

From C to C++

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Compiler

c

C++

gcc

g++

Makefile

C

```
CC = gcc
CFLAGS = -g
DEPS = stack.h
OBJ = trystack.o stack.o

%.o: %.c $(DEPS)
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o $@ $<

trystack: $(OBJ)
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^

clean:
    rm -f *.o
    rm -f *~
    rm -f trystack
```

C++

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```

Include Files

C

C++

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>
```

```
#include <cstdio>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cmath>
#include <cstring>
#include <cctype>
```

C I/O vs. Stream I/O

C

Standard open files

stdin, stdout, stderr

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int n1, n2;
```

```
float fnum;
```

```
printf("%f\n", fnum);
```

```
printf("(%d, %d)\n", n1, n2);
```

```
scanf("%f", &fnum);
```

```
scanf("%d %d", &n1, &n2);
```

```
fprintf(stderr, "error message\n");
```

C++

Standard open streams

cin, cout, cerr

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std; // or use std::
```

```
int n1, n2;
```

```
float fnum;
```

```
cout << fnum << endl;
```

```
cout << "(" << n1 << ", " << n2 <<  
        ")" << endl;
```

```
cin >> fnum;
```

```
cin >> n1 >> n2;
```

```
cerr << "error message" << endl;
```

Dynamic Memory

C

Not part of the language, uses functions defined in `stdlib`

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
int *table;
```

```
int n;
```

```
scanf("%d", &n);
```

```
table = (int *)malloc(n * sizeof(int));
```

```
...
```

```
free(table);
```

C++

Built into the language, uses operators `new` and `delete`

```
// note: no include needed
```

```
int *table;
```

```
int n;
```

```
cin >> n;
```

```
table = new int[n];
```

```
...
```

```
delete []table; // [] needed for array
```

enums and structs

C

enum and struct variables need the enum or struct prefix when being declared

```
enum colors{RED, GREEN, BLUE};  
enum colors tint;
```

```
struct point{  
    int x, y;  
};  
struct point pt;
```

or you could use a typedef:

```
typedef struct _point{  
    int x, y;  
} point;  
point pt;
```

C++

enum and struct variables do not need the enum or struct prefix

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colors tint;
```

```
struct point{  
    int x, y;  
};  
point pt;
```

function parameters

C

All parameter passing is done by value. If you need to affect the variable referred to by the actual parameter, you need to use a pointer in the function, and pass the address of the actual parameter

```
void swap(int *a, int *b){  
    int temp;  
    temp = *a; *a = *b; *b = temp;  
}
```

```
int m, n;  
...  
swap(&m, &n);
```

C++

In C++ parameter passing is done by value by default, but you can pass by reference by annotating the parameter with an &

```
void swap(int &a, int &b){  
    int temp;  
    temp = a; a = b; b = temp;  
}
```

```
int m, n;  
...  
swap(m, n);
```

An Example C vs. C++ Bubble Sort Program

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