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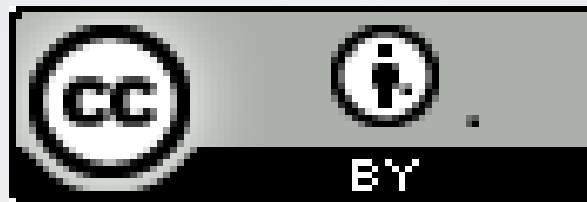


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# HY-150 Προγραμματισμός

## CS-150 Programming

### Lecture 6:

## Completing a program

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# for loops can be critical...

The Parallel Universe, Intel, Issue 9, February 2012



Geometry Sampling

Texture Sampling

Guide Hair Interpolation

Styling

```
void Fur::generateFur()
{
    for(size_t i=0; i<numHairs; i++)
    {
        // compute each hair
    }
}
```

```
void Fur::generateFur()
{
    tbb::parallel_for(
        tbb::blocked_range<size_t>(0,numHairs),
        [=](const tbb::blocked_range<size_t> &r)
        {
            for(size_t i = r.begin() i<r.end(); i++),
            {
                // compute each hair
            }
        } );
}
```

**Figure 5:** Left-hand side—original fur shader code. Right-hand side—modified code using Intel® TBB `parallel_for` with C++ lambda expression





KungFu Panda 2 HD Trailer (implementation of Fur Shader using parallelized for loops),

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdaMGeOyfjM>

HY150 Programming, University of Crete

Lecture: Completing a Program, Slide 6

# Overview

- Tokens and token streams
  - Classes and structs
- Cleaning up the code
  - Prompts
  - Program organization
    - constants
  - Recovering from errors
  - Commenting
  - Code review
  - Testing
- A word on complexity and difficulty

```
Expression:  
  Term  
  Expression "+" Term    // addition  
  Expression "-" Term    // subtraction  
Term:  
  Primary  
  Term "*" Primary      // multiplication  
  Term "/" Primary      // division  
  Term "%" Primary      // remainder (modulo)  
Primary:  
  Number  
  "(" Expression ")"    // grouping  
Number:  
  floating-point-literal
```

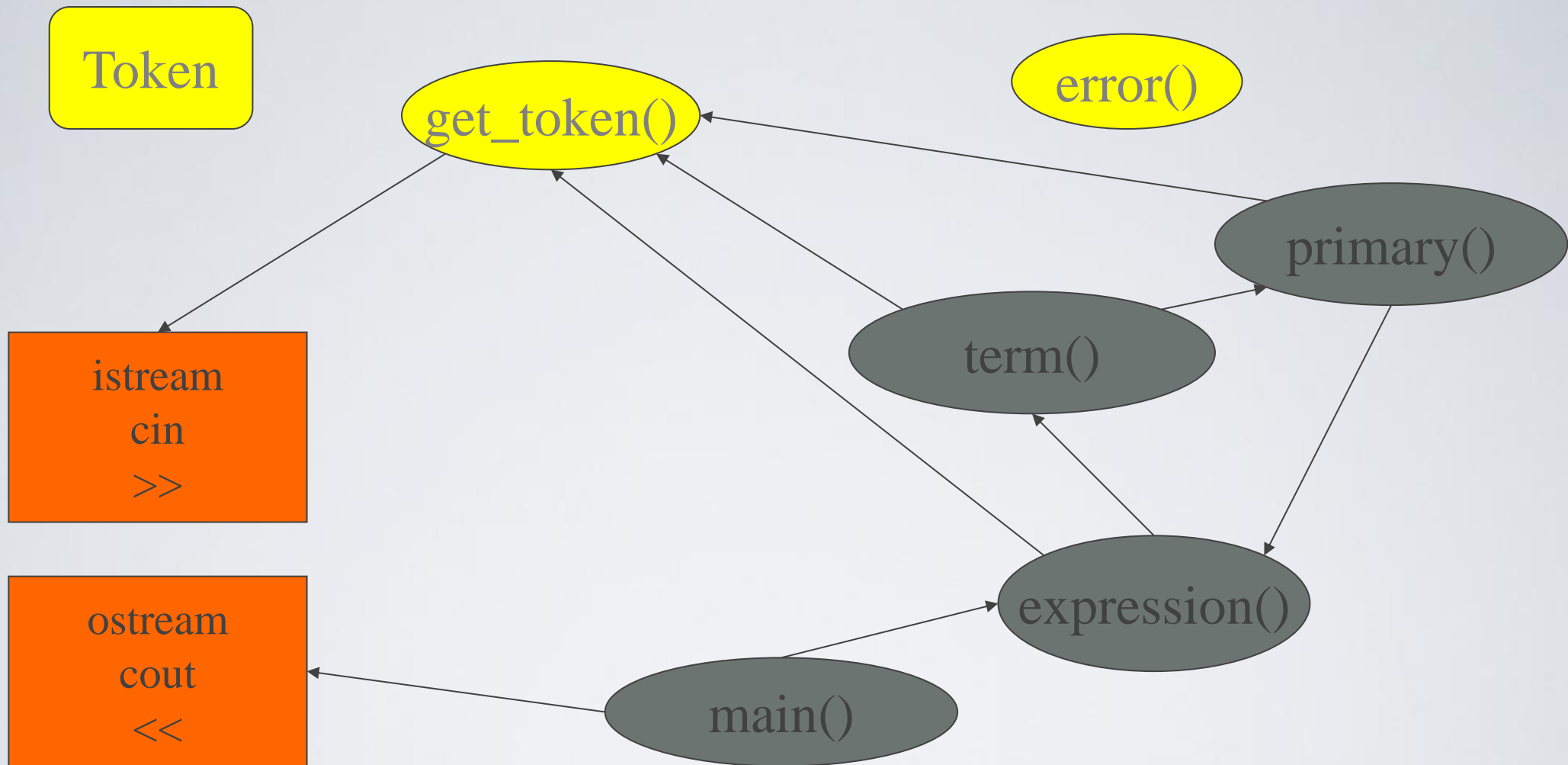
term()

primary()

expression()

main()

# Calculator Program organization



- What we implemented in the last lecture



|     |
|-----|
| '+' |
|     |

# Token

|     |
|-----|
| '8' |
| 2.3 |

- We want a type that can hold a “kind” and a value:

```
class Token { // define a type called Token
    char kind; // what kind of token
    double value; // used for numbers (only): a value
    // ...
};
```

```
Token t;
t.kind = '8'; // . (dot) is used to access members
// (use '8' to mean “number”)
```

```
t.value = 2.3;
```

```
Token u = t; // a Token behaves much like a built-in type, such as int
// so u becomes a copy of t
```

```
cout << u.value; // will print 2.3
```

# Token

```
class Token {           // user-defined type called Token  
    // data members  
    // function members  
};
```

- A **struct** is the simplest form of a class
- “**class**” is C++’s term for “user-defined type”
- Defining types is the crucial mechanism for organizing programs in C++
  - as in most other modern languages
- a **class** (including **structs**) can have
  - data members (to hold information), and
  - function members (providing operations on the data)

# Token

```
class Token {  
    char kind;           // what kind of token  
    double value;       // for numbers: a value  
  
    Token(char ch) : kind(ch), value(0) { }           // constructor  
    Token(char ch, double val) : kind(ch), value(val) { } // constructor  
};
```

- A constructor has the same name as its class
- A constructor defines how an object of a class is initialized
  - Here **kind** is initialized with **ch**, and
  - **value** is initialized with **val** or **0**
- `Token('+');` // make a **Token** of “kind” ‘+’
- `Token('8',4.5);` // make a **Token** of “kind” ‘8’ and value **4.5**

# Token get\_token()

```
Token get_token() // read a token from cin
{
    char ch;
    cin >> ch;           // note that >> skips whitespace (space, newline, tab, etc.)

    switch (ch) {
        case '(': case ')': case '+': case '-': case '*': case '/':
            return Token(ch); // let each character represent itself
        case '.':
        case '0': case '1': case '2': case '3': case '4':
        case '5': case '6': case '7': case '8': case '9':
            {
                cin.putback(ch); // put digit back into the input stream
                double val;
                cin >> val; // read a floating-point number

                return Token('8',val); // let '8' represent "a number"
            }
        default:
            error("Bad token");
    }
}
```

# Token\_stream

|                               |  |                       |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Expression:</b>            |  |                       |
| <b>Term</b>                   |  |                       |
| <b>Expression "+" Term</b>    |  | // addition           |
| <b>Expression "-" Term</b>    |  | // subtraction        |
| <b>Term:</b>                  |  |                       |
| <b>Primary</b>                |  |                       |
| <b>Term "*" Primary</b>       |  | // multiplication     |
| <b>Term "/" Primary</b>       |  | // division           |
| <b>Term "%" Primary</b>       |  | // remainder (modulo) |
| <b>Primary:</b>               |  |                       |
| <b>Number</b>                 |  |                       |
| <b>"(" Expression ")"</b>     |  | // grouping           |
| <b>Number:</b>                |  |                       |
| <b>floating-point-literal</b> |  |                       |

- A **Token\_stream** reads characters, producing **Tokens** on demand
- We can put a **Token** into a **Token\_stream** for later use
- A **Token\_stream** uses a “buffer” to hold tokens we put back into it

Token\_stream buffer: empty

Input stream: 1+2\*3;

- For 1+2\*3;, expression() calls term() which reads 1, then reads +,
- decides that + is a job for “someone else” and puts + back in the Token\_stream
- (where expression() will find it)

Token\_stream buffer: Token('+')

Input stream: 2\*3;



# Token\_stream

- A **Token\_stream** reads characters, producing **Tokens**
- We can put back a **Token**

```
class Token_stream {  
    // representation: not directly accessible to users:  
    bool full;           // is there a Token in the buffer?  
    Token buffer;      // here is where we keep a Token put back using putback()  
public:  
    // user interface:  
    Token get();        // get a Token  
    void putback(Token); // put a Token back into the Token_stream  
    Token_stream();    // constructor: make a Token_stream  
};
```

- A constructor
  - defines how an object of a class is initialized
  - has the same name as its class, and no return type

# Token\_stream implementation

```
class Token_stream {
    bool full;           // is there a Token in the buffer?
    Token buffer; // here is where we keep a Token put back using putback()
public:
    Token get();          // get a Token
    void putback(Token); // put back a Token
    Token_stream() :full(false), buffer(0) { } // the buffer starts empty
};

void Token_stream::putback(Token t)
{
    if (full) error("putback() into a full buffer");
    buffer=t;
    full=true;
}
```

# Token\_stream implementation

```
Token Token_stream::get()           // read a Token from the Token_stream
{
    if (full) { full=false; return buffer; } // check if we already have a Token ready

    char ch;
    cin >> ch;           // note that >> skips whitespace (space, newline, tab, etc.)

    switch (ch) {
    case '(': case ')': case ';': case 'q': case '+': case '-': case '*': case '/':
        return Token(ch);           // let each character represent itself
    case '.':
    case '0': case '1': case '2': case '3': case '4': case '5': case '6': case '7': case '8': case '9':
    {
        cin.putback(ch);           // put digit back into the input stream
        double val;
        cin >> val;           // read a floating-point number
        return Token('8',val); // let '8' represent "a number"
    }
    default:
        error("Bad token");
    }
}
```

# Streams

- Note that the notion of a stream of data is extremely general and very widely used
  - *Most I/O systems*
    - *E.g.*, C++ standard I/O streams
  - with or without a putback/unget operation
    - We used putback for both **Token\_stream** and **cin**

# The calculator is primitive

- We can improve it in stages
  - Style – clarity of code
    - Comments
    - Naming
    - Use of functions
    - ...
  - Functionality – what it can do
    - Better prompts
    - Recovery after error
    - Negative numbers
    - % (remainder/modulo)
    - Pre-defined symbolic values
    - Variables
    - ...



# Error handling

- The first thing to do once you have a program that “basically works”
- Is to try to “break” it: feeding extreme input in order to find errors
  - Technically this is known as “testing”
  - E.g. this gives an error:
    - $-1/2$
    - We have to write:
      - $(0-1)/2$
      - To fix it we must allow the grammar to handle unary minus

```
1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8
1-2-3-4
!+2
;;;
(1+3;
(1+);
1*2/3%4+5-6;
();
1+;
+1
1++;
1/0
1/0;
1++2;
-2;
-2;;;
1234567890123456;
'a';
q
1+q
1+2; q
```

```
Primary:
  Number
  "(" Expression ")"
```

# Error handling: negative numbers

## Primary:

Number

"(" Expression ")"

"-" Primary

"+" Primary

```
double primary()
{
    Token t = ts.get();
    switch (t.kind) {
    case '(': // handle '(' expression ')'
        {
            double d = expression();
            t = ts.get();
            if (t.kind != ')') error("'') expected");
            return d;
        }
    case '8': // we use '8' to represent a number
        return t.value; // return the number's value
    case '-':
        return - primary();
    case '+':
        return primary();
    default:
        error("primary expected");
    }
}
```

# Error handling: remainder

- Add % as a Token inside term()
- Convert **double** to **int**
  - so that we can use the % on them
- `int x1 = narrow_cast<int>(2.9); //error`
- `int x2=narrow_cast<int>(2.0); //ok`
  
- `narrow_cast<>` defined in `std_lib_facilities.h`
- Note the `<>` are same as are used for `vector<int>`

```
case '%':  
{   int i1 = narrow_cast<int>(left);  
    int i2 = narrow_cast<int>(term());  
    if (i2 == 0) error("%: divide by zero");  
    left = i1%i2;  
    t = ts.get();  
    break;  
}
```

# Prompting

- Initially we said we wanted  
Expression:  $2+3; 5*7; 2+9;$   
Result : 5  
Expression: Result: 35  
Expression: Result: 11  
Expression:
- But this is what we implemented  
 $2+3; 5*7; 2+9;$   
5  
35  
11
- What do we really want?  
>  $2+3;$   
= 5  
>  $5*7;$   
= 35  
>

# Adding prompts and output indicators

```
double val = 0;
cout << "> ";           // print prompt
while (cin) {
    Token t = ts.get();
    if (t.kind == 'q') break;    // check for "quit"
    if (t.kind == ';')
        cout << "= " << val << "\n > "; // print "= result" and prompt
    else
        ts.putback(t);
    val = expression();         // read and evaluate expression
}
```

```
> 2+3; 5*7; 2+9;           the program doesn't see input before you hit "enter/return"
= 5
> = 35
> = 11
>
```



# “But my window disappeared!”

- Test case: +1;

```
cout << "> ";           // prompt
while (cin) {
    Token t = ts.get();
    while (t.kind == ';') t=ts.get();// eat all semicolons
    if (t.kind == 'q') {
        keep_window_open("~~");
        return 0;
    }
    ts.putback(t);
    cout << "= " << expression() << "\n > ";
}
keep_window_open("~~");
return 0;
```

# The code is getting messy

- Bugs thrive in messy corners
- Time to clean up!
  - Read through all of the code carefully
    - Try to be systematic (“have you looked at all the code?”)
  - Improve comments
  - Replace obscure names with better ones
  - Improve use of functions
    - Add functions to simplify messy code
  - Remove “magic constants”
    - E.g. '8' ('8' what could that mean? Why '8'?)
- Once you have cleaned up, let a friend/colleague review the code (“code review”)

# Remove “magic constants”

*// Token “kind” values:*

**const char number = '8';**      *// a floating-point number*

**const char quit = 'q';**      *// an exit command*

**const char print = ';';**      *// a print command*

*// User interaction strings:*

**const string prompt = "> ";**

**const string result = "= ";**      *// indicate that a result follows*

# Remove “magic constants”

```
// In Token_stream::get():
```

```
case '.':
```

```
case '0': case '1': case '2': case '3': case '4':
```

```
case '5': case '6': case '7': case '8': case '9':
```

```
{ cin.putback(ch);           // put digit back into the input stream
```

```
double val;
```

```
cin >> val;           // read a floating-point number
```

```
return Token(number,val); // rather than Token('8',val)
```

```
}
```

```
// In primary():
```

```
case number: // rather than case '8':
```

```
return t.value; // return the number's value
```

# Remove “magic constants”

*// In main():*

```
while (cin) {  
    cout << prompt; // rather than "> "  
    Token t = ts.get();  
    while (t.kind == print) t=ts.get(); // rather than ==';'  
    if (t.kind == quit) { // rather than =='q'  
        keep_window_open();  
        return 0;  
    }  
    ts.putback(t);  
    cout << result << expression() << endl;  
}
```

# Remove “magic constants”

- But what’s wrong with “magic constants”?
  - Everybody knows **3.14159265358979323846264**, **12**, **-1**, **365**, **24**, **2.7182818284590**, **299792458**, **2.54**, **1.61**, **-273.15**, **6.6260693e-34**, **0.5291772108e-10**, **6.0221415e23** and **42!**
  - No; they don’t.
- “Magic” is detrimental to your (mental) health!
  - It causes you to stay up all night searching for bugs
  - It causes space probes to self destruct (well ... it can ... sometimes ...)
- If a “constant” could change (during program maintenance) or if someone might not recognize it, use a symbolic constant.
  - Note that a change in precision is often a significant change **3.14!≠3.14159265**
  - **0** and **1** are usually fine without explanation, **-1** and **2** sometimes (but rarely) are.
  - **12** can be okay (the number of months in a year rarely changes), but probably is not (see Chapter 10).
- If a constant is used twice, it should probably be symbolic
  - That way, you can change it in one place

# So why did we use “magic constants”?

- To make a point
  - Now you see how ugly that first code was
    - just look back to see
- Because we forget (get busy, etc.) and write ugly code
  - “Cleaning up code” is a real and important activity
    - Not just for students
    - Re-test the program whenever you have made a change
  - Ever so often, stop adding functionality and “go back” and review code
    - It saves time



# Recover from errors

- Any user error terminates the program
  - That's not ideal
  - Structure of code

```
int main()
try {
    // ... do "everything" ...
}
catch (exception& e) {           // catch errors we understand something about
    // ...
}
catch(...) {                    // catch all other errors
    // ...
}
```

# Recover from errors

- Move code that actually does something out of main()
  - leave main() for initialization and cleanup only

```
int main()          // step 1
try {
    calculate();
    keep_window_open(); // cope with Windows console mode
    return 0;
}
catch (exception& e) {           // errors we understand something about
    cerr << e.what() << endl;
    keep_window_open("~~");
    return 1;
}
catch (...) {                   // other errors
    cerr << "exception \n";
    keep_window_open("~~");
    return 2;
}
```

# Recover from errors

- Separating the read and evaluate loop out into `calculate()` allows us to simplify it
  - no more ugly `keep_window_open()` !

```
void calculate()
{
    while (cin) {
        cout << prompt;
        Token t = ts.get();
        while (t.kind == print) t=ts.get();    // first discard all "prints"
        if (t.kind == quit) return;          // quit
        ts.putback(t);
        cout << result << expression() << endl;
    }
}
```

# Recover from errors

- Move code that handles exceptions from which we can recover from `error()` to `calculate()`

```
int main()    // step 2
try {
    calculate();
    keep_window_open();    // cope with Windows console mode
    return 0;
}
catch (...) {    // other errors (don't try to recover)
    cerr << "exception \n";
    keep_window_open("~~");
    return 2;
}
```

# Recover from errors

```
void calculate()
{
    while (cin) try {
        cout << prompt;
        Token t = ts.get();
        while (t.kind == print) t=ts.get(); // first discard all "prints"
        if (t.kind == quit) return;      // quit
        ts.putback(t);
        cout << result << expression() << endl;
    }
    catch (exception& e) {
        cerr << e.what() << endl;      // write error message
        clean_up_mess();               // <<<< The tricky part!
    }
}
```

# Recover from errors

- First try

```
void clean_up_mess()
{
    while (true) {           // skip until we find a print
        Token t = ts.get();
        if (t.kind == print) return;
    }
}
```

- Unfortunately, that doesn't work all that well. Why not? Consider the input `1@$z; 1+3;`
  - When you try to `clean_up_mess()` from the bad token `@`, you get a “**Bad token**” error trying to get rid of `$`
  - We always try not to get errors while handling errors

# Recover from errors

- Classic problem: the higher levels of a program can't recover well from low-level errors (i.e., errors with bad tokens).
  - Only **Token\_stream** knows about characters
- We must drop down to the level of characters
  - The solution must be a modification of **Token\_stream**:

```
class Token_stream {  
    bool full;           // is there a Token in the buffer?  
    Token buffer;       // here is where we keep a Token put back using putback()  
public:  
    Token get();        // get a Token  
    void putback(Token t); // put back a Token  
    Token_stream();    // make a Token_stream that reads from cin  
    void ignore(char c); // discard tokens up to and including a c  
};
```



# Recover from errors

```
void Token_stream::ignore(char c)
    // skip characters until we find a c; also discard that c
{
    // first look in buffer:
    if (full && c==buffer.kind) {    // && means and
        full = false;
        return;
    }
    full = false;    // discard the contents of buffer
    // now search input:
    char ch = 0;
    while (cin>>ch)
        if (ch==c) return;
}
```

# Recover from errors

- `clean_up_mess()` now is trivial
  - and it works

```
void clean_up_mess()
{
    ts.ignore(print);
}
```

- Note the distinction between what we do and how we do it:
  - `clean_up_mess()` is what users see; it cleans up messes
    - The users are not interested in exactly how it cleans up messes
  - `ts.ignore(print)` is the way we implement `clean_up_mess()`
    - We can change/improve the way we clean up messes without affecting users

# Features

- We did not (yet) add
  - Pre-defined symbolic values
  - Variables
  - Check Chapter 7 in the book to see them implemented
- Major Point
  - Providing “extra features” early causes major problems, delays, bugs, and confusion
  - “Grow” your programs
    - First get a simple working version
    - Then, add features that seem worth the effort

# commenting

- When you go back to your code to clean it up, make sure that the comments you wrote while writing the code are:
  - Still valid (you might have changed the code since the comments)
  - Adequate for another reader (usually they are not except for you)
  - Not so verbose that they distract from the code
- Avoid comments that explain something perfectly clear e.g.:
  - `x = b + c; //add b and c and assign the result to x`
- Instead write comments for things that code cannot express:
  - E.g. intent (πρόθεση)
    - The code says what it does, not what was intended to do

# Next lecture

- In the next two lectures, we'll take a more systematic look at the C++ language features we have used so far. In particular, we need to know more about classes, functions, statements, expressions, and types.

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