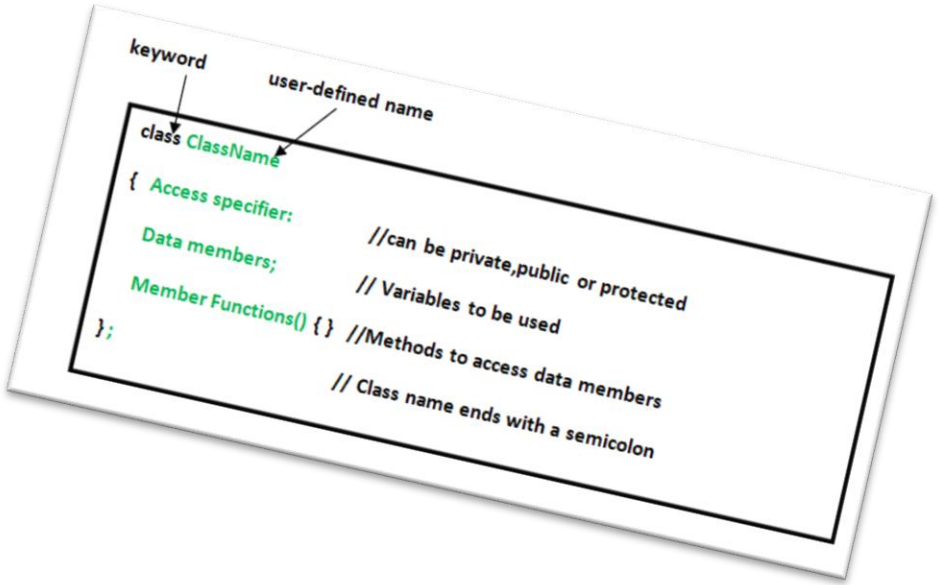
TODO BEFORE

Preparation before next session

You will need to present your research during the next session

LEARN

1. Read W3C course about classes in C++
2. Read this documentation also



RESEARCH

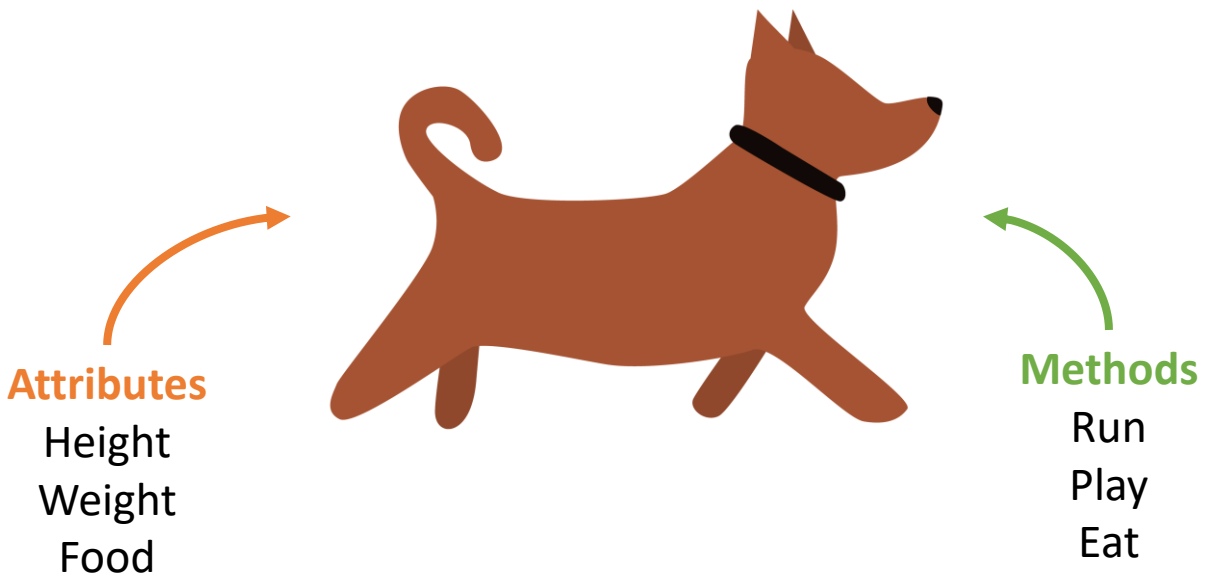
Make researches on the following points

Q1 – what is the difference between a **class** and an **object** ?

Q2 - What are the **benefits** of using classes ?

ALGORITHM ADVANCED

C1-S4 – Class & Objects



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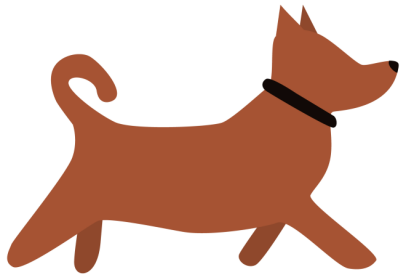
Session Objectives

- **Benefits of class** vs structures
- Class **attributes** & methods
- Class **instantiation** and constructors
- Class members **visibility**
- **this** as a reference to current object
- Pass objects by **value** vs **reference**
- *(research activity)*
  Dynamic instantiation & destructors



PRESENTATION

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Present your research activities

Discussion groups about your homework research

Q1 – what is the difference between a **class** and an **object** ?

Q2 - What are the **benefits** of using classes ?

EXPLAIN

A **BankAcount** *using a structure*

In a structure you define only the **structure attributes**
Functions manipulating data are defined outside the structure

- Here, we use a **structure** to define a BankAccount and store its balance
- But the structure **does not prevent users** to modify the balance incorrectly

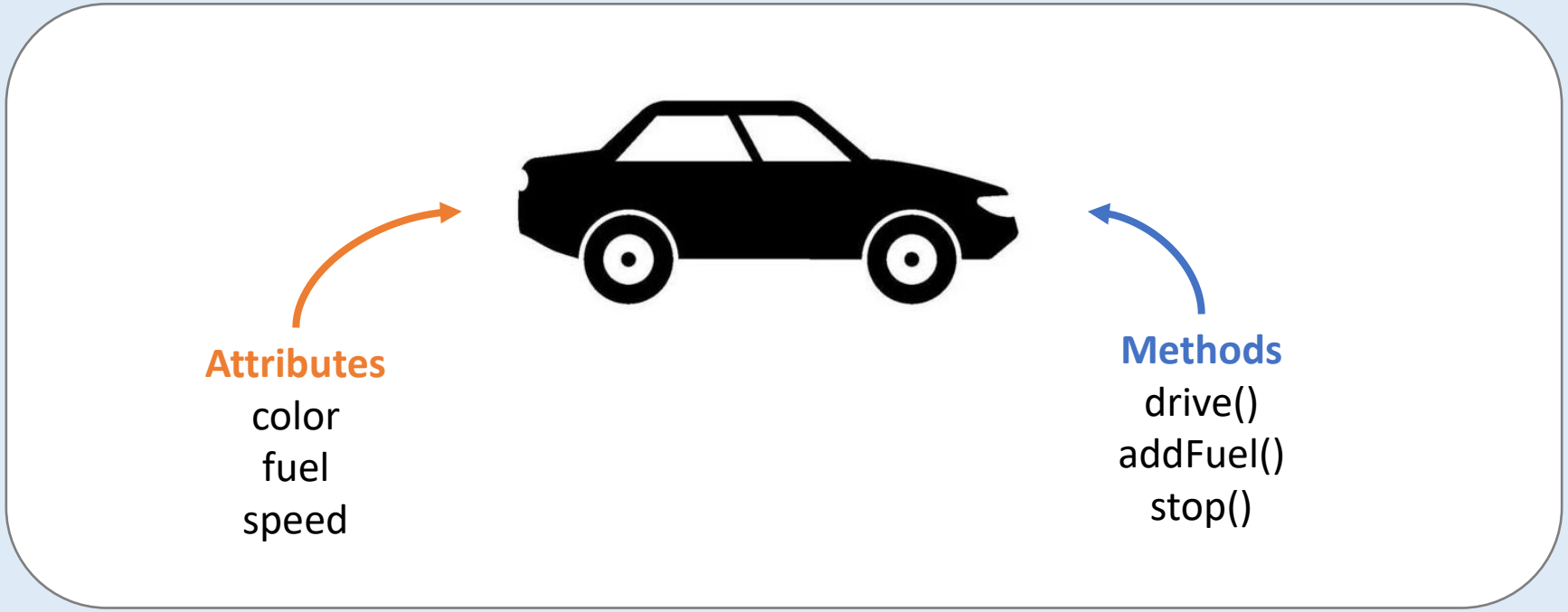
```
struct BankAccount {
    double balance;
};

int main() {
    BankAccount account;
    account.balance = -50.0; // Ooops ! The balance is negative !

    std::cout << "Account Balance: " << account.balance << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

What about Object-Oriented ?

It would be nice if functions manipulating a structure were automatically associated with this structure



That the goal of classes ! to gather attributes and functions in a same place

EXPLAIN

BankAcount - *using classes*

In a class we can define members which can be attribute or methods (functions)

- Here, we use a **class** to define a BankAccount and store its **balance**
- The class contains not only the balance but also **a function** to manipulate this data properly

```
class BankAccount {

private:
    double balance;

public:
    BankAccount(double initialBalance) : balance(initialBalance) {}

    void withdraw(double amount) {
        if (amount > balance) {
            throw std::runtime_error("Insufficient funds for withdrawal.");
        }
        balance -= amount;
    }
};
```

A CLASS

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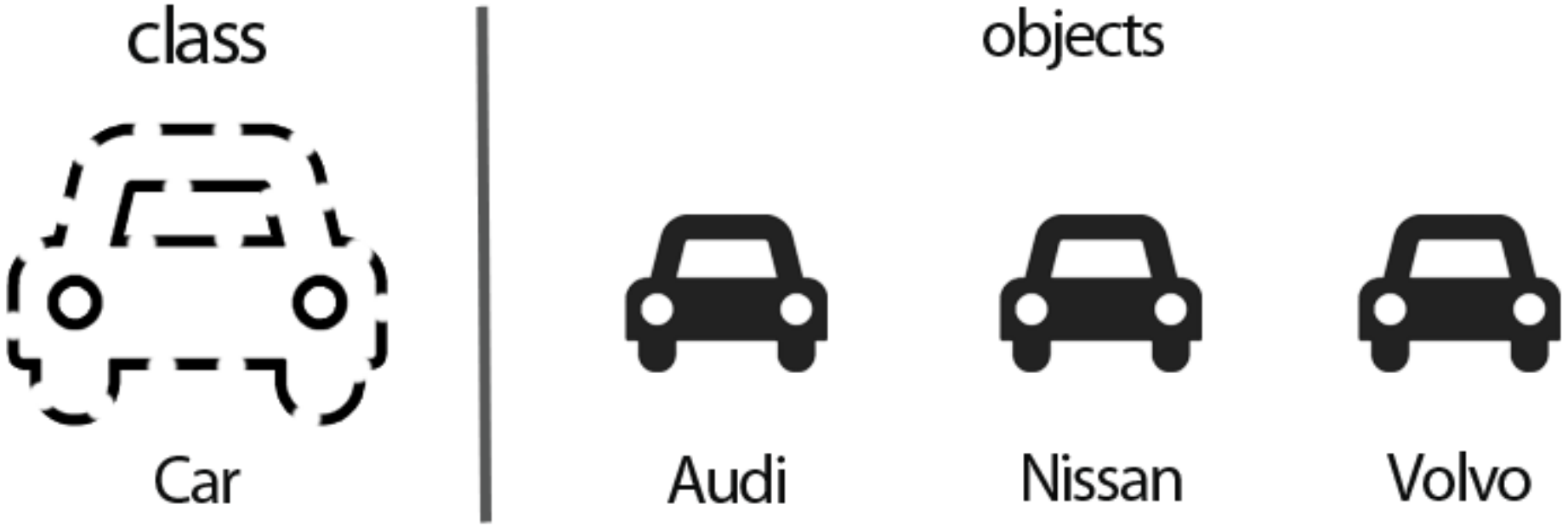
OBJECTS

Form 1 model (class) you can create many variation (objects)



Key Concepts

1 - Attributes

Attributes **defines object data**

2 - Constructor

Constructors **initialize** object data

3 - This

This **represents** the current instance

4 - Methods

Methods are functions that **manipulate object data**.

5 - Objects

Objects are specific **instances of a class**

```
class Person {

public:
    std::string name;
    int age;

    Person(std::string name, int age) {
        this->name = name;
        this->age = age;
    }

    std::string toString() const {
        return "Name: " + name + " - Age: " + std::to_string(age);
    }
};


int main() {
    Person person("Ronan", 30);
    std::cout << person.toString() << std::endl;

    return 0;
};
```

EXPLAIN

Class Syntax in C++

Class name →

```
class Time {

public:
        int hours;
        int minutes;

        Time( ) { … }


        string get24Format() { … }

        string get12Format() { … }
};
```

Class ends with a ; →

Attributes

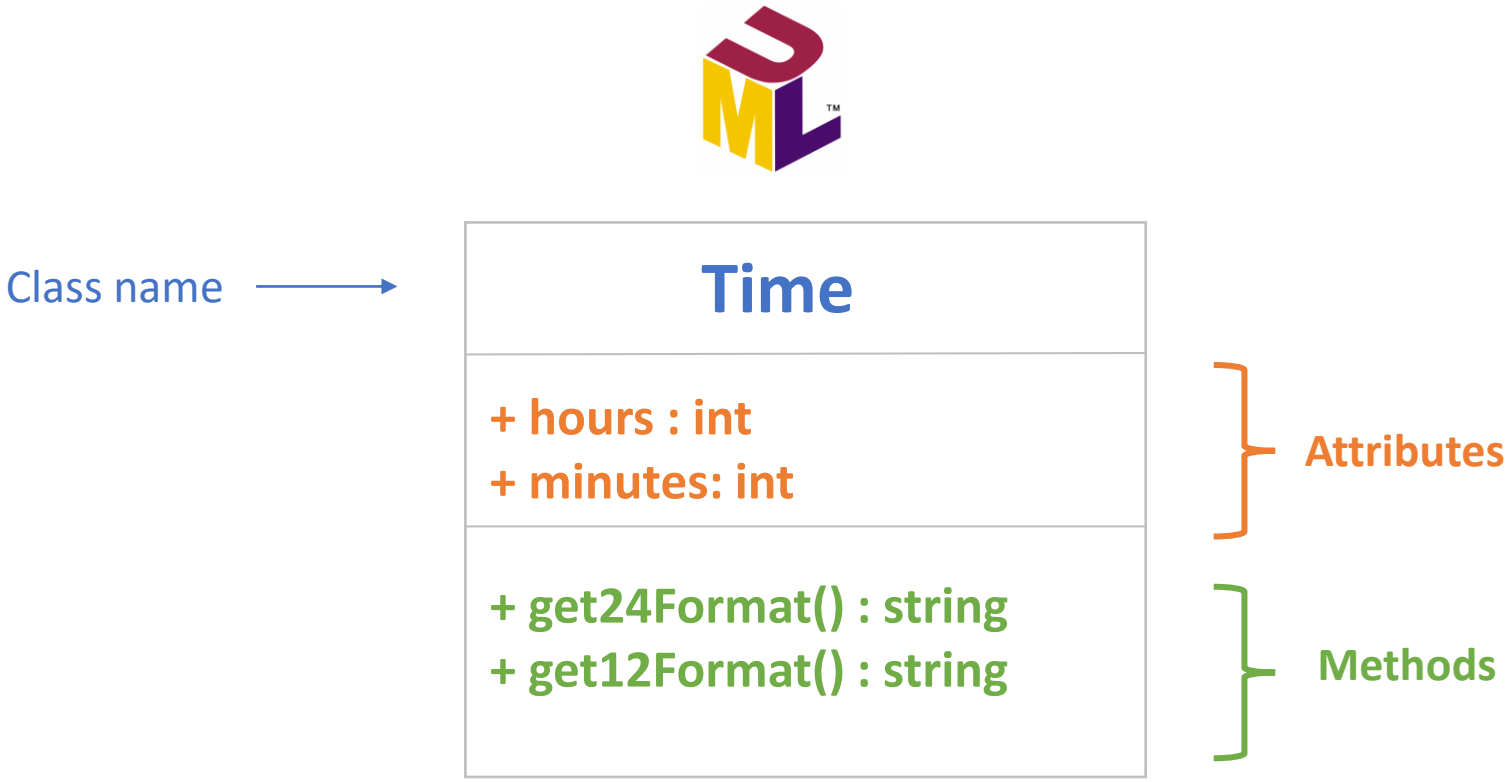
Constructors

Methods

Time class in C++

EXPLAIN

Class Representation in UML



UML Diagram for Time class

EXPLAIN

Constructor

The constructor is a special method that is automatically called when an object of a class is **instantiated**.

```
class Student {
  public:
    std::string id;

    Student(std::string name) {
      this->id = name;
    }
};
```

The construct can have **parameters**

The construct shall have the **name of the class**

This is used to access to the class attributes or methods

EXPLAIN

Instantiate *(create)* an object

```
Student s1("ronan");
```

3

Object S1 is created !

1

Constructor is called
With the parameter "ronan"

2

An object of class Student
Is returned

```
class Student {
  public:
    std::string id;

    Student(std::string name) {
      this->id = name;
    }
};
```

EXPLAIN

Attribute & Methods **Access**

We access to the class attributes and methods using the .

```
class Time {
 public:
       int hours;
       int minutes;

       Time( ) { … }


       string get24Format() { … }
       string get12Format() { … }
};
```

```
Time t1(13, 59);

cout << t1.minutes

cout << t1.get24Format()
```

ACTIVITY

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Activity 1

✓ Open the following code : https://www.programiz.com/online-compiler/1xPN9fsOPrBVY

Q1 - Add the person age (int) attribute to the class

Update the class constructor, methods, and object accordingly !

Q2 – Create another person

main.cpp

Share Run

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

class Person {

public:
    std::string name;

    Person(std::string name) {
        this->name = name;
    }

    std::string toString() const {
        return "[Name= " + name + "]";
    }
};


int main() {
    Person person("Ronan");
    std::cout << "Personn: " << person.toString() << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
/tmp/5TDHm0InHR.o
Personn: [Name= Ronan]


=== Code Execution Successful ===
```

EXPLAIN

Constructor by default

If there is no constructor specified in the class, the compiler considers that the class has a default constructor

```
class Student {
  public:
    int age= 30;
};

Student s1; // OK    age = 30
```

EXPLAIN

Constructor by default

If at least one constructor is specified, the compiler no longer provides a default constructor and therefore all object creations must use this(these) constructor(s).

```
class Student {
  public:
    int age= 30;

    Student(int a) { age = a;}
};

Student s1; // NOT OK

Student s2(35); // OK age = 35
```

EXPLAIN

Constructor Initializer list

The constructor provide a syntax to directly initialize the class attribute

```
class Student {
  public:
    std::string id;

    Student(std::string n) : id(name) {
     }
};
```

Attribute id is defined using the initializer list

```
class Student {
  public:
    std::string id;

    Student(std::string name) {
      this->id = name;
    }
};
```

Attribute id is defined using the constructor body

QUIZ

What will this code print?

```
class Toyota {
  public:
    std::string id= "NO ID";

    Toyota(std::string model , int year) {
      this->id = "TOYOTA - " + model + " - " + std::to_string(year);
    }
};


int main() {
    Toyota newModel("GR86 ", 2024);
    std::cout << newModel.id << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

1 NO ID

2 GR86, 2024

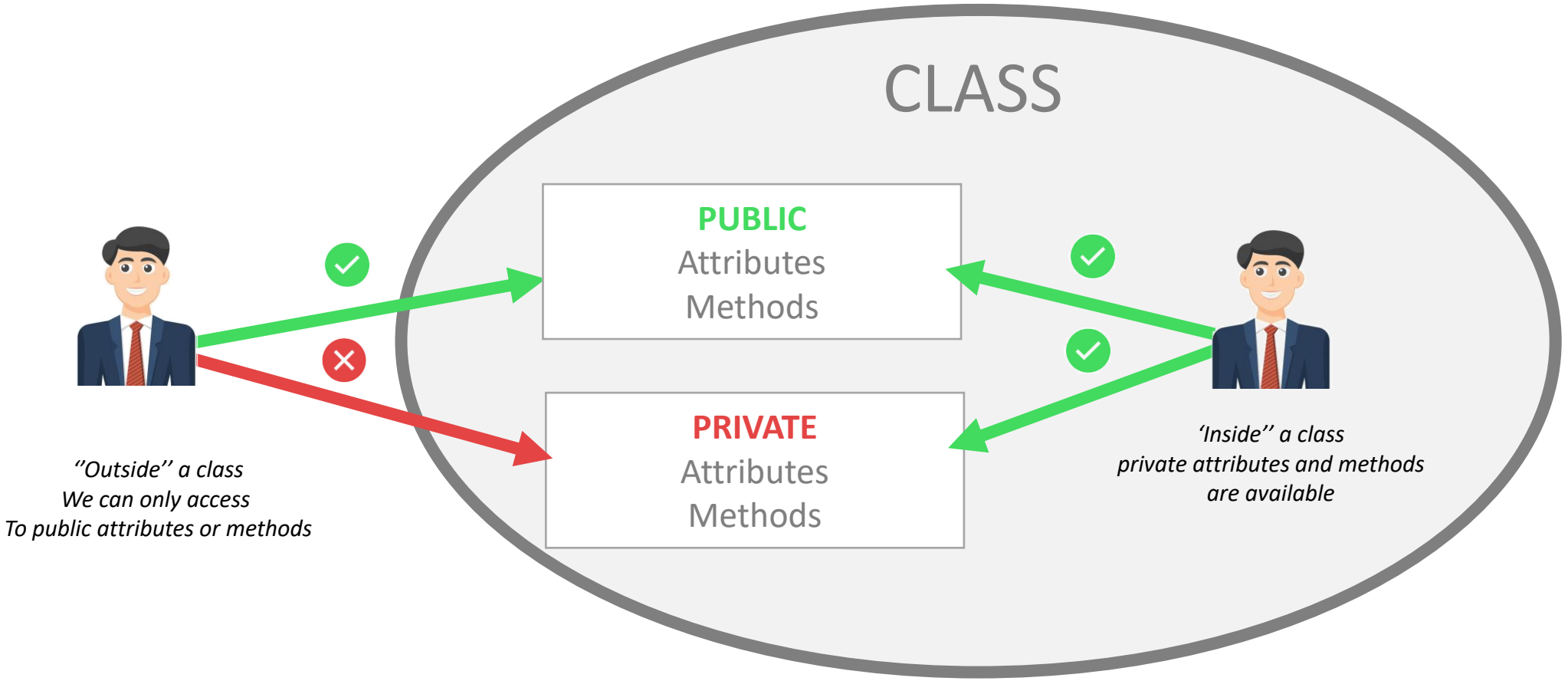
3 TOYOTA - GR86 - 2024

4 TOYOTA 2024 – NO ID

EXPLAIN

Access Modifiers

Public: Members declared as public can be accessed from outside the class
Private: Members declared as private can only be accessed within the class itself.



EXPLAIN

Access Modifiers

Private members

Public members

```
class Time {

private:
        int hours;
        int minutes;

public:
        Time( ) { … }


        string get24Format() { … }

        string get12Format() { … }
};
```

C++ Code for Time class

Time
- hours : int - minutes: int
+ get24Format() : string + get12Format() : string

UML Diagram for Time class

EXPLAIN

Access Modifiers / Getter

When attributes are private, we can provide **getters** to read the value, without changing it

```
class Time {

private:
	int minutes;

public:
	Time(int m ) : minutes(m) {}

	int getMinutes() {
		return this-> minutes;
	}
};
```

The attribute minute cannot be changed, but can be read, using its getter

Note that the minute is returned by value

ACTIVITY

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Activity 2

✓ Open the following code https://www.programiz.com/online-compiler/2VrAbKXLWGAh3

Q1 - Make the balance attribute **private**

Q2 – Instead provide a public method to change to withdraw money

Pre condition : the balance should be greater than the amount to withdraw

main.cpp | Share | Run | Output

```
#include <iostream>

class BankAccount
{

public:
  double balance;

  BankAccount(double initialBalance) : balance(initialBalance) {}
};

int main()
{
  BankAccount account(100);
  account.balance -= 10;

  std::cout << account.balance;
  return 0;
}
```

```
/tmp/DxuLhHbcFt.o
90

=== Code Execution Successful ===
```

EXPLAIN

Default parameters

It is possible to give default values to **methods** parameters

```
class Time {

private:
	int hours;
	int minutes;
	int seconds;

public:
	Time(int h, int m=60, int s =20  ) : minutes(m) {}

};

Time t1(13);			// OK, we use parameter 13, 60, 20
Time t1(13, 45);		// OK, we use parameter 13, 45, 20
Time t1(13, 45. 06);		// OK, we use parameter 13, 45, 06
```

Default parameters should be the last ones in the list

EXPLAIN

Passing objects

LEARN MORE HERE

By reference


```
fillCup(      )
```

When an object is **passed by reference**, **the memory address** of that variable is passed to the function

By value


```
fillCup(      )
```

When an object is **passed by value**, **a copy of the object** is stored in the memory

EXPLAIN

Passing objects

Let's explain the difference with a class person with an age

By reference (&)

```
// This function that takes a person by reference
void setAge(Person& p, int newAge) {
    p.age = newAge;   //This changes the original object
}

…

Personn sokan(25);
setAge(sokan, 26);

// Sokan.age is now  26 !
```

By value

```
// This function that takes a person by value
void setAge(Person p, int newAge) {
    p.age = newAge;   //This changes the copy of the object
}

…

Personn sokan(25);
setAge(sokan, 26);

// Sokan.age is still 25 !
```

RESEARCH

Research Assessment

Before next session, make some researches regarding the bellow questions.

Q1 - What are the key differences between static and dynamic object instantiation in C++?

Q2 - How does memory allocation and deallocation differ between static and dynamic objects?

Q3 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of using static object instantiation versus dynamic object instantiation?

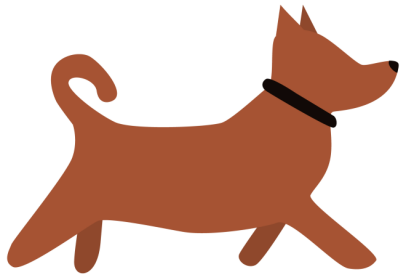
Expected outcome

- Presentation outlining the findings.
- Code examples demonstrating both static and dynamic object instantiation.
- A comparison table summarizing the differences between static and dynamic instantiation

Congratulations !

You should now master those concepts

- **Benefits of class** vs structures
- Class **attributes** & methods
- Class **instantiation** and constructors
- Class members **visibility**
- **this** as a reference to current object
- Pass objects by **value** or by **reference**
- *(research activity)*
  Dynamic instantiation & destructors



AFTER THIS SESSION

FOR NEXT TIME

1 – BE READY FOR THE QUIZ !

You will have a quiz based on this session objectives:

- Benefits of class vs structures
- Class attributes & methods
- Class instantiation and constructors
- Class members visibility
- Use this as a reference to current object
- Pass objects by value or by reference

2 – PREPARE YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC !

Be ready to present your researches

- Differences btw static and dynamic instantiation
- Differences btw memory allocation and deallocation
- Static vs. dynamic instantiation (pro & cons)

REFERENCES DOCUMENTS

- W3C course about classes
- Another documentation about classes
- Passing object by references or values

3-2-1 Challenge

- ✓ List three things you **learned** today.
- ✓ List two **questions** you still have.
- ✓ List one aspect of the lesson or topic you **enjoyed**.