CSC 211: Object Oriented Programming

Scope, Parameter passing, Call stack

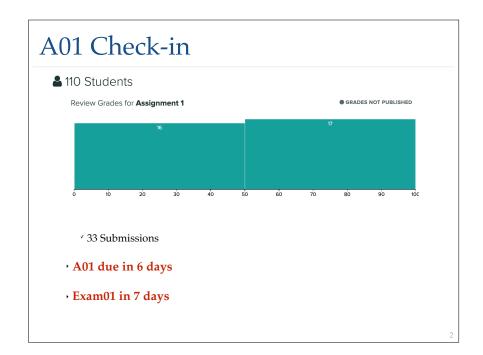
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Scope of Variables, Passing Parameters



Scope (where is a variable visible?)

- · Local variables
 - √ local to a function, cannot be used outside the function
- Global variables
 - ✓ available to all functions in the same program
 - √ declared outside any function
 - √ not recommended, make programs difficult to maintain
- , Global constants
 - ✓ same as global variables, but require the const type qualifier

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A Global Named Constant (part 1 of 2)
//Computes the area of a circle and the volume of a sphere
//Uses the same radius for both calculations.
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
                                                                   A Global Named Constant (part 2 of 2)
const double PI = 3.14159;
                                                                      double area(double radius)
double area(double radius);
//Returns the area of a circle with the specified radius.
                                                                          return (PI * pow(radius, 2));
double volume(double radius);
//Returns the volume of a sphere with the specified radius.
                                                                      double volume(double radius)
int main()
                                                                          return ((4.0/3.0) * PI * pow(radius, 3));
    double radius of both, area of circle, volume of sphere:
                                                                   Sample Dialogue
    cout << "Enter a radius to use for both a circle\n'
         << "and a sphere (in inches): ":
    cin >> radius_of_both;
                                                                         Enter a radius to use for both a circle
                                                                         and a sphere (in inches): 2
    area_of_circle = area(radius_of_both);
                                                                         Radius = 2 inches
    volume_of_sphere = volume(radius_of_both);
                                                                         Area of circle = 12.5664 square inches
                                                                         Volume of sphere = 33.5103 cubic inches
    cout << "Radius = " << radius_of_both << " inches\n"</pre>
         << "Area of circle = " << area_of_circle
         << " square inches\n"
         << "Volume of sphere = " << volume_of_sphere
         << " cubic inches\n";
    return 0;
                                 from: Problem Solving with C++, 10th Edition, Walter Savitch
```

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Block Scope Revisited
                                                  Local and Global scope are examples of Block scope.
       #include <iostream>
                                                  A variable can be directly accessed only within its scope.
       using namespace std;
       const double GLOBAL CONST = 1.0:
       int function1 (int param);
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       int main()
 9
                                                                                     Global scope:
10
                                                                   Local scope to
                                                                                     The constant
11
            double d = GLOBAL_CONST;
                                                                   main: Variable
                                                                                     GLOBAL_CONST
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                                                                   x has scope
                                                  Block scope:
                                                                                     has scope from
             for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
13
                                                                   from lines
                                                  Variable i has
                                                                                     lines 4-25 and
14
                                                                   10-18 and
                                                  scope from
                                                                                     the function
15
                 x = function1(i);
                                                                   variable d has
                                                  lines 13-16
                                                                                     function1
16
                                                                   scope from
                                                                                     has scope from
17
                                                                   lines 11-18
            return 0:
                                                                                     lines 6-25
18
       }
19
                                                  Local scope to function1:
20
       int function1 (int param)
                                                  Variable param
21
                                                  has scope from lines 20-25
22
            double y = GLOBAL_CONST;
                                                  and variable y has scope
23
                                                  from lines 22-25
24
            return 0;
25
                           from: Problem Solving with C++, 10th Edition, Walter Savitch
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Passing parameters (pass by value)

- Parameters are actually **local variables** to the function
- The pass by value mechanism (default method)
 - parameters are initialized to the values of the arguments in the function call
 - when invoking a function call, arguments are copied into the parameters of a function

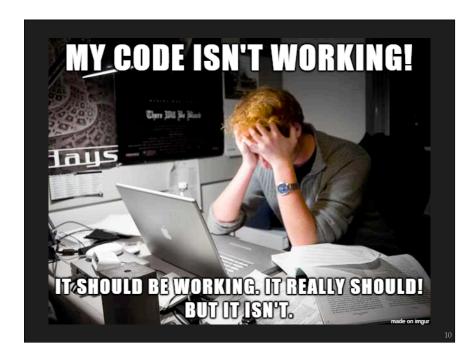
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Lets try a swap function ...

void swap (int x, int y) {
   int temp;

   temp = x;
   x = y;
   y = temp;

   return;
}
```

#include <iostream> void swap (int x, int y); int main () { int x = 100; int y = 200; std::cout << "Value of x :" << x << '\n'; std::cout << "Value of y :" << y << '\n'; swap(x, y); std::cout << "Value of y :" << x << '\n'; swap(x, y); return 0; }</pre>



An Integrated Development Environment

(IDE) usually provides a built-in **debugger**

References

• A reference is an alias for another variable

√ just another name for the same memory location

```
int main() {
   int val1 = 1, val2 = 5;
   int &ref = val1;

   val1 += 1;
   ref += 1;
   ref = val2;
   ref *= 2;

   return 0;
```



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Pass by reference

- You can pass arguments to functions by reference
- Modifying the reference parameter modifies the actual argument!

```
void swap (int& x, int& y) {
   int temp;

   temp = x;
   x = y;
   y = temp;

   return;
}
```

int main() { int a = 5; int b = 10; int c = 15; mystery(c, a, b); std::cout << a << ' ' << b << ' ' << c << '\n';</pre>

void mystery(int& b, int c, int& a) {

What is the output

#include <iostream>

b --;

c += a;

return 0;

The call stack

Function calls and the call stack

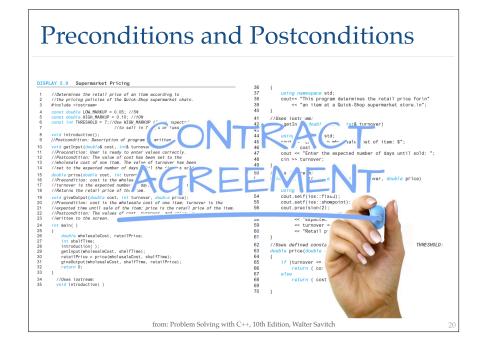
- · Variables are stored at different locations in memory
- In practice, it is well more structured ...
 - ' stack-based memory management is used by many language implementations
- Program execution needs a call stack to deal with functions
 - ✓ a **stack frame** stores data for a function call, essentially local variables

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Stack frames void bar() { void foo() { bar(); int main() { foo(): foo foo foo main main main main main Stack Stack Stack Stack Stack https://eecs280staff.github.jo/notes/02_ProceduralAbstraction_Testing.html

```
#include <iostream>
int plus_one(int x) {
    return x + 1;
}
int plus_two(int x) {
    return plus_one(x + 1);
}
int main() {
    int result = 0;
    result = plus_one(0);
    result = plus_two(result);
    std::cout << result;
}</pre>
```

Additional remarks on functions



Testing and Debugging

- Each function must be tested as a separate an independent unit
- Once properly tested, the function then can be used in the program

Functions must be tested in environments where every other function has already been fully tested and debugged

Example - Ascii Art

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