

## Learning Objectives

At the end of this chapter, student should be able to:

- ✓ Use pre-defined functions: (sqrt(), abs(), pow(), toupper(), tolower(), setw(), setprecision())
- ✓ Build independent functions or user-defined functions
- ✓ Define function's data type: void, int, float, double, char, char\*
- ✓ Understand the scope of global and local-variables
- ✓ Learn how to use function with parameter (value and reference)

## A. Introduction to Function

- As programs get longer and complicated, it is common to group the program statements into its interrelated modules or segments or subprograms.
- Each module or segment will only perform a particular task. The module or segment of codes is referred to as function.

### 1. Modular Programming

- Modular programming is a way of breaking one module of program into sub-module of program in which each module will performs a particular task only.
- For example, a program may contain a module to perform each of the three main tasks in a program; that is *input*, *processing* and *output*.
- In C++, modules are called *functions*.
- Some functions are predefined (built-in – and of course we have to include some necessary pre-processor directive to support that pre-defined function), which are referred to as *library functions*, and others can be programmer-defined.
- As we have seen, each C++ program must contain `main` function, and it may also contain any number of additional functions which we are going to learn how to write it.

### 2. Function

- A function is a mini-program that performs a particular task. Each function may include its own variables and its own statements, just like writing the `main` function. This mini-program can be compiled and tested independently.

#### 1. Benefit of Using Functions

- i. The main program is simplified where it will contain the function call statements. By doing that planning, coding, testing, debugging, understanding and maintaining a computer program will be easier.
- ii. The same function can be reused in another program, which will prevent code duplication and reduce the time of writing the program.

## Example

The following program calculates and displays the wages of an employee based on the number of hours worked and the hourly rate of pay.

### 1. Example of program not using function

#### **Problem definition**

Input: name, hours worked, hourly rate

Process: calculate wages

Output: wages

#### **Algorithm design**

Get Input

    Read name, hours\_worked, hourly\_rate

Calculate wages

    Wages = hours\_worked \* hourly\_rate

Display Output

    Print wages

#### **Program coding**

```
#include <iostream.h>
//To display greeting and calculate wages without using function

void main()
{
    int hoursWorked;
    float hourlyRate;
    float wage;
    char name[25];

    cout << "Please enter name ";
    cin.getline(name, 25);
    cout << "Hello " << name << ". Welcome to this program." << endl;
    cout << "Enter the number of hours worked :";
    cin >> hoursWorked;
    cout << "\nEnter the hourly pay rate :";
    cin >> hourlyRate;
    wage = hoursWorked * hourlyRate;
    cout << "\nThe wage is :RM" << wage << endl;
}
```

### ***Sample output***

```
Please enter your name: Haizat
Hello Haizat. Welcome to this program.
Enter the number of hours worked: 8
Enter the hourly pay rate: 12.5
The wages is : RM100.0
```

### ***After using function***

- The above program is modified by applying functions to it. Two functions, `calcWages()` and `greeting()` are added.

### ***Algorithm design***

```
main()
    greeting()
    Input hours worked, hourly rate
    calcWages()
    Display wages
greeting()
    Input name
calcWages()
    Calculate wages
```

### **Program coding**

```
#include <iostream.h>
//To display greeting and calculate wages without using function

void calWages(int, int); //function prototype
void greeting();

void main()
{
    int hoursWorked;
    float hourlyRate;
    greeting();
    cout << "Enter the number of hours worked :";
    cin >> hoursWorked;
    cout << "\nEnter the hourly pay rate :";
    cin >> hourlyRate;
    calWages(hoursworked, hourlyRate);
}

void calWages (int hours, int rate)
{
    float wage = hours * rate;
    cout << "\nThe wage is :RM" << wage << endl;
}

void greeting()
{
    char name[25];
    cout << "Please enter name ";
    cin.getline(name, 25);
    cout << "Hello " << name << ". Welcome to this program." << endl;
}
```

### **Sample output**

```
Please enter your name: Haizat
Hello Haizat. Welcome to this program.
Enter the number of hours worked: 8
Enter the hourly pay rate: 12.5
The wages is : RM100.0
```

### **Explanation**

- calWages() – only performs the calculation of wages
- greeting() – display the greeting
- Each function does specific task, thus making it easier for tracing errors or debugging process.

### 3. Predefined functions

- Predefined or built-in functions are functions used by the programmers in order to speed up program writing.
- Programmers may use the existing code to perform common tasks without having to rewrite any code.
- These functions are predefined by the producer of a compiler, (C++) and are stored in the header files (.h files) called libraries
- In order to for a program to use a pre-defined function, the appropriate library file must be included in the program using the `#include` directive.

#### *Syntax form*

```
#include <header file name>
```

#### *Example*

To use the `getline()`, a program must include the directive

```
#include <string.h>
```

Some commonly used header files are `iostream.h`, `omanip.h`, `string.h`, `char.h` (or `ctype.h`), `math.h`, and `stdlib.h`.

#### *a. iostream.h*

- `iostream.h` is a header file for input/output stream. The most commonly used built-in functions for input/output are `get()` and `put()`.

#### *Commonly used functions*

Name	Description
<code>get()</code>	for console input (keyboard) or type char
<code>put()</code>	for console output (screen) of type char

### **Example**

The following program shows that when the input/output stream (`cin.cout`) are used, the header file `iostream.h` is included at the very beginning of the program file.

```
#include <iostream.h>
void main()
{
    char ch;
    cout << "Please enter a character: ";
    cin.get(ch);
    cout << "\nThe character is " << put(ch);
}
```

### **Sample output**

```
Please enter a character: a
The character is a
```

### **b. `iomanip.h`**

- This header file defines a collection of functions to manipulate input and output data.
- Some of the commonly used functions are given below.

### **Commonly used functions**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>setw(x)</code>	Set field width to x
<code>setfill(x)</code>	Set the fill character with x
<code>setprecision(x)</code>	Set the floating point precision to x
<code>setiosflags(ios::fixed)</code>	Display floating point values in decimal notation
<code>setiosflags(ios::left)</code>	Left justify output
<code>setiosflags(ios::right)</code>	Right justify output
<code>setiosflags(ios::showpoint)</code>	Display a decimal point

### Example

The following program displays the integer, string, and floating point values according to the predetermined output setting.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <iomanip.h>

void main()
{
    int x = 2345;
    cout << "|" << setw(8) << setiosflags(ios::left)
         << x << "|" << endl;
    cout << "|" << setfill('*') << setw(8)
         << "HELLO" << "|" << endl;
    cout << "|" << setw(8) << setiosflags(ios::fixed)
         << setiosflags(ios::showpoint)
         << setprecision(2) << 86.2 << "|" << endl;
    cout << "|" << 5 << "|" << endl;
}
```

### Output

```
|2345   |
|HELLO***|
|86.20 ***|
|5|
```

### c. *string.h*

- This header file contains several string manipulation functions. Some of the commonly used functions are shown below.

#### Commonly used functions

Name	Description
strcmp(s1, s2)	Compares one string to another
strcpy(s1, s2)	Copies one string to another
strlen(s)	Calculates the length of a string
strcat(s1, s2)	Appends one string to another



### **Example**

The following program accepts two full names; checks whether both names are equal, edit the names, get the length of the first name and concatenate two names together.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>
void main()
{
    char firstName[30], secName[30];
    cout << "Enter full name: " << endl;
    cin.getline(firstName, 30);
    cout << "Enter another full name: " << endl;
    cin.getline(secName, 30);

    if (strcmp(firstName, secName) == 0)
        cout << "The names are the same" << endl;
    else
        cout << "The names are different" << endl;

    strcpy(firstName, "Marissa");
    cout << "First name is now " << firstName << endl;
    cout << "The length of the first name is "
        << strlen(firstName) << endl;
    strcat(firstName, "Nurdia");
    cout << "First name is now " << firstName << endl;
}
```

### **Output**

```
Enter full name: Nur Saidah
Enter another full name: Nurul Azua
The names are different
First name is now Marissa
The length of the first name is 7
First name is now Marissa Nurdia
```

#### **d. char.h (ctype.h)**

- This header file contains declarations of several character handling functions. Some of the most commonly used functions are given below.

### ***Commonly used functions***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
toupper(c)	Converts character c from lowercase to uppercase letter
tolower(c)	Converts character c from uppercase to lowercase letter
isupper(c)	Return TRUE if c is an uppercase letter
islower(c)	Return TRUE if c is a lowercase letter
isdigit(c)	Return TRUE if c is digit
isalpha(c)	Return TRUE if c is an alphanumeric character
isspace(c)	Return TRUE if c is a space character

### ***Example***

The following program accepts a character, checks whether the character is an uppercase or a lowercase. If it is an uppercase, the lowercase of the character is then displayed and vice versa.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <ctype.h>

void main()
{
    char letter;
    cout << "Enter a character: ";
    cin >> letter;

    if(isalpha)
    {
        if (isdigit(letter))
        {
            cout << "The character is a digit" << endl;
        }
        else if (isupper(letter))
        {
            cout << "The character is an uppercase" << endl;
            cout << "The lowercase is "
                << (char) tolower(letter) << endl;
        }
        else
        {
            cout << "The character is a lowercase" << endl;
            cout << "The uppercase is "
                << (char)toupper(letter) << endl;
        }
    }
    else if (isspace(letter))
    {
        cout << "The character is a space" << endl;
    }
}
```

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### **Output**

```
Enter a character: Z
The character is an uppercase
The lowercase is z
```

#### **e. *math.h***

- This header file contains declarations of several mathematic functions. Some of the most commonly used functions are given below.

#### ***Commonly used functions***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
pow(x, y)	Return x raised to the power of y
sqrt(x)	Square root of x
ceil(x)	Smallest integer $\geq$ x
floor(x)	Largest integer $\leq$ x
sin(x)	Sine of x (x is in radians)
cos(x)	Cosine of x (x is in radians)
tan(x)	Tangent of x (x is in radians)
asin(x)	Arc sine or $\sin^{-1}$ of x
acos(x)	Arc cosine or $\cos^{-1}$ of x
atan(x)	Arc tangent or $\tan^{-1}$ of x
log(x)	Natural logarithm of x or $\ln(x)$ , $x > 0$
sinh(x)	Hyperbolic sine of x
cosh(x)	Hyperbolic cosine of x
tanh(x)	Hyperbolic tangent of x
log10(x)	Common log (base 10) of x or $\lg(x)$
exp(x)	e raise to the x power or $e^x$
fabs(x)	Absolute value $ x $

### **Example**

The following program accepts a number, gets the square root of the number and multiplies the number by using the `sqrt()` and `pow()`.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <math.h>

void main()
{
    double number;
    cout << "Enter a number: ";
    cin >> number;
    cout << "The square root of " << number << " is "
         << sqrt(number) << endl;
    cout << number << " raised to the power of 2 is "
         << pow(number,2) << endl;
}
```

### **Output**

```
Enter a number: 9
The square root of 9 is 3
9 raised to the power of 2 is 81
```

### **f. `stdlib.h`**

- This header file contains declaration of several miscellaneous (mixed) functions. Some of the most commonly used functions are given below.

#### ***Commonly used functions***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>abs(i)</code>	Converts to the absolute value of <code>i</code>
<code>rand()</code>	Generate a random positive integer between 0 and <code>RAND_MAX(32767)</code>
<code>srand(seed)</code>	Initialize random number generator where <code>seed</code> represent the starting point for the <code>rand</code> function

### **Example**

The following program accepts a value of seed and generates five random values

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

void main()
{
    unsigned seed;
    float randValue;
    cout << "Enter the value of seed ";
    cin >> seed;

    srand(seed); //generate the first seed value
    cout << "\n5 generated numbers are: " << endl;
    for (int i=1; i<=5; i++)
    {
        randValue = rand();
        cout << setw(8) << setfill('#')<< randValue << endl;
    }
}
```

### **Output**

```
Enter the value of seed: 10
5 generated random numbers are:

####3463
###30957
###10345
###10368
####8444
```

## **4. Independent functions**

- Programmer are able to create their own functions since the built-in function in C++ libraries are limited to perform other programming tasks.
- Independent function or also known as programmer-defined are functions whose task are determined by the programmer and defined within the program in which the function is used.
- The function definitions can be written in the same file as main() or compiled independently in separate files.
- To compile separately, the file that contains the definitions must be included and the following syntax form is used:

### **Syntax form**

```
#include "<filename>.cpp"
```

### **Example**

```
#include "myfile.cpp"
```

### **Program structure**

The overall program structure when using the independent functions is shown below:

```
#include <iostream.h>
function prototype declarations;

void main()
{
    variable declarations;
    statements [including function calls];
}
function definition(s)
{
    statements;
}
```

- In order to use the independent function, a programmer must satisfy three requirements:
  - i. Function prototype declaration
  - ii. Function call
  - iii. Function definition

## **5. Function Prototype Declarations**

- All functions must be declared before they can be used in a program.
- Placed just before the main program and sometimes at the beginning of the main program, a function declaration specifies:
  - i. The name of the function
  - ii. The order and type of parameters
  - iii. The return value
- The purpose of function prototype declaration allows the compiler to check for the existence of the function, the parameter list and the return type is correct.
- The syntax for the independent function prototype declaration is given below:

### ***C++ syntax form***

```
returnType functionName (type parameter_list);
```

#### ***Explanation***

returnType

- a. Indicates the type of value that the function will return
- b. The return value may be of any valid data type:  
    int, float, double, char, long and void
- c. void is used when a function does not return any value to the calling program

functionName

- a. Is the name of function
- b. It can be any names but the naming convention must follow the rules in naming the identifier

type parameter\_list

- a. Tells the calling function what type of data value the parameter will receive when the function is called
- b. Tells the calling function the order of the values to be transmitted to the called function
- c. If it contains more than one data type, parameter\_list must be separated by comma(s)
- d. Parameter names are optional
- e. Parameter\_list is also known as arguments

#### ***Function prototype examples***

The following are examples of the function prototype:

```
void display();  
int findSum(int, int);  
float swap(float, float, int, char);
```

### **Explanation**

The following explains the declaration of the prototype:

- a. `void display();`  
Declares that function `display()` does not receive any argument and does not return any argument to the calling function
  
- b. `int findSum(int, int);`  
Declares that the function `findSum()` expects to receive two integer argument and return value to the calling function with data type integer.
  
- c. `float swap(float, float, int, char);`  
Declares that the function `swap()` requires four arguments consisting of two floating-points argument, one integer argument and one character argument, in this order, and that it will return a floating-point value.

### **Parameters**

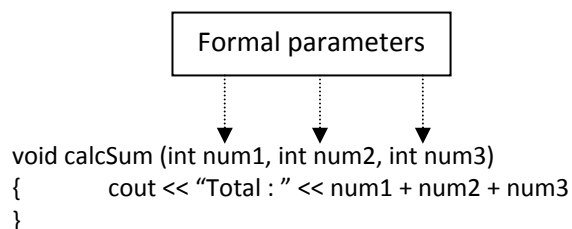
There are two types of parameters:

- i. Formal parameter
- ii. Actual parameter

#### **a. Formal parameter**

- A formal parameter is a placeholder variable which is defined at the called function and local function to the called function.
- The number of the formal parameters must agree with the number of actual parameters passed to the function.
- Example:

The following function takes three formal parameters to calculate the sum.

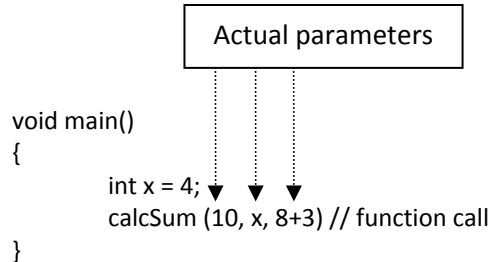




**b. Actual parameter**

- Actual parameter is a constant, variable or expression in a function call that corresponds to the formal parameter.
- Actual parameters contain values that will be passed to the function
- Example:

The following function contains three values which will be passed to the `calcSum()`.



**6. Function Definition**

- A function must be defined before it can carry out the task assigned to it.
- In other words, the statements that perform the task are written inside the function definition.
- A function is written once in the program and can be used by any other function in the program.
- The function definition is placed either before the `main()` or after the `main()`.

***Before the main()***

The function prototype is not required.

```
int findMax()
{
    statements;
}

void main()
{
    findMax();
}
```

**After the main()**

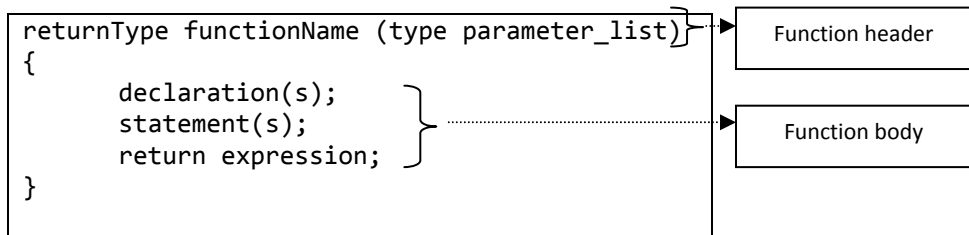
```
int findMax();    //function prototype

void main()
{
    findMax();
}

int findMax()
{
    statements;
}
```

- A function definition consist of a function header and function body as shown below:

**Syntax form**



**Explanation**

**a. Function header**

- returnType functionName (type parameter\_list)
- The function header defines the return type, function name and list of parameters.
- It is written the same way as the function prototype, except that the header does not end with semicolon.
- Function header contains the following:
  - i. Type of data, if any, is returned from the function when operation has completed
  - ii. The name of the function
  - iii. Type of data, if any, is sent into the function.

**b. Function body**

- The function body contains declaration of local variables and executable statements needed to perform a task assigned to the function.

**Example**

An example of function definition that accepts three values, calculates the total and return the total to the main function.

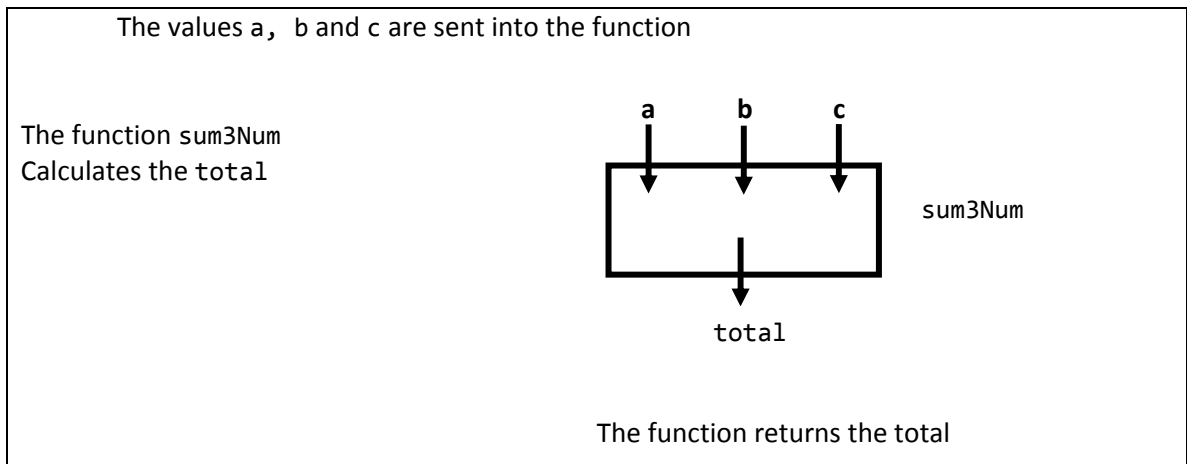
```
int sum3Num(int a, int b, int c)
{
    int total = a + b + c;
    return total;
}
```

**Explanation**

- The keyword `int` in the function header indicated that the function will return an integer value.
- The parameter-list `int a`, `int b` and `int c` indicated that three integer values will be sent into and used in the function `sum3Num`
- `Return total` indicated that the value of `total` will be returned to the calling function

**Function representation**

The above example can be represented as follows:



### **The keyword void**

- A function that does not return a value after completing its assigned task is called a void function.
- When there is no value to be returned to the calling function, and no value accepted from the calling function we may use the following syntax form:

```
void functionName( )  
{  
    statements;  
}
```

- When the parameterList is empty, it shows that no data will be transmitted into the function when it is run. We may use either functionName() or functionName (void) for that purpose.

### **Example of void functions**

```
void sum();           //receives no values and returns no value  
void calcSum(int a, int b);    //receives 2 integers and returns no value
```

### **Example 1**

```
#include <iostream.h>  
  
void sum(); //function prototype declaration  
  
void main()  
{  
    cout << "Welcome!";  
    sum(); //function call  
    cout << "\nEnd of program";  
}  
  
void sum() //function definition  
{  
    int num1, num2, total;  
    cout << "Enter two numbers (separate by space): ";  
    cin >> num1 >> num2;  
    total = num1 + num2;  
    cout << "\nThe sum is : " << total << endl;  
}
```

### **Example 2**

```
#include <iostream.h>

void sum(int, int); //function prototype declaration

void main()
{
    int num1, num2;
    cout << "Welcome!";
    cout << "Enter two numbers (separate by space): ";
    cin >> num1 >> num2;
    sum(num1, num2); //function call
    cout << "\nEnd of program";
}

void sum(int n1, int n2) //function definition
{
    int total;
    total = n1 + n2;
    cout << "\nThe sum is : " << total << endl;
}
```

### **Output**

```
Welcome!
Enter two numbers: 3 5
The sum is : 8
End of program
```

### **Explanation for example 1**

- In the above the example, the sum() receives no values from the main() and returns no value to the main().
- When the function sum() is called in the main(), C++ will search for the sum() and execute the statements inside the sum().

## 7. Function Call

- A function is made to perform its designated task by a function call in main function or in other function.
- When a function is called, the program control is passed to the called function and the statements inside the function will be executed to the end until control is passed back the calling function.
- To call a function, specify the function name and the values of the parameters that the function needs to do it job.
- The following syntax is used when calling a function:

Function-name(actual parameters);

### *Example of function calls*

```
findMin(num1, num2);  
getSum(firstNum, secNum);
```

### *Explanation*

#### a. findMin()

- A call to the function findMin() is made by the statement findMin(num1, num2);.
- The value residing in the variables num1, and num2 will be sent to the function definition findMin().
- The function findMin() uses the values received to perform its assigned task. Here, the control is transferred to the function definition findMin() and after execution is completed in the function definition findMin(), control is passed back to the calling function.

#### b. getSum()

- The getSum() causes the values if firstNum and secondNum to be sent to function definition getSum().
- After the execution in the function definition getSum is completed, the control is passed back to the calling function.

### **Example**

The following program shows the function calls used for the `displayAvg()` and `calcSum()`

```
#include <iostream.h>
//function prototype declaration
void displayAvg(int, int, int);
void calcSum(int, int, int);

void main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3; // local variable to the main function

    cout << "Enter three numbers (separate by space): ";
    cin >> num1 >> num2 >> num3;

    //function calls
    calcSum (num1, num2, num3); // calls calcSum()
    displayAvg(num1, num2, num3);
}

//function definition
int displayAvg(int x, int y, int z)
{
    float avg;
    avg = (x + y + z) / 3;
    cout << "\nThe average is : " << avg << endl;
}

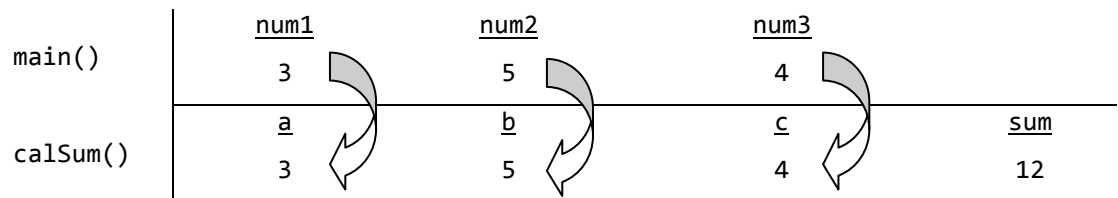
void calcSum(int a, int b, int c)
{
    int sum = 0;
    sum = a + b + c;
    cout << "\nThe sum is : " << sum << endl;
}
```

### **Example**

```
Enter 3 numbers (separate by space): 3 4 5
The sum is : 12
The average is 4.0
```

**a. Making a function call**

The following diagram shows the process that occurs when making a function call in statement `calcSum(num1, num2, num3)`.



**Explanation**

- When the statement `calcSum(num1, num2, num3);` is executed, values stored in `num1`, `num2`, and `num3` will be transmitted to the statement `calcSum()`.
- The `calcSum()` then must determine where the values are to be stored.
- As shown the `calcSum()` function definition, the variables in the parameter list of the `calcSum()`, i.e., `int a, b and c` specifies that the values received from the `main()` will be stored into the location `a, b and c` as shown in the above diagram.
- The values received from the `main()` will be used perform the addition operation as specified in the `calcSum()`.
- As a result, after the statement `sum = a + b;` is executed, the value 12 is assigned to the variable `sum`.
- The latest statement `cout << "\nThe sum is : " << sum << endl;` causes the value of `sum`, i.e. 12 to be printed on the screen.

**b. Completing a function call**

- i. Function call that returns no value
- ii. Function call that returns a value



**c. Function call without value returned**

- This type of function does not return any value to the calling function.
- Upon completing the last statement in the function definition, the control is passed back to the statement that calls the function in the calling function.
- Thus, the next statement in the calling function will be executed.

**Example**

```
//function prototype with no return value

void displayAvg(int, int, int);
void calcSum(int, int, int);

void main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3;

    cout << "Enter 3 numbers : ";
    cin >> num1 >> num2 >> num3;

    //function calls
    calcSum(num1, num2, num3); // function call
    cout << "Next process...";
    displayAvg(num1, num2, num3); // function call
}

void calcSum(int a, int b, int c)
{
    int sum = 0;
    sum = a + b + c;
    cout << "\nThe sum is : " << sum << endl;
}

void displayAvg(int x, int y, int z)
{
    float avg;
    avg = (x + y + z) / 3;
    cout << "\nThe average is : " << avg;
}
```

**Sample output**

```
Enter 3 numbers: 3 4 5
The sum is : 12
Next process...
The average is : 4.0
```

### ***Explanation***

- The statement `calcSum(num1, num2, num3);` causes the function `calcSum()` to be executed.
- Upon completing the execution in the `calcSum()`, control passed back to the calling statement in the `main()`.
- The next statement, `cout << "Next process...";` will get executed.

### ***d. Function call with value returned***

- A function may also return a value. In this type of function, when the execution in the called function is complete, the control is passed back to the calling function with a value. This value will be used in the calling function.
- There are four ways how a returned value can be used in the calling function.
  - i. In an arithmetic expression
  - ii. In a logical expression
  - iii. In an assignment statement
  - iv. In an output statement

**Example**

```
//function prototype that returns a value
int calcSum(int, int, int);

void main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3, total;

    cout << "Enter 3 numbers :";
    cin >> num1 >> num2 >> num3;

    //in an assignment statement
    total = calcSum(num1, num2, num3);

    //in an output statement
    cout << "\nThe sum is :" << calcSum(num1, num2, num3);

    //in a logical expression
    if (calcSum(num1, num2, num) < 0
        //in an arithmetic expression
        total = calcSum(num1, num2, num3) / 3
    }

//function definition
int calcSum(int a, int b, int c)
{
    int sum = 0;
    sum = a + b + c;
    return sum;
}
```

**B. Types of Independent Functions**

In summary, when using functions, we can have four types of functions.

- i. Function without value returned and parameter
- ii. Function with value returned but without parameter
- iii. Function without value returned but with parameter
- iv. Function with value returned and parameter

	<b>Not return value</b>	<b>Return value</b>
<b>Without parameters</b>	void calcSum()	int calcSum()
<b>With parameters</b>	void calcSum(int a, int b)	int calcSum(int a, int b)

References:

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### 1. Function Without Value Returned and Without Parameter

- This function has no return value and the returned type is written as void. All inputs, calculation and outputs are done inside this function.

#### **Example**

The following program accepts radius from the keyboard, calculates and display the area of a circle.

```
#include <iostream.h>
void calcAreaCircle(); //function prototype
void main() //calling function
{
    calcAreaCircle();
}

void calcAreaCircle() //function definition
{
    float radius;
    cout << "Enter radius of circle";
    cin >> radius;
    cout << "\nThe area of the circle is " << 3.142 * radius * radius;
}
```

#### **Sample output**

```
Enter radius of circle: 2.1
The area of the circle is 13.85622
```

#### **Explanation**



- When the statement `calcAreaCircle();` is executed, the control from the calling function i.e. `main()` is passed to the called function i.e. `calcAreaCircle()`. Then the statement inside the `calcAreaCircle()` get executed.
- Upon completing the execution, the control is passed back to the calling function.

### **Example**

The following program prints numbers in ascending and descending orders through printUp() and printDown().

```
#include <iostream.h>
//function prototype
void printUp();
void printDown();

void main()
{
    //function call
    printUp();
    printDown();
}

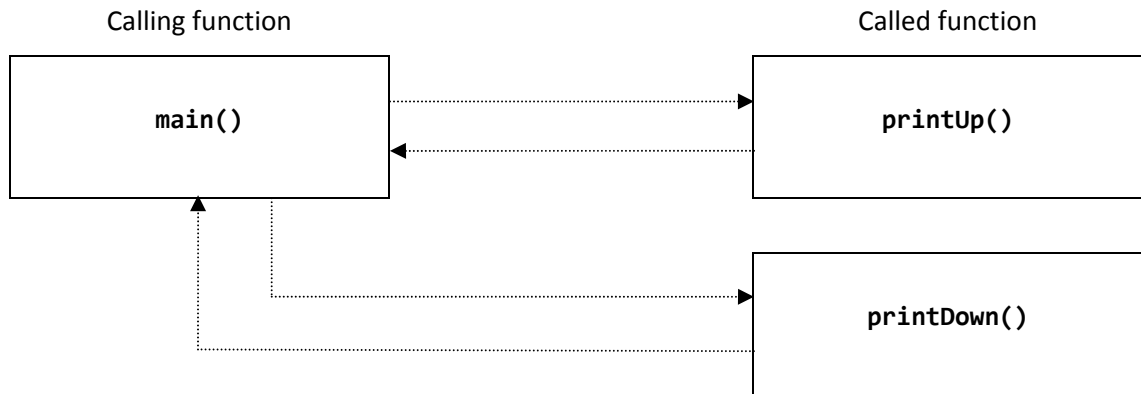
//function definition
void printUp()    //printing numbers in ascending order
{
    int s = 1;
    while (s <= 10)
    {
        cout << s << " ";
        s++;
    }
    cout << endl;
}

void printDown() //printing numbers in descending order
{
    int s = 10;
    while (s >= 1)
    {
        cout << s << " ";
        s--;
    }
    cout << endl;
}
```

### **Sample output**

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

**Explanation**



- When the statement `printUp();` is executed, the control is passed to the `printUp()`.
- The statements in the `printUp()` are executed and when completed the control is passed back to the calling function.
- Next, the statement `printDown()` get executed where the control is passed to the `printDown()`.
- Upon completing the execution in the `printDown()`, the control is passed back to the calling function.

**2. Function With Value Returned but Without Parameter**

- This function does not receive any values from the calling function but it will return a value (normally the result of a calculation) to the `main()` or other calling function.

**Example**

The following program accepts a radius from the keyboard, calculates and displays the area.

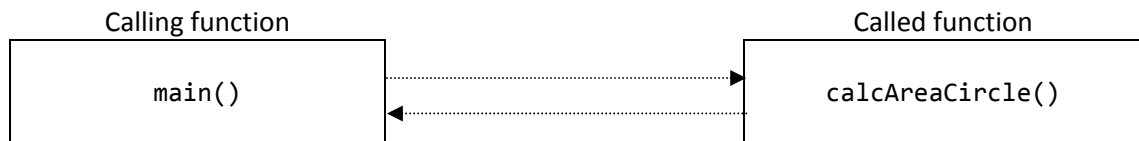
```
#include <iostream.h>
float calcAreaCircle(); //function prototype
void main() //calling function
{
    cout << "\nThe area of the circle is " << calcAreaCircle();
}

float calcAreaCircle() //function definition
{
    float radius, area;
    cout << "\nEnter radius of circle: ";
    cin >> area;
    area = 3.142 * radius * radius;
    return area;
}
```

### Sample output

```
Enter radius of circle: 2.1
The area of the circle is 13.85622
```

### Explanation



- When the following statement `cout << "\nThe area of the circle is " << calcAreaCircle();` is executed, C++ will search for the `calcAreaCircle()` first.
- Then the statements inside the function get executed. The last statement `return area;` indicates that a value stored in the location `area` is to be returned to the `main()`.
- The `cout` statement in the `main()` will display the value as shown in the sample output.

### 3. Function With Parameters and Without Value Returned

- This type of function transfers or copies data from the calling function to the called function through parameters but no value is returned from it.

### Example

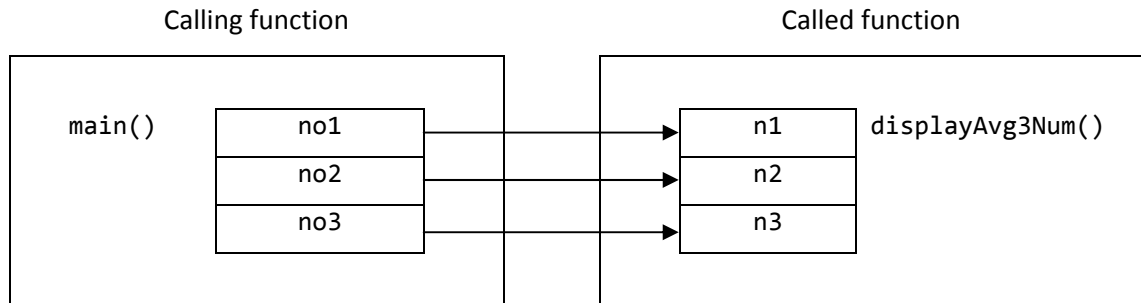
The following program calculates the average of three numbers and displays the value on the screen.

```
#include <iostream.h>
//function prototype declaration
void displayAvg3Num(int, int, int);
void main()
{
    int no1, no2, no3;
    cout << "Enter three numbers";
    cin >> no1 >> no2 >> no3;
    displayAvg3Num(no1, no2, no3); //function call
}
//function definition
void displayAvg3Num(int n1, int n2, int n3)
{
    float average;
    average = (n1 + n2 + n3) / 3;
    cout << "\nThe average of the numbers is : " << average;
}
```

**Sample output**

```
Enter three numbers: 5 10 15
The average of the numbers is 10.0
```

**Explanation**



- When the function `displayAvg3Num(no1, no2, no3);` is called, the values stored inside `no1`, `no2`, and `no3` are copied into the location `n1`, `n2` and `n3` inside the function `displayAvg3Num()`.
- With these values, the function `displayAvg3Num()` will use them to calculate and consequently display the average.

**4. Function With Value Returned and With Parameters**

- With this type of function, values are passed to the called function through parameters and one value is passed back to the calling function.



### Example

The following program calculates the average of three numbers and displays the value to the user.

```
#include <iostream.h>
//function prototype

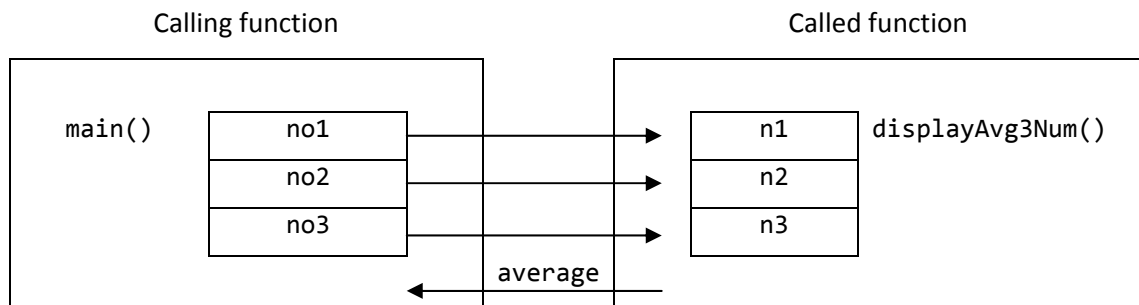
float displayAvg3Num(int, int, int);
void main()
{
    int no1, no2, no3;
    float avg;
    cout << "Enter three numbers";
    cin >> no1 >> no2 >> no3;
    avg = displayAvg3Num(no1, no2, no3);
    cout << "\nThe average is: " << avg;
}

//function definition
float displayAvg3Num(int n1, int n2, int n3)
{
    float average;
    average = (n1 + n2 + n3) / 3;
    return average;
}
```

### Sample output

```
Enter three numbers: 10 10 10
The average of the numbers is 10.0
```

### Explanation



- When the statement `avg = displayAvg3Num(no1, no2, no3);` is executed, the function call to `displayAvg3Num()` is carried out first resulting the values of `no1`, `no2` and `no3` to be sent to the function respectively.

- The function then calculates the average of those values and return the average value to the main().
- Upon returning to the main(), the value returned will be captured into the variable avg. the display statement following it will display the value kept in avg to the screen.

### Another Example

The following program accepts three floating-point values and displays the smallest value.

```
#include <iostream.h>
//function prototype

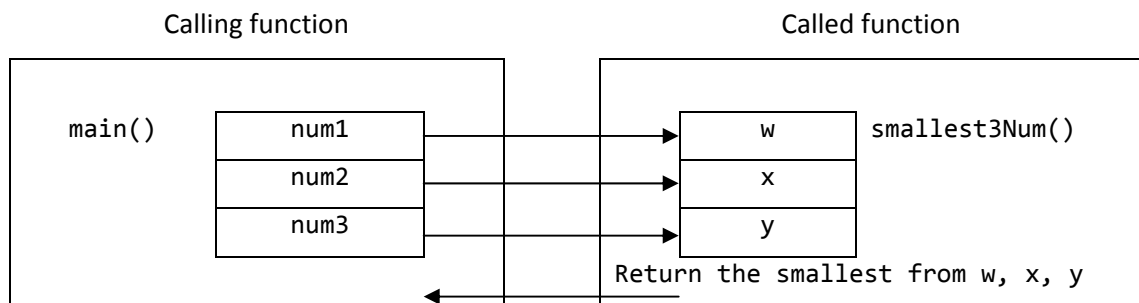
float smallest3Num(float, float, float);
void main()
{
    float num1, num2, num3;
    cout << "Enter 3 floating-point values: ";
    cin >> num1 >> num2 >> num3;
    cout << "\nThe smallest value is " << smallest3Num(num1, num2, num3);
}

//function definition
float smallest3Num(float w, float x, float y)
{
    if(w < x && w < y)
        return w;
    else if (x < w && x < y)
        return x;
    else
        return y;
}
```

### Sample output

```
Enter 3 floating-point values: 5.0 10.5 15.5
The smallest values is 5.0
```

### Explanation



- The statement `cout << "The smallest values is " << smallest3Num (num1, num2, num3);` causes the function `smallest3Num()` to be called.
- The values of `num1`, `num2` and `num3` are passed to the function which will be used to determine the smallest value. The smallest value returned to the `main()` will be displayed on the screen.

### **Summary**

	Without Value Returned	With Value Returned
Without Parameters	<code>void calcSum( )</code>	<code>int calcSum( )</code>
With Parameters	<code>void calcSum(int a, int b)</code>	<code>int calcSum(int a, int b)</code>

### **C. How Values are Passed Between Function**

- A function communicates with another function by passing values between them.
- A function can send data to other function, and it can also accept values sent by other functions.
- Data can be passed between function through
  - i. Global variable
  - ii. Parameter passing
  - iii. A return value

#### **1. Global Variable**

- When a variable is declared as global, its value can be changed at any point during the program execution because the values are accessible to all function definition in the program.
- The new value assigned to the global variable will replace value stored and this new value will then be used throughout the whole program.
- The global variable is typically declared outside of any function in the program and they remain in memory until the program ends.

**Example**

The following program accepts three values and displays the sum.

```
#include <iostream.h>

void calcSum();    //function prototype
int sum;          //global variable

void main()
{
    sum = 0;
    cout << "Sum is : " << sum << endl;
    calcSum();
    cout << "\nThe sum is :" << sum;
}

void calcSum()
{
    int no1, no2, no3; //local variables
    cout << "\nEnter three value : ";
    cin >> no1 >> no2 >> no3;
    sum = no1 + no2 + no3;
}
```

**Sample output**

```
Sum is : 0
Enter three values: 2 5 7
The sum is 14
```

**Explanation**

sum	0
	14

main()			
calcSum()	no1 2	no2 5	no3 7

- When the statement `sum = 0` is executed in the `main()`, the global variable `sum` is assigned with the value `0`.
- Next the statement `calcSum()` causes the function `calcSum()` to be called and the statements in the function `calcSum()` are executed. Here, after the statement `sum = no1 + no2 + no3;` is carried out, `sum` gets a new value, `14`.
- When the control is passed back to the `main()`, the display statement `cout << "\nThe sum is : " << sum;` displays new value assigned to the global variable `sum`.

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- Local variables on the other hand, are used inside the function that declared them. Thus, the variable no1, no2, and no3 are local variables in the function calcSum().
- Global variables are sometimes useful in creating variables and constants that must be shared between many functions. However, declaring a variable as a global should be avoided due to the following drawbacks:
  - i. It allows unintentional errors to occur when a function that does not need to access the function accidentally changes the variable's contents.
  - ii. Functions allow the tasks to be independently executed and reusable, on the other hand the use of global variables makes the program more dependent on them.
- Thus, if more than one function needs access to the same variable, it is better to create a local variable in one of the functions and then pass that variable only to the functions that need it.

## 2. Parameter passing

- Parameters can be passed from the calling function to the called function using two type of passing which are:
  - i. Parameter passing by value
  - ii. Parameter passing by reference

### ***a. Parameter passing by value***

- When passing by value, a copy of that value is passed from the calling function to the called function through the parameters.
- The changes made to the copied value do not change the original value.

### Example

The following example shows that a value is passed to the `displayValue()` and displayed as statement.

```
#include <iostream.h>
void displayValue(int); //function prototype

void main()
{
    int num = 4;
    cout << "num BEFORE the function call : " << num << endl;
    displayValue(num); //function call
    cout << "num AFTER the function call : " << num << endl;
}

void displayValue(int value) // function definition
{
    cout << "Value PASSED to the function is : " << value << endl;
    value = value * 3;
    cout << "Value at the end of function : " << value << endl;
}
```

### Sample output

```
num BEFORE the function call : 4
Value PASSED to the function is : 4
Value at the end of the function : 12
num AFTER the function call : 4
```

### Explanation

Calling function	Called function
main()	Num 4
displayValue()	Value 4 12

- When `displayValue(num);` is executed, the `displayValue(int value)` is called and then a copy of the value stored in the variable `num` is passed to the function. Thus, 4 is passed to the function and stored in the variable `value`.

- The statement `value = value * 3;` causes the value to be assigned a new value, 12. After the display statement is carried out, the control is passed back to the `main()`. The display statement in the `main()` displays the value stored in the local variable `num`. Thus, the value stored i.e. 4 is displayed.

**Another example**

The following program finds the sum of four numbers where the function `add()` is called by value.

```
int add(int, int, int, int);    //function prototype
void main()
{
    int sum = 0;
    sum = add(10, 20, 15, 5); //function call
    cout << "The sum is : " << sum;
}

//function definition
int add(int a, int b, int c, int d)
{
    int s;
    s = a + b + c + d;
    return s;
}
```

**Sample output**

The sum is : 50

**Explanation**

Calling function	Called function				
main()	10	20	15	5	sum 0 50
add()	a 10	b 20	c 15	d 5	s 50

- The statement `sum = add(10, 20, 15, 5);` calls the `add(int a, int b, int c, int d)` and passes four value to the function. Thus in the `add()`, the variables `a`, `b`, `c`, and `d` get copy the value passed to each of them.

- When the arithmetic expression  $s = a + b + c + d$ ; is executed,  $s$  is assigned the value of 50. This value is returned to the `main()` and captured into the variable `sum`. The display statement displays the value then stored in `sum`.

**b. Parameter passing by reference**

- When there is more than one value to be returned to the calling function or changed during the program execution, reference parameter is used.
- When a parameter is sent by reference, the function actually gets the memory location of the actual parameter it can directly access the data.
- In other words, the address of the variable in the computer's memory is actually being passed. As a result, the changes made to the variable will affect the original value.
- When passing by reference, the actual parameter in the calling function must be variable and the formal parameter must use the reference operator, which is referred by the symbol ampersand (&). The reference operator forces the corresponding actual formal parameters to refer to the same location.
- In addition, the returned-type for passing parameters by reference is typically given the type `void`.

**Example**

The next program shows that four memory locations are passed to the `getMinMax()` where the last two parameters are referenced.

```
//function prototype
void getMinMax(int, int, int&, int&);

//function call
getMinMax(num1, num2, minimum, maximum);

//function definition
void getMinMax(int a, int b, int& min, int& max)
{
    if(a > b)
    {
        min = b;
        max = a;
    }
    else
    {
        min = a;
        max = b;
    }
}
```



**Example**

The following program shows that the `displayValue()` is called by reference which causes the changes made after the call affect the original value.

```
#include <iostream.h>

void displayValue(int&); //function prototype

void main()
{
    int num = 4;
    cout << "num BEFORE the function call : " << num << endl;
    displayValue(num); //function call
    cout << "num AFTER the function call : " << num << endl;
}

void displayValue(int& value) //function definition
{
    cout << "Value PASSED to the function is : " << value << endl;
    value = value * 3;
    cout << "Value at the end of the function : " << value << endl;
}
```

**Sample output**

```
num BEFORE the function call : 4
Value PASSED to the function is : 4
Value at the end of the function : 12
Num AFTER the function call : 12
```

**Explanation**

Calling function	Called function
main()	num 4 12
displayValue()	&value 4 12

Any changes in value will directly reflect num

- In the `main()`, the value is referenced as `num` while in the `displayValue()`, the value is referenced as `value`.
- The statement `value = value * 3;` causes the value to be assigned 12.
- This changes just made will affect the original value, thus `num` on the `main()` gets 12.

**Example**

The following program shows the use of function call by reference, to find the sum of four numbers.

```
//function prototype
void add(int, int, int, int, int&);

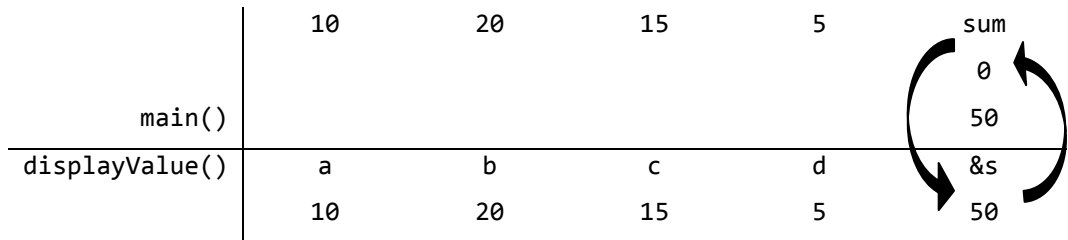
void main()
{
    int sum = 0;
    add(10, 20, 15, 5, sum); //function call
    cout << "The sum is : " << sum;
}

//function definition
void add(int a, int b, int c, int d, int& s)
{
    s = a + b + c + d;
}
```

**Sample output**

The sum is : 50

**Explanation**



- In main() value referenced is sum and in the displayValue() the value is referenced as value.
- When add(10, 20, 15, 5, sum); is executed, add() is called and four values and a memory location are passed to the function.
- The memory is referenced as s in the add() and as s is assigned the value 50, the changes reflect the original variable, sum. Thus sum gets a new value, 50.

**Example**

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <conio.h>

void change(int& num1, int& num2)    //function definition
{
    num1 += 10;
    num2 += 20;
}

void main()
{
    int firstnum, secnum;

    cout << "Enter two numbers : ";
    cin >> firstnum >> secnum;

    cout << "\nFirst number is : " << firstnum;
    cout << "\nSecond number is : " << secnum;

    change(firstnum, secnum); //function call

    cout << "\nFirst number is now : " << firstnum;
    cout << "\nSecond number is now : " << secnum;

    getch();
}
```

**Sample output**

```
Enter two numbers : 8 9
First number is : 8
Second number is : 9
First number is now : 18
Second number is now : 29
```