





#### More about Classes

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# Why do We Need Friends??

- Theoretically, all required functions are included in the class itself
  - However, you may need outside help in some cases
  - Friends can help!!
- If you need help from ordinary (non-member) functions, access for internal data is necessary
  - Give special permission to those functions by declaring them as FRIENDS
  - Avoid extra overhead on calling accessors/mutators

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#### Friend Functions

- Member functions can access private members
  - Non-member functions can only access private data through interface functions → inefficient !!
- Friend functions can directly access private members
  - No calls to accessor/mutators → efficient !!
- Friend functions are inherently dangerous
  - You should make friends very carefully !!
- Use keyword *friend* in front of function declaration
  - Should be specified **INSIDE** class definition
  - Encapsulation can still be achieved

Use friends properly to get efficiency and keep safety

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# **Example: An Equality Function**

- The equality function tests two objects of type DayOfYear (in Ch10) and return a Boolean value
  - It is TRUE if two objects have the same day and month
- The equal function can be used to compare dates in this manner

```
if ( equal( today, bach_birthday) )
  cout << "It's Bach's birthday!";</pre>
```

- The function equal cannot be a member function of any specific object
  - You have no access to the data of another object





# Is the Function equal Efficient?

Without friend declaration, equal can be defined as:

```
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2)
{
  return ( date1.getMonth( ) == date2.getMonth( )
         && date1.getDay( ) == date2.getDay( ) );
}
```

- Function equal could be made more efficient
  - Using member function calls to obtain the private data values is not efficient
  - Direct access of the member variables would be more efficient (faster)



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# Non-Member Function (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class DayOfYear
public:
  DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay);
  DayOfYear();
  void input();
  void output( );
  int getMonth();
  int getDay();
private:
  void checkDate();
                              Declared as
  int month;
                           normal functions
  int day;
};
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2);
```

```
int main()
  DayOfYear today, bachBirthday(3, 21);
  cout << "Enter today's date:\n";
  today.input();
  cout << "Today's date is ";
  today.output();
  cout << "J. S. Bach's birthday is ";
  bachBirthday.output();
  if ( equal(today, bachBirthday))
     cout << "Happy Birthday Johann "
          << "Sebastian!\n";
  else
     cout << "Happy Unbirthday Johann "
          << "Sebastian!\n";
  return 0;
```

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# Non-Member Function (2/2)

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay) void DayOfYear::input()
             : month(theMonth), day(theDay)
  checkDate();
int DayOfYear::getMonth( )
  return month;
int DayOfYear::getDay( )
  return day;
       Sample Dialogue
       Enter today's date:
       Enter the month as a number: 3
       Enter the day of the month: 21
       Today's date is month = 3, day = 21
       J. S. Bach's birthday is month = 3, day = 21
       Happy Birthday Johann Sebastian!
```

```
cout << "Enter the month as a number: ";
  cin >> month;
  cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
  cin >> day;
void DayOfYear::output( )
  cout << "month = " << month
       << ", day = " << day << endl;
}
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2)
  return ( date1.getMonth( ) ==
           date2.getMonth() &&
        date1.getDay( ) == date2.getDay( ) );
```

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#### Friend Functions

- The friend relationship is declared using the keyword friend in the class definition
  - A friend function is not a member function, but it has extra access to private members of the class
  - Friendship relation is neither symmetric nor transitive
- The friend function is a standalone function declared outside the class
  - Entire classes or member functions of other classes can also be friends of another class
- As a friend function, the more efficient version of function equal becomes possible

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#### **Declaring A Friend**

 The function equal is declared a friend in the abbreviated class definition here

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
     friend bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2);
     // The rest of the public members
  private:
     // the private members
};
```

- Friend function is defined as a nonmember function without using the "::" operator
  - Friend function is called without using the '.' operator

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# A More Efficient equal

- With friend relationship, direct access of private member variables is legal now !!
  - The code is simpler and more efficient

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# **Choosing Friends**

- How do you know when a function should be a friend or a member function?
  - In general, use a member function if its task involves only one object
  - In general, use a nonmember function if its task involves more than one object
- Choosing to make the nonmember function a friend is a decision of efficiency and personal taste
  - You can still access private members through the normal accessor and mutator functions of the class if need





#### **Example: The Money Class**

- This example demonstrates a class called *Money* 
  - U.S. currency is represented
- Value is implemented as an integer representing the value as if converted to pennies
  - An integer allows exact representation of the value
  - Type long is used to allow larger values
- Two friend functions, equal and add, are used
  - Handle two different objects

#### Sample Dialogue

```
Enter an amount of money: $123.45
Your amount is $123.45
My amount is $10.09
One of us is richer.
$123.45 + $10.09 equals $133.54
```

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# Code for Money Class (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
 #include <cstdlib>
 #include <cctype>
 using namespace std;
 class Money
  public:
    friend Money add(Money amount1,
                      Money amount2);
    friend bool equal(Money amount1,
                     Money amount2);
    Money(long dollars, int cents);
    Money(long dollars);
    Money();
    double getValue();
    void input(istream& ins);
    void output(ostream& outs);
  private:
    long allCents;
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```

```
Money::Money(long dollars, int cents)
  if(dollars*cents < 0)
     cout << "Illegal values for dollars and cents.\n";
     exit(1);
  allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
Money::Money(long dollars): allCents(dollars*100)
  //Body intentionally blank.
Money::Money(): allCents(0)
  //Body intentionally blank.
double Money::getValue()
  return (allCents * 0.01);
```

# Code for Money Class (2/3)

```
void Money::input(istream& ins)
  char oneChar, decimalPoint, digit1, digit2;
  long dollars;
  int cents;
  bool negative;
  ins >> oneChar;
  if (oneChar == '-')
     negative = true;
    ins >> oneChar; //read '$'
  else negative = false;
  ins >> dollars >> decimalPoint >> digit1
     >> digit2;
  if (oneChar!='$'|| decimalPoint!='.'
     ||!isdigit(digit1)||!isdigit(digit2))
     cout << "Illegal input form\n";
     exit(1);
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```

```
cents = digitToInt(digit1)*10 + digitToInt(digit2);
  allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
  if (negative)
     allCents = -allCents;
void Money::output(ostream& outs)
  long positiveCents, dollars, cents;
  positiveCents = labs(allCents);
  dollars = positiveCents/100;
  cents = positiveCents%100;
  if (allCents < 0)
     outs << "-$" << dollars << '.';
     outs << "$" << dollars << '.';
  if (cents < 10)
     outs << '0';
  outs << cents;
}
```

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# Code for Money Class (3/3)

```
cout << "Enter an amount of money: ";
yourAmount.input(cin);
cout << "Your amount is";
vourAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
cout << "My amount is";
myAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
if (equal(yourAmount, myAmount))
  cout << "We have same amounts.\n";
else cout << "One of us is richer.\n";
ourAmount = add(yourAmount, myAmount);
yourAmount.output(cout);
cout << " + ";
myAmount.output(cout);
cout << " equals ";
ourAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
return 0;
```



# Dealing with Input Dollar Values

- The member function input processes the dollar values entered
  - Ex: \$20.48, -\$17.92, ... (including both char and int)
- 1. Read the first character (can be \$ or —)
  - If it is the minus sign (-), set the negative flag as TRUE and read the next \$ sign
  - For others, set the negative flag as FALSE and do nothing (the \$ sign has been read in already)
- 2. Read the first number (dollar amount) as a long
  - Stop at the period (.) because it is not a number
- 3. Read the decimal point and cents as 3 characters
  - You have only two digits for cents
  - digitToInt will convert the cents characters to integers



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# The Function digitToInt

digitToInt is defined as

return ( static\_cast<int> ( c ) - static\_cast<int>( '0' ) );

- Input c is a character for one digit, such as '3'
  - This is the character '3' not the number 3
- The type cast static\_cast<int>(c) returns the ASCII code that represents the character stored in c
- The ASCII codes for digits are in order
  - int('0') + 1 is equivalent to int('1')
  - int('1') + 1 is equivalent to int('2')
- If c is '0', int(c) int('0') = integer 0
  - If c is '0', int(c) int('0') = integer 1

(ASCII) Code	
	b7 b6 b5
$b_4b_3b_2b_1$	011
0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	8
1001	9



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#### **Class Parameters**

- By default, class parameters are passed into a function by value
  - This results in two copies of the argument
  - However, a class can have many members in it ...
- It is more efficient to use call-by-reference mechanism for class parameters
  - There is only one copy of the argument
- When using a call-by-reference parameter
  - If the function does not change the value of the parameter, mark the parameter as constant
  - Prevent the data from being changed unintentionally

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#### const Parameter Modifier

- To mark a call-by-reference class parameter:
  - Use the modifier const before the parameter type (class name)
  - The class becomes a constant parameter
  - const used in both function declaration and definition
- Example (from the Money class):
  - A function declaration with constant parameters
     friend Money add(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
  - A function definition with constant parameters
     Money add(const Money& amount1

```
Money add(const Money& amount1,
const Money& amount2)
```



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#### const and Accessor Functions

- When a function has a constant parameter, compiler has to protect the parameter from being changed
  - What if the parameter calls a member function?
  - It may change the internal of a constant object !!
- For example, there is an accessor function call from the constant parameter amount1

```
Money add(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
{ ... amount1.output(cout); }
```

- The compiler will not accept this code
  - No guarantee that output will not modify the object



#### const Modifies Functions

- To allow a constant parameter make a member function call:
  - The called member function must be marked so the compiler knows it will not modify the object
  - Add const after the parameter list and just before the semicolon
  - const used in both function declaration and definition
- Example (from the Money class):
  - A function declaration without changing any member data void output(ostream& outs) const;
  - A function definition without changing any member data
     void Money::output(ostream& outs) const
     { ... }



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#### const Wrapup

- Using const to protect the call-by-reference class parameters improves efficiency and keeps safety
  - const is added in front of the class name
- Member functions called by constant parameters must also be constant
  - const is added following the parameter list
- If a member function will not change any member values, add
   const modifier to it

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```
class Money
{
public:
  friend Money add(const Money& amount1,
                    const Money& amount2);
  friend bool equal(const Money& amount1,
                   const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
private:
  long allCents;
};
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```



#### Code Example of Constant Object

- Constant object can use constant functions only !!
  - Non-constant object has no restrictions

```
class DayOfYear
                                              {
 public:
  friend bool equal(DayOfYear date1,
                     DayOfYear date2);
   DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay);
   DayOfYear();
   void input();
   void output( ) const;
   int getMonth(); // make it non-const
   int getDay() const;
private:
  void checkDate( );
  int month;
   int day;
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```

```
int main()
   DayOfYear date1; // non-constant object
   const DayOfYear date2(3, 21); // constant
     // non-constant object
   date1.input();
                    // non-constant function
   date1.output(); // constant function
   cout << date1.getMonth() // non-const func</pre>
        << date1.getDay(); // constant func
     // constant object
X date2.input();
                   // non-constant function

√ date2.output( ); // constant function

x cout << date2.getMonth() // non-const func</pre>
        << date2.getDay();
                              // constant func
   return 0;
```

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# Why Operator Overloading?

- All operators for built-in types are defined in C++
  - Ex: for *int*, we have +, -, \*, /, =, %, ==, ...
- For user-defined types, e.g. the Money class, can we also use "operators" for them?
  - Function add was used to add two objects of type Money in previous examples

```
Money total, cost, tax;
...
total = add(cost, tax);
// can we use total = cost + tax ?
```

- Those operators are unknown without redefinition
- Operator overloading contributes to C++ extensibility
  - Make a program clearer than using function calls

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# **Operators As Functions**

- Operators, ex: +, −, \*, /, %, are actually functions
- They are just invoked in different syntax
  - An ordinary function call enclosed its arguments in parenthesis, ex: add(cost, tax)
  - With a binary operator, the arguments are on either side of the operator, ex: cost + tax
  - answer =  $cost + tax \leftarrow \rightarrow answer = +(cost, tax)$
- To overload the + operator for the Money class, the definition is nearly the same as function add
  - Use the name + in place of the name add
  - Use keyword operator in front of the +
  - Ex: friend Money operator + (const Money& amount1...

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# **Operator Overloading Rules**

- Operator overloading works on objects only !!
  - At least one argument must be of a class type
- An overloaded operator can be a friend of a class
- Most existing operators are allowed to be overloaded
  - You cannot invent a whole new operator !!
  - ., ::, \*, and ternary operator (?:) cannot be overloaded
- The number of arguments for an operator cannot be changed
  - You cannot define a unary % or a ternary +
- The same precedence and associativity still hold
  - Ex: b = b + c \* a;  $\rightarrow b = (b + (c*a))$ ; even a, b, c are of type Money

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#### Example for Operator Overloading (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
class Money
public:
  friend Money operator +(const Money&
       amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
       amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
  long allCents;
```

```
Two overloaded operators + and == are demonstrated
```



#### Example for Operator Overloading (2/2)

```
int main( )
{
    Money cost(1, 50), tax(0, 15), total;
    total = cost + tax;

    cout << "cost = ";
    cost.output(cout);
    cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
cout << "tax = ";
tax.output(cout);
cout << endl;
cout << "total bill = ";
total.output(cout);
cout << endl;
if (cost == tax)
    cout << "Move to another state.\n";
else
    cout << "Things seem normal.\n";
return 0;
}</pre>
```

#### **Output**

```
cost = $1.50
tax = $0.15
total bill = $1.65
Things seem normal.
```



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# **Automatic Type Conversion**

Does this code actually work??

Money baseAmount(100, 60), fullAmount; fullAmount = baseAmount + 25;

- Integer 25 is not of type Money !!
- When the compiler sees baseAmount + 25, it first looks for an overloaded + operator to perform MoneyObject + integer
  - Ex: friend Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const int& amount2);
- If the appropriate version of + is not found, the compiler looks for a constructor that takes an int
  - The constructor Money(long dollars) converts 25 to a Money object so the two values can be added!

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#### A Constructor for double

- (baseAmount + 25) is supported through proper constructor
- (baseAmount + 25.67) will cause an error !!
  - There is no constructor in the Money class that takes a single argument of type double
- To permit (baseAmount + 25.67), the following constructor should be declared and defined class Money { public:

Money(double amount);
// Initialize object so its value is \$amount



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# Returning Constant Objects

- What's the difference of these two versions?
  - Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
  - const Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
- Consider the following example:

```
Money a(5), b(1,50), c(0,15);
if ((a+b) = c) // an error version of (a+b) == c ...
```

- (a+b)=c has no error in non-constant version, but causes compilation error in constant version
- Returning constant object is preferred !!

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# **Overloading Unary Operators**

- Unary operators can be overloaded, too
  - They take only one single argument
- The unary operator is used to negate a value
- ++ and - are also unary operators
  - Need special handling for prefix and postfix issues
  - Discussed later in another section
- In the next example, operator is overloaded as two different versions (binary vs unary)
  - Two arguments: subtract two Money objects
     Ex: amount3 = amount1 amount2;
  - One argument: negate the value in a Money object
     Ex: amount3 = -amount1;

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# Class Definition with Overloading

```
Same function name with
class Money
              different number of arguments
public:
  friend Money operator +(const Money&
       amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money&
        amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money& amount);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
        amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
private:
  long allCents;
```

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# Overloading << and >>

- The insertion operator << is a binary operator</li>
  - The first operand is the output stream
  - The second operand is the value following <<</li>

```
cout << "Hello out there.\n";
```

Operand 1
Operator

Operand 2

- Overloading the << operator allows us to use << instead of Money's output function</li>
  - Given the declaration: Money amount(100); amount.output(cout); → cout << amount;</p>

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#### What Does << Return?

- Because << is a binary operator cout << "I have " << amount << " in my purse."; seems as if it could be grouped as ((cout << "I have") << amount) << "in my purse.";</p>
- To provide cout as an argument for << amount, (cout << "I have") must return cout</li>
- Based on the previous example, << should return its first argument, the output stream

```
class Money
{
    public:
        ...
    friend ostream& operator << (ostream& outs, const Money& amount);
```

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#### Overloaded << Definition

The following defines the << operator</li>

- The & means a reference is returned instead of value
  - The value of a stream might be an entire file, the keyboard, or the screen!
- Returning the stream itself is more efficient

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#### Overloaded >>

- Overloading the >> operator for input is very similar to overloading the << for output</li>
- >> could be defined this way for the Money class:

```
istream& operator >>(istream& ins, Money& amount)
{
    // Same as the body of Money::input
    // Internal variable allCents is replaced with
    // amount.allCents from the given object
    return ins;
}
```





# Money Class with Operators (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
int digitToInt(char c);
class Money
public:
  friend Money operator +(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money& amount);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
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```

```
friend istream& operator >>(istream&
                     ins, Money& amount);
  friend ostream& operator <<(ostream&
              outs, const Money& amount);
private:
  long allCents;
};
istream& operator >>(istream& ins, Money&
                                    amount)
   char oneChar, decimalPoint, digit1, digit2;
  long dollars;
  int cents;
  bool negative;
  ins >> oneChar;
  if (oneChar == '-')
     negative = true;
     ins >> oneChar; //read '$'
```

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# Money Class with Operators (2/3)

```
negative = false;
ins >> dollars >> decimalPoint >> digit1
   >> digit2;
if ( oneChar != `$' || decimalPoint != `.'
   || !isdigit(digit1) || !isdigit(digit2) )
   cout << " Illegal input form\n";
   exit(1);
cents = digitToInt(digit1)*10 + digitToInt(digit2);
amount.allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
if (negative)
   amount.allCents = -amount.allCents;
return ins;
```

```
ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs,
                       const Money& amount)
   long positiveCents, dollars, cents;
  positiveCents = labs(amount.allCents);
  dollars = positiveCents/100;
  cents = positiveCents%100;
   if (amount.allCents < 0)
     outs << "-$" << dollars << '.';
  else
     outs << "$" << dollars << '.';
  if (cents < 10)
     outs << '0';
  outs << cents;
   return outs;
}
```

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# Money Class with Operators (3/3)

```
outStream.open("outfile.dat");
if (outStream.fail( ))
{
    cout << "Output file opening failed.\n";
    exit(1);
}

inStream >> amount;
outStream << amount
    << " copied from the file infile.dat.\n";
cout << amount
    << " copied from the file infile.dat.\n";
inStream.close( );
outStream.close( );
return 0;
}</pre>
```



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#### **Arrays and Classes**

Arrays can use structures/classes as their base types

Use the dot operator to access the members of an indexed variable

```
■ Example: for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)

{

dataPoint.velocity[i]
has different meaning
→ explained later ...

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)

{

cout << "Enter velocity: ";
cin >> dataPoint[i].velocity;
}
```

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# An Array of Class Money

Use default constructor to initialize each variable in array

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

class Money
{    // same definition as in previous examples };
int main()
{
    Money amount[5], max;
    int i;

    cout << "Enter 5 amounts of money:\n";
    cin >> amount[0];
    max = amount[0];
    for (i = 1; i < 5; i++)
    {
        cin >> amount[i];
        if (max < amount[i])
            max = amount[i];
        }
}</pre>
```

```
Money difference[5];
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)
   difference[i] = max - amount[i];
cout << "The highest amount is "
     << max << endl;
cout << "The amounts and their\n"
     << "differences from the largest are:\n";
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)
   cout << amount[i] << " off by "
        << difference[i] << endl;
              Sample Dialogue
return 0;
              $5.00 $10.00 $19.99 $20.00 $12.79
              The amounts and their
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              $20.00 off by $0.00
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              $12.79 off by $7.21
```



#### Arrays as Structure Members

- A structure can contain an array as a member
  - Example: struct Data
    {
     double time[10];
     int distance;
     };
     Data myBest;
  - myBest contains an array of type double
- To access the array elements within a structure
  - Use the dot operator to identify the array within the structure
  - Use the [ ]'s to identify the indexed variable desired
  - Example: myBest.time[i] → the ith variable of the array time in the structure object myBest

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# Arrays as Class Members

- Class TemperatureList includes an array
  - The array, named list, contains temperatures
  - Member variable size is the number of items stored





#### Overview of TemperatureList

- To create an object of type TemperatureList:
  - TemperatureList myData;
- To add a temperature to the list:
  - myData.add\_temperature(77);
- A check is made to see if the array is full
  - The member function full()
- << is overloaded so output of the list is easy</p>
  - cout << myData;</li>



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#### Member Functions of TemperatureList

```
TemperatureList::TemperatureList(): size(0)
{
    //Body intentionally empty.
}
bool TemperatureList::full() const
{
    return (size == MAX_LIST_SIZE);
}

ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const TemperatureList& theObject)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < theObject.size; i++)
        outs << theObject.list[i] << " F\n";
    return outs;
}</pre>
```

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# Classes and Dynamic Arrays

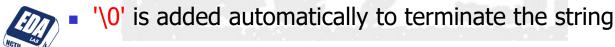
- A dynamic array can have a class as its base type
- A class can have a member variable that is a dynamic array
- Ex: the class StringVar
  - StringVar objects will be string variables
  - StringVar objects use dynamic arrays whose size is determined when the program is running
  - The StringVar class is similar to the string class discussed earlier





# The StringVar Implementation

- The size of the array is not determined until the array is declared
- StringVar constructors call new to create the dynamic array for member variable values
  - Default constructor: creates an object with maximum string length (100)
  - 2nd constructor: takes an integer argument which determines the maximum string length of the object
  - 3rd constructor: takes a C-string argument and creates an object with the same string length and contents
  - 4th constructor (copy constructor): discussed later





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# The StringVar Interface

- Its interface includes these member functions:
  - int length();
  - void input\_line(istream& ins);
  - friend ostream& operator <<
     (ostream& outs, const
     StringVar& theString);</li>
- Two special functions will be discussed later ...
  - Copy Constructor
  - Destructor

```
class StringVar
{
public:
  StringVar(int size);
  StringVar();
  StringVar(const char a[]);
  StringVar(const StringVar& stringObject);
   ~StringVar();
  int length() const;
  void input_line(istream& ins);
  friend ostream& operator <<(ostream&
             outs, const StringVar& theString);
private:
  char *value;
  int max length;
};
```

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# Demo Class StringVar (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cstddef>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;

StringVar::StringVar(int size) : maxLength(size)

{
    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    //+1 is for '\0'
    value[0] = '\0'; // initially an empty string
}

StringVar::StringVar() : maxLength(100)
{
    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    //+1 is for '\0'
    value[0] = '\0'; // initially an empty string
}
```

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# Demo Class StringVar (2/2)

```
void conversation(int maxNameSize);
int main()
{
    using namespace std;
    conversation(30);
    cout << "End of demonstration.\n";
    return 0;
}

void conversation(int maxNameSize)
{
    using namespace std;
    StringVar your_name(maxNameSize);
    StringVar our_name("Borg");
    cout << "What is your name?\n";
    your_name.input_line(cin);
    cout << "We are " << our_name << endl;
    cout << "We will meet again " << your_name << endl;
}</pre>
```



#### **Destructors**

- Dynamic variables do not "go away" unless deleted
  - Even if a local pointer variable goes away at the end of a function, the allocated memory space still remains
- A destructor is a member function that is called automatically when an object goes out of scope
  - Delete all dynamic variables created by the object
  - A class has only one destructor with no arguments
  - The name of the destructor is distinguished from the default constructor by the tilde symbol ~

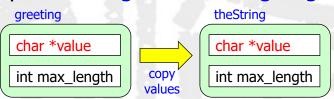
```
StringVar::~StringVar()
     Example:
                                                            Return the memory
                                                           space for whole array
                            delete [ ] value;
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```



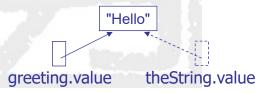
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# Why Need a Copy Constructor? (1/2)

- The default assignment operator will copy values of a object into another
  - Even the memory address in a pointer variable
- StringVar theString = greeting; For example:



- Since the two pointers have the same memory address, they now point to the same dynamic array
  - Do you really want to share the same data between two separated objects ??





#### Why Need a Copy Constructor? (2/2)

- Given a function that prints out the given object
  - void showString(StringVar theString) { ...}
- When function showString is called, greeting is copied into theString, including memory address
  - StringVar greeting("Hello"); showString(greeting); cout << greeting << endl;</li>
- When showString ends, the destructor for theString will be executed automatically
  - Delete the dynamic memory pointed by greeting.value

Get trouble for next cout !!

greeting.value

undefined

theString.value

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# StringVar Copy Constructor

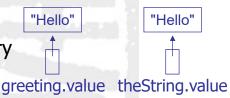
- A copy constructor is a constructor with one parameter of the same type as the class
  - The parameter is a call-by-reference parameter
  - The parameter is usually a constant parameter
  - The constructor creates a complete, independent copy of its argument
- The StringVar copy constructor creates a new dynamic array for a copy of the argument
  - Making a new copy, protects the original from changes

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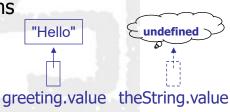


#### Copy Constructor Demonstration

- Using the same example, but with a copy constructor defined
  - greeting.value and theString.value point to different locations in memory



- When theString goes out of scope, the destructor is called, returning theString.value to the freestore
  - greeting.value still exists and can be accessed or deleted without problems







- When a class definition involves pointers and dynamically allocated memory using "new"
  - Classes that do not involve pointers and dynamically allocated memory do not need copy constructors
- The big three include
  - The copy constructor
  - The assignment operator
  - The destructor
- If you need to define one, you need to define all





# Overloading = (Assignment)

- Given two objects, the following assignment is legal but encounters the pointer issue
  - StringVar string(10), string2(20); string1 = string2;
- The solution is to overload the assignment operator = so it works for StringVar
  - operator = is overloaded as a member function
  - Ex: void operator=(const StringVar& rightSide);
    - rightSide is the argument from the right side of the = operator



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# First Draft of = for StringVar

- Compares the lengths of the two StringVar's
- If there are too many characters, only copy as many characters as the max capacity in the left-hand object
- Makes an independent copy of the right-hand object in the left-hand object

```
void StringVar::operator=(const StringVar& rightSide)
{
   int newLength = strlen(rightSide.value);
   if (( newLength) > maxLength)
      newLength = maxLength;

   for(int i = 0; i < newLength; i++)
      value[i] = rightSide.value[i];

   value[newLength] = '\0';
}</pre>
```

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#### Another Attempt of = for StringVar

- Usually we want a copy of the right-hand argument regardless of its size
- We need to delete the array in the left-hand argument and allocate a new array large enough for source array

```
void StringVar::operator=(const StringVar& rightSide)
{
    delete [ ] value;
    int newLength = strlen(rightSide.value);
    maxLength = newLength;

    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    for(int i = 0; i < newLength; i++)
        value[i] = rightSide.value[i];

    value[newLength] = '\0';
}</pre>
```



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## A Better Version of = for StringVar

- What happens if we happen to have the same object on each side of the assignment operator?
  - myString = myString;
- If the array in the left-hand argument is deleted, we will have no source array to copy from
  - Pre-check condition is required

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# Using the this Pointer

- Do member functions know which object's data members to manipulate?
  - How to represent the concept of "this" object?
- In C++, every object has access to its own address through a pointer called this (a reserved keyword)
  - The this pointer is an implicit argument to each of the object's non-static member functions
- Objects can use the this pointer to reference their members implicitly or explicitly (ex: this->member)
  - Open a backdoor for your object?? → should be careful
- The type of the this pointer depends on the object
  - If the member function using this pointer is declared const, it is also treated as a pointer to constant object

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#### Demo the this Pointer

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

class Test
{
  public:
    Test(int value=0);
    void print() const;
private:
    int x;
};

Test::Test(int value) : x(value)
{
    //Body intentionally blank.
}
```

```
x = 12
this->x = 12
(*this).x = 12
```



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#### **Cascaded Member Function Calls**

- Another use of the *this* pointer is to enable cascaded member-function calls
  - Return the reference of current object as the subject for the next member function call
  - Invoking multiple functions in the same statement
- In next example, the class Time's set functions are modified to return a reference to a Time object
- How does it work?
  - Remember the dot operator (.) associates from left to right
  - After t.setHour(18) is executed, it returns a reference to the object t
  - t.setHour(18).setMinute(30) becomes t.setMinute(30)

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#### Demo Cascaded Function Call (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
class Time
{
public:
  Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0);
// set functions that enable cascading
  Time &setTime( int, int ); // set all variables
  Time &setHour( int );
                           // set hour
  Time &setMinute( int ); // set minute
  Time &setSecond( int ); // set second
// get functions declared const
  int getHour() const;
                           // return hour
  int getMinute() const; // return minute
  int getSecond() const; // return second
// print functions declared const
  void printUniversal() const; // universal time
   void printStandard() const; // standard time
```

```
private:
  int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
  int minute; // 0 - 59
  int second; // 0 - 59
}; // end class Time
// default values are 0 (see class definition)
Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
  setTime( hr, min, sec );
} // end Time constructor
// set values of hour, minute, and second
Time &Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
  setHour( h );
  setMinute( m );
  setSecond(s);
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setTime
```

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#### Demo Cascaded Function Call (2/3)

```
// set hour value
Time &Time::setHour( int h )
  hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24)?h:0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setHour
// set minute value
Time &Time::setMinute( int m )
  minute = (m >= 0 \&\& m < 60)? m: 0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setMinute
// set second value
Time &Time::setSecond( int s )
{
  second = (s \ge 0 \&\& s < 60)? s: 0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
  // end function setSecond
```

```
// get hour value
int Time: :getHour() const
{
    return hour;
} // end function getHour

// get minute value
int Time: :getMinute() const
{
    return minute;
} // end function getMinute

// get second value
int Time: :getSecond() const
{
    return second;
} // end function getSecond
```

#### Demo Cascaded Function Call (3/3)

```
int main()
{
    Time t; // create Time object

// cascaded function calls
    t.setHour(18).setMinute(30).setSecond(22);

// output time in universal and standard formats
    cout « "Universal time: ";
    t.printUniversal();
    cout « "\nStandard time: ";
    t.printStandard();

// cascaded function calls
    cout « "\n\nNew standard time:
    t.setTime( 20, 20, 20 ).printStandard();
    cout « endl;
} // end main
```



Universal time: 18:30:22 Standard time: 6:30:22 PM New standard time: 8:20:20 PM

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# Handle Prefix/Postfix Operators

- As you may know, increment/decrement operators can be prefix or postfix
  - Prefix: ++x, --x
  - Postfix: y++, y--
- All prefix/postfix operators need Ivalues
  - ++i: ok, the integer variable i can appear on the left-hand side of an assignment operator
  - ++5: error, 5 is even not a variable, which cannot appear on the left-hand side of an assignment operator
- What is returned in a prefix/postfix operation?
  - Prefix increment/decrement operators return Ivalues
  - Postfix increment/decrement operators don't
    - They return constant object instead

# Demo Prefix/Postfix Operators

```
class LLint // class for long precision integer
                        Just a mark
 public:
                        for postfix.
   LLint( int );
                       Not a real int
   LLint();
   // increment & decrement operators
   LLint & operator ++(); // prefix ++
   const LLint operator ++( int ); // postfix ++
   LLint & operator --(); // prefix --
   const LLint operator -- (int); // postfix -
   // other overloaded operators, such as +=
   // implementation dependent, ex: int array
 }; // end class Llint
 // prefix increment operator
                                 No calls to
 LLint &LLint::operator++( )
                                 copy ctor!!
    *this += 1; // use overloaded +=
   return *this;
   // end prefix increment
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```

```
// postfix increment operator
const LLint LLint::operator++( int )
  LLint old(*this); // invoke copy constructor
               // invoke prefix ++
   ++(*this);
                  // return the previous value
  return old;
} // end postfix increment
// You can implement -- in similar way
int main()
  LLint i=10;
            // i = 11, --> i.operator++()
  ++i;
            // i = 12, --> i.operator++(0)
  i++;
   ++++i; // i = 14, -->
            // (i.operator++()).operator++()
  i++++; // error
}
     LLint can act just like int!!
```

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# Summary of Prefix/Postfix Ops

- Both unary ++/-- operators can be prefix or postfix
  - Postfix operator has a redundant int in its argument
- Conventions
  - They are overloaded by non-static member functions
  - Prefix ++/-- return \*this
  - Postfix ++/-- return const object
- Typically, prefix is more efficient than postfix
  - No extra call to copy constructor
  - Prefer using prefix ++/-- whenever possible
- Implementing new functions based on old functions improves maintainability
  - Ex: prefix++ uses +=; postfix++ uses prefix++

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