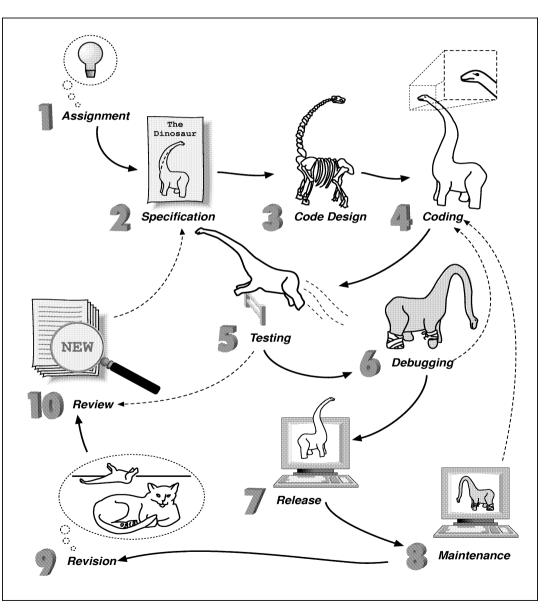
Chapter - 7 The Programming Process

The Programming Process

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Setting Up

In general you want to put each program in a separate directory. To create a directory use the commands:

UNIX:

- % cd ~
- % mkdir calc
- % cd calc

Microsoft Windows (Command Prompt window):

```
C:> cd \
```

C:> mkdir calc

C:> cd calc

Specification

Calc

A four-function calculator

Preliminary Specification

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Warning: This is a preliminary specification. Any resemblance to any software living or dead is purely coincidental.

Calc is a program that allows the user to turn his \$10,000 computer into a \$1.98 four-function calculator. The program adds, subtracts, multiplies and divides simple integers.

When the program is run, it zeros the result register and displays its content. The user can then type in an operator and number. The result is updated and displayed. The following operators are valid:

Operator	Meaning
+	Addition
_	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division

Sample Use

calc Result: 0 Enter operator and number: + 123 Result: 123 Enter operator and number: - 23 Result: 100 Enter operator and number: / 25 Result: 4 Enter operator and number: * 4 Result: 16

Code Design

Code design is the process of writing down a description of our program in a clear and easy to understand manner. Details may be omitted.

Frequently pseudo code is used for this purpose:

```
Loop

Read an operator and number

Do the calculation

Display the result

End-Loop
```

The Prototype

The prototype code contains a small sub-set of the full program. It is the smallest sub-set that does anything. This allows us to test it before we write the full program.

Prototype

```
#include <iostream>
     result; // the result of the calculations
int
char oper_char; // operator the user specified
     value; // value specified after the operator
int
int main(){
    result = 0; // initialize the result
    // Loop forever (or till we hit the break statement)
   while (1) {
        std::cout << "Result: " << result << '\n';</pre>
        std::cout << "Enter operator and number: ";</pre>
        std::cin >> oper char >> value;
        if (oper char = '+') {
            result += value;
        } else {
            std::cout << "Unknown operator " << oper_char << '\n';
    return (0);
```

The Makefile

The program *make* acts as the programmers assistant. When you type the command *make* the program looks for the file *Makefile*, reads a description of how to create the program and executes the necessary commands.

Makefile for UNIX generic CC compiler

```
#
 Makefile for many UNIX compilers using the
 "standard" command name CC
#
CC = CC
CFLAGS=-g
all: calc
calc: calc.cpp
        $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o calc calc.cpp
clean:
        rm calc
```

Makefile for the GNU g++ compiler

```
#
 Makefile for the Free Software Foundations g+
 compiler
#
CC=g++
CFLAGS=-q -Wall
all: calc
calc: calc.cpp
        $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o calc calc.cpp
clean:
        rm calc
```

Makefile for Borland-C++

```
#
 Makefile for Borland's Borland-C++ compiler
#
CC=bcc32
#
 Flags
#
     -N -- Check for stack overflow
      -v -- Enable debugging
      -w -- Turn on all warnings
#
      -tWC -- Console application
CFLAGS=-N -v -w -tWC
all: calc.exe
calc.exe: calc.cpp
      $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -ecalc calc.cpp
clean:
      erase calc.exe
```

Makefile for Visual-C++ .NET

```
#
 Makefile for Microsoft Visual C++
CC=cl
 Flags
#
      GZ - Enable stack checking
      RTCsuc -- Enable all runtime checks
       Zi -- Enable debugging
      Wall -- Turn on warnings (Omitted)
      EHsc -- Turn exceptions on
CFLAGS=/GZ /RTCsuc /Zi /EHsc
all: calc.exe
calc.exe: calc.cpp
       $(CC) $(CFLAGS) calc.cpp
clean:
       erase calc.exe
Warning: The Visual C++ make utility is named nmake.
```

Testing

Once the program is compiled without errors, we can move on to the testing phase. Now is the time to start writing a test plan. This document is simply a list of the steps we perform to make sure the program works. It is written for two reasons.

- If a bug is found, we want to be able to reproduce it.
- If we ever change the program, we will want to re-test it to make sure new code did not break any of the sections of the program that were previously working.

Test Plan

```
Test plan:
  Try the following operations
  + 123 Result should be 123
  + 52
           Result should be 175
  x 37
           Error message should be output
Running the program we get:
     Result: 0
       Enter operator and number: + 123
     Result: 123
       Enter operator and number: + 52
     Result: 175
       Enter operator and number: x 37
```

Result: 212

Debugging

One of the simplest ways of debugging is to put print statements in your program. We'll put one before the data goes bad (just to make sure it's good) and one after, to see what went wrong.

```
std::cout << "Enter operator and number: ";
std::cin >> value >> operator;

std::cout << "## after cin " << operator << '\n';

if (operator = '+') {
    std::cout << "## after if " << operator << '\n';
    result += value;</pre>
```

Note: The ## is used to indicate that this is a debug line. It also makes it easier to remove all debugging statements when we're done.

Debug Output

```
Result: 0
Enter operator and number: + 123
Result: 123
Enter operator and number: + 52
## after cin +
## after if +
Result: 175
Enter operator and number: x 37
## after cin x
## after if +
Result: 212
```

You should now be able to spot the problem.

You were warned!

Remember when we were discussing = vs. = =.

I told you then that this is a very common error and you *will* make it. The reason we go on and on about it here is so that you will be aware of it and able to fix it when it does occur.

Finished Program

```
#include <iostream>
int result; // the result of the calculations
char oper char; // operator the user specified
int value; // value specified after the operator
main()
    result = 0; // initialize the result
    // loop forever (or until break reached)
    while (1) {
        std::cout << "Result: " << result << '\n';</pre>
        std::cout << "Enter operator and number: ";
        std::cin >> oper char >> value;
        if ((oper_char == 'q') | (oper_char == 'Q'))
            break;
```

Finished Program (cont.)

```
if (oper_char == '+') {
        result += value;
    } else if (oper_char == '-') {
        result -= value;
    } else if (oper_char == '*') {
        result *= value;
    } else if (oper_char == '/') {
        if (value == 0) {
            std::cout << "Error:Divide by zero\n";
            std::cout << " operation ignored\n";</pre>
        } else
            result /= value;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Unknown operator " <<</pre>
                      oper_char << '\n';</pre>
return (0);
```

Finished Test Plan

We expand our test plan to include the new operators and try it again.

```
Result should be 123
+ 123
+ 52
        Result should be 175
\times 37
        Error message should be output
- 175
        Result should be zero
+ 10
        Result should be 10
/ 5
        Result should be 2
        Divide by zero error
        Result should be 16
        Program should exit
a
```

Maintenance and Revisions

No matter how much testing is done on a program the user can always find at least one more bug. During the maintenance phase, these bugs are found and removed.

Revisions

No matter how complete a program, the user will want one more feature. So you revise the specifications, add the change to the program, update the test plan, test the program and release it again.

Electronic Archeology

The art of going through someone else's code to discover amazing things (like how and why the code works).

Contrary to popular belief, most C++ programs are not written by dyslexic orangutans using Zen programming techniques, and poorly commented in Swahili. They just look that way.

Ode to a maintenance programmer

Once more I travel that lone dark road into someone else's impossible code
Through "if" and "switch" and "do" and "while" that twist and turn for mile and mile
Clever code full of traps and tricks and you must discover how it ticks
And then I emerge to ask a new,
"What the heck does this program do?"

Archaeological tools

- Editor (browser)
- ••Cross referencer
- •• grep
- indention tools
- pretty printers
- ••call graphs
- ••debuggers

Techniques

- Mark up the program (several colored pens are useful)
- Go through and comment the code
- Change the short variables to long ones
- Add comments.

```
int state;// Controls some sort of state machine
int rmxy; // Something to do with color correction?
int idn; / ???
```

A far Too Typical Program

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
int g, l, h, c, n; char line[80];
int main(){
    while (1) {
        /*Not Really*/
        q = rand() % 100 + 1;
        1 = 0; h = 100; c = 0;
        while (1) {
            std::cout << "Bounds " << 1 <<
                                  " - " << h << ' n';
            std::cout << "Value[" << c << "]? ";
            ++C;
            std::cin >> n;
            if (n == q) break;
            if (n < q) l = n; else h = n;
        std::cout << "Bingo\n";
    return (0);
```

A Better Version

```
quess -- a simple quessing game
                                                *
*
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                                                 *
  Usage:
*
                                                *
      quess
                                                 *
      A random number is chosen between 1 and 100.
                                                 *
      The player is given a set of bounds and
                                                *
      must choose a number between them.
      If the player chooses the correct number he wins*
      Otherwise the bounds are adjusted to reflect
      the players guess and the game continues
*
                                                 *
  Restrictions:
                                                 *
      The random number is generated by the statement
      rand() % 100. Because rand() returns a number
*
                                                *
      0 <= rand() <= maxint this slightly favors</pre>
      the lower numbers.
                                                *
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

A Better Version (cont.)

```
int
     number_to_guess; // random number to be guessed
// current lower limit of player's range
int
     low limit;
// current upper limit of player's range
     high_limit;
int
                       // number of times player guessed
int guess_count;
int player_number;
                          number gotten from the player
char line[80];
                        // input buffer for a single line
```

A Better Version (cont.)

```
int main()
    while (1) {
        / *
         * Not a pure random number, see restrictions
         * /
        number to guess = rand() % 100 + 1;
        // Initialize variables for loop
        low limit = 0;
        high limit = 100;
        quess count = 0;
        while (1) {
            // tell user what the bounds are and get his guess
            std::cout << "Bounds " << low limit <<
                     " - " << high limit << '\n';
            std::cout << "Value[" << quess count << "]? ";</pre>
            ++guess_count;
```

A Better Version (cont.)

```
std::cin >> player number;
        // did he quess right?
        if (player number == number to quess)
             break;
        // adjust bounds for next quess
        if (player_number < number_to_guess)</pre>
             low limit = player number;
        else
             high limit = player number;
    std::cout << "Bingo\n";</pre>
return (0);
```