Using Objects

Object-Oriented Programming with C++

Safe way to read a string in?

std::string

The string class

- You must add this at the head of you code
 - #include <string>
- Define variable of string like other types
 - string str;
- · Initialize it w/ string contant
 - string str = "Hello";
- · Read and write string w/ cin/cout
 - cin >> str;
 - cout << str;

Assignment for string

```
char char1[20];
char char2[20] = "jaguar";
string str1;
string str2 = "panther";
char1 = char2; // illegal
str1 = str2; // legal
```

Concatenation for string

```
string str3;
str3 = str1 + str2;
str1 += str2;
str1 += "lalala";
```

Ctors

- string (const char *cp, int len);
- string (const string& s2, int pos);
- string (const string& s2, int pos, int len);

Sub-string

substr (int pos, int len);

Alter string

```
• assign (...);
• insert (...);

    insert (int pos, const string& s);

• erase (...);

    append (...);

    replace (int pos, int len, const string& s);
```

Search string

find (const string& s);

File I/O

```
    #include <ifstream> // read from file

• #include <ofstream> // write to file
 ofstream File1("C:\\test.txt");
 File1<<"Hello world"<<std::endl;
 ifstream File2("C:\\test.txt");
 std::string str;
 File1>>str;
```

- Assignment 001 on PTA
 - due in 2 weeks

Memory Model

What are they?

```
int i; // global vars.
static int j; //static global vars.
void f() {
  int k; // local vars.
  static 1; // static local vars.
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int)); //allocated vars.
```

Where are they?

Global data

stack

heap

Global vars.

Static global vars.

Static local vars.

Local vars.

dynamically allocated vars.

Global vars

- vars defined outside any functions
- can be shared btw .cpp files
- extern

Extern

- extern is a declaration says there will be such a variable somewhere in the whole program
- "such a" means the type and the name of the variable
- global variable is a definition, the place for that variable

Static

- static global variable inhibits access from outside the .cpp file
- so as the static function

Static local var

- static local variable keeps value btw visit to the function
- is initialized at its first access

Static

- for global stuff: access restriction
- for local stuff: persistence

Pointers to Objects

Pointers to Objects

- string s = "hello";
- string* ps = &s;

Operators with Pointers

- &: get address
 - ps = &s;
- *: get the object
 - (*ps).length()
- ->: call the function
 - ps->length()

Two Ways to Access

- string s;
 - s is the object itself
- string *ps;
 - ps is a pointer to an object

- string s;
 - · At this line, object s is created and initialized
- string *ps;
 - At this line, the object ps points to is not known yet.

Assignment

- string s1, s2;
 - sI = s2;
- string *ps1,*ps2;
 - psl = ps2;

Dynamically Allocated Memory

Dynamic memory allocation

new

- new int;
- new Stash;
- new int[10]

delete

- delete p;
- delete[] p;

new and delete

- new is the way to allocate memory as a program runs. Pointers become the only access to that memory
- delete enables you to return memory to the memory pool when you are finished with it.

Dynamic arrays

```
int * psome = new int [10];
```

 The new operator returns the address of the first element of the block.

```
delete [] psome;
```

 The presence of the brackets tells the program that it should free the whole array, not just the element

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Tips for new and delete

- Don't use delete to free memory that new didn't allocate.
- Don't use delete to free the same block of memory twice in succession.
- Use delete [] if you used new [] to allocate an array.
- Use delete (no brackets) if you used new to allocate a single entity.
- It's safe to apply delete to the null pointer (nothing happens).

Reference

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References are a new data type in C++

Local or global variables

```
- type& refname = name;
```

- For ordinary variables, the initial value is required
- In parameter lists and member variables
 - type& refname
 - Binding defined by caller or constructor

References

· Declares a new name for an existing object

```
int X = 47;
int& Y = X; // Y is a reference to X
// X and Y now refer to the same variable
cout << "Y = " << Y; // prints Y = 47
Y = 18;
cout << "X = " << X; // prints X = 18
```

- References must be initialized when defined
- ' Initialization establishes a binding
 - · In declaration

```
int x = 3;
int& y = x;
const int& z = x;
```

· As a function argument

```
void f ( int& x );
f(y); // initialized when function is called
```

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- Assignment changes the object referred-to

```
int& y = x;

y = 12; // Changes value of x
```

· The target of a reference must have a location!

```
void func(int &);
func (i * 3); // Warning or error!
```

Pointers vs. References

References

- can't be null
- are dependent on an existing variable, they are an alias for an variable
- can't change to a new "address" location

Pointers

- can be set to null
- pointer is independent of existing objects
- can change to point to a different address

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- No pointers to references

```
int&* p;  // illegal
```

- Reference to pointer is ok

```
void f(int*& p);
```

No arrays of references

const

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declares a variable to have a constant value

```
const int x = 123;
x = 27; // illegal!
x++; // illegal!
int y = x; // Ok, copy const to non-const
y = x; // Ok, same thing
const int z = y; // ok, const is safer
```

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- A const in C++ defaults to internal linkage
 - the compiler tries to avoid creating storage for a const
 - -- holds the value in its symbol table.
 - extern forces storage to be allocated.

Compile time constants

```
const int bufsize = 1024;
```

- Value must be initialized
- Unless you make an explicit extern declaration:

```
extern const int bufsize;
```

- Compiler won't let you change it
- Compile time constants are entries in compiler symbol table, not really variables.

Run-time constants

const value can be exploited

```
const int class_size = 12;
int finalGrade[class_size]; // ok

int x;
cin >> x;
const int size = x;
double classAverage[size]; // error!
```

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- char * const q = "abc"; // q is const
 *q = 'c'; // OK
 q++; // ERROR
- const char *p = "ABCD";
 // (*p) is a const char
 *p = 'b'; // ERROR! (*p) is the const

Quiz: What do these mean?

```
string p1( "Fred" );
const string* p = &p1;
string const* p = &p1;
string *const p = &p1;
```

Pointers and constants

	int i;	const int ci = 3;
int * ip;	ip = &i	ip = &ci //Error
const int *cip	cip = &i	cip = &ci

Remember:

```
*ip = 54; // always legal since ip points to int *cip = 54; // never legal since cip points to const int
```

String Literals

```
char* s = "Hello, world!";
```

- s is a pointer initialized to point to a string constant
- This is actually a const char* s but compiler accepts it without the const
- Don't try and change the character values (it is an undefined behavior)
- If you want to change the string, put it in an array:

```
char s[] = "Hello, world!";
```

Conversions

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' Can always treat a non-const value as const

```
void f(const int* x);
int a = 15;
f(&a); // ok
const int b = a;

f(&b); // ok
b = a + 1; // Error!
```

You cannot treat a constant object as non-constant without an explicit cast (const_cast)

Passing by const value?

```
void f1(const int i) {
  i++; // Illegal -- compile-time error
}
```

Returning by const value?

```
int f3() { return 1; }
const int f4() { return 1; }
int main() {
 const int j = f3(); // Works fine
 int k = f4(); // But this works fine too!
```

Passing and returning addresses

- Passing a whole object may cost you a lot. It is better to pass by a pointer. But it's possible for the programmer to take it and modify the original value.
- In fact, whenever you're passing an address into a function, you should make it a const if at all possible.