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The C++ Programming Language, 4th Edition
Synopsis

C++11 has arrived: thoroughly master it, with the definitive new guide from C++ creator Bjarne Stroustrup, C++ Programming Language, Fourth Edition! The brand-new edition of the world’s most trusted and widely read guide to C++, it has been comprehensively updated for the long-awaited C++11 standard. Extensively rewritten to present the C++11 language, standard library, and key design techniques as an integrated whole, Stroustrup thoroughly addresses changes that make C++11 feel like a whole new language, offering definitive guidance for leveraging its improvements in performance, reliability, and clarity. C++ programmers around the world recognize Bjarne Stoustrup as the go-to expert for the absolutely authoritative and exceptionally useful information they need to write outstanding C++ programs. Now, as C++11 compilers arrive and development organizations migrate to the new standard, they know exactly where to turn once more: Stroustrup’s C++ Programming Language, Fourth Edition.

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This book is written in the way creator Bjarne Stroustrup sees his language and how his language should be used. This book is not thin on material for the intermediate to advanced C++ software engineer. One word in warning to potential buyers: You better be sharp with your STL skills before reading this book. Stroustrup writes his implementations around the STL which is not covered from a tutorial style in this book before he introduces it, which tells you that he meant for this book strictly as a reference not as a readers book. This criticism is constructive, not disruptive, but I have been programming in standard ANSI/ISO C++ for 9 years, this book is best understood if you read the
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coverage in Stroustrup's.

Bjarne Stroustrup's THE C++ PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE is ideal for those potential buyers who
already know 75% of what is written in the book. But please note that this is not necessarily a
put-down or a bad thing. This book is reference material for people who are already familiar with the
concepts and syntax of C++. If you're looking to learn C++ from scratch, then run far and run quickly
away from this book. On the other hand, if you’re an experienced coder who's looking to remember
specific details, or an intermediate who’s looking for some nitty-gritty information, then this is a
highly recommended reference book.The writing is meticulous and often obscure. But Stroustrup
packs in a lot of detail into every page. The example code is short and to the point. He assumes that
if you don’t get what he’s talking about the first time, then further examples aren’t going to help; and
most of the time this assumption is justified, as his terse code manages to convey everything that it
needs to. You really do need to have experience with C++ to understand a lot of his examples
though, as often he will casually mention a concept or function that he won’t get around to defining
for another few hundred pages. After all, most of the features in C++ interact heavily with other
functions, so it’s not really possible to explain some things without explaining their relationships
(even if they are relating to things that the text has not yet brought up). But, as I said, this is
reference material, and such conventions are allowable and, at times, encouraged. I am much
happier with a book like this that gives me all of the detail necessary than an introductory book that
would only offer simplistic explanations in the beginning while holding out for the details towards the
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