

### **Chapter Five: Functions II**

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## **Lecture Goals**

- To develop strategies for decomposing complex tasks
   into simpler ones
- To be able to determine the scope of a variable
- To recognize when to use value and reference parameters

- One of the most powerful strategies for problem solving is the process of *Stepwise refinement*.
- To solve a difficult task, break it down into simpler tasks.
- Then keep breaking down the simpler tasks into even simpler ones, until you are left with tasks that you know how to solve.

Use the process of stepwise refinement to decompose complex tasks into simpler ones.

We will break this problem into steps (and for then those steps that can be further broken, we'll break them) (and for then those steps that can be further broken, we'll break them) (and for then those steps that can be further broken, we'll break them) (and for then those steps that can be further broken, we'll break them) ... and so on...

until the sub-problems are small enough to be just a few steps

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#### And practice stepwise refinement.

Sometimes we reduce the problem a bit when we start: we will only deal with amounts less than \$1,000.

Of course we will write a function to solve this sub-problem.

```
/**
Turns a number into its English name.
@param number a positive integer < 1000
@return the name of number (e.g., "two hundred seventy four")
*/
string int name(int number)</pre>
```

Notice that we started by writing only the comment and the first line of the function.

Also notice that the constraint of < \$1000 is announced in the comment.

Before starting to write this function, we need to have a plan.

Are there special considerations?

Are there subparts?

If the number is between 1 and 9, we need to compute "one" ... "nine".

In fact, we need the same computation *again* for the hundreds ("*two*" hundred).

Any time you need to do something more than once, it is a good idea to turn that into a function:

#### /\*\*

Turns a digit into its English name. @param digit an integer between 1 and 9 @return the name of digit ("one" ... "nine") \*/

string digit\_name(int digit)

Numbers between 10 and 19 are special cases.

Let's have a separate function teen <u>name</u> that converts them into strings "eleven", "twelve", "thirteen", and so on:

```
/**
Turns a number between 10 and 19 into its English
    name.
@param number an integer between 10 and 19
@return the name of the number ("ten" ...
    "nineteen")
*/
string teen name(int number)
```

Next, suppose that the number is between 20 and 99. Then we show the tens as "twenty", "thirty", ..., "ninety". For simplicity and consistency, put that computation into a separate function:

#### /\*\*

Gives the name of the tens part of a number between 20 and 99. @param number an integer between 20 and 99 @return the name of the tens part of the number ("twenty"..."ninety") \*/

```
string tens_name(int number))
```

- Now suppose the number is at least 20 and at most 99.
  - If the number is evenly divisible by 10, we use tens\_name, and we are done.
  - Otherwise, we print the tens with tens\_name and the ones with digit\_name.
- If the number is between 100 and 999,
  - then we show a digit, the word "hundred", and the remainder as described previously.

# **Stepwise Refinement – The Pseudocode**

part = number (The part that still needs to be converted)
name = "" (The name of the number starts as the empty
string)

```
If part >= 100
```

name = name of hundreds in part + " hundred"
Remove hundreds from part

If part >= 20

Append tens\_name(part) to name

Remove tens from part.

Else if part >= 10

Append teen\_name(part) to name

part = 0

If (part > 0)

Append digit\_name(part) to name.

# **Stepwise Refinement – The Pseudocode**

- This pseudocode has a number of important improvements over the descriptions and comments.
  - It shows how to arrange the order of the tests, starting with the comparisons against the larger numbers
  - It shows how the smaller number is subsequently processed in further if statements.
- On the other hand, this pseudocode is vague about:
  - The actual conversion of the pieces, just referring to "name of hundreds" and the like.
  - Spaces—it would produce strings with no spaces:
     "twohundredseventyfour

## **Stepwise Refinement – The Pseudocode**

Compared to the complexity of the main problem, one would hope that spaces are a minor issue.

It is best not to muddy the pseudocode with minor details.

#### **Stepwise Refinement – Pseudocode to C++**

Now for the real code.

The last three cases are easy so let's start with them:

```
if (part >= 20)
{
   name = name + " " + tens name(part);
   part = part % 10;
}
else if (part >= 10)
{
   name = name + " " + teen name(part);
   part = 0;
}
  (part > 0)
if
{
   name = name + " " + digit name(part);
}
```

#### **Stepwise Refinement – Pseudocode to C++**

}

Finally, the case of numbers between 100 and 999. Because part < 1000, part / 100 is a single digit, and we obtain its name by calling digit\_name. Then we add the "hundred" suffix:

```
if (part >= 100)
{
    name = digit_name(part / 100) + " hundred";
    part = part % 100;
```

#### Now for the complete program.

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

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```
/**
```

}

```
Turns a digit into its English name.
   @param digit an integer between 1 and 9
   @return the name of digit ("one" ... "nine")
*/
string digit name(int digit)
{
   if (digit == 1) return "one";
   if (digit == 2) return "two";
   if (digit == 3) return "three";
   if (digit == 4) return "four";
   if (digit == 5) return "five";
   if (digit == 6) return "six";
   if (digit == 7) return "seven";
   if (digit == 8) return "eight";
   if (digit == 9) return "nine";
   return "";
```

```
/**
```

}

```
Turns a number between 10 and 19 into its English name.
   @param number an integer between 10 and 19
   @return the name of the given number ("ten" ... "nineteen")
*/
string teens name (int number)
{
   if (number == 10) return "ten";
   if (number == 11) return "eleven";
   if (number == 12) return "twelve";
   if (number == 13) return "thirteen";
   if (number == 14) return "fourteen";
   if (number == 15) return "fifteen";
   if (number == 16) return "sixteen";
   if (number == 17) return "seventeen";
   if (number == 18) return "eighteen";
   if (number == 19) return "nineteen";
   return "";
```

```
/**
```

{

}

Gives the name of the tens part of a number between 20 and 99. @param number an integer between 20 and 99 @return the name of the tens part of the number ("twenty" ... "ninety") \*/ string tens name(int number) if (number >= 90) return "ninety"; if (number >= 80) return "eighty"; if (number >= 70) return "seventy";

```
if (number >= 60) return "sixty";
```

if (number >= 50) return "fifty";

```
if (number \geq 40) return "forty";
```

```
if (number >= 30) return "thirty";
```

```
if (number >= 20) return "twenty";
return "";
```

```
/**
```

```
Turns a number into its English name.
   @param number a positive integer < 1,000</pre>
   @return the name of the number (e.g. "two hundred seventy four")
*/
string int name(int number)
Ł
   int part = number; // The part that still needs to be converted
   string name; // The return value
   if (part >= 100)
   {
      name = digit name(part / 100) + " hundred";
      part = part % 100;
   }
   if (part \geq 20)
   {
      name = name + " " + tens name(part);
      part = part % 10;
   }
```

}

**{** 

}

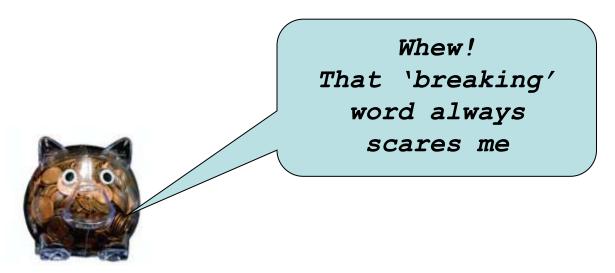
```
else if (part \geq 10)
   {
      name = name + " " + teens name(part);
      part = 0;
   }
   if (part > 0)
   {
      name = name + " " + digit name(part);
   }
   return name;
int main()
   cout << "Please enter a positive integer: ";</pre>
   int input;
   cin >> input;
   cout << int name(input) << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
```

# **Good Design – Keep Functions Short**

- There is a certain cost for writing a function:
  - You need to design, code, and test the function.
  - The function needs to be documented.
  - You need to spend some effort to make the function reusable rather than tied to a specific context.

# **Good Design – Keep Functions Short**

- And you should keep your functions short.
- As a rule of thumb, a function that is so long that its will not fit on a single screen in your development environment should probably be broken up.
- Break the code into other functions



When you design a complex set of functions, it is a good idea to carry out a manual walkthrough before entrusting your program to the computer.

This process is called *tracing* your code.

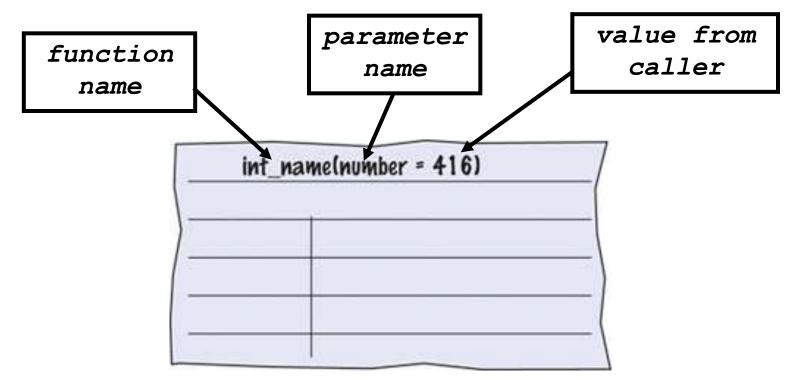
You should trace each of your functions separately.

# To demonstrate, we will trace the int\_name function when 416 is passed in.

# **Tracing Functions**

Here is the call: ... int\_name (416) ...

Take an index card (or use the back of an envelope) and write the name of the function and the names and values of the parameter variables, like this:



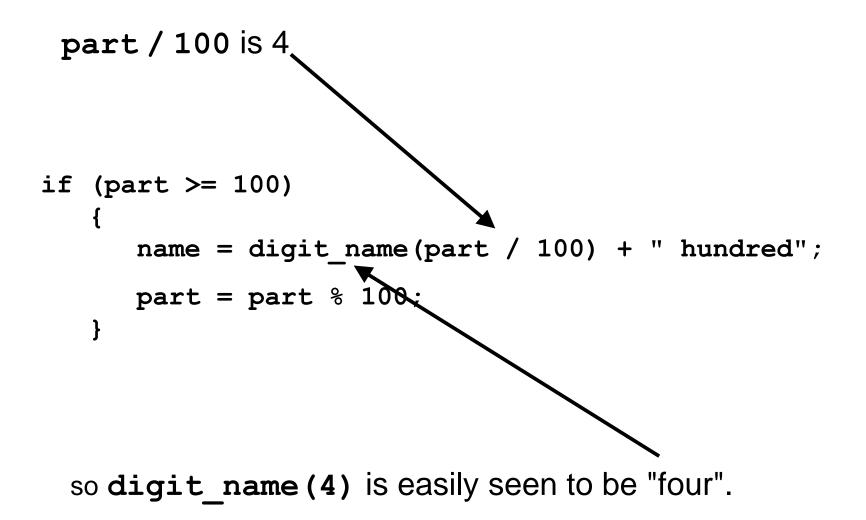
# **Tracing Functions**

Write them in a table, since you will update them as you walk through the code:

part	name	
416		

```
The test (part >= 100) is true so the code is executed.
if (part >= 100)
{
    name = digit_name(part / 100) + " hundred";
    part = part % 100;
}
```

# **Tracing Functions**



```
if (part >= 100)
{
    name = digit_name(part / 100) + " hundred";
    part = part % 100;
}
part % 100 is 16.
```

name has changed to
name + " " + digit\_name(part / 100) + "hundred"
which is the string "four hundred",

part has changed to part % 100, or 16.

part	name	
416	1010	
_		

name has changed to
name + " " + digit\_name(part / 100) + "hundred"
which is the string "four hundred",

part has changed to part % 100, or 16.

Cross out the old values and write the new ones.

part	name
416	<b></b>
16	"four hundred"

# **Tracing Functions**

If digit\_name's parameter had been complicated, you would have started *another* sheet of paper to trace that function call.

Your work table will probably be covered with sheets of paper (or envelopes) by the time you are done tracing!

Let's continue...

Here is the status of the parameters and variables now:

part	name
416	<u></u>
16	"four hundred"

# **Tracing Functions**

The test (part >= 20) is false but the test (part >= 10) is true so that code is executed.

```
if (part >= 20)...
else if (part >= 10) {
    name = name + " " + teens_name(part);
    part = 0;
}
```

teens name (16) is "sixteen", part is set to 0, so do this:

int_name(number = 416)		
part	name	
416	<u></u>	
-16-	-"four hundred"-	
0	"four hundred sixteen"	

# **Tracing Functions**

```
Why is part set to 0?
```

```
if (part >= 20)...
else if (part >= 10) {
    name = name + " " + teens_name(part);
    part = 0;
}
if (part > 0)
{
    name = name + " " + digit_name(part);
}
```

After the if-else statement ends, name is complete.

The test in the following if statement needs to be "fixed" so that part of the code will not be executed

- nothing should be added to **name**.

- When writing a larger program, it is not always feasible to implement and test all functions at once.
- You often need to test a function that calls another, but the other function hasn't yet been implemented.

- You can temporarily replace the body of function yet to be implemented with a *stub*.
- A stub is a function that returns a simple value that is sufficient for testing another function.
- It might also have something written on the screen to help you see the order of execution.
- Or, do both of these things.

Here are examples of stub functions.

```
/**
   Turns a digit into its English name.
   @param digit an integer between 1 and 9
   @return the name of digit ("one" ... "nine")
*/
string digit name(int digit)
{
   return "mumble";
}
/**
Gives the name of the tens part of a number between 20 and 99.
 @param number an integer between 20 and 99
 @return the tens name of the number ("twenty" ... "ninety")
*/
string tens name(int number)
{
   return "mumblety";
}
```

If you combine these stubs with the completely written int\_name function and run the program testing with the value 274, this will the result:

Please enter a positive integer: 274 mumble hundred mumblety mumble

which *eveyone* knows indicates that the basic logic of the **int\_name** function is working correctly.

(OK, only <u>you</u> know, but that is the important thing with stubs)

Now that you have tested **int\_name**, you would "unstubify" another stub function, then another...

#### Variable Scope







#### Variable Scope



# Which main?

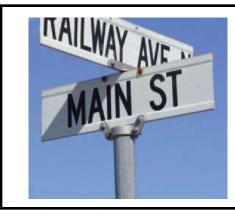




You can only have one main function but you can have as many variables and parameters spread amongst as many functions as you need.

Can you have the same name in different functions?

#### **Variable Scope**



The railway\_avenue and main\_street variables in the oklahoma city function

The south\_street and main\_street variables in the panama\_city function





The n\_putnam\_street and main\_street variables in the new\_york\_city function

A variable or parameter that is defined within a function is visible from the point at which it is defined until the end of the block named by the function.

This area is called the *scope* of the variable.

The scope of a variable is the part of the program in which it is *visible*.

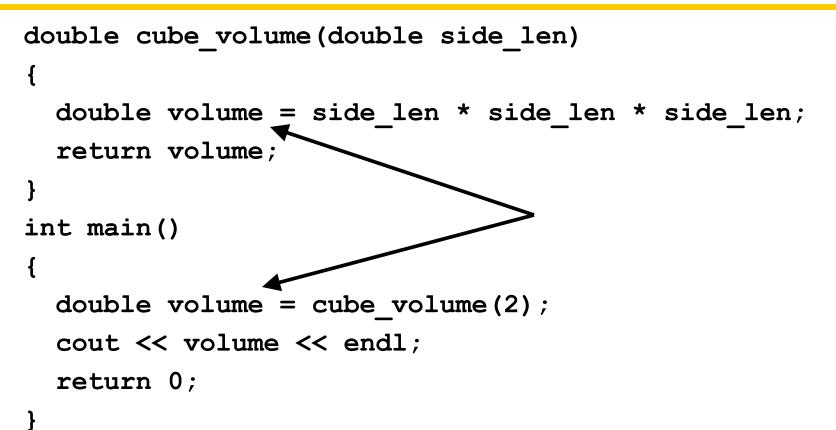
The scope of a variable is the part of the program in which it is *visible*.

Because scopes do not overlap, a name in one scope cannot conflict with any name in another scope. The scope of a variable is the part of the program in which it is *visible*.

Because scopes do not overlap, a name in one scope cannot conflict with any name in another scope.

A name in one scope is "invisible" in another scope

# Variable Scope



Each **volume** variable is defined in a separate function, so there is not a problem with this code.

# Variable Scope

Because of scope, when you are writing a function you can focus on choosing variable and parameter names that make sense for your function.

You do not have to worry that your names will be used elsewhere.

Names inside a block are called *local* to that block.

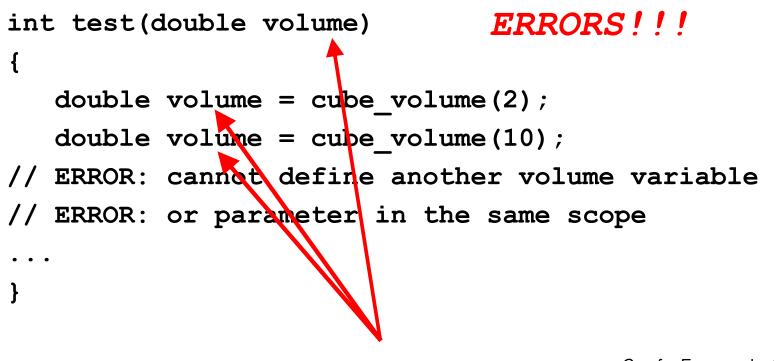
A function names a block.

Recall that variables and parameters do not exist after the function is over—because they are local to that block.

But there are other blocks.

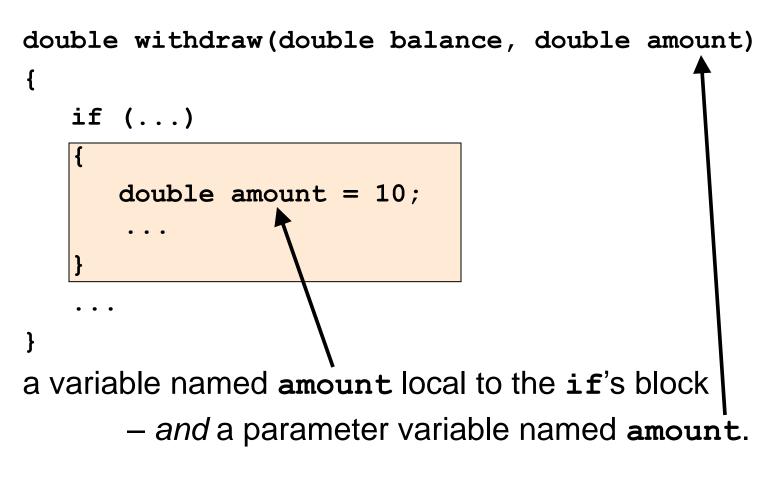
It is *not legal* to define two variables or parameters with the same name in the same scope.

For example, the following is not legal:



# **Variable Scope – Nested Blocks**

However, you can define another variable with the same name in a *nested block*.



#### **Variable Scope – Nested Blocks**

The scope of the parameter variable **amount** is the entire function, *except* the nested block.

Inside the nested block, **amount** refers to the local variable that was defined in that block.

You should avoid this *potentially confusing situation* in the functions that you write, simply by renaming one of the variables.

Why should there be a variable with the same name in the same function?

#### **Global Variables**

• Generally, global variables are *not* a good idea.

But ...

# here's what they are and how to use them

(if you must).

Global variables are defined <u>outside</u> any block.

They are visible to every function defined after them.

In some cases, this is a good thing:

The **<iostream>** header defines these global variables:

cin cout

This is good because there should only be one of each of these and every function who needs them should have direct access to them.

But in a banking program, how many functions should have direct access to a balance variable?

# **Global Variables**

```
int balance = 10000; // A global variable
void withdraw (double amount)
   if (balance > amount)
   Ł
      balance = balance - amount;
int main()
   withdraw(1000);
   cout << balance << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
```

In the previous program there is only one function that updates the **balance** variable.

But there could be many, many, many functions that might need to update **balance** each written by any one of a huge number of programmers in a large company.

Then we would have a problem.

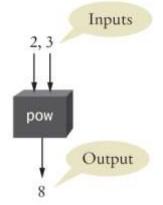
When multiple functions update global variables, the result can be *difficult* to predict.

Particularly in larger programs that are developed by multiple programmers, it is very important that the effect of each function be clear and easy to understand.

# **Global Variables – Breaking Open the Black Box**

When functions modify global variables, it becomes more difficult to understand the effect of function calls.

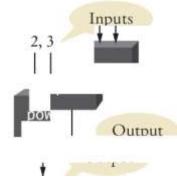
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And what good is a broken black box?

# You should *avoid* global variables in your programs!

- Suppose you would like a function to get the user's last name and ID number.
- The variables for this data are in your scope.
- But you want the function to change them for you.
- If you want to write a function that changes the value of a parameter, you must use a *reference parameter*.

To understand the need for a different kind of parameter, you must first understand why the parameters you now know do not work. Consider a function that simulates withdrawing a given amount of money from a bank account, provided that sufficient funds are available.

If the amount of money is insufficient, a \$10 penalty is deducted instead.

The function would be used as follows:

double harrys\_account = 1000; withdraw(harrys account, 100);

// Now harrys\_account is 900
withdraw(harrys account, 1000);

// Insufficient funds.

// Now harrys\_account is 890

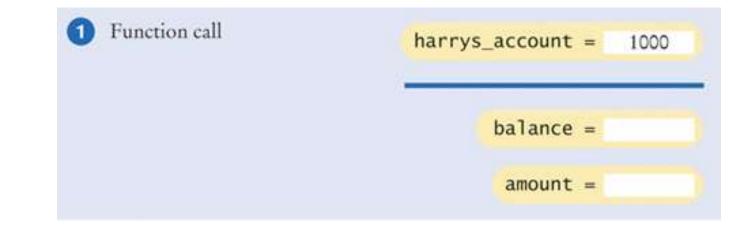
Here is a first attempt:

```
void withdraw(double balance, double amount)
   const double PENALTY = 10;
   if (balance >= amount)
   ł
      balance = balance - amount;
   else
      balance = balance - PENALTY;
```

But this doesn't work.

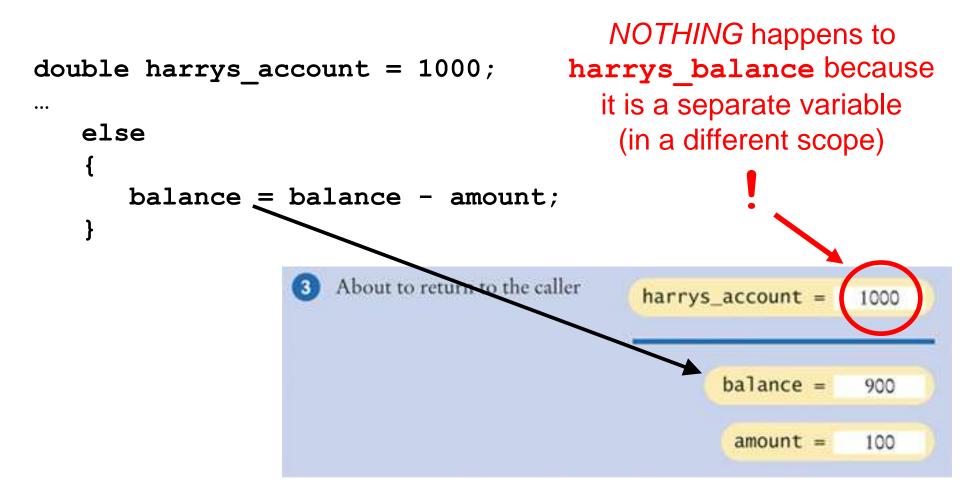
What is actually happening? Let's call the function passing in 100 to be taken from harrys\_account.

```
double harrys_account = 1000;
withdraw(harrys_account, 100);
```



The local variables, consts, and value parameters are initialized. double harrys account = 1000; withdraw(harrys account, 100); ... void withdraw(double balance, double amount) const int PENALTY = 10;Initializing function parameters harry account = 1000 balance = 1000 amount = 100

The test is **false**, the LOCAL variable **balance** is updated



The function call has ended. Local names in the function are gone and...

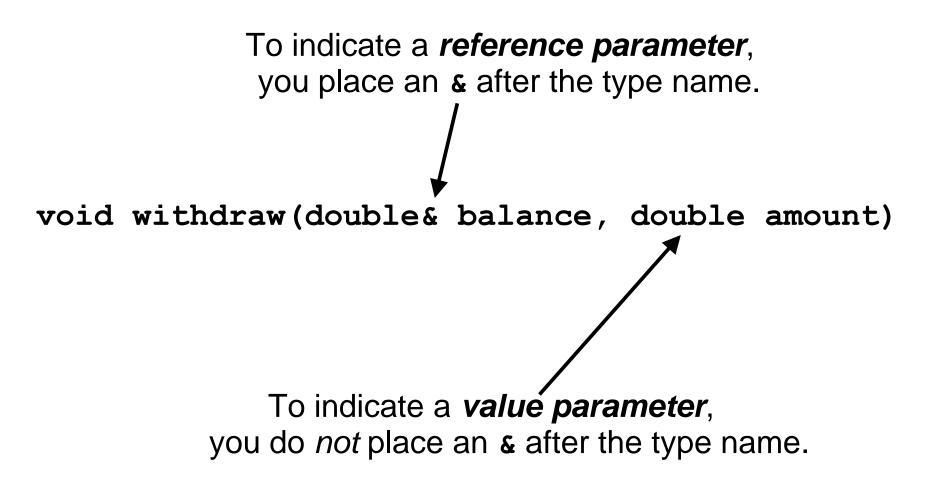
NOTHING happened to harrys\_balance. withdraw(harrys\_account, 100); After function call harrys\_account = 1000

A reference parameter refers to a variable that is supplied in a function call.

"refers" means that during the execution of the function, the reference parameter name is another name for the caller's variable.

This "referring" is how a function can change non-local variables:

changes to its local parameters' names cause changes to the callers variables they "refer" to.



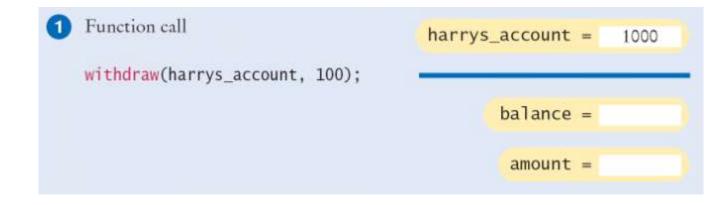
Here is correct code, using reference parameters:

```
void withdraw(double & balance, double amount)
   const int PENALTY = 10;
   if (balance >= amount)
   ł
      balance = balance - amount;
   else
      balance = balance - PENALTY;
```

Let's see this in action.

Now, using the function with reference parameters let's again call the function passing in 100 to be taken from harrys\_account.

```
double harrys_account = 1000;
withdraw(harrys_account, 100);
```



```
Notice that balance now refers to harrys account.
double harrys account = 1000;
withdraw(harrys account, 100);
• • •
void withdraw(double balance, double amount)
    const int PENALTY = 10;
                       Initializing function parameters
                                                  harrys_account =
                                                                 1000
                       withdraw(harrys_account, 100);
                                                        balance =
                  harrys account
                                                        amount =
                                                                  100
                      and balance
                     are both names
                     for this memory
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```

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The test is **false**, the variable **harrys\_account** is updated when the reference parameter **balance** is assigned to.

```
recall that
                                                 harrys account
double harrys account = 1000;
                                                   and balance
                                                  are both names
   else
                                                   for this memory
       balance = balance - amount;
                        About to return to the caller
                                                    harrys_account =
                                                                    900
                                                          balance =
                        balance = balance - amount;
                                                           amount =
                                                                    100
```

The function call has ended. Local names in the function are gone and...

harrys\_balance was correctly changed!

withdraw(harrys\_account, 100);



```
/**
  Withdraws the amount from the given balance, or withdraws
  a penalty if the balance is insufficient.
  @param balance the balance from which to make the
  withdrawal
  Oparam amount the amount to withdraw
*/
void withdraw(double& balance, double amount)
{
   const double PENALTY = 10;
   if (balance >= amount)
   {
      balance = balance - amount;
   }
   else
   {
      balance = balance - PENALTY;
}
```

```
int main()
{
  double harrys account = 1000;
  double sallys account = 500;
  withdraw(harrys account, 100);
       // Now harrys account is 900
  withdraw(harrys account, 1000); // Insufficient funds
       // Now harrys account is 890
  withdraw(sallys account, 150);
  cout << "Harry's account: " << harrys account << endl;
  cout << "Sally's account: " << sallys account << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

}

The type **double** is pronounced:

*reference to double* or *double ref* 

(The type double is, of course, pronounced: double)

# A reference parameter must always be called with a variable.

It would be an error to supply a number:

```
withdraw(1000, 500);
     // Error: reference parameter must be a variable
```

The reason is clear—the function modifies the reference parameter, but it is impossible to change the value of a number.

For the same reason, you cannot supply an expression:

withdraw(harrys\_account + 150, 500);
// Error: reference parameter must be a variable

### **Prefer Return Values to Reference Parameters**

Some programmers use reference parameters as a mechanism for setting the result of a function.

For example:

```
void cube_volume(double side_length, double& volume)
{
    volume = side_length * side_length * side_length;
}
```

However, this function is less convenient than our previous **cube\_volume** function.

#### **Prefer Return Values to Reference Parameters**

```
void cube_volume(double side_length, double& volume)
{
    volume = side_length * side_length * side_length;
}
```

This function cannot be used in expressions such as:

cout << cube\_volume(2)</pre>

Another consideration is that the **return** statement can return only one value.

If caller wants more than two values, then the only way to do this is with reference parameters (one for each wanted value). It is not very efficient to have a value parameter that is a large object (such as a string value).

Copying the object into a parameter variable is less efficient than using a reference parameter.

With a reference parameter, only the location of the variable, not its value, needs to be transmitted to the function.

You can instruct the compiler to give you the efficiency of a reference parameter and the meaning of a value parameter, by using a *constant reference*:

This is a bit more efficient than having **str** be a value parameter.

# **CHAPTER SUMMARY**

#### Understand the concepts of functions, arguments, and return values.



- A function is a named sequence of instructions.
- Arguments are supplied when a function is called. The return value is the result that the function computes.

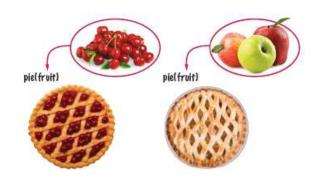
#### Be able to implement functions.



- When defining a function, you provide a name for the function, a variable for each argument, and a type for the result.
- Function comments explain the purpose of the function, the meaning of the parameter variables and return value, as well as any special requirements.

#### Describe the process of parameter passing.

• Parameter variables hold the argument values supplied in the function call.



# **CHAPTER SUMMARY**

#### Describe the process of returning a value from a function.

• The return statement terminates a function call and yields the function result.

#### Design and implement functions without return values.

• Use a return type of void to indicate that a function does not return a value.

#### Develop functions that can be reused for multiple problems.

- Eliminate replicated code or pseudocode by defining a function.
- Design your functions to be reusable. Supply parameter variables for the values that can vary when the function is reused.

#### Apply the design principle of stepwise refinement.



- Use the process of stepwise refinement to decompose complex tasks into simpler ones.
- When you discover that you need a function, write a description of the parameter variables and return values.
- A function may require simpler functions to carry out its work.



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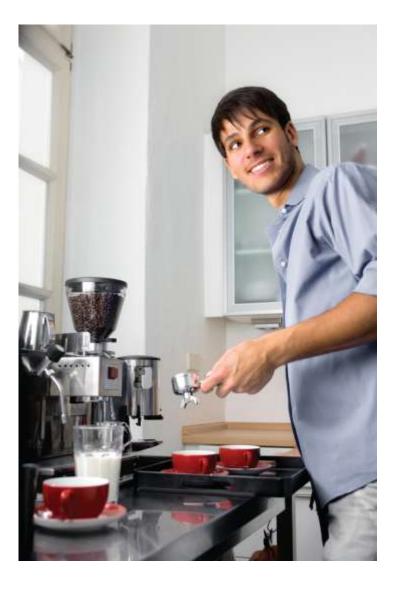
#### Determine the scope of variables in a program.

- The scope of a variable is the part of the program in which it is visible.
- A variable in a nested block shadows a variable with the same name in an outer block.
- A local variable is defined inside a function. A global variable is defined outside a function.
- Avoid global variables in your programs.



#### Describe how reference parameters work.

- Modifying a value parameter has no effect on the caller.
- A reference parameter refers to a variable that is supplied in a function call.
- Modifying a reference parameter updates the variable that was supplied in the call.



### **End Functions II**

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