### PKG 09: MODERN C++ SMART POINTERS, "AUTOMATIC" MEMORY MANAGEMENT

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WHY SMART POINTERS? The basics.

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- Although necessary at time, dynamic memory is notoriously tricky to manage correctly. Programs tend to use dynamic memory for one of 3 purposes:
  - 1. They do not know how many objects they will need.
  - 2. They do not know the precise type of the objects they need.
  - 3. They want to share data between several objects.
- One common reason to use dynamic memory is to allow multiple objects to share the  $\underline{\text{same}}$  14  $\underline{\text{state}}$ .

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- For same reasons as we usually initialize variables, it is also a good idea to initialize dynamically allocated objects.
- 18 Dynamic memory managed through built-in pointers (rather than smart pointers) exists 19 until it is explicitly freed/deleted.
- Managing Dynamic Memory is Error-Prone. There are three common problems with using <u>new</u> and delete to manage dynamic memory:
  - 1. Forgetting to <u>delete</u> memory: Neglecting to delete dynamic memory is known as a "memory leak," because the memory is never returned to the Free-store. Testing for memory leaks is difficult because they usually cannot be detected until the application is run for a long enough time to actually exhaust memory.
  - 2. Using an object after it has been deleted: This error can sometimes be detected by making the pointer null after the delete.
  - 3. Deleting the same memory twice: This error can happen when two pointers address the same dynamically allocated object. If <u>delete</u> is applied to one of the pointers, then the object's memory is returned to the Free-store. If we subsequently <u>delete</u> the second pointer, then the Free-store may be corrupted.
  - You can avoid all of the above problems by using smart pointers exclusively. The smart pointers will take care of deleting the memory only when there are no remaining smart pointers pointing to that memory.
- It is dangerous to use a built-in pointer to access an object owned by a smart pointer because we may not know when that object is destroyed.
- 37 Use <u>get</u> (function) only to pass access to the pointer to code that you know will not 38 <u>delete</u> the pointer. In particular, never use <u>get</u> to initialize or assign (the object) 39 to another smart pointer.

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### When to use Smart Pointers?

- Code which involves tracking the ownership of a piece of memory, allocating or de-allocating memory. The smart pointers often save you the need to do things explicitly.
- 2. Objects that must be allocated with <u>new</u>, but you like to have the same lifetime as other objects/variables on the Run-time stack. Objects assigned to smart pointers will be deleted when program exits that function or block.
- 3. Data members of classes, so when an object is deleted all the owned data is deleted as well (without any special code in the destructor).

### When not to use Smart Pointers (or better to use Raw Pointers)?

- 1. Memory ownership is obvious such as in a function which gets a pointer from a parameter and do not allocate, deallocate, or store a copy of a pointer which outlasts a function execution.
- 2. The pointer should not actually own data. For example, when you are just using the data, but you want it to survive the function.
- The smart pointer is not itself going to be destroyed at some point. You do not want it to sit in the memory that never gets destroyed.
  - 4. If 2 smart pointers point to the same data, then consider unique ptr.

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59
      SMART POINTERS: unique ptr
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 61
      // Name.h
 62
      #pragma once
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      class Name {
 66
      public:
 67
            Name();
 68
            Name(const string &, const string &);
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 70
            ~Name();
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 72
            string getFirstName() const;
73
            string getLastName() const;
 74
            string getName() const;
 75
            void setName(const string &, const string &);
 76
 77
      private:
 78
            string firstName{ "N/A" };
 79
            string lastName{ "N/A" };
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 82
      // Name.cpp
      #include "Name.h"
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 85
     Name::Name() {}
86
      Name::Name(const string & firstName, const string & lastName)
 87
            : firstName(firstName), lastName(lastName) {
 88
 89
 90
      Name::~Name() {
 91
            cout << "Name, Destructor: " << this << ", " << this->getName() << endl;</pre>
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 93
      string Name::getFirstName() const {
 94
            return this->firstName;
 95
 96
      string Name::getLastName() const {
 97
            return this->lastName;
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99
      string Name::getName() const {
100
            return this->firstName + " " + this->lastName;
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      void Name::setName(const string& firstName, const string& lastName) {
103
            this->firstName = firstName;
104
            this->lastName = lastName;
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      }
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      unique ptr: Provides unique ownership of an object. During the time that an instance
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      of this class, known as unique pointer, references an object, no other smart pointer
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      can reference the same object. A unique pointer uses a simplified form of reference
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      counting to maintain a reference count of either 0 or 1 for its managed object.
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      shared ptr: Provides shared ownership of an object. Several instances of this class
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      can reference the same object. These instances, which we will call shared pointers,
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      use reference counting to detect when an object is no longer reachable by a smart
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      pointer.
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      weak_ptr: Provides a "weak," or non-owing, reference to an object that is already
      managed by a shared pointer. Since a weak pointer does not have ownership of the
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      object, it cannot affect the object's lifetime. That is, you cannot use this type of
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      pointer to delete object. You can use it when you want two objects to reference each
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      other. Weak pointers do not use reference counting.
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122
      SMART POINTERS: unique ptr
123
      mickey, uPtr, @:
                               008FF8B4
                                                             goofy, owned obj @: 00BFA328
                                                             Name, Destructor: 00BFA328, Mickey Mouse
      mickey, uPtr, value :
                               00RFA328
124
      mickey, uPtr, owned obj @: 00BFA328
                                                             goofy, owned obj @: 00000000
125
126
                                                             minnie, owned obj @:
                                                                                 00BF9EB0
      Syntax: Mickey Mouse
127
                                                             minnie, owned obj @:
      Syntax: Mickey Super Mouse
128
      Syntax: Mouse
                                                             tempRawPtr, pointee @: 00BF9EB0
129
                                                             daisy, owned obj @:
                                                                                 00BF9EB0
130
      mickey, uPtr, @:
                         008FF8B4
131
      mickey, owned obj @: 00000000
                                                                                00BFA188 | Donald Duck
                                                             donald, owned obj:
      goofy, uPtr@:
                         008FF8A8
132
                                                             sylvester, owned obj: 00BFA1F0
      goofy, owned obj @: 00BFA328
133
                                                             donald, owned obj:
                                                                                00BFA1F0
                                                                                          Sylvester Cat
                                                             sylvester, owned obj: 00BFA188 | Donald Duck
134
      int main() {
             unique ptr<Name> mickey{ make unique<Name>("Mickey", "Mouse") };
135
136
             cout << "mickey, uPtr, @:</pre>
                                                    " << &mickey
                                                                        << endl;
137
             cout << "mickey, uPtr, value :</pre>
                                                 " << mickey
                                                                        << endl;
138
             cout << "mickey, uPtr, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
139
140
             // Syntax
141
             cout << "Syntax: " << mickey->getName()
                                                             << endl;
142
             mickey->setName("Mickey", "Super Mouse");
143
             cout << "Syntax: " << mickey->getName()
                                                             << endl;
144
             mickey->setName("Mickey", "Mouse");
145
             cout << "Syntax: " << mickey->getLastName() << endl;</pre>
146
             // move()
147
148
             // unique ptr<Name> goofy = mickey; // Compile Error
149
             unique ptr<Name> goofy{ move(mickey) };
150
             cout << "mickey, uPtr, @:</pre>
                                          " << &mickey
                                                                  << endl;
             cout << "mickey, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
151
                                              " << &goofy
152
             cout << "goofy, uPtr @:</pre>
                                                                  << endl;
153
             cout << "goofy, owned obj @: " << goofy.get() << endl;</pre>
154
155
             // reset()
156
             cout << "goofy, owned obj @: " << goofy.get() << endl;</pre>
157
             goofy.reset();
158
             cout << "goofy, owned obj @: " << goofy.get() << endl;</pre>
159
             // reset(), release()
160
161
             unique ptr<Name> minnie{ make unique<Name>("Minnie", "Mouse") };
162
             cout << "minnie, owned obj @: " << minnie.get() << endl;</pre>
163
164
             unique ptr<Name> daisy{ nullptr };
165
             Name *tmpRawPointer{ minnie.release() };
166
             daisy.reset(tmpRawPointer);
             cout << "minnie, owned obj @: " << minnie.get() << endl;</pre>
167
             cout << "tempRawPtr, pointee @: " << tmpRawPointer << endl;</pre>
168
169
             cout << "daisy, owned obj @:</pre>
                                                " << daisy.get()</pre>
170
             tmpRawPointer = nullptr; // * remove backdoor access
171
172
173
             unique ptr<Name> donald{ make unique<Name>("Donald", "Duck") };
174
             unique_ptr<Name> sylvester{ make_unique<Name>("Sylvester", "Cat") };
175
                                                                        << donald->getName();
176
                                              " << donald << " | "
             cout << "donald, owned obj:</pre>
177
             cout << "sylvester, owned obj: " << sylvester << " | " << sylvester->getName();
178
             swap(donald, sylvester); // or donald.swap(sylvester);
179
             cout << "donald, owned obj: " << donald << " | "</pre>
                                                                         << donald->getName();
             cout << "sylvester, owned obj: " << sylvester << " | " << sylvester->getName();
180
181
                                                           END OF PROGRAM
182
             cout << "\nEND OF PROGRAM" << endl;</pre>
                                                           Name, Destructor: 00BFA188, Donald Duck
183
             return 0;
                                                          Name, Destructor: 00BFA1F0, Sylvester Cat
184
      }
                                                           Name, Destructor: 00BF9EB0, Minnie Mouse
```

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185
      SMART POINTERS: shared ptr
186
      mickey, sPtr, @:
                                 004FF7B4
                                                          mickey, owned obj @:
                                                                                 00616044
187
      mickey, sPtr, value:
                                00616044
                                                          mickey, owned obj @:
                                                                                 00000000
188
      mickey, sPtr, owned obj @: 00616044
                                                          goofy, owned obj @:
                                                                                 00616044
189
                                                          goofy, owned obj@:
                                                                                 00000000
190
      .use count(): 5
                                                          minnie, owned obj @: 00616044
191
      .use_count(): 5
                                                          minnie, owned obj @: 00000000
192
      .unique():
                                                          donald, owned obj @: 006104DC
193
      .unique():
                                                          Name, Destructor: 006104DC, Pluto Dog
194
                                                          donald, owned obj @: 00000000
      ?before: 0 | 0
195
                                                          sylvester, owned obj @: 00616044
      ?before: 0 | 1
196
                                                          sylvester, owned obj @: 00000000
197
      Before swap(): 00616044 | 006104DC
198
                                                          END OF PROGRAM
      After swap(): 006104DC | 00616044
199
                                                          Name, Destructor: 00616044, Mickey Mouse
200
                                                          Name, Destructor: 00615D44, Daisy Duck
201
202
      #include "Name.h"
203
204
      int main() {
205
             shared ptr<Name> mickey{ make shared<Name>("Mickey", "Mouse") };
206
             cout << "mickey, sPtr, @: " << &mickey</pre>
207
             cout << "mickey, sPtr, value:</pre>
                                                   " << mickey
                                                                         << endl;
                                                                         << endl;
208
            cout << "mickey, sPtr, owned obj @: " << mickey.get()</pre>
209
210
             // use count(), unique()
211
             shared ptr<Name> minnie{ mickey }, goofy{ mickey }, donald{ mickey }, sylvester{mickey};
212
            cout << ".use count(): " << mickey.use count()</pre>
                                                                << endl;
            cout << ".use count(): " << sylvester.use count() << endl;</pre>
213
214
            cout << ".unique(): " << mickey.unique()</pre>
                                                                  << endl;
215
            cout << ".unique(): " << goofy.unique()</pre>
                                                                  << endl;
216
217
            // owner before()
218
            cout << "?before: " << mickey.owner_before(donald) << "|" << donald.owner_before(minnie);</pre>
            shared_ptr<Name> daisy{ make_shared<Name>("Daisy", "Duck") };
219
220
            cout << "?before: " << mickey.owner_before(daisy) << "|" << daisy.owner_before(mickey);</pre>
221
222
223
             shared ptr<Name> pluto{ make shared<Name>("Pluto", "Dog") };
224
            cout << "Before swap(): " << donald.get() << " | " << pluto.get() << endl;</pre>
225
            pluto.swap(donald);
226
            cout << "After swap(): " << donald.get() << " | " << pluto.get() << endl;</pre>
227
228
            // reset()
             cout << "mickey, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
229
230
            mickey.reset();
            cout << "mickey, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
231
232
            cout << "goofy, owned obj @: " << goofy.get() << endl;</pre>
233
            goofy.reset();
234
            cout << "goofy, owned obj @: " << goofy.get() << endl;</pre>
            cout << "minnie, owned obj @: " << minnie.get() << endl;</pre>
235
236
            minnie.reset();
            cout << "minnie, owned obj @: " << minnie.get() << endl;</pre>
237
            cout << "donald, owned obj @: " << donald.get() << endl;</pre>
238
239
            donald.reset();
240
            cout << "donald, owned obj @: "</pre>
                                                   << donald.get()
241
            cout << "sylvester, owned obj @: " << sylvester.get() << endl;</pre>
242
            sylvester.reset();
243
            cout << "sylvester, owned obj @: " << sylvester.get() << endl;</pre>
244
245
            cout << "\nEND OF PROGRAM" << endl;</pre>
246
            return 0;
247
      }
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248
      SMART POINTERS: weak ptr
249
      mickey, sPtr, @:
                                 004FFA40
                                                             minnie, not empty. Initialized.
250
      mickey, sPtr, value:
                                 00878FF4
                                                             # of references/owners: 2
251
      mickey, sPtr, owned obj @: 00878FF4
                                                             mickey, owned obj @:
                                                                                     008704F4
252
                                                             minnie, owned obj @:
                                                                                     008704F4
253
      weakMickey, wPtr, @:
                               004FFA30
                                                             .lock() returns:
                                                                                     008704F4
254
      weakMickey, wPtr, @:
                               004FFA30
255
      use_count(), # of references: 1
                                                             .lock(), observed obj type: class Name
256
      expired(), deleted?
                                                             .lock(), observed obj type: class Name
257
      Name, Destructor: 00878FF4, mickey mouse
258
      use_count(), # of references: 0
                                                             weakMickey, expired(): 0
259
      expired(), deleted?
                                                             weakMickey, expired(): 1
260
                                                             mickey, owned obj @: 008704F4
261
                                                             minnie, owned obj @:
                                                                                     008704F4
262
      int main() {
263
            shared ptr<Name> mickey{ make shared<Name>("mickey", "mouse") };
            cout << "mickey, sPtr, @: " << &mickey
cout << "mickey, sPtr, value: " << mickey</pre>
264
                                                                      << endl;
265
                                                                      << endl;
266
            cout << "mickey, sPtr, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
267
            weak ptr<Name> weakMickey{ mickey };
268
                                                    << &weakMickey << endl;
269
            cout << "weakMickey, wPtr, @: "</pre>
                                               11
                                                     << addressof(weakMickey) << endl;</pre>
270
            cout << "weakMickey, wPtr, @:</pre>
271
            // cout << "weakMickey, wPtr, value: " << weakMickey; // ERROR</pre>
            // cout << "weakMickey, wPtr, value: " << weakMickey.get(); // ERROR</pre>
272
            // cout << "weakMickey, wPtr, value: " << *weakMickey;</pre>
                                                                             // ERROR
273
274
            // use count(), expired()
275
276
            cout << "use count(), # of references: " << weakMickey.use count() << endl;</pre>
            cout << "expired(), deleted?</pre>
277
                                                      " << weakMickey.expired() << endl;
278
            mickey.reset();
279
            cout << "use count(), # of references: " << weakMickey.use count() << endl;</pre>
280
            cout << "expired(), deleted?</pre>
                                                      " << weakMickey.expired() << endl;
281
282
            // lock()
283
            mickey = make shared<Name>("iMickey", "iMouse");
284
            weakMickey = mickey;
285
286
            shared ptr<Name> minnie{ weakMickey.lock() };
287
            if (minnie) {
288
                   cout << "minnie, not empty. Initialized." << endl;</pre>
289
290
            cout << "# of references/owners: " << weakMickey.use count() << endl;</pre>
            cout << "mickey, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
291
                                              " << minnie.get() << endl;
            cout << "minnie, owned obj @:</pre>
292
                                              " << weakMickey.lock() << endl << endl;
            cout << ".lock() returns:</pre>
293
294
295
            // element type()
296
            cout << ".lock(), observed obj type: " << typeid(*weakMickey.lock()).name();</pre>
297
            weak ptr<Name>::element type goofy{ *weakMickey.lock() };
298
            cout << ".lock(), observed obj type: " << typeid(goofy).name();</pre>
299
300
            // reset()
301
            cout << "weakMickey, expired(): " << weakMickey.expired() << endl;</pre>
302
            weakMickey.reset();
303
            cout << "weakMickey, expired(): " << weakMickey.expired() << endl;</pre>
            cout << "mickey, owned obj @: " << mickey.get() << endl;</pre>
304
305
            cout << "minnie, owned obj @:</pre>
                                              " << minnie.get() << endl;
306
            cout << "\nEND OF PROGRAM" << endl;</pre>
307
                                                        END OF PROGRAM
308
            return 0;
                                                        Name, Destructor: 004FF9E0, iMickey iMouse
309
      }
                                                        Name, Destructor: 008704F4, iMickey iMouse
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311
      SMART POINTERS: weak ptr
312
                                                               Name, Destructor: 011053C0, Mickey Mouse
313
      // Weak vs. Raw
                                                               mickeyPtr points to: class Name
314
315
                                                               goofy wptr is dangling/stale: no
316
      int main(){
                                                               Name, Destructor: 011053C0, Goofy Dog
                                                               goofy_wptr is dangling/stale: YES
317
             // dangling/stale pointer - cannot check
318
319
             Name *mickey = new Name{ "Mickey", "Mouse" };
320
             Name *mickeyPtr{ mickey };
321
             delete mickey;
322
             mickey = nullptr;
323
             cout << "mickeyPtr points to: " << typeid(*mickeyPtr).name(); // ambiguous</pre>
324
             // cout << "mickeyPtr points to: " << mickeyPtr->getname();
325
             // dangling/stale pointer - can check
326
327
             shared_ptr<Name> goofy(new Name{ "Goofy", "Dog" });
328
             weak_ptr<Name> goofy_wptr{ goofy };
329
             cout << endl;</pre>
330
             cout << "goofy wptr is dangling/stale: ";</pre>
             cout << (goofy_wptr.expired() ? "YES" : "no") << endl;</pre>
331
332
             goofy.reset();
             cout << "goofy wptr is dangling/stale: ";</pre>
333
             cout << (goofy_wptr.expired() ? "YES" : "no") << endl;</pre>
334
335
336
                                                                             Mickey Mouse
337
             // more syntax: unique ptr
                                                                             Minnie Mouse
                                                                             Donald Duck
338
             vector<unique ptr<Name>> names;
                                                                             Pluto Dog
339
             names.push back(make unique <Name>("Mickey", "Mouse"));
                                                                             Sylvester Cat
             names.push_back(make_unique <Name>("Minnie", "Mouse"));
340
341
             names.push back(make unique <Name>("Donald", "Duck"));
                                                                             42 68 35 1 70 25 79
342
             names.push back(make unique <Name>("Pluto", "Dog"));
343
             names.push back(make unique <Name>("Sylvester", "Cat"));
                                                                             2 related shared_ptr: equal
344
345
             for (const auto& name : names) {
346
                   cout << name->getName() << endl;</pre>
347
             }
348
349
350
             // more syntax: unique ptr
                                                             END OF PROGRAM
                                                             Name, Destructor: 01105164, Tango Princess
351
             cout << endl;</pre>
                                                             Name, Destructor: 0110520C, Mulan Princess
             auto arr uptr{ make unique<int[]>(7) };
352
                                                             Name, Destructor: 01104F90, Cinderella Princess
             for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
353
                                                             Name, Destructor: 011053C0, Mickey Mouse
354
                   arr uptr[i] = rand() % 100 + 1;
                                                             Name, Destructor: 0110A548, Minnie Mouse
355
                   cout << arr uptr[i] << " ";</pre>
                                                             Name, Destructor: 01105D90, Donald Duck
                                                             Name, Destructor: 011004E8, Pluto Dog
356
             }
                                                             Name, Destructor: 01105E18, Sylvester Cat
357
358
             // more syntax: shared ptr, exception-safe, low construction overhead
             auto mulan{ make shared<Name>("Mulan", "Princess") };
359
                                                                                        // preferred
             shared ptr<Name> cinderella{ new Name{ "Cinderella", "Princess" }}; // 2 steps
360
             shared ptr<Name> tangled {nullptr};
361
362
             tangled = make shared<Name>("Tangled", "Princess");
363
             auto aNewPrincess1 { cinderella };
364
             auto aNewPrincess2 { cinderella };
365
             auto anotherNewPrincess{ tangled };
366
             mulan.swap(cinderella);
367
             cout << "2 related shared ptr: " <<</pre>
368
                                 ((aNewPrincess1 == aNewPrincess2) ? "equal" : "not equal");
369
370
             cout << "\n\nEND OF PROGRAM" << endl;</pre>
371
             return 0;
372
      }
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373 SMART PONTERS: HOW TO

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#### SCOTT MEYERS:

- $-\sqrt{\text{unique ptr}}$  is a small, fast, move-only, smart pointer for managing resources with exclusive-ownership semantics.
- By default, resource destruction takes place via <u>delete</u>, but custom deleters can be specified. Stateful deleters and function pointers as deleters increase the size of <u>unique ptr</u> objects.
- 381 √ Converting unique ptr to shared ptr is easy.
- $-\sqrt{\text{shared ptr}}$ (s) offer convenience approaching that of garbage collection for the shared lifetime management of arbitrary resources.
- 384 √ Compared to <u>unique ptr</u>, <u>shared ptr</u> objects are typically twice as big, incur 385 overhead for control blocks, <u>and require atomic reference count manipulations</u>.
- Default resource destruction is via <u>delete</u>, but custom deleters are supported. The type of the delete has no effect on the type of the shared ptr.
- 388 √ Avoid creating shared ptr(s) from variables of raw pointer type.
- 389 √ Use weak ptr for shared ptr like pointers that can dangle.
- 390  $\sqrt{}$  Potential use case for <u>weak ptr</u> include caching, observer lists, and the 391 prevention of shared ptr cycles.
- 392 √ Compared to direct use of <u>new</u>, <u>make</u> functions eliminate source code duplication, 393 improve exception safety, and, for <u>make shared</u> and <u>allocate shared</u>, generate code 394 that's smaller and faster.
- $^{395}$  Situations where use of  $\underline{\text{make}}$  functions is inappropriate include the need to specify custom deleters and a desire to pass braced initializers.
- 397 √ For shared ptr(s), additional situations where make functions may be ill-advised 398 include (1) classes with custom memory management and (2) systems with memory 399 concerns, very large objects, and weak ptr(s) that outlive the corresponding 400 shared ptr(s).

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SMART POINTERS Functions from Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN)

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<memory> functions: addressof | make\_unique | make\_shared | ...

405 More: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/standard-library/memory-functions

# 406 unique ptr Class, Member functions:

- 407 1. get Returns stored ptr.
  - 2. get deleter Returns a reference to stored deleter.
- 409 3. release stores pointer() in stored ptr and returns its previous contents.
- 410 4. reset Releases the currently owned resource and accepts a new resource.
- 411 5. swap Exchanges resource and deleter with the provided unique\_ptr.

### 412 shared\_ptr Class, Member functions:

- 413 1. get Gets address of owned resource.
- 414 2. owner\_before True if this shared\_ptr is ordered before (or less than)
- 415 3. reset Replace owned resource. | the provided pointer
- 416 4. swap Swaps two shared\_ptr objects.
- 417 5. unique Tests if owned resource is unique.
- 418 6. use count Counts numbers of resource owners.

## 419 weak ptr Class, Member functions:

- 1. element\_type The type of the element.
- 421 2. expired Tests if ownership has expired.
- 422 3. lock Obtains exclusive ownership of a resource.
- 423 4. owner\_before Returns true if this weak\_ptr is ordered before (or less than)
- 424 5. reset Releases owned resource. | the provided pointer
- 425 6. swap Swaps two weak\_ptr objects.
- 426 7. use count Counts number of designated shared ptr objects.

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427
      SMART PONTERS: HOW TO
428
429
      Smart Pointer Pitfalls:
430
431
      Smart pointers can provide safety and convenience for handling dynamically allocated
432
      memory only when they are used properly. To use smart pointers correctly, we must
433
      adhere to a set of conventions:
434
      - Do not use the same built-in pointer value to initialize (or reset) more than one
435
         smart pointer.
436
      - Do not <u>delete</u> the pointer returned from get().
437
      - Do not use get() to initialize or reset another smart pointer.
438
      - If you use a pointer returned by get(), remember that the pointer will become
439
         invalid when the last corresponding smart pointer goes away.
440
      - If you use a smart pointer to manage resource other than memory allocated by new,
441
         remember to pass a deleter.
442
443
      Good practice:
444
      - One manager per each managed object.
445
      - Do not use smart pointers to manage objects on Runtime stack.
446
      - Do not use raw pointers to refer to the same object.
447
448

    Use unique ptr by default.

449
      - Use <u>unique ptr</u> if we do not plan to share a resource.
450
      - Use unique ptr first and convert unique ptr to shared ptr when needed.
451
      - Use unique ptr and do not use auto ptr unless we must use old code.
452
      - Use make_unique() and make_share()
453
454
         Initialize smart pointers during their declaration.
455
      - Use get() with caution or avoid get().
456
457
      - Custom deleter for array object managed by a shared ptr.
458
      - Avoid cyclic references.
459
      - Use release() with caution.
460
      - Use lock() with checking.
461
                                                       addressof(), goofy_unique: 013FF510
                                                       Converting...
462
      Converting unique ptr to shared ptr:
463
                                                       addressof(), goofy_unique: 00000000
                                                       addressof(), goofy shared: 013FF510
464
465
                                                       use_count(), goofy_shared: 1
466
            // Please also see
                                                       use count(), Pluto Dog:
            // the previous conversions.
                                                                                   1
467
                                                       use count(), Pluto Dog:
468
469
470
                                                       END OF PROGRAM
                                                       Name, Destructor: 013FF578, Pluto Dog
471
472
                                                       Name, Destructor: 013FF510, Goofy Dog
473
            cout << endl;</pre>
474
            unique_ptr<Name> goofy_unique{ make_unique<Name>("Goofy", "Dog") };
475
            cout << "addressof(), goofy unique: " << addressof(*goofy unique) << endl;</pre>
476
            cout << "Converting..." << endl;</pre>
477
            shared ptr<Name> goofy shared{ move(goofy unique) };
478
            cout << "addressof(), goofy unique: " << addressof(*goofy unique) << endl;</pre>
            cout << "addressof(), goofy_shared: " << addressof(*goofy_shared) << endl;</pre>
479
480
            cout << "use_count(), goofy_shared: " << goofy_shared.use_count() << endl;</pre>
481
482
            cout << endl;</pre>
483
            shared ptr<Name> pluto shared{ make unique<Name>("Pluto", "Dog") };
                                                " << pluto shared.use count() << endl;
            cout << "use count(), Pluto Dog:</pre>
484
            shared ptr<Name> pluto shared 2{ pluto shared };
485
```

cout << "use count(), Pluto Dog:</pre>

486

" << pluto shared.use\_count() << endl;

487

```
488
489
      #include <iostream>
490
      #include <string>
491
      using namespace std;
492
493
      class StuName {
494
      public:
495
            StuName() {}
496
497
            StuName(string name) {
498
                   this->name = make unique<string>(name);
499
             }
500
501
             ~StuName() {
                   cout << " " << *this->name << ": Destructor called." << endl;</pre>
502
503
504
             const string& getName() const {
505
506
                   return *this->name;
507
             }
508
      private:
509
            unique ptr<string> name{ nullptr };
510
511
512
      void passByValue(const unique ptr<StuName> name) {}
513
514
      void passByReference(const unique ptr<StuName>& uPtr Ref) {
515
            cout << "BEGIN of passByReference()-"</pre>
516
                                                                << endl;
            cout << "&uPtr Ref: " << &uPtr Ref</pre>
                                                                << endl;
517
            cout << " uPtr Ref: " << uPtr Ref
                                                                << endl;
518
                                   " << &uPtr_Ref->getName() << endl;
519
            cout << "&name:
            cout << "&name: " << &uPtr_Ref->getName() << end1;
cout << " name: " << uPtr_Ref->getName() << end1;</pre>
520
521
            cout << "END of passByReference()---" << endl << endl;</pre>
522
      }
523
524
      void passByMove(const unique ptr<StuName> uPtr Mov) {
525
526
            cout << "BEGIN of passByMove() ----"</pre>
                                                               << endl;
            cout << "&uPtr Mov: " << &uPtr Mov</pre>
527
                                                               << endl;
            cout << " uPtr Mov: " << uPtr Mov
528
                                                               << endl;
                                 " << &uPtr Mov->getName() << endl;
529
            cout << "&name:
            cout << " name: " << uPtr_Mov->getName() << endl;</pre>
530
            cout << "END of passByMove() ----- << endl << endl;</pre>
531
532
      }
533
534
      void passByShare(const shared_ptr<StuName> sPtr_Sha) {
535
            cout << "BEGIN of passByShare() ----" << endl;</pre>
536
            cout << "use count(): " << sPtr Sha.use count() << endl;</pre>
            cout << "&sPtr_Sha: " << &sPtr_Sha
537
                                                             << endl;
            cout << " sPtr Sha: " << sPtr Sha
538
                                                              << endl;
539
            cout << "&name:
                                 " << &sPtr_Sha->getName() << endl;
                               " << sPtr_Sha->getName() << endl;</pre>
540
            cout << " name:
            cout << "END of passByShare() -----" << endl << endl;</pre>
541
542
543
544
545
546
547
548
549
```

550

```
551
                                                                                   Before PASS-BY-REFERENCE:
552
      int main() {
                                                                                   &name uPtr: 005CF7BC
553
             unique ptr<StuName> name uPtr{
                                                                                   name uPtr: 00A3DA80
554
                                        make unique<StuName>("Mickey") };
                                                                                   &name: 00A43F78
555
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Mickey
556
             // Any problem?
                                                                                   BEGIN of passByReference()-
557
              // passByValue(name uPtr);
                                                                                   &uPtr Ref: 005CF7BC
558
             // passByValue(make unique<StuName>("MickeyParameter"));
                                                                                   uPtr Ref: 00A3DA80
559
                                                                                   &name: 00A43F78
             //
560
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Mickey
561
             cout << "\nBefore PASS-BY-REFERENCE:"</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
                                                                                   END of passByReference()---
562
             cout << "&name uPtr: " << &name uPtr</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
563
             cout << " name uPtr: " << name uPtr</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
                                                                                   name uPtr: 00A3DA80
             cout << "&name: " << &name uPtr->getName() << endl;</pre>
564
             cout << " name:</pre>
                                    " << name uPtr->getName() << endl;
565
                                                                                   Before PASS-BY-MOVE:
566
                                                                                   &name_uPtr: 005CF7BC
             passByReference(name uPtr);
567
                                                                                   name uPtr: 00A3DA80
568
             cout << " name uPtr: " << name uPtr << endl;</pre>
                                                                                   &name: 00A43F78
569
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Mickey
570
             //
                                                                                   BEGIN of passByMove() -----
             cout << "\nBefore PASS-BY-MOVE:"</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
571
                                                                                   &uPtr Mov: 005CF694
             cout << "&name uPtr: " << &name uPtr</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
572
                                                                                   uPtr_Mov: 00A3DA80
             cout << " name uPtr: " << name uPtr
                                                                     << endl:
573
                                                                                   &name: 00A43F78
                                      " << &name uPtr->getName() << endl;
574
             cout << "&name:
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Mickey
575
             cout << " name:</pre>
                                      " << name uPtr->getName() << endl;
                                                                                   END of passByMove() -----
576
577
             passByMove(move(name uPtr));
                                                                                   Mickey: Destructor called.
578
             cout << " name uPtr: " << name uPtr << endl;</pre>
                                                                                   name uPtr: 00000000
579
580
             //
                                                                                   Before PASS-BY-SHARE:
             cout << "\nBefore PASS-BY-SHARE:" << endl;</pre>
581
                                                                                   &name uPtr: 005CF7BC
582
             name_uPtr = make_unique<StuName>("Minnie");
                                                                                   name uPtr: 00A3D990
583
             cout << "&name_uPtr: " << &name_uPtr</pre>
                                                                     << endl;
             cout << " name uPtr: " << name uPtr
                                                                                   &name: 00A44488
                                                                     << endl;
584
                                      " << &name uPtr->getName() << endl;
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Minnie
585
             cout << "&name:
             cout << " name:</pre>
                                      " << name uPtr->getName() << endl;
586
                                                                                   Converting...
             cout << " Converting..."</pre>
                                                                                   &name sPtr: 005CF7AC
587
                                                                                   name sPtr: 00A3D990
588
             shared ptr<StuName> name sPtr{ name uPtr.release() };
589
                                                                                   &name: 00A44488
                                                                     << endl;
590
             cout << "&name sPtr: " << &name sPtr</pre>
                                                                                   name:
                                                                                          Minnie
             cout << " name sPtr: " << name sPtr</pre>
591
                                                                     << endl;
592
             cout << "&name: " << &name sPtr->getName() << endl;</pre>
                                                                                   use count(): 1
593
             cout << " name:
                                    " << name sPtr->getName() << endl;
                                                                                   BEGIN of passByShare() ----
594
                                                                                   use count(): 2
595
             cout << "\nuse count(): " << name sPtr.use count();</pre>
                                                                                   &sPtr Sha: 005CF690
596
             passByShare(name_sPtr);
                                                                                   sPtr_Sha: 00A3D990
597
             cout << "use count(): "</pre>
                                           << name_sPtr.use_count();</pre>
                                                                                   &name: 00A44488
598
             passByShare(name sPtr);
                                                                                   name: Minnie
599
             cout << "use count(): "</pre>
                                           << name sPtr.use count();</pre>
                                                                                   END of passByShare() -----
600
601
             cout << "\nEND of Program" << endl;</pre>
                                                                                   use count(): 1
602
             return 0;
                                                                                   BEGIN of passByShare() ----
603
      }
                                                                                   use count(): 2
604
                                                                                   &sPtr Sha: 005CF690
605
                                                                                   sPtr Sha: 00A3D990
606
                                                                                   &name: 00A44488
607
                                                                                   name: Minnie
608
                                                                                   END of passByShare() -----
609
610
                                                                                   use_count(): 1
611
                                                                                   END of Program
```

Minnie: Destructor called.