Class 26
Arguments to Main, Prefix and Postfix Increment, Break, Continue
(Modified from Rebecca Schley's class)
Arguments to main

• Alternative title line to main
• We can set up a main program to work with arguments
• These are called command-line arguments

mars> ./a.out file1 file2
Main title line for command-line arguments

• Old title line:
  • int main()

• New title line:
  • int main(int argc, char *argv[])
  • This version of the main title line allows main to take command-line arguments
  • argc is the number of inputs
  • argv is an array showing the inputs
    • argv is an array of c-strings
Example 1

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

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){ // Command line arguments are stored in an array called argv
    for(int i = 0; i < argc; i++){
        cout << argv[i] << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```
argc, argv

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int main(int argc, char *argv[])

argc:  how many things did the user type?
argv:  what did the user type?
Example 2

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

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
    ifstream f1;
    ofstream f2;
    f1.open(argv[1]);  // connect f1 to command-line argument
    f2.open(argv[2]);  // connect f2 to command-line argument
    char x = f1.get(); // get the first character from f1
    while(!f1.eof()){ // copy char x to f2
        f2 << x;
        x = f1.get(); // get the next character; assign to x
    }
    f1.close();
    f2.close();
    return 0;
}
```
Prefix and postfix increment/decrement

Given int i

• i++ - this is a postfix increment operation. The expression is evaluated first using the original value of the variable. After evaluating the expression, the variable is incremented.

• ++i - this is a prefix increment operation. The variable is incremented first and then the expression is evaluated using the new value of the variable.
Example 3: Pre-increment & Post-increment

```cpp
int main(){
    int i = 5, j = 5;
    cout << ++i << endl;  // prints 6
    cout << i << endl;    // prints 6
    cout << j++ << endl;  // prints 5
    cout << j << endl;    // prints 6
    return 0;
}
```
Example 4: Pre-increment & Post-increment

```cpp
int main(){
    int i = 5, j, k;
    j = i++;
    k = ++i;
    cout << j << endl;   // j stores 5
    cout << k << endl;  // k stores 7
    return 0;
}
```
Example 5: Loop control: break, continue

Inside any loop, you can set a condition to either “jump out” of the loop, or skip a particular iteration of the loop and continue with the next iteration

```cpp
for(int i = 1; i <= 10; i++){
    if(i % 3 == 0) continue;
    cout << i << endl;
}

for(int i = 1; i <= 10; i++){
    if(i == 8) break;
    cout << i << endl;
}
```
Example 6: Generate a random letter

Recall that there is a correspondence between integers and characters:
• ASCII 65 to 90 = ‘A’ to ‘Z’ (upper case)
• ASCII 97 to 122 = ‘a’ to ‘z’ (lower case)

Generate a random int in the desired range, and cast as a char
• char x = (char)(rand() % (90 – 65 + 1) + 65); // random upper case letter
• char y = (char)(rand() % (122 – 97 + 1) + 97); // random lower case letter
Final Exam

• Tuesday, May 24 from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm
• Exam will be held in SB C-205
• If you miss the final exam, you will receive a grade of WU. So don’t miss it!
• Feel free to email me with questions while studying