software design. The components of programs, such as key words, variables, operators, and punctuation, are covered. The tools of the trade, such as pseudocode, flow charts, and hierarchy charts, are also presented.

#### Chapter 2: Introduction to C++

This chapter gets the student started in C++ by introducing data types, identifiers, variable declarations, constants, comments, program output, simple arithmetic operations, and C-strings. Programming style conventions are introduced and good programming style is modeled here, as it is throughout the text.

#### **Chapter 3: Expressions and Interactivity**

In this chapter, the student learns to write programs that input and handle numeric, character, and string data. The use of arithmetic operators and the creation of mathematical expressions are covered in greater detail, with emphasis on operator precedence. Debugging is introduced, with a section on hand tracing a program. Sections are also included on simple output formatting, on data type conversion and type casting, and on using library functions that work with numbers.

#### **Chapter 4: Making Decisions**

Here, the student learns about relational operators, relational expressions, and how to control the flow of a program with the if, if/else, and if/else if statements. The conditional operator and the switch statement are also covered. Crucial applications of these constructs are covered, such as menu-driven programs and the validation of input.

#### **Chapter 5: Loops and Files**

This chapter covers repetition control structures. The while loop, do-while loop, and for loop are taught, along with common uses for these devices. Counters, accumulators, running totals, sentinels, and other application-related topics are discussed. Sequential file I/O is also introduced. The student learns to read and write text files, and use loops to process the data in a file.

#### **Chapter 6: Functions**

In this chapter, the student learns how and why to modularize programs, using both void and value returning functions. Argument passing is covered, with emphasis on when arguments should be passed by value versus when they need to be passed by reference. Scope of variables is covered, and sections are provided on local versus global variables and on static local variables. Overloaded functions are also introduced and demonstrated.

#### **Chapter 7: Arrays and Vectors**

In this chapter, the student learns to create and work with single and multi-dimensional arrays. Many examples of array processing are provided including examples illustrating how to find the sum, average, highest, and lowest values in an array, and how to sum the rows, columns, and all elements of a two-dimensional array. Programming techniques using parallel arrays are also demonstrated, and the student is shown how to use a data file as an input source to populate an array. STL vectors are introduced and compared to arrays.

#### **Chapter 8: Searching and Sorting Arrays**

Here, the student learns the basics of sorting arrays and searching for data stored in them. The chapter covers the Bubble Sort, Selection Sort, Linear Search, and Binary Search algorithms. There is also a section on sorting and searching STL vector objects.

#### **Chapter 9: Pointers**

This chapter explains how to use pointers. Pointers are compared to and contrasted with reference variables. Other topics include pointer arithmetic, initialization of pointers, relational comparison of pointers, pointers and arrays, pointers and functions, dynamic memory allocation, and more.

#### Chapter 10: Characters, C-Strings, and More about the string Class

This chapter discusses various ways to process text at a detailed level. Library functions for testing and manipulating characters are introduced. C-strings are discussed, and the technique of storing C-strings in char arrays is covered. An extensive discussion of the string class methods is also given.

#### **Chapter 11: Structured Data**

The student is introduced to abstract data types and taught how to create them using structures, unions, and enumerated data types. Discussions and examples include using pointers to structures, passing structures to functions, and returning structures from functions.

#### **Chapter 12: Advanced File Operations**

This chapter covers sequential access, random access, text, and binary files. The various modes for opening files are discussed, as well as the many methods for reading and writing file contents. Advanced output formatting is also covered. The chapter includes a discussion of operating system paths and introduces the standard filesystem library for accessing files and directories at the operating system level.

#### **Chapter 13: Introduction to Classes**

The student now shifts focus to the object-oriented paradigm. This chapter covers the fundamental concepts of classes. Member variables and functions are discussed. The student learns about private and public access specifications, and reasons to use each. The topics of constructors, overloaded constructors, and destructors are also presented. The chapter presents a section modeling classes with UML, and how to find the classes in a particular problem.

#### **Chapter 14: More about Classes**

This chapter continues the study of classes. Static members, friends, memberwise assignment, and copy constructors are discussed. The chapter also includes in-depth sections on operator overloading, object conversion, and object aggregation. There is also a section on class collaborations and the use of CRC cards.

#### **Chapter 15: Inheritance, Polymorphism, and Virtual Functions**

The study of classes continues in this chapter with the subjects of inheritance, polymorphism, and virtual member functions. The topics covered include base and derived class constructors and destructors, virtual member functions, base class pointers, static and dynamic binding, multiple inheritance, and class hierarchies.

#### **Chapter 16: Exceptions and Templates**

The student learns to develop enhanced error trapping techniques using exceptions. Discussion then turns to function and class templates as a method for reusing code.

#### **Chapter 17: The Standard Template Library**

This chapter discusses the containers, iterators, and algorithms in the Standard Template Library (STL). The specific containers covered are the array, vector, map, multimap, unordered\_map, set, multiset, unordered\_set, and tuple classes. The student then learns about sorting, searching, permutation, and set algorithms. The chapter concludes with a discussion of function objects (functors) and lambda functions.

#### **Chapter 18: Linked Lists**

This chapter introduces concepts and techniques needed to work with lists. A linked list ADT is developed and the student is taught to code operations such as creating a linked list, appending a node, traversing the list, searching for a node, inserting a node, deleting a node, and destroying a list. A linked list class template is also demonstrated.

#### **Chapter 19: Stacks and Queues**

In this chapter, the student learns to create and use static and dynamic stacks and queues. The operations of stacks and queues are defined, and templates for each ADT are demonstrated.

#### **Chapter 20: Recursion**

This chapter discusses recursion and its use in problem solving. A visual trace of recursive calls is provided, and recursive applications are discussed. Many recursive algorithms are presented, including recursive functions for finding factorials, finding a greatest common denominator (GCD), performing a binary search, and sorting (QuickSort). The classic Towers of Hanoi example is also presented. For students who need more challenge, there is a section on exhaustive algorithms. The chapter concludes with a discussion of variadic function templates, which use recursion to process a variable number of arguments.

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This chapter covers the binary tree ADT and demonstrates many binary tree operations. The student learns to traverse a tree, insert an element, delete an element, replace an element, test for an element, and destroy a tree.

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This appendix explains namespaces and their purpose. Examples showing how to define a namespace and access its members are given.

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#### **Appendix J: Stream Member Functions for Formatting**

Covers stream member functions for formatting such as setf

#### **Appendix K: Unions**

This appendix introduces unions. It describes the purpose of unions and the difference between a union and a struct, demonstrates how to declare a union and define a union variable, and shows example programs that use unions.

#### **Appendix L: Answers to Checkpoints**

Students may test their own progress by comparing their answers to the Checkpoint exercises against this appendix. The answers to all Checkpoints are included.

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	Concept Statements	Each major section of the text starts with a concept statement. This statement summarizes the ideas of the section.
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Classes are introduced in Chapter 13 of the standard text and the brief text, after control structures, functions, arrays, and pointers. Advanced OOP topics, such as inheritance and polymorphism, are covered in the following two chapters.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF DATA STRUCTURES** AND RECURSION

Linked lists, stacks and queues, and binary trees are introduced in the final chapters of the standard text. Recursion is covered after stacks and queues, but before binary trees. These topics are not covered in the brief text, though it does have appendices dealing with linked lists and recursion.

#### EARLIER INTRODUCTION OF OBJECTS

Classes are introduced in Chapter 7, after control structures and functions, but before arrays and pointers. Their use is then integrated into the remainder of the text. Advanced OOP topics, such as inheritance and polymorphism, are covered in Chapters 11 and 15.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF DATA STRUCTURES** AND RECURSION

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Introduction to Computers and Programming

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# Why Program?

**CONCEPT:** Computers can do many different jobs because they are programmable.

Think about some of the different ways that people use computers. In school, students use computers for tasks such as writing papers, searching for articles, sending e-mail, and participating in online classes. At work, people use computers to conduct business transactions, communicate with customers and coworkers, analyze data, make presentations, control machines in manufacturing facilities, and many many other tasks. At home, people use computers for tasks such as paying bills, shopping online, social networking, and playing computer games. And don't forget that smartphones, MP3 players, DVRs, car navigation systems, and many other devices are computers as well. The uses of computers are almost limitless in our everyday lives.

Computers can do such a wide variety of things because they can be programmed. This means computers are not designed to do just one job, but any job that their programs tell them to do. A *program* is a set of instructions that a computer follows to perform a task. For example, Figure 1-1 shows screens using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, two commonly used programs.

Programs are commonly referred to as *software*. Software is essential to a computer because without software, a computer can do nothing. All of the software we use to make our computers useful is created by individuals known as programmers or software developers. A *programmer*, or *software developer*, is a person with the training and skills necessary to design, create, and test computer programs. Computer programming is an exciting and rewarding career. Today, you will find programmers working in business, medicine, government, law enforcement, agriculture, academia, entertainment, and almost every other field.

Figure 1-1 A word processing program and a presentation program



Computer programming is both an art and a science. It is an art because every aspect of a program should be carefully designed. Listed below are a few of the things that must be designed for any real-world computer program:

- The logical flow of the instructions
- The mathematical procedures
- The appearance of the screens
- The way information is presented to the user
- The program's "user-friendliness"
- Documentation, help files, tutorials, and so on

There is also a scientific, or engineering, side to programming. Because programs rarely work right the first time they are written, a lot of testing, correction, and redesigning is required. This demands patience and persistence from the programmer. Writing software demands discipline as well. Programmers must learn special languages like C++ because computers do not understand English or other human languages. Languages such as C++ have strict rules that must be carefully followed.

Both the artistic and scientific nature of programming make writing computer software like designing a car: Both cars and programs should be functional, efficient, powerful, easy to use, and pleasing to look at.

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# **Computer Systems: Hardware and Software**

**CONCEPT:** All computer systems consist of similar hardware devices and software components. This section provides an overview of standard computer hardware and software organization.

### Hardware

*Hardware* refers to the physical components of which a computer is made. A computer, as we generally think of it, is not an individual device, but a system of devices. Like the instruments in a symphony orchestra, each device plays its own part. A typical computer system consists of the following major components:

- The central processing unit (CPU)
- Main memory
- Secondary storage devices
- Input devices
- Output devices

The organization of a computer system is depicted in Figure 1-2.



#### Figure 1-2 Typical devices in a computer system

### The CPU

When a computer is performing the tasks that a program tells it to do, we say that the computer is *running* or *executing* the program. The *central processing unit*, or *CPU*, is the part of a computer that actually runs programs. The CPU is the most important component in a computer because without it, the computer could not run software.

In the earliest computers, CPUs were huge devices made of electrical and mechanical components such as vacuum tubes and switches. Figure 1-3 shows such a device. The two women in

#### Figure 1-3 The ENIAC computer



the photo are working with the historic ENIAC computer. The *ENIAC*, considered by many to be the world's first programmable electronic computer, was built in 1945 to calculate artillery ballistic tables for the U.S. Army. This machine, which was primarily one big CPU, was 8 feet tall, 100 feet long, and weighed 30 tons.

Today, CPUs are small chips known as *microprocessors*. Figure 1-4 shows a photo of a lab technician holding a modern-day microprocessor. In addition to being much smaller than the old electromechanical CPUs in early computers, microprocessors are also much more powerful.



Figure 1-4 A microprocessor

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The CPU's job is to fetch instructions, follow the instructions, and produce some result. Internally, the central processing unit consists of two parts: the *control unit* and the *arithmetic and logic unit (ALU)*. The control unit coordinates all of the CPU's operations. It is responsible for determining where to get the next instruction and regulating the other major components of the computer with control signals. The arithmetic and logic unit, as its name suggests, is designed to perform mathematical operations. The organization of the CPU is shown in Figure 1-5.

#### Figure 1-5 Organization of a CPU



A program is a sequence of instructions stored in the computer's memory. When a computer is running a program, the CPU is engaged in a process known formally as the *fetch/decode/execute cycle*. The steps in the fetch/decode/execute cycle are as follows:

Fetch	The CPU's control unit fetches, from main memory, the next instru- tion in the sequence of program instructions.				
Davida	The instruction is succeeded in the forms of a number The control				
Decoae	unit decodes the instruction and generates an electronic signal.				
Execute	The signal is routed to the appropriate component of the computer (such as the ALU, a disk drive, or some other device). The signal causes the component to perform an operation.				

These steps are repeated as long as there are instructions to perform.

#### **Main Memory**

You can think of *main memory* as the computer's work area. This is where the computer stores a program while the program is running, as well as the data with which the program is working. For example, suppose you are using a word processing program to write an essay for one of your classes. While you do this, both the word processing program and the essay are stored in main memory.

Main memory is commonly known as *random-access memory* or *RAM*. It is called this because the CPU is able to quickly access data stored at any random location in RAM. RAM is usually a *volatile* type of memory that is used only for temporary storage while a program is running. When the computer is turned off, the contents of RAM are erased. Inside your computer, RAM is stored in small chips.

A computer's memory is divided into tiny storage locations known as bytes. One *byte* is enough memory to store only a letter of the alphabet or a small number. In order to do

anything meaningful, a computer must have lots of bytes. Most computers today have billions of bytes of memory.

Each byte is divided into eight smaller storage locations known as bits. The term *bit* stands for *binary digit*. Computer scientists usually think of bits as tiny switches that can be either on or off. Bits aren't actual "switches," however, at least not in the conventional sense. In most computer systems, bits are tiny electrical components that can hold either a positive or a negative charge. Computer scientists think of a positive charge as a switch in the *on* position, and a negative charge as a switch in the *off* position.

Each byte is assigned a unique number known as an *address*. The addresses are ordered from lowest to highest. A byte is identified by its address in much the same way a post office box is identified by an address. Figure 1-6 shows a group of memory cells with their addresses. In the illustration, sample data is stored in memory. The number 149 is stored in the cell with the address 16, and the number 72 is stored at address 23.

Figure 1-6 Memory

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>149</b>	17	18	19
20	21	22	<sup>23</sup> 72	24	25	26	27	28	29

### **Secondary Storage**

*Secondary storage* is a type of memory that can hold data for long periods of time, even when there is no power to the computer. Programs are normally stored in secondary memory and loaded into main memory as needed. Important data such as word processing documents, payroll data, and inventory records is saved to secondary storage as well.

The most common type of secondary storage device is the disk drive. A traditional *disk drive* stores data by magnetically encoding it onto a circular disk. *Solid-state drives*, which store data in solid-state memory, are increasingly becoming popular. A solid-state drive has no moving parts and operates faster than a traditional disk drive. Most computers have some sort of secondary storage device, either a traditional disk drive or a solid-state drive, mounted inside their case. External storage devices can be used to create backup copies of important data or to move data to another computer. For example, *USB (Universal Serial Bus) drives* and *SD (Secure Digital) memory cards* are small devices that appear in the system as disk drives. They are inexpensive, reliable, and small enough to be carried in your pocket.

#### **Input Devices**

*Input* is any data the computer collects from the outside world. The device that collects the information and sends it to the computer is called an *input device*. Common input devices are the keyboard, mouse, touchscreen, scanner, digital camera, and

microphone. Disk drives, CD/DVD drives, and USB drives can also be considered input devices because programs and information are retrieved from them and loaded into the computer's memory.

#### **Output Devices**

Output is any information the computer sends to the outside world. It might be a sales report, a list of names, or a graphic image. The information is sent to an *output device*, which formats and presents it. Common output devices are screens, printers, and speakers. Storage devices can also be considered output devices because the CPU sends them data to be saved.

#### Software

If a computer is to function, software is not optional. Everything a computer does, from the time you turn the power switch on until you shut the system down, is under the control of software. There are two general categories of software: system software and application software. Most computer programs clearly fit into one of these two categories. Let's take a closer look at each.

#### **System Software**

The programs that control and manage the basic operations of a computer are generally referred to as *system software*. System software typically includes the following types of programs:

• Operating Systems

An *operating system* is the most fundamental set of programs on a computer. The operating system controls the internal operations of the computer's hardware, manages all the devices connected to the computer, allows data to be saved to and retrieved from storage devices, and allows other programs to run on the computer.

• Utility Programs

A *utility program* performs a specialized task that enhances the computer's operation or safeguards data. Examples of utility programs are virus scanners, file-compression programs, and data-backup programs.

• Software Development Tools

The software tools that programmers use to create, modify, and test software are referred to as *software development tools*. Compilers and integrated development environments, which we will discuss later in this chapter, are examples of programs that fall into this category.

#### **Application Software**

Programs that make a computer useful for everyday tasks are known as *application software*. These are the programs that people normally spend most of their time running on their computers. Figure 1-1, at the beginning of this chapter, shows screens from two commonly used applications—Microsoft Word, a word processing program, and Microsoft PowerPoint, a presentation program. Some other examples of application software are spreadsheet programs, e-mail programs, web browsers, and game programs.



### Checkpoint

- 1.1 Why is the computer used by so many different people, in so many different professions?
- 1.2 List the five major hardware components of a computer system.
- 1.3 Internally, the CPU consists of what two units?
- 1.4 Describe the steps in the fetch/decode/execute cycle.
- 1.5 What is a memory address? What is its purpose?
- 1.6 Explain why computers have both main memory and secondary storage.
- 1.7 What are the two general categories of software?
- 1.8 What fundamental set of programs control the internal operations of the computer's hardware?
- 1.9 What do you call a program that performs a specialized task, such as a virus scanner, a file-compression program, or a data-backup program?
- 1.10 Word processing programs, spreadsheet programs, e-mail programs, web browsers, and game programs belong to what category of software?

# **1.3 Programs and Programming Languages**

**CONCEPT:** A program is a set of instructions a computer follows in order to perform a task. A programming language is a special language used to write computer programs.

### What Is a Program?

Computers are designed to follow instructions. A computer program is a set of instructions that tells the computer how to solve a problem or perform a task. For example, suppose we want the computer to calculate someone's gross pay. Here is a list of things the computer should do:

- 1. Display a message on the screen asking "How many hours did you work?"
- 2. Wait for the user to enter the number of hours worked. Once the user enters a number, store it in memory.
- 3. Display a message on the screen asking "How much do you get paid per hour?"
- 4. Wait for the user to enter an hourly pay rate. Once the user enters a number, store it in memory.
- 5. Multiply the number of hours by the amount paid per hour, and store the result in memory.
- 6. Display a message on the screen that tells the amount of money earned. The message must include the result of the calculation performed in Step 5.

Collectively, these instructions are called an *algorithm*. An algorithm is a set of well-defined steps for performing a task or solving a problem. Notice these steps are sequentially ordered. Step 1 should be performed before Step 2, and so forth. It is important that these instructions be performed in their proper sequence.

Although you and I might easily understand the instructions in the pay-calculating algorithm, it is not ready to be executed on a computer. A computer's CPU can only process instructions that are written in *machine language*. If you were to look at a machine language program, you would see a stream of *binary numbers* (numbers consisting of only 1s and 0s). The binary numbers form machine language instructions, which the CPU interprets as commands. Here is an example of what a machine language instruction might look like:

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As you can imagine, the process of encoding an algorithm in machine language is very tedious and difficult. In addition, each different type of CPU has its own machine language. If you wrote a machine language program for computer *A* then wanted to run it on computer *B*, which has a different type of CPU, you would have to rewrite the program in computer B's machine language.

*Programming languages*, which use words instead of numbers, were invented to ease the task of programming. A program can be written in a programming language, such as C++, which is much easier to understand than machine language. Programmers save their programs in text files, then use special software to convert their programs to machine language.

Program 1-1 shows how the pay-calculating algorithm might be written in C++.

The "Program Output with Example Input" shows what the program will display on the screen when it is running. In the example, the user enters 10 for the number of hours worked and 15 for the hourly pay rate. The program displays the earnings, which are \$150.

**NOTE:** The line numbers that are shown in Program 1-1 are *not* part of the program. This book shows line numbers in all program listings to help point out specific parts of the program.

#### Program 1-1

```
1
    // This program calculates the user's pay.
 2
    #include <iostream>
 3
    using namespace std;
 4
 5
    int main()
 6
    {
 7
         double hours, rate, pay;
 8
         // Get the number of hours worked.
 9
         cout << "How many hours did you work? ";</pre>
10
11
         cin >> hours;
12
13
         // Get the hourly pay rate.
14
         cout << "How much do you get paid per hour? ";
15
         cin >> rate;
16
17
         // Calculate the pay.
18
         pay = hours * rate;
```

(program continues)