

Operator Overloading

Custom operators for a class

- Operators are functions with a signature:
 <RETURN_TYPE> operator<NAME>(<PARAMS>)
- <NAME> represents target operation, ex: >, <, =, ==, <<, etc.
- Have all attributes of a function.
- Always contain word operator in name.

Example operator <

```
1 #include <algorithm>
2 #include <vector>
3 class Human {
4     public:
5         Human(int kindness) : kindness_{kindness} {}
6         bool operator<(const Human& other) const {
7             return kindness_ < other.kindness_;
8         }
9
10        private:
11            int kindness_ = 100;
12    };
13 int main() {
14     std::vector<Human> humans = {Human{0}, Human{10}};
15     std::sort(humans.begin(), humans.end());
16     return 0;
17 }
```

Example operator <<

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3 class Human {
4 public:
5     int kindness(void) const { return kindness_; }
6 private:
7     int kindness_ = 100;
8 };
9
10 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Human& human) {
11     os << "This human is this kind: " << human.kindness();
12     return os;
13 }
14
15 int main() {
16     std::vector<Human> humans = {Human{0}, Human{10}};
17     for (auto&& human : humans) {
18         std::cout << human << std::endl;
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

