Advanced C++

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```
declare pointers:
Rectangle *pointerToRect = &aRect;
    pointerToRect is a pointer to Rectangle
    initially points to aRect

dereference pointers:
(*pointerToRect).size, pointerToRect->size,
*pointerToRect = anotherRect
    all modify pointed-to object (aRect)
```

```
&
```

```
declare references:
Rectangle &refToRect = aRect;,
void print(const Rectangle &theRect);
   refToRect, theRect are references to Rectangle

address-of:
pointerToRect = &refToRect;
   &value is the address of value
```

recall: reference v pointer

pointer — explicitly derference, can reassign reference — "bound" to object on creation, always refers to it

typical implementation of both in asm: pointer

typed pointers

```
double Z = 26.0;
int *pointerToInt = &Z;  // ERROR

"cannot convert 'double*' to 'int*' in
initialization"

C++ cares about type (but just addresses in assembly)
```

dereference example (1)

```
int n = 26;
int *somePointer = &n;

cout << somePointer << endl;
cout << *somePointer << endl;</pre>
```

dereference example (1)

```
int n = 26;
int *somePointer = &n;

cout << somePointer << endl;
cout << *somePointer << endl;

example output: (address will vary...)

0x7fff35fc3fe4
26</pre>
```

dereference example (2)

```
int n = 26;
int *somePointer = &n;
*somePointer = 45;

cout << somePointer << endl;
cout << *somePointer << endl;</pre>
```

dereference example (2)

```
int n = 26;
int *somePointer = &n;
*somePointer = 45;
cout << somePointer << endl;</pre>
cout << *somePointer << endl;</pre>
example output: (address will vary...)
0x7fff35fc3fe4
45
```

dereference example (3)

```
ListNode *ptr1, *ptr2;
ptr1 = new ListNode;
ptr2 = new ListNode

bool result1 = (ptr1 == ptr2);
bool result2 = (*ptr1 == *ptr2);
```

dereference example (3)

```
ListNode *ptr1, *ptr2;
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ptr2 = new ListNode

bool result1 = (ptr1 == ptr2);
bool result2 = (*ptr1 == *ptr2);
result1 definitely false (different addresses)
result2 probably true (depends on ListNode::operator==)
```

reference example

```
int y = 5;
int &x = y;
cout << x << endl;
cout << &x << endl;
cout << &y << endl;
x = 15;
cout << y << endl;</pre>
```

reference example

```
int y = 5;
int &x = y;
cout << x << endl;
cout << &x << endl;</pre>
cout << &y << endl;
x = 15;
cout << y << endl;
example output (address will vary...)
5
0x7ffeeda220d4
0x7ffeeda220d4
15
can't change adderss stored in x
```

pointers to pointers

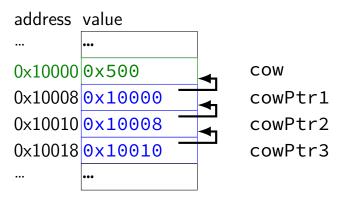
```
int main() {
    Animal cow;
    Animal* cowPtr1 = &cow;
    Animal** cowPtr2(&cowPtr1);
    Animal*** cowPtr3 = &cowPtr2;
    ...
}
```

pointers to pointers

```
int main() {
    Animal cow;
    Animal* cowPtr1 = &cow;
    Animal** cowPtr2(&cowPtr1);
    Animal*** cowPtr3 = &cowPtr2;
cow = Animal
cowPtr1 = pointer to Animal
cowPtr2 = pointer to (pointer to Animal)
cowPtr3 = pointer to pointer to (pointer to Animal)
```

example memory layout

memory



ref to pointer v pointer to pointer

```
void insert(TreeNode*& n, int value) {
    if (n == NULL)
        n = new TreeNode(value);
    else if (value < n->value)
        insert(n->left, value);
    else if (value > n->value)
        insert(n->right, value);
void insert(TreeNode** n, int value) {
    if (*n == NULL)
        *n = new TreeNode(value);
    else if (value < n->value)
        insert(&(n->left), value);
    else if (value > n->value)
        insert(&(n->right), value);
```

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by ref versus by value

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    else if (value > n->value)
        insert(n->right, value);
TreeNode *insert(TreeNode* n, int value) {
    if (n == NULL)
        return new TreeNode(value);
    else if (value < n->value) {
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);
        return n;
    } else if (value > n->value) {
        n->right = insert(n->right, value);
        return n;
```

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        insert(n->right, value);
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    if (n == NULL)
        return new TreeNode(value);
    else if (value < n->value) {
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);
        return n;
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        n->right = insert(n->right, value);
        return n;
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    else if (value > n->value)
        insert(n->right, value);
TreeNode *insert(TreeNode* n, int value) {
    if (n == NULL)
        return new TreeNode(value);
    else if (value < n->value) {
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);
        return n;
    } else if (value > n->value) {
        n->right = insert(n->right, value);
        return n;
```

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc(int *somePointer) {
    int someval(3);
    somePointer = &someVal;
int main() {
    int *firstPointer;
    someFunc(firstPointer);
    cout << *firstPointer << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

```
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    return 0;
```

pointer to deallocated memory — need new

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    cout << *firstPointer << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
pointer to deallocated memory — need new
```

pass by value, not by reference

several memory allocation problems (fixed?)

```
void someFunc(int *&somePointer) {
    somePointer = new int(3);
}
int main() {
    int *firstPointer;
    someFunc(firstPointer);
    cout << *firstPointer << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc() {
    double *aliasPointer;
    aliasPointer = new double(6.27);
    cout << *aliasPointer << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc() {
    double *aliasPointer;
    aliasPointer = new double(6.27);
    cout << *aliasPointer << endl;
}</pre>
```

memory leak — never deleted

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc() {
    double duration = 3.14;
        double * somePtr;
            somePtr = &duration;
    cout << *somePtr << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc() {
    double duration = 3.14;
        double * somePtr;
             somePtr = &duration;
    cout << *somePtr << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

syntax error: somePtr no longer exists

```
BROKEN:
int main() {
    int * anotherPtr;
        int someVal(8);
        cout << *anotherPtr << endl;</pre>
        anotherPtr = &someVal;
    return 0;
```

```
BROKEN:
int main() {
    int * anotherPtr;
        int someVal(8);
        cout << *anotherPtr << endl;</pre>
        anotherPtr = &someVal;
    return 0;
```

undefined behavior: accessing uninitialized pointer

```
BROKEN:
void someFunc(int *somePointer) {
    int someVal(12);
        int anotherVal(16);
        somePointer = &anotherVal;
int main() {
    int * yetAnotherPtr;
    someFunc(yetAnotherPtr);
    cout << *yetAnotherPtr << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

a correct example

```
int main() {
    float * somePtr;
    somePtr = new float(3.14);
    cout << *somePtr << endl;
    delete somePtr;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

a correct example

```
void someFunc() {
    int *aliasPtr;
    aliasPtr = new int(25);
    cout << *aliasPtr << endl;</pre>
int main() {
    int * somePtr;
    somePtr = new int(3);
    someFunc();
    cout << *somePtr << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

a correct example

```
void someFunc() {
    int *aliasPtr;
    aliasPtr = new int(25);
    cout << *aliasPtr << endl;</pre>
int main() {
    int * somePtr;
    somePtr = new int(3);
    someFunc();
    cout << *somePtr << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

memory leaks

C++ inheritence example (1)

```
class Name {
public:
    Name();
    ~Name();
    void setName(const string &name);
    void print() {
        cout << myName << endl;
private:
    string myName;
};
```

C++ inheritence example (2)

```
class Contact : public Name {
public:
  Contact() {
      myAddress = ""
  ~Contact() {
  void setAddress(const string &address) {
    myAddress = address;
  void print() {
    Name::print();
    cout << myAddress << endl;</pre>
private:
  string myAddress;
```

C++ inheritence example (2)

```
class Contact : public Name {
public:
  Contact() {
      myAddress = ""
                                 public class Contact
  ~Contact() {
                                     extends Name {
  void setAddress(const string
                                   void print() {
    myAddress = address;
                                     super.print();
                                     . . .
  void print() {
    Name::print();
    cout << myAddress << endl;</pre>
private:
  string myAddress;
```

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class Contact : public Name {
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                                   void print() {
    myAddress = address;
                                     super.print();
                                     . . .
  void print() {
    Name::print();
    cout << myAddress << endl;</pre>
private:
  string myAddress;
```

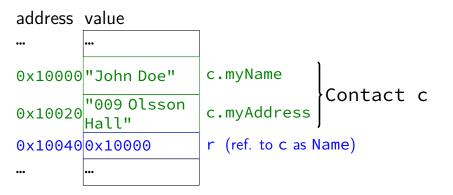
contact usage (1)

```
int main(void) {
    Contact c;
    c.SetName("John_Doe");
    c.SetAddress("009_Olsson_Hall");
    c.print();
}
```

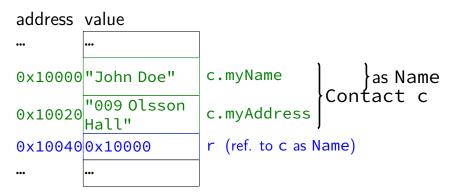
contact usage (2)

```
int main(void) {
    Contact c;
    Name &r = c;
    r.SetName("John_Doe");
    // or:
    Name *p = &c;
    p->SetName("John_Doe");
    c.SetAddress("009_Olsson_Hall");
    c.print();
}
```

memory layout



memory layout



inheritence in C++

Contact is child of parent Name

has member variables, functions of parent

...with same layout in memory parent's methods work without changing assembly can get reference/pointer to Name from Contact

add new member functions/variables

inheritence and constructors, etc.

```
class Parent {
public:
    Parent() { cout << "Parent()\n"; }
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }
};
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }
};
int main() {
    Child var;
    cout << "in_main()\n";
}</pre>
```

```
Parent()
Child()
in main()
~Child()
~Parent()
```

construction/destruction order

parent part constructed first

then child

child part destroyed first

then parent

arguments to parent constructors?

```
class Parent {
public:
        Parent(int x) { cout << "Parent(" << x << ")\n"; }
        ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }
};
class Child : public Parent {
public:
        Child(int x) : Parent(x + 1) { cout << "Child(" << x << ")\n"; }
        ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }
};
int main() {
        Child var(100);
        cout << "in_main()\n";
}</pre>
```

```
Parent(101)
Child(100)
in main()
~Child()
~Parent()
```

multiple inheritence

multiple inheritence

but — Comparable, Serializable might have thier own member variables and implemented methods

C++ defaults to static dispatch (1)

```
class Parent {
public:
    void print() { cout << "Parent::print()\n"; }</pre>
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    void print() { cout << "Child::print()\n"; }</pre>
};
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main()
    Parent *p = getParent();
    p->print();
    delete p:
```

output:

Parent::print()

C++ defaults to static dispatch (1)

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Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main()
    Parent *p = getParent();
    p->print();
    delete p:
```

output:

Parent::print()

static versus dynamic dispatch

static dispatch — call method based on compile-time type dynamic dispatch — call method based on run-time type

C++ defaults to static dispatch (2)

```
class Parent {
public:
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }</pre>
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n": }
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }</pre>
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }
};
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main()
    Parent *p = getParent();
    delete p;
```

output (*probably*):
Parent()
Child()
~Parent()

C++ defaults to static dispatch (2)

```
class Parent {
public:
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }</pre>
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }</pre>
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }
};
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main()
    Parent *p = getParent();
    delete p;
```

output (*probably*):
Parent()
Child()
~Parent()

virtual: ask for dynamic dispatch

virtual keyword — ask for dynamic dispatch
not default — because slower:

static dispatch: just a function call dynamic dispatch: lookup correct function first!

virtual methods (1)

```
class Parent {
public:
    virtual void print() { cout << "Parent::print()\n"; }</pre>
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    void print() { cout << "Child::print()\n"; }</pre>
};
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main() {
    Parent *p = getParent();
    p->print();
    delete p:
                                              output:
```

Child::print()

virtual methods (1)

```
class Parent {
public:
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }</pre>
    virtual ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }</pre>
class Child : public Parent {
public:
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }</pre>
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }
};
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }
int main()
                                             output:
    Parent *p = getParent();
    delete p;
                                             Parent()
                                             Child()
                                             ~Child()
                                             ~Parent()
```

virtual destructors

required if you call delete on a base-class pointer (but it's actually an instance of the subclass)

(even if destructor doesn't do anything)

compiler might use destructor to know how much memory to free C++ standard quote: "If the static type of the object to be deleted is different from its dynamic type, the static type shall be a base class of the dynamic type of the object to be deleted and the static type shall have a virtual destructor or the behavior is undefined."

a dynamic call

```
class Parent {
public:
    virtual void foo() { ... }
class Child : public Parent {
    virtual void foo() { ... }
Parent *get(); // return Parent or Child
int main() {
    Parent *p = get();
    p->foo();
```

What does assembly for main look like?
Could call Parent::foo or Child:foo

dynamic call: assembly

```
// Parent *p (RAX) = get();
call get
mov rcx, [rax + 0] // rcx ← "VTable" address
mov rdi, rax // rdi (this arg) \leftarrow p
call [rcx + 0] // call what rcx points to
                               Child object
            Parent object
           vtable pointer
                              vtable pointer
            Parent variable 1
                              Parent variable 1
            Parent variable 2
                              Parent variable 2
                              Child variable 1
                                                     Child vtable
     Parent vtable
Parent::foo addr.
                                               Child:: foo addr.
Parent::~Parent addr.
                                               Child::~Child addr.
```

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           Parent variable 2
                              Parent variable 2
                              Child variable 1
                                                     Child vtable
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                                               Child:: foo addr.
                                               Child::~Child addr.
Parent::~Parent addr.
```

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            Parent variable 2
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                              Child variable 1
                                                     Child vtable
     Parent vtable
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                                               Child::foo addr.
Parent::~Parent addr.
                                               Child::~Child addr.
```

vtables during construction

vtable set by constructor call

constructor call order:

parent vtable set first then Parent() constructor run overwritten with child vtable then Child() constructor run

rule: never call method before it's type's constructor

pure virtual member functions

```
class Shape {
public:
    virtual void draw() = 0;
= 0 — no implementation!
"pure virtual function/method"
must be overriden to create object
    otherwise, "abstract class"
\approx abstract in Java
only abstract methods \approx Java interface
```

diamands or duplicates

```
gp list node person gp list node
                   professor
   student
          student professor
replicated parents (gp_list_node)
    one copy each time inherited
    seperate lists of students, professors
shared parents (person)
    one copy of attributes (name?) for person
```

C++ default: replicated inheritence

```
class Parent { public:
    int value;
class A : public Parent {};
class B : public Parent {};
class C : public A, public B {};
int main() {
    C c;
    A& as a = c; B& as b = c;
    as a.value = 1; as b.value = 2;
    cout << as a.value << "" << as_b.value << endl;</pre>
```

output: 1 2 (two copies of value)

virtual inheritence: one copy

```
class Parent { public:
    int value;
class A : public virtual Parent {};
class B : public virtual Parent {};
class C : public A, public B {};
int main() {
    C c;
    A& as a = c; B& as b = c;
    as_a.value = 1; as_b.value = 2;
    cout << as a.value << "" << as b.value << endl;</pre>
```

output: 2 2 (as_a.value same as as_b.value)

virtual inheritence: one copy

```
class Parent { public:
    int value;
class A : public virtual Parent {};
class B : public virtual Parent {};
class C : public A, public B {};
int main() {
    C c;
    A& as a = c; B& as b = c;
    as_a.value = 1; as_b.value = 2;
    cout << as a.value << "" << as b.value << endl;</pre>
```

output: 2 2 (as_a.value same as as_b.value)

declaring a mix

```
class student: public virtual person, public gp_list_node {...};
class professor: public virtual person, public gp_list_node {...};
class student_professor: public professor, public student {...};
```

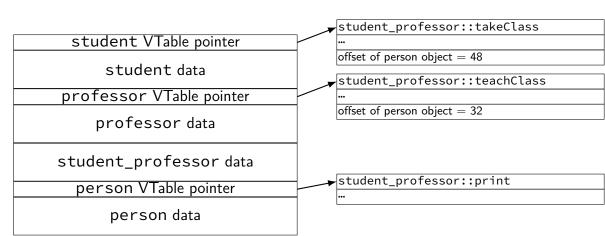
duplicate layout

```
gp_list_node person gp_list_node
               professor
  student
       student professor
gp_list_node &getStudentList(student_professor &p) {
    return (gp list node &) (student &) p;
gp_list_node &getProfessorList(student_professor &p) {
    return (gp list node &) (proessor &) p;
example assembly:
getStudentList:
                               getProfessorList:
     lea rax, \lceil rdi + 8 \rceil
                                    lea rax, [rdi + 64]
     ret
                                    ret
```

diamond layout

casts need more indirection to implement example: vtable lookup of offset to 'person' fields different 'offsets' of object for professor versus student_professor

a possible layout



a possible layout

student_professor data
person VTable pointer

person data

as_pers

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co-variant arrays

```
String[] a = new String[1];
Object[] aAsObjects = a;
b[0] = new Integer(1);
compiles, but ArrayStoreException
not really an array of objects
```

non-co-variant containers

```
class Parent {};
class Child : public Parent {};
...
vector<Child *> v;

vector<Parent *> &vAsParent = v; // DOES NOT COMPILE
```

C++11 and beyond

```
C++ standard versions:

1997(C++03): -std=c++98

2003 (C++03): -std=c++03

August 2011 (C++11): -std=c++11

August 2014 (C++14): -std=c++14

March 2017 (C++17): -std=c++17

??? 2020 (C++20)
```

notable C++11 features

```
move constructors and r-value references
    option for moving value from x to y without copying
initialization with braces: Class name{arg1, arg2, ...}
foreach loops: for (int &x: some_vector) {...}
type inference: auto it = some_vector.iterator();
return type at end: auto foo(int x, int y) -> int;
nullptr
(more) smart pointers
```

move motivation

```
vector<string> v;
...
v.push_back(getBigString());
C++03: this makes a copy of what getBigString() returns!
(push_back calls the copy constructor)
```

using move constructors

```
string one = "some_contents";
string two = std::move(one);

two contains "some contents"
one's contents unspecified
```

move constructors

```
class DynamicArray {
public:
    DynamicArray(DyanmicArray &&moveFrom) {
        pointer = moveFrom.pointer;
        size = moveFrom.size;
        moveFrom.pointer = NULL;
        moveFrom.size = 0;
private:
    int *pointer;
    int size;
};
```

using move assignment

```
string one = "some_contents";
string two = "other_contents";
two = std::move(one);

two contains "some contents"
one's contents unspecified
```

move assignment operators

```
class DynamicArray {
public:
    DynamicArray & operator=(DynamicArray & & moveFrom) {
        if (pointer != NULL)
            delete[] pointer;
        pointer = moveFrom.pointer;
        size = moveFrom.size;
        moveFrom.pointer = NULL;
        moveFrom.size = 0;
        return *this;
private:
    int *pointer;
    int size;
};
```

brace-based initialiation

```
can now use {} to initialize objects:
// SomeClass()
SomeClass foo;
                                    SomeClass foo{};
// SomeClass(const SomeClass &)
SomeClass bar(foo);
                                    SomeClass bar{foo}:
// SomeClass(int, int, int, int)
SomeClass quux(1, 2, 3, 4);
                                    SomeClass quux\{1, 2, 3, 4\};
// vector<int>(initializer_list<int>)
/* not supported in C++03 */ vector<int> v{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

range-based for loops

```
int array[1000];
for (int &x : array) {
vector<int> v;
for (int &x : v) {
```

auto

```
vector<int> v;
auto it = v.begin();
// instead of:
vector<int>::iterator it = v.begin();
```

trailing return types

```
auto foo(int x, int y) -> int { ... }
// instead of:
int foo(int x, int y) { ... }
```

nullptr

```
nullptr is substitue for 0/NULL
typechecks better
   int x = nullptr; — ERROR
   int x = NULL; — sets x to 0
```

unique_ptr

```
instead of:
class Foo {
    ~Foo() { delete bar; }
    void set() {
        if (bar) delete bar;
        bar = new Bar(...);
    Bar *bar;
};
class Foo {
    void set() {
        bar.reset(new Bar(...));
    unique ptr<Bar> bar;
};
```

unique_ptr implementation

```
template <class T> class unique ptr {
    T& operator->() { return *value; }
    T& operator*() { return *value; }
    void reset(T* new value) {
        if (value) delete value;
        value = new-value:
    ~unique ptr() {
        if (value) delete value;
private:
    T *value:
```

the smart pointers

```
unique_ptr — "owns" the object
    delete object when pointer goes away/changes
```

shared_ptr — keeps a reference count
 delete object when last shared_ptr goes away

weak_ptr — works with shared_ptr, but doesn't modify reference
count

handles circular references

miscellanous C++11/14/17

```
lambda expressions (closures)
compile-time arithmetic (constexpr)
function attributes
    e.g. [[override]]: 'give me an error if this isn't overriding something'
compile-time assertions
```

using C++11, etc.

clang -std=c++11 (or c++14 ...)