



Overview

C++ is the latest object-oriented programming language available for use with the Macintosh® Programmer's Workshop (MPW™) development environment.

Apple's implementation fully supports the industry standard for object-oriented C as defined by AT&T's C++ Release 2.0. Apple has extended the language to support the Macintosh Toolbox

and operating system, Object Pascal-based functions and procedures (such as those found in MacApp®), and the Standard Apple Numerics Environment (SANE®). MPW C++ can be debugged at the C++ source level using Apple's Symbolic Application Debugging Environment (SADE™). Applications built using MPW C++ can be compiled to run on the complete line of Apple® Macintosh

personal computers, or to take advantage of the powerful hardware found in the high-end Macintosh models.

MPW C++ provides full support for object-oriented programming for C-based applications. The use of object-oriented programming techniques helps to reduce development time while increasing the reliability of the resulting applications.

Features

Benefits

▶ Support for object-oriented programming

- ▶ Reduces development time.
- ▶ Makes it easier to maintain applications.
- ▶ Increases the reliability of applications.
- ▶ Facilitates the creation of reusable code.
- ▶ Offers a better model for building applications than procedural programming can provide.

▶ Based on AT&T Release 2.0 C++

- ▶ Provides data abstraction, multiple inheritance, and message-passing capabilities.
- ▶ Offers operator overloading and protected variables within classes.
- ▶ Provides strong type-checking for C-based applications.

▶ Extensions for the Macintosh environment

- ▶ Supplies full access to the Macintosh Toolbox and operating system.
- ▶ Supports Object Pascal functions and procedures, for compatibility with MacApp.
- ▶ Provides access to SANE for numerical accuracy.
- ▶ Supports SADE for source-level debugging.
- ▶ Includes Apple's Commando interface for ease of use.

▶ CFront tool is integrated with MPW C

- ▶ Includes the MPW C scanner and preprocessor.
- ▶ Allows MPW C++ to produce tokenized C resulting in reduced build times.

▶ Support for multilingual Applications

- ▶ Lets you call Object Pascal functions and procedures from MPW C++.
- ▶ Allows C++ to be used with MacApp, further enhancing the programmer's productivity.

▶ Sample programs

- ▶ Provides examples of two stand-alone, MultiFinder-compatible applications.
- ▶ Provides an example of an MPW tool that is written in C++.
- ▶ Can be used as a learning aid or as the foundation for actual applications and tools.

Product Details

Object-Oriented Language Extensions

The MPW C++ system offers object-oriented programming to programmers using C. Multiple inheritance, operator overloading, and protected variables and members within classes are but a few of the object-oriented facilities of MPW C++.

C++ Translator

C++ source code is translated to C source code by the CFront tool. The resulting C source code is then compiled by MPW C. All of this is "automated" by CPlus, an MPW script provided with MPW C++. CPlus calls both CFront and MPW C, passing appropriate parameters. This results in a complete compilation of C++ source code.

MPW C++ uses the same preprocessor and scanner as MPW C. This allows MPW C++ to output tokenized C source code (as well as "standard" C source code), that reduces the build times typically associated with C++.

MPW C is available from the Apple Programmers and Developers Association (APDA™).

Source Level Debugging

MPW C++ works with Apple's Symbolic Application Debugging Environment (SADE). SADE can be used at either the source or the assembly level to debug

applications and MPW tools. During compilation, MPW C++ can create the symbol files that are needed by SADE to debug C++ applications at the C++ source code level. This allows the powerful scripting language of SADE to be harnessed by C++ programmers during the development cycle, to further increase application reliability and decrease development time.

SADE is available from APDA.

Libraries

MPW C++ includes libraries for complex math and I/O stream processing. Apple has completely redone the Complex library. It retains the functionality of AT&T's Complex library and expands on it, using SANE as the basis for superior numerical accuracy.

Unmangler

Error messages produced while linking C++-based files can be very cryptic. MPW C++ comes with a tool for converting these "mangled" error messages into messages that are much easier to read. Also included is a resource for use with the MacsBug that allows MacsBug debugger to unmangle C++ function names.

Sample Programs

Three sample programs are included with MPW C++. Two of them are complete Macintosh applications and the third is a counting tool for MPW. These samples make excellent starting points for the development of other applications and tools.

C++ and MacApp

MacApp provides an object-oriented framework that implements the standard Macintosh user interface, including scrollable, resizable windows and multipage printing. MacApp fosters development of robust, professional-quality applications by providing you with extensive memory management support, exception-handling mechanisms, support for "undo" commands, and a large body of ready-to-use, high-quality code that can be inherited by your application.

A future release of MacApp will allow programmers to use C++ in place of Object Pascal. This will be accomplished through the use of special C++ interface files, since MPW C++ can call Object Pascal-based procedures and functions. These special interface files will be offered separately.

For more information on MacApp, refer to the MacApp data sheet (order number M0243LL/A) or contact APDA.

Training and Support

Apple offers courses in C++ programming. For details, please contact:

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Macintosh Programmer's Workshop C++

System Requirements

To use MPW C++ you will need the following:

▶ An Apple Macintosh Plus, Macintosh SE, or Macintosh II personal computer with at least 2 MB RAM (4 MB or more highly recommended). A 68020 or 68030 microprocessor is recommended.

- ▶ A hard disk
- ▶ Macintosh system software 6.0.2 or later
- ▶ MPW v.3.0 or later
- ▶ MPW C v.3.0 or later

Ordering Information

MPW C++ v.3.1B1
APDA Order No. M0346LL/A

With your order, you'll receive:

▶ Two disks containing the Macintosh Programmer's Workshop C++ translator, C++ interfaces and libraries, an unmangler for CFront error messages, and sample programs.

- ▶ *Macintosh Programmer's Workshop C++ Reference*
- ▶ *AT&T C++ Release 2.0 Product Reference*
- ▶ *AT&T C++ Release 2.0 Library Manual*
- ▶ *AT&T C++ Release 2.0 Selected Readings*

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