

Function Definition

- Definition includes:
 - <u>return type:</u> data type of the value that function returns to the part of the program that called it
 - <u>name:</u> name of the function. Function names follow same rules as variables
 - <u>parameter list:</u> variables containing values passed to the function
 - <u>body:</u> statements that perform the function's task, enclosed in {}

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Function Definition

```
Return type Parameter list (This one is empty)
Function name Function body
int main ()
{
    cout << "Hello World\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Note: The line that reads int main() is the function header.

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Function Return Type

If a function returns a value, the type of the value must be indicated:

int main()

If a function does not return a value, its return type is void:

```
void printHeading()
{
    cout << "Monthly Sales\n";
}</pre>
```

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Calling a Function

To call a function, use the function name followed by () and;

printHeading();

- When called, program executes the body of the called function
- After the function terminates, execution resumes in the calling function at point of call.

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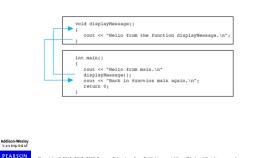
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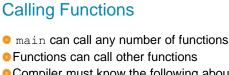
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Functions in Program 6-1



Flow of Control in Program 6-1

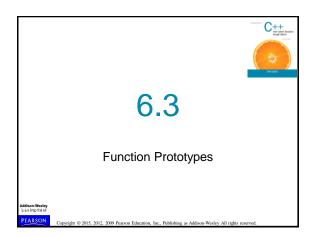




- Compiler must know the following about a function before it is called:
 - name
 - return type
 - onumber of parameters
 - data type of each parameter

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Function PrototypesWays to notify the compiler about a function before a call to the function:

- Place function definition before calling function's definition
- Use a <u>function prototype</u> (<u>function declaration</u>) like the function definition without the body
 - Header: void printHeading()
 Prototype: void printHeading();
- Prototype: void printheadin

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Function Prototypes in Program 6-5

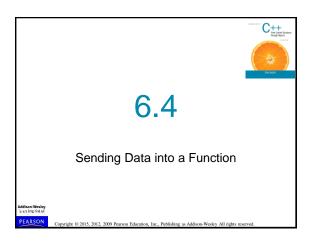
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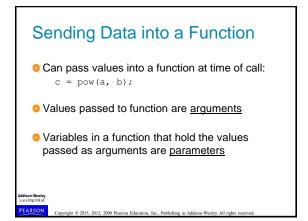
Prototype Notes

- Place prototypes near top of program
- Program must include either prototype or full function definition before any call to the function – compiler error otherwise
- When using prototypes, can place function definitions in any order in source file

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A Function with a Parameter Variable void displayValue(int num) cout << "The value is " << num << endl; } The integer variable num is a parameter. It accepts any integer value passed to the function.

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Function with a Parameter in Program 6-6

Program 6-6

1 // This program demonstrates a function with a parameter.
2 #include 'iostream'
3 using namespace std;
4
5 // Function Prototype
6 void displayValue(int);
7
8 int main()
9
{ cout << "I am passing 5 to displayValue.\n";
11 displayValue(5); // Call displayValue with argument 5
12 cout << "Now I am back in main.\n";
13 return 0;
14
}

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Function with a Parameter in Program 6-6

displayValue(5);

void displayValue(int num)
{
    cout << "The value is " << num << endl;
}

The function call in line 11 passes the value 5
    as an argument to the function.
```

Other Parameter Terminology

- A parameter can also be called a <u>formal</u> parameter or a <u>formal</u> argument
- An argument can also be called an <u>actual</u> <u>parameter</u> or an <u>actual argument</u>

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Parameters, Prototypes, and Function Headers

- For each function argument,
 - the prototype must include the data type of each parameter inside its parentheses
 - the header must include a declaration for each parameter in its ()

```
void evenOrOdd(int); //prototype
void evenOrOdd(int num) //header
evenOrOdd(val); //call
```

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Function Call Notes

- Value of argument is copied into parameter when the function is called
- A parameter's scope is the function which uses it
- Function can have multiple parameters
- There must be a data type listed in the prototype

 () and an argument declaration in the function header () for each parameter
- Arguments will be promoted/demoted as necessary to match parameters

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Passing Multiple Arguments

When calling a function and passing multiple arguments:

- othe number of arguments in the call must match the prototype and definition
- the first argument will be used to initialize the first parameter, the second argument to initialize the second parameter, etc.

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Passing Multiple Arguments in Program 6-8

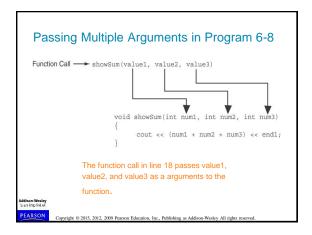
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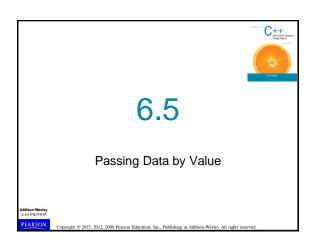
```
22 //*
23 // Definition of function showSum.
24 // It uses three integer parameters. Their sum is displayed. *
25 //*
26 27 void showSum(int numl, int num2, int num3)
28 {
29 cout << (numl + num2 + num3) << endl;
30 }

Program Output with Example Input Shown in Bold
Enter three integers and I will display their sum: 487 [Enter]
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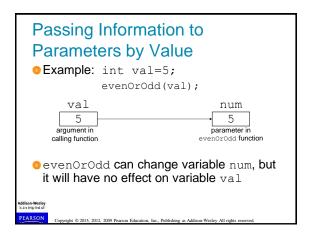
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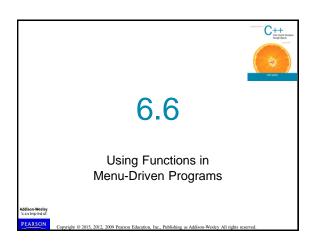
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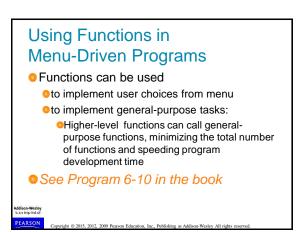




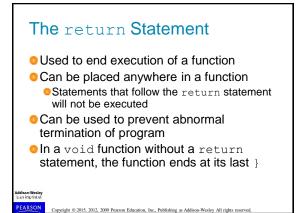
Passing Data by Value Pass by value: when an argument is passed to a function, its value is copied into the parameter. Changes to the parameter in the function do not affect the value of the argument

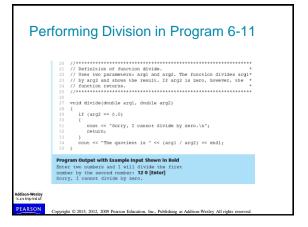












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Returning a Value From a Function

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Returning a Value From a Function

• A function can return a value back to the statement that called the function.

• You've already seen the pow function, which returns a value:

double x;
x = pow(2.0, 10.0);
```

Returning a Value From a Function

• In a value-returning function, the return statement can be used to return a value from function to the point of call. Example:

```
int sum(int num1, int num2)
{
  double result;
  result = num1 + num2;
  return result;
}
```

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A Value-Returning Function Return Type int sum(int num1, int num2) { double result; result = num1 + num2; return result; } Value Being Returned **Section foldor** **Copyright © 2015, 2012, 2019 Purson Education, Inc., Publishing as Addison-Wesley All rights reserved.

A Value-Returning Function

```
int sum(int num1, int num2)
{
    return num1 + num2;
}
```

Functions can return the values of expressions, such as num1 + num2

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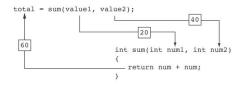
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Function Returning a Value in Program 6-12

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The statement in line 17 calls the sum function, passing <code>value1</code> and <code>value2</code> as arguments.

The return value is assigned to the <code>total</code> variable.

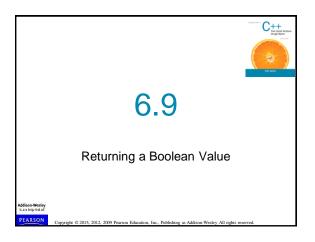
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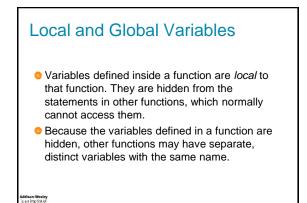
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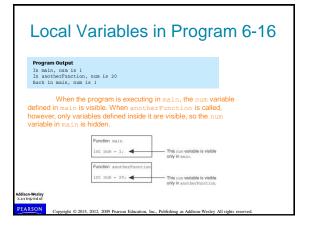
Returning a Value From a Function The prototype and the definition must indicate the data type of return value (not void) Calling function should use return value: assign it to a variable send it to cout use it in an expression



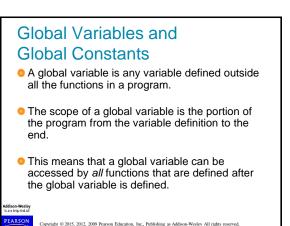
Provide Returning a Boolean Value Function can return true or false Declare return type in function prototype and heading as bool Function body must contain return statement(s) that return true or false Calling function can use return value in a relational expression







Local Variable Lifetime • A function's local variables exist only while the function is executing. This is known as the lifetime of a local variable. • When the function begins, its local variables and its parameter variables are created in memory, and when the function ends, the local variables and parameter variables are destroyed. • This means that any value stored in a local variable is lost between calls to the function in which the variable is declared. **Addition Wesley** **Let Inches of the control of the control



Global Variables and Global Constants

- You should avoid using global variables because they make programs difficult to debug.
- Any global that you create should be global constants.

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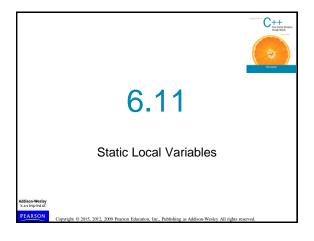
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Initializing Local and Global Variables

- Local variables are not automatically initialized. They must be initialized by programmer.
- Global variables (not constants) are automatically initialized to 0 (numeric) or NULL (character) when the variable is defined.

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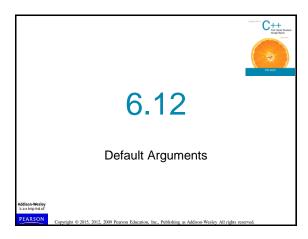


Static Local Variables

- Local variables only exist while the function is executing. When the function terminates, the contents of local variables are lost.
- static local variables retain their contents between function calls.
- static local variables are defined and initialized only the first time the function is executed. 0 is the default initialization value.

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Default Arguments

A <u>Default argument</u> is an argument that is passed automatically to a parameter if the argument is missing on the function call.

- Must be a constant declared in prototype: void evenOrOdd(int = 0);
- Can be declared in header if no prototype
- Multi-parameter functions may have default arguments for some or all of them:

Addition.Weslay int getSum(int, int=0, int=0);

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Default Arguments

• If not all parameters to a function have default values, the defaultless ones are declared first in the parameter list:

int getSum(int, int=0, int=0);// OK
int getSum(int, int=0, int); // NO

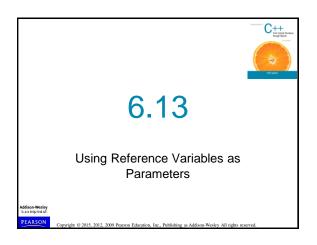
•When an argument is omitted from a function call, all arguments after it must also be omitted:

sum = getSum(num1, num2); // OK

sum = getSum(num1, num3); // NO

sum = getSum(num1, num3); // NO

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Using Reference Variables as Parameters

- A mechanism that allows a function to work with the original argument from the function call, not a copy of the argument
- Allows the function to modify values stored in the calling environment
- Provides a way for the function to 'return' more than one value

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Passing by Reference

- A <u>reference variable</u> is an alias for another variable
- Defined with an ampersand (&) void getDimensions(int&, int&);
- Changes to a reference variable are made to the variable it refers to
- Use reference variables to implement passing parameters by reference

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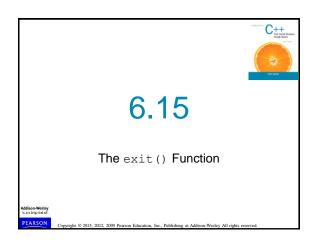
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Reference Variable Notes ■ Each reference parameter must contain & ■ Space between type and & is unimportant ■ Must use & in both prototype and header ■ Argument passed to reference parameter must be a variable – cannot be an expression or constant ■ Use when appropriate – don't use when argument should not be changed by function, or if function needs to return only 1 value



Overloading Functions Overloaded functions have the same name but different parameter lists Can be used to create functions that perform the same task but take different parameter types or different number of parameters Compiler will determine which version of function to call by argument and parameter lists

Function Overloading Examples Using these overloaded functions, void getDimensions(int); // 1 // 2 void getDimensions(int, int); void getDimensions(int, double); // 3 void getDimensions(double, double);// 4 the compiler will use them as follows: int length, width; double base, height; // 1 getDimensions(length); getDimensions(length, width); // 2 // 3 getDimensions(length, height); getDimensions(height, base); Copyright © 2015, 2012, 2009 Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Addison-Wesley All rights a

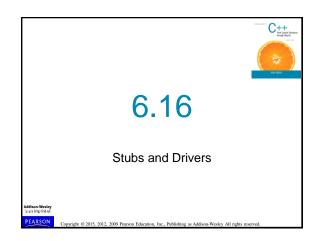


The exit() Function Terminates the execution of a program Can be called from any function Can pass an int value to operating system to indicate status of program termination Usually used for abnormal termination of program Requires cstdlib header file

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The exit() Function

• Example:
    exit(0);

• The cstdlib header defines two constants that are commonly passed, to indicate success or failure:
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
```



Stubs and Drivers

- Useful for testing and debugging program and function logic and design
- Stub: A dummy function used in place of an actual function
 - Usually displays a message indicating it was called. May also display parameters
- <u>Driver</u>: A function that tests another function by calling it
 - Various arguments are passed and return values are tested

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