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## Thinking in C++ , 2nd ed., Volume 2, Revision 3

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# A: Recommended reading

## C

**Thinking in C: Foundations for Java & C++**, by Chuck Allison (a MindView, Inc. Seminar on CD ROM, 1999, available at <http://www.MindView.net>). A course including lectures and slides in the foundations of the C Language to prepare you to learn Java or C++. This is not an exhaustive course in C; only the necessities for moving on to the other languages are included. An extra section covering features for the C++ programmer is included. Prerequisite: experience with a high-level programming language, such as Pascal, BASIC, Fortran, or LISP.

## General C++

**The C++ Programming Language, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition**, by Bjarne Stroustrup (Addison-Wesley 1997). To some degree, the goal of the book that you're currently holding is to allow you to use Bjarne's book as a reference. Since his book contains the description of the language by the author of that language, it's typically the place where you'll go to resolve any uncertainties about what C++ is or isn't supposed to do. When you get the knack of the language and are ready to get serious, you'll need it.

**C++ Primer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**, by Stanley Lippman and Josee Lajoie (Addison-Wesley 1998). Not that much of a primer anymore; it's evolved into a thick book filled with lots of detail, and the one that I reach for along with Stroustrup's when trying to resolve an issue. *Thinking in C++* should provide a basis for understanding the *C++ Primer* as well as Stroustrup's book.