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Data Structures
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Default Function Arguments

- In calling of the function, if the arguments are not given, default values are used.

```
int exp(int n, int k = 2) {
  if (k == 2) return (n * n);
  return (exp(n, k - 1) * n);
}
```

Default Function Arguments

- In calling a function argument must be given from left to right without skipping any parameter

```
void foo(int i, int j=7);              // right
void goo(int i=3, int j);              // wrong
void hoo(int i, int j=3, int k=7);     // right
void moo(int i=1, int j=2, int k=3);   // right
void noo(int i=2, int j, int k=3);     // wrong
```

Reference Operator &

- A reference allows to declare an alias to another variable.
- As long as the **aliased** variable lives, you can use indifferently the variable or the alias.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
  int x;
  int& foo = x;
  foo = 49;
  cout << x << endl;
  retrn 0
}
```

Reference Operator &

- A reference allows to declare an alias to another variable.
- References are **extremely useful** when used with function arguments since it saves the cost of copying parameters into the stack when calling the function.

Reference Operator &

- Swap() in C

```
void swap(_____) {
  int temp = _____

  _____
  _____
}
```

```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {
  int temp = *a;
  *a = *b;
  *b = temp;
}
```

```
int main() {
  int i = 3, j = 5;
  swap(_____);
  cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
  int i = 3, j = 5;
  swap(&i, &j);
  cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

& is an address operator.

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Reference Operator &

- Swap() in C++

```
void swap(_____) {
    int temp = _____

    _____

    _____
}
```

```
void swap(int& a, int& b) {
    int temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(_____);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

`& is a reference operator.`

Reference Operator &

- Lab – implement three functions to double the input and fix main() as needed

```cpp
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(){
    int x = 2, y = 3, z = 4;
    double_by_ptr(&x);
    cout<< x << endl;

    double_by_ref(y);
    cout<< y << endl;

    z = double_by_val(z);
    cout<< z << endl;
}
```

```cpp
void double_by_ptr(int *p) {
    *p = *p * *p;
}
```

```cpp
void double_by_ref(int& r) {
    r *= r;
}
```

```cpp
void double_by_val(int v) {
    return v * v;
}
```

Overloading

- Function overloading refers to the possibility of creating multiple functions with the same name as long as they have different parameters (type and/or number) which is called a signature of function.

C

```
int main() {
    int i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(&i, &j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

C++

```
int main() {
    int i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

No Overloading in C

```
int main() {
    double i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(&i, &j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    double i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

Overloading

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C++

```cpp
void swap(int& a, int& b) {
    int temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

C++

```cpp
int main() {
    int i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

```cpp
void swap(double& a, double& b) {
    double temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

```cpp
int main() {
    double i = 3, j = 5;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << i << " " << j << endl;
}
```

const Reference

- To prevent the function from changing the parameter accidentally, we pass the argument as **constant reference** to the function.

```cpp
struct Person {
  char name[40];
  int age;
};
void print(const Person& k) {
  cout << "Name: " << k.name << endl;
  cout << "Age: " << k.age << endl;
}


int main(){
  Person man{"Adam", 316};
  print(man);
  return 0;
}
```

← **C style coding in C++**

← **k is constant reference parameter**

What is good about passing by const reference?

- Instead of 44 bytes, only 4 byes (address) are sent to the function.
- Calling function knows that Person k would not be changed.

Return by reference

- By default in C++, when a function returns a value, it is copied into stack. The calling function reads this value from stack and copies it into its variables.

- An alternative to "return by value" is "return by reference", in which the value returned is not copied into stack.

- One result of using "return by reference" is that the function which returns a parameter by reference **can be used on the left side** of an assignment statement.

Return by reference

- Modify the following programs such that it sets the maximum element to zero.

```
int max(int a[], int n) {
  int x = 0;
  for (int i = 0 ; i < n; i++)
    if (a[i] > a[x]) x = i;
  return a[x];
}

int main() {
  int a[] = {12, 42, 33, 99, 63};
  int n = 5;

  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    cout << a[i] << " ";
}
```

12	42	33	0	63

Return by reference

- Modify the following programs such that it sets the maximum element to zero.

```cpp
int& max(int a[], int n) {    // returns an integer reference of the max element
  int x = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    if (a[i] > a[x]) x = i;
  return a[x];
}

int main() {
  int a[] = {12, 42 , 33 , 99, 63};
  int n = 5;
  max(array,5) = 0;            // overwrite the max element with 0
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    cout << a[i] << " ";
}
```

```
12  42  33  0  63
```

Never return a local variable by reference

- Since a function that uses "return by reference" returns an actual memory address, it is important that the variable in this memory location remain in existence after the function returns.

```
int& foo() {
  int i;
  ...
  return i;                    // ERROR! does not exist anymore
```

- Local variables can be return by their values

```
int foo() {
  int i;                       // Local variable, created in stack
  ...
  return i;                    // OK! does not exist anymore
```

malloc & free vs new & delete

- In C, dynamic memory allocation is done with malloc() and free().
- The C++ new and delete operators performs dynamic memory allocation.

C

```
int *p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * N);

for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
  p[i] = i;

free(p);
```

C++

```
int *p = new int[N];

for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
  p[i] = i;

delete[] p;
```

Using new & delete

- The **new** operator allocates memory, and **delete** frees it.

```cpp
int *pi = new int;                  // pi points to uninitialized int
int *pi = new int(7);               // which pi points has value 7
string *ps = new string("hello");  // ps points "hello"

int *pia = new int[7];              // block of seven uninitialized ints
int *pia = new int[7]();            // block of seven ints values initialized to 0

string *psa = new string[5];              // block of 5 empty strings
string *psa = new string[5]();            // block of 5 empty strings
int    *pia = new int[5]{0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  // block of 5 ints initialized
string *psa = new string[2]{"a", "the"};  // block of 2 strings initialized
delete         pi;
delete[] pia;
```

Lab 1: Convert a C program to C++

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 40
void sum(int d[], int n, int* p) {
  *p = 0;
  for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i) *p = *p + d[i];
}

int main() {
  int total = 0;
  int data[N];
  for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i) data[i] = i;
  sum(data, N, &total);
  printf("total is %d\n", total);
  return 0;
}
```

Use a reference operator, but not a pointer.
Use a const, not but #define.
Use a new operator to allocate an array.
Use cout instead of printf().
Use a namespace std.

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