Random useful stuff

STAY STRONG!

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Announcements

HW0 is posted on schedule, due next Friday at 9pm (pretty easy)

Office hours (attempt problems before going):
- HW only or Lab only (check calendar)
- Write name on whiteboard if you want help

Labs:
- Warmup: must be done in lab
- Challenge: Worth 0.25 points
Input and output

C:\> If you’re happy and you know it, syntax error!
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C:\> If you’re happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, if you’re h
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Syntax error

C:\> _
Strings and input

char can only hold a single letter/number, but one way to hold multiple is a string

```cpp
string str;
cin >> str;
```

The above will only pull one word, to get all words (until enter key) use:

```cpp
getline(cin, str);  (See: stringInput.cpp)
```
More Output

When showing doubles with cout, you can change how they are shown.

For example, to show a number as dollars and cents, you would type (before cout):

```cpp
cout.setf(ios::fixed);
cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
cout.precision(2);
```
More Output

There are two ways to get output to move down a line: `endl` and “\n”

```cpp
  cout << endl;
```

... is the same as...

```cpp
  cout << “\n”
```

I will use both when coding
Madlibs

(see: madlibs.cpp)
bool

bool - either true or false

We will use the following today:

> (greater than), e.g. 7 > 2.5 is true

== (equals), e.g. 5 == 4 is false

<= (less than or eq), e.g. 1 <= 1 is true
if statement

Code inside an if statement is only run if the condition is true.

Need parenthesis (no semi-colon)

```
if (guess == random0to9)
{
    cout << "Correct, here is a cookie!\n";
}
```

Indent

(See: numberGuessing.cpp)
if/else statement

Immediately after an if statement, you can make an else statement

If the “if statement” does not run, then the else statement will

If you do not surround your code with braces, only one line will be in the if (and/or else) statement
Double trouble!

(See: doubleTrouble.cpp)
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When comparing doubles, you should use check to see if relative error is small:

$$\text{fabs}((x-y)/x) < 10E-10$$

(double has about 16 digits of accuracy so you could go to 10E-15 if you want)

For comparing Strings, use: (0 if same)

string1.compare(string2)
Often we want to do a (similar) command more than once

Computer programmers call this code a **loop**

Loops are quite powerful and are very commonly used
A while loop tests a bool expression and will run until that expression is false.

```cpp
while (i < 10) {
    // looped code
    // variable i should change in here
}
```

(See: whileLoop.cpp)
while loop

The **bool** expression is tested when first entering the while loop.

And!

When the end of the loop code is reached (the } to close the loop)

```cpp
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
    cout << "Looping, i = " << i << "\n";
    i++;
}
cout << "Outside the loop, i = " << i << "\n";
```
while loop

3 parts to any (good) loop:

- Test variable initialized
  ```
  i=0;
  ```

- **bool** expression
  ```
  while (i < 10)
  ```

- Test variable updated inside loop
  ```
  i++; 
  ```
do-while loop

A do-while loop is similar to a normal while loop, **except** the bool expression is only tested at the end of the loop (not at the start)

```cpp
cout << "How many times do you want to run the loop?\n";
cin >> i; // what happens if i is less than 1?
do {
    cout << "Looping, i = " << i << "\n";
    i--; 
} while (i > 0); // Note semicolon!
cout << "Outside the loop, i = " << i << "\n";
```

(See: doWhile.cpp)
Q: Why would I ever want a do-while loop?

A: When the first time the variable is set is inside the loop.

You can initialize the variable correctly and use a normal while loop, but this makes the logic harder.
Semi-colons

When to put semi-colons?

You put semi colons after every statement, except if you (should) start a block

Blocks should start after functions, if-statements and loops, thus these should not have semi colons after them