

# *C++ Primer, Fifth Edition*

Pre Visual Studio 2012  
Code Distribution README

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## Overview

This distribution contains the source code of all the complete programs and many of the program fragments from *C++ Primer*. The code in this distribution has been edited to work with pre C++11 Microsoft compilers. We tested this code using the Visual Studio 2010 compiler, but it should work with earlier versions of the compiler as well. Please see `CompilerNotes.pdf` in this directory for more information on the missing features and workarounds.

## Building Executables

The code is divided into 19 subdirectories corresponding to the Chapters in *C++ Primer*. Each subdirectory contains a makefile that makes the source in that directory. These makefiles rely on the file named `MS_makefile_template` in the top-level directory. The makefiles are fairly simple and we have provided comments in the hope that even those who are not familiar with makefiles can understand how to compile these programs by hand if so desired.

The top level directory also has its own `makefile` that will make the entire source tree. The top level `makefile` also has targets `clean` and `clobber` to remove the object files or object and executable files respectively.

To use make on a Windows operating system you invoke the command named `nmake`:

```
# Windows machines
> nmake                # compiles all the programs
> nmake clean          # removes all the object files and stackdumps
> nmake clobber        # removes executable, object and stackdump files
```

## Input and Output

The code in these subdirectories includes all of the complete programs covered in *C++ Primer*.

In addition, we include executable versions of some of the otherwise incomplete program fragments. In general, such programs print details about the internal state of the program. To understand the output, you will have to understand the program. This is intentional.

The input, if any, to these programs varies:

- Some programs print a prompt and wait for input on the standard input

- Other programs read the standard input but do not print a prompt
- Others take one or more arguments specifying a file name to read
- Yet others take a file name argument and read the standard input

Each Chapter subdirectory contains a `README.txt` that explains the input, if any, expected by each executable file.

## Sample Data Files

For those programs that expect input, we have provided small, sample input files. Input files are always found in a subdirectory named `data`. For example, the program `add_item` in directory 1 reads `Sales_item` transactions from the standard input but does not prompt for input. If the program is invoked:

```
add_item
```

it will wait for input, which you can provide by typing appropriate transactions. Alternatively, you can pass the data file we provide. Assuming the following is executed in the directory named 1 writing

```
add_item < data\add_item # Windows
```

will bind the standard input to the `add_item` file in the `data` subdirectory and will execute the program `add_item` on the data in that file.

Some of the programs take argument(s) that must be supplied when the program is executed. These programs will fail if they are invoked with no argument. For example, the `word_transform` program in the Chapter 11 directory requires two input files. You might invoke this program as follows:

```
# word_transform takes two files, samples are in the data directory
# this execution uses the file data\rules to transform the text in data\text
word_transform data\rules data\text # Windows
```

See Section 1.1.1 for a description of how C++ programs are run, page 22 for how files are bound to the standard input and standard output, and Section 6.2.5 for how arguments are passed to a C++ program.

## Running the Programs

Each directory contains a simple shell script named `runpgms.bat` that runs the executables made in that directory.

Note that on some systems, the default setting for the `PATH` variable does not include the current directory. In this case, if you try to execute

```
add_item < data\add_item # Windows
```

the `add_item` program will not be found. Instead, you must write

```
.\add_item < data\add_item # Windows
```

where `.\` tells the system to run the `add_item` program in the current directory.