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# Object Orientation

A new way of thinking.





# Object orientation

- > Example: Water cooker
  - ➤ Properties:
    - > width, height, color, volume
    - >on/off state
  - > Behavior:
    - > When on, it heats its content
    - > When a temperature is reached, it switches off automatically





### Not using object orientation:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
struct Vector2f
  float x, y;
void PrintVector2f(const Vector2f& v)
  cout << "(" << v.x << ", " << v.y << ")" << endl;</pre>
int main()
  Vector2f v1, v2;
  v1.x = 21.0f;
  PrintVector2f(v1);
  PrintVector2f(v2);
  cin.get();
```

- the data and function are separated
- > the function needs the data as parameter





```
struct Vector2f
 float x, y;
  void Print()
    std::cout << '(' << x << ", " << y << ")" << '\n';
int main()
 Vector2f v1, v2;
 v1.x = 21.0f;
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```

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```

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- > Functions have direct access to the data, not needing a parameter.
- > Functions can be called the same way the data can be accessed: member selection operator '.'.
- > v1 an v2 are instances or objects of Vector2f
- x, y are "datamembers"
- Print is a "member function"





### from struct to class

```
class Vector2f
 float x, y;
 void Print()
    std::cout << "(" << x << ", " << y << ")" << '\n';
int main()
 Vector2f v1, v2;
 v1.x = 21.0f;
 v1.Print();
 v2.Print();
```

- struct: free external access to data members: public
- class: by default no external access to datamembers and member functions: private





#### class > access restricted



```
class Vector2f
 float x, y;
 void Print()
    std::cout << "(" << x << ", " << y << ")" << '\n';
int main()
 Vector2f v1, v2;
 v1.x = 21.0f;
 v1.Print();
 v2.Print();
```

- struct: free external access to data members: public
- class: by default no external access to datamembers and member functions: private
- > Why?
  - > protection of member variables
  - **>**abstraction





### struct vs class: access

#### **STRUCT**

- Default: datamembers and member functions can be directly accessed by externals.
- > default public access.

#### **CLASS**

- Default: datamembers and member functions can NOT be directly accessed by externals. Only by other members of the class.
- > default private access.
- "Encapsulation".





# Object orientation: access specifiers

```
class Vector2f
public:
  void Print()
    cout << "(" << m_X << ", " << m_Y << ")" << endl;</pre>
private:
  float m_X, m_Y; // members are private by default
};
int main()
  Vector2f v1, v2;
  //v1.x = 21.0f;
  v1.Print();
  v2.Print();
  cin.get();
```

- Access specifiers allow changes to this default behavior:
  - public, private (and protected see later)
- Datamembers should always have private access specifier unless you have a very good reason to grant public access. In that case, change the class into a struct.
- Member functions can be public only if external access is required.





# Object orientation: access specifiers

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 float x, y;
 void Print()
    std::cout << '(' << x << ", " << y << ")" << '\n';
int main()
 Vector2f v1, v2;
 v1.x = 21.0f;
 v1.Print();
 v2.Print();
```

> In this example, a Vector2f is typical a struct and not a class. There is no need to protect the data members x and y from anything.





## Object orientation: creating objects

- > Objects of a class (or struct) can be created in different ways:
  - ➤ Using automatic memory allocation
    - > We already used this for Point2f and Vector2f structs
    - > What you can do when crating objects of structs
    - Uses stack/global memory
    - > Are destroyed automatically when going out of scope
    - ➤ More on this with classes in Programming 2

```
struct Vector2f
{
    float x, y;
};

int main()
{
    Vector2f v1, v2;
    v1.x = 21.0f;
    v1.Print();
    v2.Print();
}
```

- ➤ Using dynamic memory allocation
  - > What we will do here, when creating objects of classes.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{nullptr}; // 1
  pCube = new Cube{}; // 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > 1: create and initialize a pointer.
  - >A pointer can store a memory address of an object.
  - ➤ It knows the type of the object it points at.
  - This pointer is initialized with nullptr, meaning it points at nothing.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{nullptr}; // 1
  pCube = new Cube{}; // 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > 2: create an object on the heap and assign its memory address to the pointer pCube.
  - The new operator dynamically allocates heap memory that fits the size of the Cube object.
  - The cube object is default initialized using uniform initialization. Another option is to not use any brackets at all. Don't use parenthesis, it confused the compiler assuming Cube() is a function.
  - The new operator returns the memory address of the object, the assignment stores it in the pointer.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{nullptr}; // 1
  pCube = new Cube{}; // 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- ➤ 3: Members of the object can be accessed using the member access operator ">" the member of pointer operator (cppreference)
  - ➤ Only public members can be accessed.
  - If they are member functions, you can use them the same way global functions are used.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{nullptr}; // 1
  pCube = new Cube{}; // 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > 4: When the object is no longer needed, it needs to be removed from the memory.
  - ➤ Not doing this, creates unreleased memory or a memory leak.
  - ➤ Never, ever forget to delete objects





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{nullptr}; // 1
  pCube = new Cube{}; // 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > 5: Setting the pointer back to a neutral nullptr
  - ➤ Once the object is deleted, the pointer still points at the same memory address the object used to be. This memory address is now invalid, turning the pointer into a dangling pointer.
  - If one would accidently perform the delete operation with the same invalid pointer, it would result in an error.
  - ➤ To avoid these issues, always set a dangling pointer to a neutral nullptr. This allows checking the pointer value for being nullptr or not.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m_Size;
  public:
    void Print();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}}; // 1 + 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > Combining 1 and 2:
  - ➤ Perfect shorter alternative





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}}; // 1 + 2
  pCube->Print(); // 3
  delete pCube; // 4
  pCube = nullptr; // 5
```

- > The resulting output: 0 Is printed.
- Surprised? You should be. Why?
- m\_Size is never initialized.
- > It seems that in the current version of visual studio, it initializes variables for you if the object is created using uniform initialisation{} (see new Cube{}). This is not in the C++ standard.





# Encapsulation

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}}; // 1 + 2
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```

- ➤ Hold on! → How can we change the value of m\_Size if it is private? We have no access!
  - Indeed there is no way of modifying that value unless we provide a public member function to do this for us.





### Encapsulation: mutator or setter

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m Size = size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}};
  pCube->SetSize(10);
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

- ➤ Hold on! → How can we change the value of m\_Size if it is private? We have no access!
  - Indeed there is no way of modifying that value unless we provide a public member function to do this for us.
  - These kind of member functions are called mutators or setter public member functions.
  - Their name generally starts with Set. In our case here: SetSize
  - There typically is one parameter, and no return value. The parameter type is the same type as the value we want to change:
    - > void SetSize(float size);
  - The purpose is to protect the variable form the outside world, to prevent it from getting illegal values, such as negative values in this example. (a cube with negative size makes no sense)





# Encapsulation: mutator or setter

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class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m_Size = size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}};
  pCube->SetSize(10);
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

- > Do I always need a mutator? NO
- ➤ It's up to you as designer of the class to decide if that variable should have a mutator function.
- > Don't provide a mutator if there is no need to.





## Encapsulation

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m_Size = size;
int main()
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```

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  - Indeed there is no way of knowing that value unless we provide a public member function to do this for us.





# Encapsulation: accessor or getter

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
    float GetSize();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m Size = size;
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m Size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}};
  pCube->SetSize(10);
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

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  - These kind of member functions are called accessors or getter public member functions.
  - ➤ Their name generally starts with Get. In our case here: GetSize
  - There typically is no parameter, and a return value. The return type is the same type as the value we want to retrieve:
    - > float GetSize();
  - The purpose is to protect the variable form the outside world, so in most cases a copy is returned.





# Encapsulation: accessor or getter

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
    float GetSize();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m Size = size;
float Cube::GetSize()
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  pCube->SetSize(10);
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

- > Do I always need an accessor? NO
- > It's up to you as designer of the class to decide if the value of that variable should be available.
- > Only provide an accessor when there is a need to do so.





# Object orientation: Encapsulation

#### > Public interface

The collection of public member functions and public members is called the "Public interface". It is what the user of the class needs to know.

#### > Encapsulation

- > Details about how an object is implemented are hidden away from users of the object.
- Access through the public interface.

#### Access specifiers

- > Data members are always private unless there is a very good reason to make them public
- member functions can be private (preferred) or public if outside access is required.





# Encapsulation, why?

- Benefit: encapsulated classes are easier to use and reduce the complexity of your programs
  - > Your class becomes easier to use because elements that shouldn't be used are inaccessible
- > Benefit: encapsulated classes help protect your data and prevent misuse
  - ➤ Other programmers who use your class can't accidentally change the value of your data members to something that makes no sense in the program
- Benefit: Separation
  - > The behavior of the class is separated from the specific implementation of the class
- Benefit: encapsulated classes are easier to change
- Benefit: encapsulated classes are easier to debug





## Encapsulation: recap

```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
    float GetSize();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m_Size = size;
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m_Size;
```

- > Data members are private
- > Create member functions to grant access to data members if needed:
  - accessor (getter)
  - mutator (setter)
- Protect data members from getting illegal values.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    void Print();
    void SetSize(float size);
    float GetSize();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
void Cube::SetSize(float size)
   if (size > 0) m Size = size;
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m Size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{}};
  pCube->SetSize(10);
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

- > Look at the main function:
- > I need a mutator to set the size to a value.
  - That exposes the m\_Size variable. It is possible to modify it once the cube is created.
- > What if I do not want that?





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size{10.f};
  public:
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m Size;
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- > One option is to initialize the variable while declaring it.





```
class Cube
  private:
    float m Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size);
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
Cube::Cube(float size):m Size(size)
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m Size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{10,f}};
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

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  - That exposes the m\_Size variable. It is possible to modify it once the cube is created.
- What if I do not want that?
- > One option is to initialize the variable while declaring it.
- > The other option is to define a constructor member function with a member initializer list.
  - The list separates variables using a comma
- ➤ ERROR? A default constructor is not generated if a constructor is provided. → default constructor?





- > Constructor is a special member function
  - ► Has same name as the class
  - ➤ Has no return type
  - Can be overloaded.
  - > Can not be called directly
  - ➤ Is called automatically when an object is instantiated (created).
- > Default constructor
  - is a constructor without parameters (or default parameters)
  - is generated automatically by the compiler if no other constructor function is provided
    - > Yes, the compiler has generated a default constructor for the Point2f struct!
  - ➤ It does NOT auto-initialize the variables.





```
class Cube
{
  private:
    float m_Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size);
    Cube(const Color4f& color);
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
```

> Constructors can be overloaded.





## Constructor member function

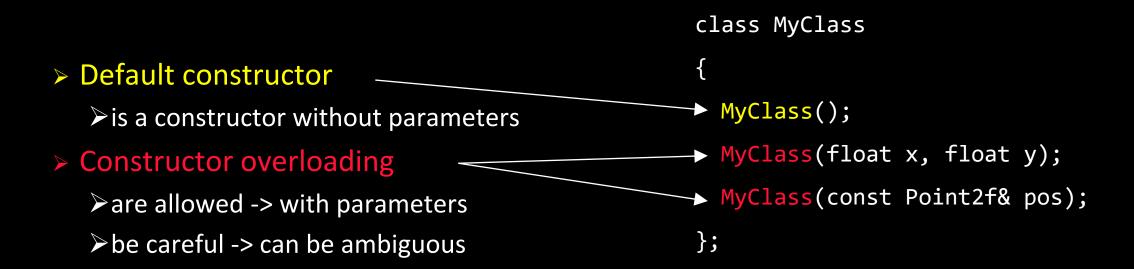
```
class Cube
{
  private:
    float m_Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size = 10);
    Cube(const Color4f& color);
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
```

- > Constructors can be overloaded.
- > Or use default parameters





## Constructor overloading







## Constructors: auto generated, no initialization

- > The main task of a constructor is to initialize the data members of the class: get the object ready to be used.
- > a constructor is always called when an object is instantiated.
- > If no constructor is defined, the compiler generates a default constructor.
- > This generated constructor does not initialize the datamembers (!)
  - This results in undefined values of all the data members. Unless they are initialized when defined.
- > It is recommended to always add an explicit defined constructor.





### Constructor member initializer list

```
class Cube
  private:
    const float m_Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size);
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
Cube::Cube(float size):m_Size{size}
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m_Size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{10,f}};
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

Member initializer lists also allow consts or references to be initialized.





#### Constructor member initializer list

```
class Cube
  private:
    const float m Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size);
    void Print();
    float GetSize();
};
Cube::Cube(float size)
  m Size = size; // not efficient
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m_Size << '\n';</pre>
float Cube::GetSize()
   return m_Size;
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{10,f}};
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

 Do not initialize members in the body of the constructor!
 This takes more time and is bad practice.





#### Destructor

```
class Cube
  private:
    const float m Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size);
    ~Cube();
    void Print();
};
Cube::Cube(float size)
  m Size = size;
Cube::~Cube()
  std::cout << "I am being deleted.\n" ;</pre>
void Cube::Print()
  std::cout << m Size << '\n';</pre>
int main()
  Cube *pCube{new Cube{10,f}};
  float size{pCube->GetSize()};
  delete pCube;
  pCube = nullptr;
```

- ➤ Is a special member function with the same name as the class preceded by a ~ sign and with no return type.
- > Is generated automatically when none is provided.
- Executes automatically when the object is about to be destroyed.
- > Its purpose is to clean up resources and free memory. See later for a more practical example.
- > Implement only if the class has heap memory or other resources to release. (e.g. dyn array)
  - ➤ Don't add an empty destructor.





#### Methods or Member functions

- > Are functions that belong to a class.
- > Terminology:
  - > "Global Function": isn't part of a class: global scope.
  - "Member Function" or "method": function that is part of a class.
- > Determine what an object of a class can do.
- > Will typically change data members or do something with their values.





#### Methods or Member functions

- > Have access to the following variables:
  - Their own local variables.
  - ► All data members of the object.
  - ➤ All data members of other objects of the same class (!) even if they are private

```
void Player::GetInfo(const Player& other)
{
   m_Info = other.m_Info;
}
```





#### Methods or Member functions

- > Can be public or private:
  - ➤Only public if outside access is needed. (outside being: not from the same class)
  - ➤ Private is the default you should choose.
  - Choose only public if it is really needed, such as mutator and accessors.
- > The collection of public member functions is also called the "public interface" of a class.





# Procedure when designing a class

You'll typically follow these steps when making a new class:

- Decide on the data members
- > Add the constructor(s) initializing the data members
- Decide on the need of having to write the destructor.
- Add the member functions





## Practical: Coding conventions

For classes only: member variables start with the prefix "m\_" followed by a capital letter.

```
struct Vector2f
{
   float x, y;
   void Print()
   {
     cout << "(" << x << ", " << y << ")" << endl;
   }
};</pre>
```

```
class Cube
{
  private:
    float m_Size;
  public:
    Cube(float size = 10) : m_Size{ size }{}
  float GetSize()
  {
    return m_Size;
  }
};
```





# Practical: Separate the declaration and the implementation

declaration: a header file with the extension h

```
#include <string>
class Player
{
public:
   Player(const std::string& name);
   ~Player(); // destructor
   void Print();
private:
   std::string m_Name;
};
```

- > implementation: a source file with the extension cpp
  - > prefix the class name to the function using the
    - scope resolution operator (::)

```
#include "stdafx.h"
#include "Player.h"
Player::Player(const std::string& name)
: m Name{ name }
  std::cout << "Player " << m_Name << " constructor fired.\n";</pre>
Player::~Player()
  std::cout << m Name << ": Destructor fired.\n";</pre>
void Player::Print()
  std::cout << m Name << "\n";</pre>
```





# Using one class as datamember of another class

- > class forward declaration in the header(.h) file if possible: let the compiler know there is a class with that name, do that it can process the pointer declaration.
- > use the #include statement in the source (.cpp) file: the compiler needs to know what the constructor parameters are.

```
class Cube; // class forward declaration
class Shapes
{
public:
    Shapes();

private:
    Cube* m_pCube;
};
```

```
#include "Cube.h"
#include "Shapes.h"

Shapes::Shapes() : m_pCube{ new Cube(10) }
{
}
```





- > What: a clear and concise way of specifying the contents of a class.
- > Also: a clear and concise way to give a programmer instructions for what class he is supposed to write, and what is supposed to be in it.





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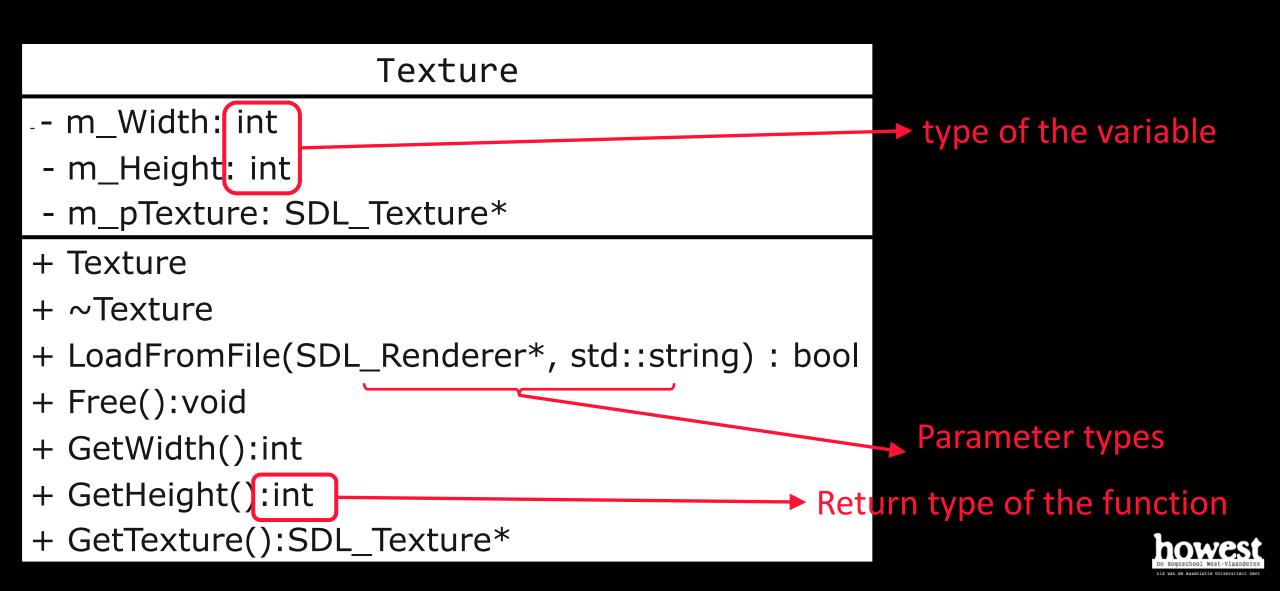
← Name of the class

← Datamembers

← Methods









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