“The chief merit of language is clearness …”  
—Galen

Welcome to the world of C++ programming and *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, Seventh Edition*! This book is appropriate for introductory programming courses (commonly known as CS1 and CS2). It also provides substantial depth for those who already know how to program in another language and want to learn C++.

At the heart of this book is the Deitel signature “live-code approach.” Concepts are presented in the context of complete working C++ programs. Each code example is immediately followed by one or more sample executions. All the source code is available at www.deitel.com/books/cpphtp7L0V/.

**Motivation for C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e**

The two most popular approaches for teaching first courses in C++ programming are the *late objects approach* and the *early objects approach*. To meet these needs, we’ve published two versions of the seventh edition of *C++ How to Program*:

- *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e* (this book), and
- *C++ How to Program, 7/e* (which offers an early objects approach).

Chapters 1–8 in this book form the core of a procedural programming CS1 course that covers operators, data types, input/output, control statements, methods, arrays, strings, pointers and files. Instructors who want to introduce some object-oriented programming in a first course can include portions of the next several chapters.

The key differences between the two books are the order in which topics are presented in Chapters 1–8, the front portion of Chapter 9 and the coverage of files in Chapter 17. The books are virtually identical from the middle of Chapter 9 through Chapter 27 and the appendices, except that the late objects book moves the treatment of sequential files from Chapter 17 forward to Chapter 8. In *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e*, Chapters 22–27 are available only in PDF format at the book’s companion website.

**Features of this “Late Objects” Version**

Here are some key features of *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e*:

- **Late-Objects Approach**: We briefly introduce the basic concepts and terminology of object technology in Chapter 1—this section can be deferred to the beginning of Chapter 9 by instructors who wish to teach only procedural programming in the early chapters. You’ll develop your first *customized* classes and objects in Chapter 9.
Sequential File Processing. We introduce sequential file processing in Chapter 8. This enables instructors to teach these topics in a first course if they wish. We cover random-access file processing in Chapter 17.

VideoNotes. On the book’s Companion Website (www.pearsonhighered.com/deitel/), we provide extensive VideoNotes that walk you through all of the code examples in Chapters 2–13 and a portion of Chapter 16. The companion website also includes solutions to many of the book’s exercises, bonus chapters, and more (see the Companion Website section later in this Preface).

Making a Difference Exercises. The dozens of Making a Difference exercises explore complex and challenging social issues, including global warming, population growth, gender neutrality, computerization of health records, alternative tax plans, hybrid vehicles, accessibility for people with disabilities and more. A complete list of the Making a Difference exercises is available at www.deitel.com/books/cpphtp7LOV/.

Prefer string Objects to C Strings. C++ offers two types of strings—string class objects (which we use starting in Chapter 6) and C-style, pointer-based strings. We include some early discussions of C strings to give you practice with pointer manipulations, to illustrate dynamic memory allocation with new and delete and to prepare you for working with C strings in the “legacy code” that you’ll encounter in industry. In new development, you should favor string class objects, so we use instances of C++ class string to make programs more robust and eliminate many of the security problems that can be caused by manipulating C strings.

Prefer vectors to C Arrays. Similarly, C++ offers two types of arrays—vector class objects (which we use starting in Chapter 6) and C-style, pointer-based arrays. As appropriate, we use class template vector instead of C arrays throughout the book. However, we begin discussing C arrays in Chapter 6 to prepare you for working with legacy code and to use them as a basis for building your own customized Array class in Chapter 11, Operator Overloading.

Titled Programming Exercises. We’ve titled the programming exercises. This helps instructors select assignments for their classes.

Consistent Use of const. Keyword const is used throughout to encourage better software engineering.

Function Pointer Exercises. We include several real-world function-pointers exercises. These are available at the Companion Website.

Terminology Sections. We include page numbers for the defining occurrences of all terms in the terminology lists for easy reference.

Other Features

Other features of C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e, include:

Game Programming. The computer-game industry’s revenues are already greater than those of the first-run movie business, creating lots of career opportunities. Chapter 27, Game Programming with Ogre, introduces game programming and graphics with the open source Ogre 3D graphics engine. We discuss basic issues
involved in game programming, then demonstrate how to create a scene with 3D color graphics, smoothly animate moving objects, use timers to control animation speed, detect collisions between objects and add sound.

- **Future of C++.** Chapter 23 considers the future of C++—we introduce the Boost C++ Libraries, Technical Report 1 (TR1) and C++0x. The free Boost open source libraries are created by members of the C++ community. Technical Report 1 describes the proposed changes to the C++ Standard Library, many of which are based on current Boost libraries. The C++ Standards Committee is revising the C++ Standard. The main goals for the new standard are to make C++ easier to learn, improve library building capabilities, and increase compatibility with the C programming language. The new standard will include changes to the core language and many of the libraries in TR1. We overview the Boost libraries and provide code examples for the “regular expression” and “smart pointer” libraries. Regular expressions are used to match specific character patterns in text. They can be used, for example, to validate data to ensure that it’s in a particular format, to replace parts of one string with another or to split a string. Many common bugs in C and C++ code are related to pointers, a powerful programming capability you’ll study in Chapter 7, Pointers. Smart pointers help you avoid errors by providing additional functionality beyond that of standard pointers.

- **Integrated Case Studies.** We provide many case studies, including the **Time** class in Chapters 9–10, the **Employee** class in Chapters 12–13, and the optional OOD/UML ATM case study in Chapters 25–26.

- **Function Call Stack Explanation.** In Chapter 5, we provide a detailed discussion (with illustrations) of the function call stack and activation records to explain how C++ is able to keep track of which function is currently executing, how automatic variables of functions are maintained in memory and how a function knows where to return after it completes execution.

- **Compilation and Linking Process for Multiple-Source-File Programs.** Chapter 9 includes a detailed diagram and discussion of the compilation and linking process that produces an executable program.

- **Inheritance and Polymorphism.** Chapters 12–13 have been carefully developed using an **Employee** class hierarchy to make the treatment of inheritance and polymorphism accessible for students who are new to OOP.

- **Discussion and Illustration of How Polymorphism Works “Under the Hood.”** Chapter 13 contains a detailed diagram and explanation of how C++ can implement polymorphism, virtual functions and dynamic binding internally. This gives students a solid understanding of how these capabilities really work—a key “light bulb” moment in the book.

- **Standard Template Library (STL).** This might be one of the most important topics in the book in terms of your appreciation of software reuse. The STL defines powerful, template-based, reusable components that implement many common data structures and algorithms used to process those data structures. Chapter 21 introduces the STL and discusses its three key components—containers, iterators

and algorithms. The STL provides tremendous expressive power, often reducing many lines of code to a single statement.

- **ISO/IEC C++ Standard Compliance.** We’ve audited our presentation against the ISO/IEC C++ standard document.

- **Debugger Appendices.** We provide two Using the Debugger appendices on the book’s Companion Website—Appendix H, Using the Visual Studio Debugger, and Appendix I, Using the GNU C++ Debugger.

- **Code Testing on Multiple Platforms.** We tested the code examples on various popular C++ platforms including GNU C++ on Linux and Microsoft Visual C++ on Windows. For the most part, the book’s examples port to popular standard-compliant compilers.

We believe that this book and its support materials will give you an informative, challenging and entertaining C++ educational experience. If you have questions, send an e-mail to deitel@deitel.com; we’ll respond promptly. For updates on this book and the status of all supporting C++ software, and for the latest news on all Deitel publications and services, visit www.deitel.com.

### Optional Case Study: Designing an Object-Oriented ATM

The UML has become the preferred graphical modeling language for designing object-oriented systems. We use industry standard UML activity diagrams (in preference to the older flowcharts) to demonstrate the flow of control in each of C++’s control statements, and we use UML class diagrams to visually represent classes and their inheritance relationships.

The optional Software Engineering Case Study in Chapters 25 and 26 presents a carefully paced introduction to object-oriented design using the UML—we design and fully implement the software for a simple automated teller machine (ATM). The case study has been reviewed by academics and industry professionals, including leaders in the field from Rational (the creators of the UML; Rational is now part of IBM) and the Object Management Group (an industry group now responsible for evolving the UML).

This case study helps prepare you for the kinds of substantial projects you’ll encounter in industry. We employ a carefully developed, incremental object-oriented design process to produce a UML model for the ATM system. From this design, we produce a substantial working C++ implementation using key object-oriented programming concepts, including classes, objects, encapsulation, visibility, composition, inheritance and polymorphism.

In Chapter 25, undertake the challenging ATM problem with the techniques of OOD. We analyze a typical requirements document that specifies a system to be built, determine the objects needed to implement that system, determine the attributes these objects need to have, determine the behaviors these objects need to exhibit, and specify how the objects must interact with one another to meet the system requirements. In Chapter 26, we include a complete C++ code implementation of the object-oriented ATM system that we designed in Chapter 25.

The ATM is a nice business example that most people can relate to. In our experience, teaching these two chapters in a second programming course helps students tie together the object-oriented concepts they learn in Chapters 9–13. A key concept in object-oriented programming is the interactions among objects. In most programming textbooks,
each code example creates and uses only one or two objects. The ATM case study gives students the opportunity to study interactions of many objects that provide the functionality of a substantial system.

**Dependency Charts**

The charts in Figs. 1–2 show the dependencies among the chapters to help instructors plan their syllabi. *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e* is appropriate for a variety of programming courses at various levels, most notably CS1 and CS2 courses, and introductory course sequences in related disciplines. The book has a convenient modular organization.

**Teaching Approach**

*C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e*, contains a rich collection of examples. The book concentrates on the principles of good software engineering and stresses program clarity. We teach by example.

**Live-Code Approach.** *C++ How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e*, is loaded with “live-code” examples. By this we mean that most new concepts are presented in the context of complete working C++ applications, followed immediately by one or more actual executions showing program inputs and outputs.
Syntax Shading. For readability, we syntax shade all the C++ code, similar to the way most C++ integrated-development environments and code editors syntax color code. Our syntax-shading conventions are as follows:

- comments appear like this
- keywords appear like this
- constants and literal values appear like this
- all other code appears like this

Code Highlighting. We place gray rectangles around key code segments.

Using Fonts for Emphasis. We place the key terms and the index’s page reference for each defining occurrence in bold text for easier reference. We emphasize on-screen components
in the **bold Helvetica** font (e.g., the `File` menu) and emphasize C++ program text in the **Lucida** font (for example, `int x = 5;`).

**Web Access.** All of the source-code examples are available for download from:

www.deitel.com/books/cpphtp7LOV/

**Quotations.** Each chapter begins with quotations. We hope that you enjoy relating these to the chapter material.

**Objectives.** The quotes are followed by a list of chapter objectives.

**Illustrations/Figures.** Abundant charts, tables, line drawings, programs and program output are included. We model the flow of control in control statements with UML activity diagrams. UML class diagrams model the fields, constructors and methods of classes. We use six major UML diagram types in the optional OOD/UML 2 ATM case study in Chapters 25 and 26.

**Programming Tips.** We include programming tips to help you focus on important aspects of program development. These tips and practices represent the best we’ve gleaned from a combined seven decades of programming and teaching experience.

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**Good Programming Practices**

*The Good Programming Practices call attention to techniques that will help you produce programs that are clearer, more understandable and more maintainable.*

**Common Programming Errors**

*Pointing out these Common Programming Errors reduces the likelihood that you’ll make them.*

**Error-Prevention Tips**

*These tips contain suggestions for exposing and removing bugs from your programs; many describe aspects of C++ that prevent bugs from getting into programs in the first place.*

**Performance Tips**

*These tips highlight opportunities for making your programs run faster or minimizing the amount of memory that they occupy.*

**Portability Tips**

*The Portability Tips help you write code that will run on a variety of platforms.*

**Software Engineering Observations**

*The Software Engineering Observations highlight architectural and design issues that affect the construction of software systems, especially large-scale systems.*

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**Wrap-Up Section.** Each chapter ends with a “wrap-up” section that recaps the chapter content and transitions to the next chapter.

**Summary Bullets.** We present a section-by-section, bullet-list summary of the chapter.
**Terminology.** We include an alphabetized list of the important terms defined in each chapter with the page number of the term’s defining occurrence for quick reference.

**Self-Review Exercises and Answers.** Extensive self-review exercises and answers are included for self-study.

**Exercises.** Each chapter concludes with a substantial set of exercises, including simple recall of important terminology and concepts; identifying the errors in code samples; writing individual C++ statements; writing small portions of functions and classes; writing complete C++ functions, classes and programs; and major projects. [NOTE: Please do not write to us requesting access to the Pearson Instructor’s Resource Center which contains the book’s instructor supplements, including the exercise solutions. Access is limited strictly to college instructors teaching from the book. Instructors may obtain access only through their Pearson representatives.] Check out our Programming Projects Resource Center (www.deitel.com/ProgrammingProjects/) for lots of additional exercise and project possibilities.

**Thousands of Index Entries.** We have included an extensive index. Defining occurrences of key terms are highlighted with a **bold** page number for quick reference.

**Student Resources**

Many C++ development tools are available. We wrote C++ *How to Program, Late Objects Version, 7/e* primarily using Microsoft’s free Visual C++ Express Edition (which is available free for download at www.microsoft.com/express) and the free GNU C++ (gcc.gnu.org/install/binaries.html), which is already installed on most Linux systems and can be installed on Mac OS X and Windows systems as well. You can learn more about GNU C++ at gcc.gnu.org. Apple includes GNU C++ in their Xcode development tools, which Mac OS X users can download from developer.apple.com/tools/xcode.

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The Companion Website contains the following chapters and appendices in searchable PDF format:

- Chapter 22, Bits, Characters, Strings and structs
- Chapter 23, Boost Libraries, Technical Report 1 and C++0x
• Chapter 24, Other Topics
• Chapter 25, ATM Case Study, Part 1: Object-Oriented Design with the UML
• Chapter 26, ATM Case Study, Part 2: Implementing an Object-Oriented Design
• Chapter 27, Game Programming with Ogre
• Appendix D, Number Systems
• Appendix E, Preprocessor
• Appendix F, C Legacy Code Topics
• Appendix G, UML 2: Additional Diagram Types
• Appendix H, Using the Visual Studio Debugger
• Appendix I, Using the GNU C++ Debugger

The Companion Website also includes:
• VideoNotes in which you can watch and listen as Paul Deitel walks you through all the code examples in Chapters 2–13 and a portion of Chapter 16.
• Two true/false questions per section with answers for self-review.
• Solutions to approximately half of the solved exercises in the book.

The following additional materials are posted at both the Companion Website and at www.deitel.com/books/cpphtp7LOV/:
• An array of pointers-to-functions example and additional function pointer exercises (from Chapter 7).
• String Class Operator Overloading Case Study (from Chapter 11).
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