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Strings & Functions

CMSC 240 Software Systems Development

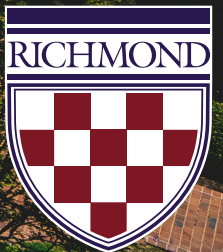
Today

- Strings
- Command line arguments
- Include directive
- Function prototypes
- In-class coding exercise





Strings

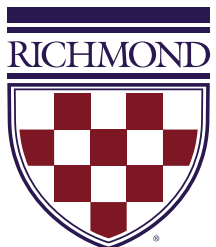


Strings

```
#include <string>

string greeting = "hello";
```

- A **string** is a sequence of characters
- Strings in C++ are conceptually similar to strings in Java
 - Minor differences:
 - Different names for similar methods
 - Different behavior for similar methods
 - Major differences:
 - Strings are mutable (can be changed) in C++
 - There are two types of strings in C++



Strings

- String characters are values of type **char**, with 0-based indexes

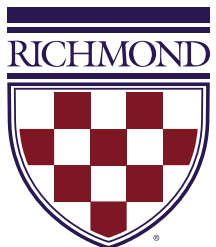
```
string greeting = "Hi there!";
```

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Character	'H'	'i'	' '	't'	'h'	'e'	'r'	'e'	'!'

- Individual characters can be accessed using [**index**] notation, or the string class method **at**:

```
char character1 = greeting[3]; // 't'  
char character2 = greeting.at(1); // 'i'
```

- Characters have **ASCII** encodings ([integer mappings](#))



Strings

ASCII Table

Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char
0	0	[NULL]	32	20	[SPACE]	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	1	[START OF HEADING]	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	2	[START OF TEXT]	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	3	[END OF TEXT]	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	4	[END OF TRANSMISSION]	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	[ENQUIRY]	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	6	[ACKNOWLEDGE]	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	[BELL]	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	8	[BACKSPACE]	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
9	9	[HORIZONTAL TAB]	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	A	[LINE FEED]	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	B	[VERTICAL TAB]	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	C	[FORM FEED]	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	D	[CARRIAGE RETURN]	45	2D	.	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	E	[SHIFT OUT]	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	F	[SHIFT IN]	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	[DATA LINK ESCAPE]	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	[DEVICE CONTROL 1]	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	[DEVICE CONTROL 2]	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	[DEVICE CONTROL 3]	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	[DEVICE CONTROL 4]	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	[NEGATIVE ACKNOWLEDGE]	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	[SYNCHRONOUS IDLE]	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	[END OF TRANS. BLOCK]	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	[CANCEL]	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	[END OF MEDIUM]	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	[SUBSTITUTE]	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	[ESCAPE]	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{
28	1C	[FILE SEPARATOR]	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	|
29	1D	[GROUP SEPARATOR]	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}
30	1E	[RECORD SEPARATOR]	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	[UNIT SEPARATOR]	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	[DEL]

```
cout << (int) 'A' << endl;
```

```
// 65
```



C++ Strings

- Like Java, you can concatenate strings using + or +=

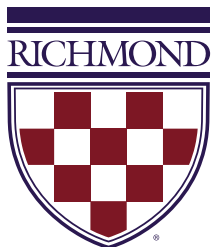
```
string mascot = "Web";  
mascot += "stUR";           // "WebstUR"
```

- Unlike Java, you can compare strings using relational operators

```
string mascot2 = "Ram";           // ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=  
if (mascot > mascot2 && mascot2 != "Eagle") // true  
{  
    // Do something if true...  
}
```

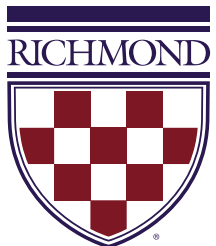
- Unlike Java, strings are mutable and can be changed (!!)

```
mascot.append(" the Spider");     // "WebstUR the Spider"  
mascot.erase(3, 4);              // "Web the Spider"  
mascot[12] = 'u';                // "Web the Spidur"
```



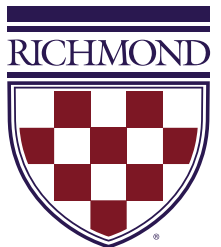
C++ Strings

String Member Functions	Description
<code>s.append(str)</code>	Add str to the end of this string
<code>s.compare(str)</code>	Return -1, 0, or 1 depending on relative ordering
<code>s.erase(index, length)</code>	Delete length of text from string starting at index
<code>s.find(str)</code>	First index where the start of str appears in this string (returns <code>string::npos</code> if not found)
<code>s.rfind(str)</code>	Last index where the start of str appears in this string (returns <code>string::npos</code> if not found)
<code>s.insert(index, str)</code>	Add str into this string at a given index
<code>s.length()</code> or <code>s.size()</code>	Return the number of characters in this string
<code>s.replace(index, length, str)</code>	Replace length characters at given index with str
<code>s.substr(index, length)</code>	Return the next length characters beginning at index (inclusive)
<code>s.substr(index)</code>	Return the characters beginning at index (inclusive) until the end of the string



C++ Strings

<https://en.cppreference.com>



C vs. C++ Strings

- C++ has two kinds of strings
 - **C strings**, character arrays inherited from the C language
 - **C++ strings**, string objects in the `<string>` library
 - We will almost always use `string` objects
- Any string literal such as "Hi there!" is a C string
 - C strings don't include any functionality
 - They don't work with member functions like `.length()`
 - They don't work with operators like `==`, or `>`
- Converting between string types

```
string greeting("Hi there!");           // converts C string into C++ string
const char* cString = greeting.c_str(); // returns a C string out of a C++ string
```



C vs. C++ Strings

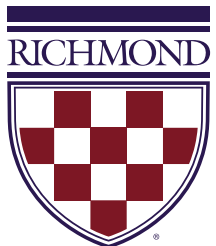
- C strings can not be concatenated with +

```
string greeting1 = "Hi" + " there!";           // does not compile
string greeting2 = string("Hi") + string(" there!"); // Okay
```

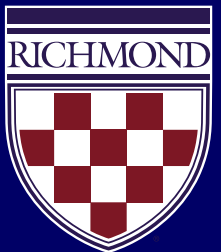
- C string is a contiguous sequence of characters terminated by and including the first null character, i.e. an array of characters terminated by '\0'

```
char greeting[] = "Hi there!";
```

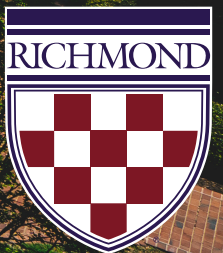
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Ask me questions



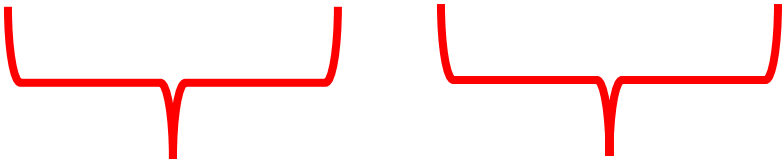
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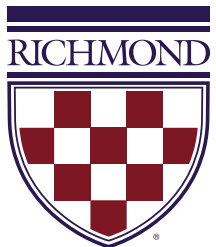
```
g++ hello.cpp -o hello
```

```
./hello Lilly
```

The image shows the command line './hello Lilly'. Below the word 'hello' is a red bracket that spans the width of the word. Similarly, below the word 'Lilly' is a red bracket that spans the width of the word. These brackets are used to identify the arguments in the command line.

First
Argument

Second
Argument

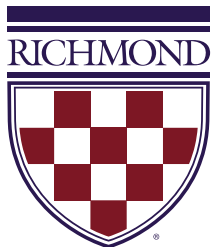


Command-Line Arguments

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

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    → if (argc != 2) // argc counts the num of CLPs
    {
    →     cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0]
        << " <first name>" << endl;
        exit(1);
    }

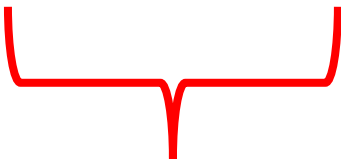
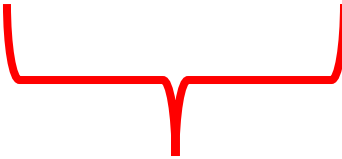
    → cout << "Hello " << argv[1] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



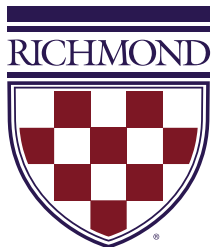
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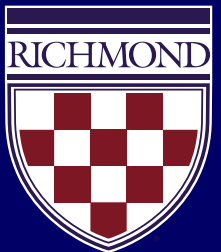
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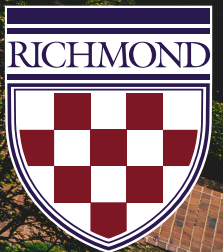
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argv[0] argv[1]
```



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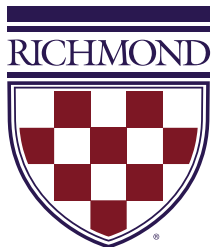


Include Directive



#Include Directive

- `#include <libraryname>`
 - To use a built-in C++ system library
 - e.g. `#include <iostream>` to use `cout` and `cin`
- `#include "libraryname.h"`
 - To use a library in your local directory
 - e.g. `#include "mylibrary.h"` to use a library you created
- Please note the differences
 - `<>` vs. `" "`
 - no `.h` vs. `.h`

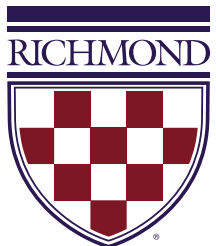


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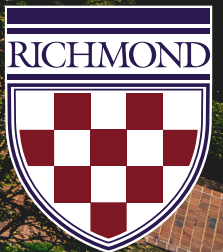
- Some common C++ libraries we will use

```
#include <iostream>           // standard stream objects cout, cin, cerr
#include <fstream>            // file input/output
#include <string>              // string class
#include <array>               // array container
#include <vector>              // vector container
```

- A list standard libraries:
<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/header>



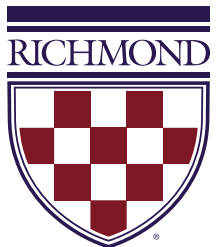
Function Prototypes



Functions Without Prototypes

- You must define a function before calling it in your code

```
// Return the maximum of two numbers  
→ int max(int left, int right)  
  {  
    if (left > right)  
      return left;  
    else  
      return right;  
  }  
  
int main()  
  {  
→   int larger = max(31, 42);  
    return 0;  
  }
```



Functions Without Prototypes

- If you call a function before it is declared, you will get an error

```
int main()
{
    → int larger = max(31, 42); // Error, undeclared function
    return 0;
}

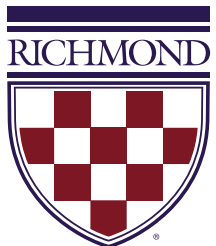
// Return the maximum of two numbers
int max(int left, int right)
{
    if (left > right)
        return left;
    else
```

```
functions.cpp:4:22: error: use of undeclared identifier 'max'
```

```
    int larger = max(31, 42); // Error, undeclared
```

```
    ^
```

```
1 error generated.
```



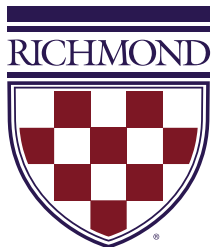
Functions With Prototypes

- Unless you first declare the function with a function prototype

```
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int main()
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    return 0;
}

// Return the maximum of two numbers
int max(int left, int right)
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In-Class Coding Exercise

