Preface

This book is meant to be used in a first course in programming and computer science using the C++ language. It assumes no previous programming experience and no mathematics beyond high school algebra.

If you have used the previous edition of this book, you should read the following section that explains the changes to this eighth edition, the section explaining MyProgrammingLab, and then you can skip the rest of this preface. If you are new to this book, the rest of this preface will give you an overview of the book.

Changes to the Eighth Edition

This eighth edition presents the same programming philosophy as the seventh edition. All of the material from the seventh edition remains, but with the following enhancements:

- The material on stream classes used to introduce the concept of inheritance has been removed from Chapter 10. Instead, inheritance is introduced with the much simpler bank account example used throughout the chapter.
- Additional material on:
  - scoping
  - parameter passing
  - random number generation
  - dynamic arrays
  has been added and the presentation has been reworked in several chapters.
- Twenty-five new programming projects have been added throughout the book and integrated into the existing projects at the end of each chapter.
- Fifteen new VideoNotes have been added to the book’s Companion Website, for a total of fifty-four VideoNotes. These VideoNotes walk students through the process of both problem solving and coding to help reinforce key programming concepts. An icon appears in the margin of the book when a VideoNote is available regarding the topic covered in the text.

If you are an instructor already using the seventh edition, you can continue to teach your course almost without change.

Flexibility in Topic Ordering

This book was written to allow instructors wide latitude in reordering the material. To illustrate this flexibility, we suggest two alternative ways to order
the topics. There is no loss of continuity when the book is read in either of these ways. To ensure this continuity when you rearrange material, you may need to move sections rather than entire chapters. However, only large sections in convenient locations are moved. To help customize a particular order for any class's needs, the end of this preface contains a dependency chart, and each chapter has a “Prerequisites” section that explains what material needs to be covered before each section in that chapter.

Reordering 1: Earlier Classes

To effectively design classes, a student needs some basic tools such as control structures and function definitions. This basic material is covered in Chapters 1 through 6. After completing Chapter 6, students can begin to write their own classes. One possible reordering of chapters that allows for such early coverage of classes is the following:

**Basics:** Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This material covers all control structures, function definitions, and basic file I/O. Chapter 3, which covers additional control structures, could be deferred if you wish to cover classes as early as possible.

**Classes and namespaces:** Chapter 10, Sections 11.1 and 11.2 of Chapter 11, and Chapter 12. This material covers defining classes, friends, overloaded operators, and namespaces.

**Arrays, strings and vectors:** Chapters 7 and 8

**Pointers and dynamic arrays:** Chapter 9

**Arrays in classes:** Sections 11.3 and 11.4 of Chapter 11

**Inheritance:** Chapter 15

**Recursion:** Chapter 14 (Alternately, recursion may be moved to later in the course.)

**Pointers and linked lists:** Chapter 13

Any subset of the following chapters may also be used:

**Exception handling:** Chapter 16

**Templates:** Chapter 17

**Standard Template Library:** Chapter 18

Reordering 2: Classes Slightly Later but Still Early

This version covers all control structures and the basic material on arrays before doing classes, but classes are covered later than the previous ordering and slightly earlier than the default ordering.

**Basics:** Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This material covers all control structures, function definitions, and the basic file I/O.
Arrays and strings: Chapter 7, Sections 8.1 and 8.2 of Chapter 8

Classes and namespaces: Chapter 10, Sections 11.1 and 11.2 of Chapter 11, and Chapter 12. This material covers defining classes, friends, overloaded operators, and namespaces.

Pointers and dynamic arrays: Chapter 9

Arrays in classes: Sections 11.3 and 11.4 of Chapter 11

Inheritance: Chapter 15

Recursion: Chapter 14. (Alternately, recursion may be moved to later in the course.)

Vectors: Chapter 8.3

Pointers and linked lists: Chapter 13

Any subset of the following chapters may also be used:

Exception handling: Chapter 16

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Standard Template Library: Chapter 18

Accessibility to Students

It is not enough for a book to present the right topics in the right order. It is not even enough for it to be clear and correct when read by an instructor or other experienced programmer. The material needs to be presented in a way that is accessible to beginning students. In this introductory textbook, I have endeavored to write in a way that students find clear and friendly. Reports from the many students who have used the earlier editions of this book confirm that this style makes the material clear and often even enjoyable to students.

ANSI/ISO C++ Standard

This edition is fully compatible with compilers that meet the latest ANSI/ISO C++ standard.

Advanced Topics

Many “advanced topics” are becoming part of a standard CS1 course. Even if they are not part of a course, it is good to have them available in the text as enrichment material. This book offers a number of advanced topics that can be integrated into a course or left as enrichment topics. It gives thorough coverage of C++ templates, inheritance (including virtual functions), exception handling, and the STL (Standard Template Library). Although this book uses libraries and teaches students the importance of libraries, it does not require any nonstandard libraries. This book uses only libraries that are provided with essentially all C++ implementations.
Dependency Chart

The dependency chart on the next page shows possible orderings of chapters and subsections. A line joining two boxes means that the upper box must be covered before the lower box. Any ordering that is consistent with this partial ordering can be read without loss of continuity. If a box contains a section number or numbers, then the box refers only to those sections and not to the entire chapter.

Summary Boxes

Each major point is summarized in a boxed section. These boxed sections are spread throughout each chapter.

Self-Test Exercises

Each chapter contains numerous Self-Test Exercises at strategic points. Complete answers for all the Self-Test Exercises are given at the end of each chapter.

VideoNotes

VideoNotes are Pearson’s new visual tool designed for teaching students key programming concepts and techniques. These short step-by-step videos demonstrate how to solve problems from design through coding. VideoNotes allow for self-paced instruction with easy navigation including the ability to select, play, rewind, fast-forward, and stop within each VideoNote exercise.

Online Practice and Assessment with MyProgrammingLab

MyProgrammingLab helps students fully grasp the logic, semantics, and syntax of programming. Through practice exercises and immediate, personalized feedback, MyProgrammingLab improves the programming competence of beginning students who often struggle with the basic concepts and paradigms of popular high-level programming languages.

A self-study and homework tool, a MyProgrammingLab course consists of hundreds of small practice problems organized around the structure of this textbook. For students, the system automatically detects errors in the logic and syntax of their code submissions and offers targeted hints that enable students to figure out what went wrong—and why. For instructors, a comprehensive gradebook tracks correct and incorrect answers and stores the code inputted by students for review.

MyProgrammingLab is offered to users of this book in partnership with Turing’s Craft, the makers of the CodeLab interactive programming exercise system. For a full demonstration, to see feedback from instructors and students, or to get started using MyProgrammingLab in your course, visit www.myprogramminglab.com.

Chapter 16 contains occasional references to derived classes, but those references can be omitted.
Support Material

There is support material available to all users of this book and additional material available only to qualified instructors.

Materials Available to All Users of this Book

- Source Code from the book
- PowerPoint slides
- VideoNotes

To access these materials, go to:
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Resources Available to Qualified Instructors Only

Visit Pearson Education’s instructor resource center at www.pearsonhighered.com/irc to access the following instructor resources:

- Instructor’s Resource Guide—including chapter-by-chapter teaching hints, quiz questions with solutions, and solutions to many programming projects
- Test Bank and Test Generator
- PowerPoint Lectures—including programs and art from the text
- Lab Manual

Integrated Development Environment (IDE) Resource Kits

Instructors who adopt this text can order it for students with a kit containing five popular C++ IDEs (Microsoft® Visual Studio 2010 Express Edition, Dev C++, NetBeans, Eclipse, and CodeLite) and access to a Web site containing written and video tutorials for getting started in each IDE. For ordering information, please contact your campus Pearson Education representative or visit www.pearsonhighered.com/cs.

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Your comments, suggestions, questions, and corrections are always welcome. Please e-mail them to savitch.programming.cpp@gmail.com

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