



Advanced Programming in C++

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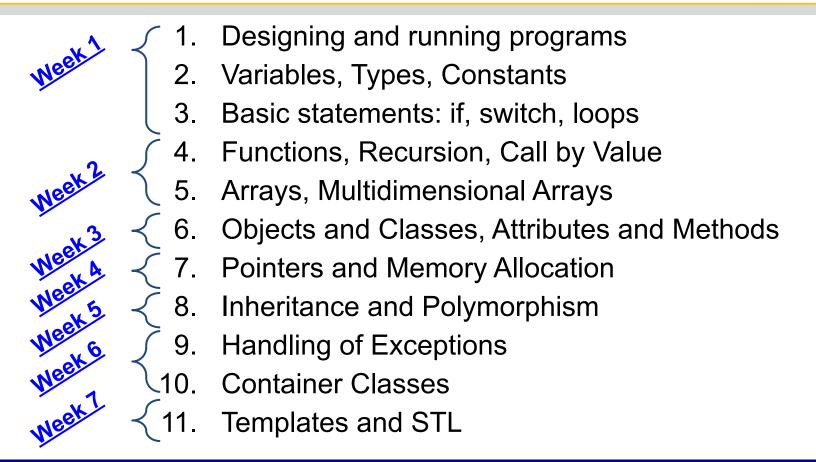
```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

int main() {
  vector<string> msg {"Welcome", "to", "advanced", "C++"};
  for (const std::string & word : msg) { // C++11 standard
    std::cout << word << ' ';
  }
  sdt::cout << '\n';
}</pre>
```



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This course in a nutshell



In this course, you learn advanced themes in C++ programming

The course consists of:

- Lecture: 2h per week, basic concepts
- Lab: 2h per week, getting / correcting programming tasks
- Homework: ± 2h per week, solving assignments





This course in a nutshell



Links to lecture slides and assignments are available on moodle:

- https://moodle.uni-siegen.de/course/view.php?id=34345
- updates to the slides will be made available during the term

We learn C++ by doing, hence: follow lectures and exercises

Disclaimer:

This course's material was inspired by similar courses from colleagues Roland Wismueller (Uni Siegen), Hannah Bast (Uni Freiburg), Federico Busato (NVIDIA, Modern C++ Programming)



Examination and grading



See the description of this course <u>here</u>

33.33% of your grade (enroll for 4INFMA307-S) comes from:

- Set of programming assignments during term and programming on paper
- These need to be delivered in-class
 your presence is required in these sessions
- You need to pass this course work to be able to enroll for the exam

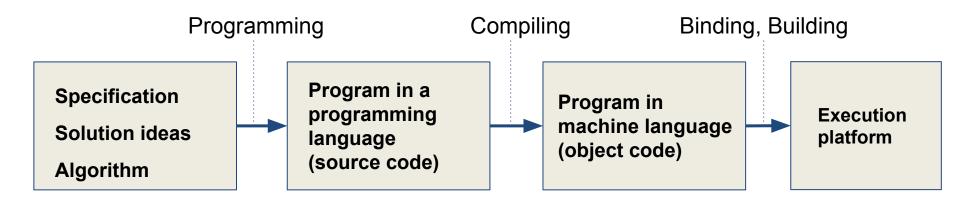
66.66% comes from the 1-hour written exam (enroll for 4INFMA307-P):

- 1 handwritten A4 (double-sided) page is allowed
- Bring a photo ID, your student ID and a pen (blue/black ink only)
- Structure: Programming tasks very similar to the exercises





Steps in creating a program:







Steps in creating a program:







1.1. Program structure:

- A program is essentially a series of machine instructions that tell the system what to do, step by step, similar to a recipe
- Source code allows humans to formulate instructions in an understandable fashion, which then can be translated to machine instructions → In this course, we use C++ to create source code
 - C++ source code files are text files that end with .cpp or .h
 - A compiler then translates these to a program that consists out of machine instructions
- Creating source code needs a file system and operating system





1.2. Using GitHub Repository, g++, editors

We will use a github repository: https://github.com/kristofvl/AdvancedCPP as a code base for the slides, all exercises, and home works from the lecture

- You will need a github account
- It allows keep track of changes, and distributing larger projects

We'll use <u>GNU g++</u>. For Linux or macOS, you can directly use g++ In Windows, you can install Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), to have a Linux environment to use g++ inside it





1.2. Using GitHub Repository, g++, editors

You are free in the use of editor. Here are a few options:

Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VSCode), Sublime, Lapce, Zed

Text-based coding editors: Vim, Emacs, NeoVim, Helix

Not suggested: Notepad, Gedit, and other similar editors





```
/* The Birthday Paradox -- an illustration
                                                                                            BDay.cpp
   Author: kvl, Date: first week
                                                  1. Every program
                                                 should mention who
                                                    programmed it
                                               2. Every program needs
                                                   a function "main"
                                               that contains all code to
                                                     be executed
                                                3. The function "main"
int main() {
                                                 will exit and send a
                                               number (usually zero, for
                                                   "no error") to the
  return 0;
                                                  operating system
```





```
/* The Birthday Paradox -- an illustration
                                                                                           BDay.cpp
  Author: kvl, Date: first week
#include <iostream>
class BDay {
 /* p(x) --> probability of x happening, p(x) = 1 - p(\text{not } x)
    p(2 \text{ persons have same birthday}) = 1 - (365-1)/365 * (365-2)/365 * ... * (365 - (n-1))/365 */
 public:
 double prob(int n);
};
double BDay::prob(int n) {
  double p = 1.0; // probability that out of n people, 2 have the same birthday
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { // i = 1, 2, ..., n-1
     p = p * (365-i)/365;
 return 1 - p:
int main() {
  int n = 23;
 BDayP b; // create an object to access the prob() method:
  std::cout << "The chance that 2 out of " << n << " people have a same birthday is " << b.prob(n);</pre>
 return 0;
```





1.3. Compiling and building a program:

- Type g++ to launch the GCC c++ compiler: g++ BDay.cpp
 - g++ creates the program, a file with the default name a.out in the current directory, which can be executed in the terminal: ./a.out
- Add -o to specify another name: g++ BDay.cpp -o BDay
 - g++ creates the file BDay , which can be executed: ./BDay
- The compiler tries to compile all other needed source files and needs
 a main function in the files that specifies what your program does
 - o g++ can compile multiple files, e.g.: g++ ex1.cpp ex2.cpp
 - g++ can compile code for later use in a program with -c:
 g++ -c BDay.cpp, which creates BDay.o
 g++ BDayx.o then creates the program a.out





1.3. Compiling and building a program:

Add --std to specify which C++ standard your code is for. If for instance you use features for C++11 you need to add --std=c++11:
 g++ BDay.cpp -o BDay --std=c++11

Features you use may be in different standards, and you can specify them by the option **--std** to let the compiler compile the source code in different standards





1.4. Including libraries:

- The compiler can include others' code as a library that is mentioned in the source code (for example #include <iostream>)
 - In this course, we will see mostly such standard libraries,
 g++ knows where to search for their files and links these:
 g++ BDaySimple.cpp

```
/* The Birthday Paradox -- a simplification */
#include <iostream>
int main() {
   std::cout << "The chance that 2 out of 23 people have";
   std::cout << " a same birthday is about 0.5" << std::endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```





1.4. Including libraries:

- The compiler can include others' code as a library that is mentioned in the source code (for example <u>ncurses</u>: #include <ncurses.h>)
 - Other non-standard libraries need to be linked explicitly with -1:
 g++ BDayCentre.cpp -1 ncurses





1.5. Indenting your code:

- To make everyone's code look the same, we recommend using <u>cpplint</u>
- We also recommend 2-space indentation (see all examples in slideset):

```
void myFunction(bool exec, bool size) { // indent after each {
\Diamond \Diamond int ret = 0;
◇◇if (exec) { // indent after each {
\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) { // indent after each {
◊◊◊◊◊◊ ret += i;
◇◇◇◇ } // de-indent before each }
◇ } else { // indent after each {
\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond ret = 12;
◇◇} // de-indent before each }
} // de-indent before each }
```





2.1. The basic components of a program:

- Reserved keywords
- Preprocessor directives
- Names
- Constants
- Operators
- Braces
- Separators
- Comments

```
/* The Birthday Paradox -- in short */
#include <iostream>
int main() {
   std::cout << "The chance that 2 out of";
   std::cout << " 23 people have a same";
   std::cout << " birthday is about ";
   std::cout << 0.5 << std::endl;
   return 0; // 0 back to operating system
}</pre>
```





2.1.1. Reserved C++ keywords

Reserved keywords are words that are reserved for special meaning by the language standard and cannot be used as identifiers (names for variables, functions, classes, etc.). E.g.:

bool	do	namespace	switch
break	double	new	this
case	else	private	true
catch	false	protected	using
char	float	public	virtual
class	for	return	void
const	if	short	while
delete	int	sizeof	





2.1.2. Preprocessor directives Source code can also contain so-called *preprocessor directives* that start with a # : We will use solely:

- #include, followed by a source file either:
 - surrounded by < and > , for example: #include <ncurses.h>
 for source code from standard libraries
 - surrounded by " and " , for example: #include "myCode" for source code in the current directory
- header guards to ensure that code is included only once:

```
#ifndef HEADERFILE
#define HEADERFILE
#endif
```





2.1.3. Names:

You can define names to variables, parameters, functions, etc.

- these names need to be unique (so no keywords)
- they can contain only letters, digits and underscores (_)
- they need to start with letters or an underscore
- their length is nearly unlimited

•	examples:	correct	wrong	reason
		Sum getName	get Name Ver2-1	no empty spaces minus '-' not allowed
		_all4you	2exp4	starts with a digit
		1_2	while	C++ keyword



2.1.4. Constants:

```
15 (integer) 3.14159f (float) 3.14159 (double)
'p' (character) "brb" (string) true (boolean)
```

2.1.5. Operators:

```
+ - * / && || = == >= <= << >> ...
```

2.1.6. Braces:

```
()[]{}
```

2.1.7. Separators:

```
, ; . (space) as well as tabs or new lines
```





2.1.8. Comments:

- // comment till the end of the line
- /* comment that spans across multiple lines */
- note that a multi-line comment cannot contain */:

```
/* this example comment */ would
  cause an error */
```

```
// probability that out of n people, 2
/* p(x) --> probability of x happening
  p(x) = 1 - p(not x)
  p(2 persons have same birthday) =
...*/
/** The Birthday Paradox -- illustration
* Author: kvl
* Date: last week
*/
```

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: Comments should explain your code but never be trivial

```
good: int scrMaxWidth; // maximum screen width
```

bad: float aspectRatio; // this variable holds the aspect ratio





2.1. Example:

```
/* An interactive example */
                                                                     comments
#include <iostream>
                                                                     preprocessor
int main() {
  char name [80]; // symbols array for the user's name
                                                                     separators
  std::cout << "Hi, what's your name?" << std::endl;</pre>
                                                                     operators
  std::cin >> name; // read the name from terminal
  std::cout << "Welcome " << name;</pre>
                                                                     braces
  if (name[0] == 'K') {
                                                                     constants
    std:\cout << ", I like your name!"</pre>
                                                                     names
  std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
                                                                     keywords
  return 0; // return a zero
```





2.2. Variables:

- represent memory space, where data of a certain type can be stored
- need to be declared and ideally initialized before use:
 int keyPressCounter = 0; // how often did user press a key?
- have values that after declaration can be 'read out' and changed:
 if (keyPressCounter > 27) // after 27 key presses,
 keyPressCounter = 0; // we set it back to zero
- can't be changed afterwards, when declared (and initialized) as
 constants: const int answer = 42; // after this, answer stays 42
- live in a certain scope, typically the function in which it was declared.
 After this function ends, the variable is deleted from memory.



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2.3. Data types: Integral

Native Type	Bytes	Range	Fixed width types <pre><cstdint></cstdint></pre>
bool	1	true, false	
char [†]	1	implementation defined	
signed char	1	-128 to 127	int8_t
unsigned char	1	0 to 255	uint8_t
short	2	-2^{15} to 2^{15} -1	int16_t
unsigned short	2	0 to 2^{16} -1	uint16_t
int	4	-2^{31} to 2^{31} -1	int32_t
unsigned int	4	0 to 2^{32} -1	uint32_t
long int	4/8		$int32_t/int64_t$
long unsigned int	4/8*		$uint 32_t/uint 64_t$
long long int	8	-2 ⁶³ to 2 ⁶³ -1	int64_t
long long unsigned int	8	0 to 2^{64} -1	uint64_t





2.3. Data types: Floating-Point

Native Type	IEEE	Bytes	Range	Fixed width types C++23 <stdfloat></stdfloat>
(bfloat16)	N	2	$\pm 1.18 \times 10^{-38}$ to $\pm 3.4 \times 10^{+38}$	std::bfloat16_t
(float16)	Υ	2	0.00006 to 65,536	std::float16_t
float	Υ	4	$\pm 1.18 \times 10^{-38}$ to $\pm 3.4 \times 10^{+38}$	std::float32_t
double	Υ	8	$\pm 2.23 \times 10^{-308}$ to $\pm 1.8 \times 10^{+308}$	std::float64_t





2.3. Data types

- A type defines: what values the variable can have, how much memory is allocated for it, and which operations are possible
- All variables and constants have a type in C++
 - for constants, you can tell the type by their form
 - for variables, this is explicit in the declaration



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2.3. Data types: A (simplified) Memory View

```
/* reserving variables */
int main() {
 char mySymbol; // store one character
 int myInteger; // store an integer
 bool myBoolean; // store a boolean
 float myFloat; // store a floating point
 myInteger = 12; // 12 = constant integer
 myFloat = 12.0f; // 12.0f= constant floating point
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 myBoolean = true; // true = constant boolean
 return 0;
```

Memory



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Memory
mySymbol=char
  0000
  0000
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  0000
       0000
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                 0000
  0000
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                  0000
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       9999
            0000
                  0000
  0000
       0000
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                  0000
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       0000
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  0000
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  0100
       0100
            0000
                  0000
  0010 | 0000 | 0000 |
                  0000
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2.3. Data types: A (simplified) Memory View

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  0001
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  0100
       0100
            0000
                  0000
  0010 | 0000 | 0000 |
                  0000
```





2.3. Data types and variables

- There are few basic types in C++:
 - int stored in 4 bytes, range from -2147483648 to 2147483647
 - \circ **float** stored in 4 bytes (<u>IEEE754</u>), range from -3.4 x 10^{38} to 3.4 x 10^{38}
 - o **double** stored in 8 bytes (<u>IEEE754</u>), range from -1.7 x 10^{308} to 1.7 x 10^{308}
 - char stored in 1 byte (see <u>ASCII</u> table)
 - o bool stored in 1 byte
- Constants for these type are visible from how they are written:
 - o int whole numbers, e.g.: **729**, **-3628**, **0**, **-12632832**
 - o float numbers with decimal range and f, e.g.: 3.612f, 5.2f, 0.001f
 - o double numbers with decimal range, e.g.: 3.612, 5.2, 0.001
 - o char a character between single quotes, e.g.: '?'
 - bool either true or false





2.3. Data types and variables

Туре	SUFFIX	Example	Notes
int	/	2	
unsigned int	u, U	3u	
long int	1, L	8L	
long unsigned	ul, UL	2ul	
long long int	11, LL	411	
long long unsigned int	ull, ULL	7ULL	
float	f, F	3.0f	only decimal numbers
double		3.0	only decimal numbers

C++23 Type	SUFFIX	Example	Notes
std::bfloat16_t	bf16, BF16	3.0bf16	only decimal numbers
std::float16_t	f16, F16	3.0f16	only decimal numbers
std::float32_t	f32, F32	3.0f32	only decimal numbers
std::float64_t	f64, F64	3.0f64	only decimal numbers
std::float128_t	f128, F128	3.0f128	only decimal numbers





2.3. Data types and variables

Representation	PREFIX	Example		
Binary C++14	0ъ	0b010101		
Octal	0	0307		
Hexadecimal	0x or 0X	0xFFA010		

C++14 also allows *digit separators* for improving the readability 1'000'000





2.3. Data types: Impact in memory

```
/* reserving variables */
int main() {
 int sevenInteger = 7;  // seven as integer
 char sevenChar = '7';  // seven as character
 float sevenFloat = 7.0f; // seven as float
 double sevenDouble = 7.0; // seven as double
 return 0;
```

```
Memory
myInteger=int
  0000 0000
             0000
                   0000
  0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0111
sevenChar=int
  9911
  0111
sevenFloat=float
  0100 | 1110 | 0000 |
                   0000
  0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000
myFloat=double
  0100
       0011
              0000
                    0000
  0000
        1000
              0000
                    0000
        0000
              0000
  0000
                    0000
  0000
        0000 0000
                   0000
```





2.3. Data types and variables

When you need a variable, you need to **declare** it first (and you can give them a value straight away, this is called **initialization**):

Later, you can give variables **new values**:

```
areWeDone = true; // we have now set this variable to true highPrecision = 0.0; // we have now set this variable to 0.0
```

Multiple variables can be declared at once: int myNum = 3, yourNum = 8;





2.3. Data types and variables

Example: Initialize a character to \mathbf{a} , show its value in the terminal, then change the value to a \mathbf{q} , then show it in the terminal again.

```
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main() {
  char mySymbol; // variable to hold a character
  mySymbol = 'a';
  std::cout << mySymbol << std::endl; // prints out "a" and endline</pre>
 mySymbol = 'q';
  std::cout << mySymbol << std::endl; // prints out "q" and endline</pre>
  return 0;
```





2.3. Data types and variables: auto

C++11 The auto keyword specifies that the type of the variable will be automatically deduced by the compiler (from its initializer)

```
auto a = 1 + 2;  // 1 is int, 2 is int, 1 + 2 is int!
// -> 'a' is "int"
auto b = 1 + 2.0; // 1 is int, 2.0 is double. 1 + 2.0 is double
// -> 'b' is "double"
```

auto can be very useful for maintainability and for hiding complex type definitions
for (auto i = k; i < size; i++)
...</pre>

On the other hand, it may make the code less readable if excessively used because of type hiding

Example: auto x = 0; in general makes no sense (x is int)





2.4. Variables and scope

- A variable only exists within a scope (block of code, usually between curly braces { and }) and is deleted after the scope ends (after a })
- Variable names cannot use names that are already taken





2.5. Type conversions

- Variables can sometimes take values from other variables and constants that do not have the same type, **implicitly** converting them
- We'll stick to **explicit conversion**, using the type in braces:

```
double myDouble = 1.1;
int aNumber = 5;
char c = 'a';
bool b = true;
myDouble = (double)aNumber; // this works: myDouble == 5.0
myDouble = (double)c; // this works: myDouble == 97.0
aNumber = (int)myDouble; // works: aNumber == 97
c = (char)98.0f; // works too: c == 'b'
```





2.5. Type conversions

Example: Find out what the ASCII-codes are for the symbols '?', '&', and '#'

```
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main() {
 char question = '?'; // three variables to hold characters
  char ampersand = '&'; // variable to hold a character
  char hash = '#'; // variable to hold a character
 std::cout << (int)question << std::endl; // print ASCII code for '?'</pre>
 std::cout << (int)ampersand << std::endl; // print ASCII code for '&'</pre>
 std::cout << (int)hash << std::endl;  // print ASCII code for '#'</pre>
  return 0;
```

homework: Can you write this program in a more memory-efficient way?





- 3.1. Statements and assignments
- 3.2. Priority
- 3.3. Blocks of statements
- 3.4. if and switch
- 3.5. Repetitions / loops:
 - 3.5.1. the while loop
 - 3.5.2. the **do while** loop
 - 3.5.3. the for loop





3.1. Statements and assignments:

- Variables are the program's data, statements specify what to do with the data
- Statements always end with; and are executed sequentially
- Assignments always calculate the value of what is right of = and return this:





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Operators that we will use in this course:

Arithmetic operators:	+	-		*		/	%	++	
Relational operators:	>	>=		==		! =	<=	<	?:
Logical operators:	&&		П		!				
Assignment operators:	=	+=		-=		*=	/=	%=	
	<< :	=	>>=	•					
Three-way comparison operator: <=>									

unary operators binary operators

unary and binary operators ternary operator





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Arithmetic operators (try out yourself):

```
int x=5, y=9, width, length, multiply, division, remainder;
width = x + y;
                        // addition: 14
length = width - 1;  // subtraction: 13
multiply = x * y;
               // multiplication: 45
division = x / y;
                 // division: 0 (why?)
                  // modulo (remainder after division): 5
remainder = x % y;
                          // increment: x = x + 1: 6
X++;
                          // decrement: x = x - 1: 8
V--;
length = width = y;  // an assignment returns a value: 8
multiply = (x = 2) * (y = 5); // (bad style) : 10
```





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Import to note:

(Arithmetic) Operators do not exist for each type
 for example, % (modulo) does not exist for float or double

Operators might have different behavior between types





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Arithmetic operators, a first example (difficulty level:

)

```
/**
 Write a program that initializes two integers 'number1' and 'number2',
 and tests whether number1 is a multiple of number2. Put this result in the
 boolean variable 'result' below.
int main() {
 bool result = false;
 return (int) result;
```





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Relational and logical operators (try out yourself):

```
double f1 = 15.2, f2 = 31.6;
bool b1 = true, b2 = false;
std::cout << (f1 == f1);
                                          // true -> 1
std::cout << (b1 != b1);
                                          // false -> 0
std::cout << (b1 == true);</pre>
                                          // true -> 1
std::cout << (f1 < f2);
                                        // true -> 1
std::cout << (f1 <= f1);
                                        // true -> 1
std::cout << ((f1 > f1) && (!b1));
                                      // false -> 0
std::cout << ((b1 != b2) || (f2 >= f1) ); // true -> 1
std::cout << (b1 || b2);
                                        // true -> 1
std::cout << ( (f1 > 10.0) ? 'y' : 'n' ); // y
```





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Assignment operators (try out yourself):

```
float x = 5.1f, y = 9.2f;
int z = 7;

x = y + 1.0f;
y -= x;
x += 1.0f;
y // results in x having the value 10.2f
// y = y - x
// x = x + 1.0
// y = y / 2.0
// y = y / 2.0
// z = z % 3 (note z is integer)
```





3.1. Statements and assignments:

Three-way comparison operator or spaceship operator <=> (C++20) returns an *object* that can be directly compared with a positive, a 0, or negative integer:

```
(3 <=> 5) == 0;  // false

('a' <=> 'a') == 0;  // true

(3 <=> 7) < 0;  // true

(7 <=> 5) < 0;  // false
```





3.1. Statements and assignments:

example 00 (difficulty level:):

```
/**
Try to figure out what is happening in the code below. Then try to compile the
 code, and then change the commented part so that the code's output becomes 1:
*/
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main() {
  auto i = 7;  // what type is variable i?
  auto j = 9.0; // what type is variable j?
  bool ret = ((i \leftarrow j) == 0); // change the '== 0' part so that the output is 1
  std::cout << ret << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```



3. Basic statements: if, switch, loops



3.2. Priority

- Operators are not always executed from left to right, as statements
- Use braces to avoid having to learn the table below by heart:

Prio.	Operators	Associativity
11	,	left to right
10	=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, ? :	right to left
9	II	left to right
8	&&	left to right
7	<, >, <=, >=	left to right
6	<<, >>	left to right
5	+, -	left to right
4	*, /, %	left to right
3	prefix ++, prefix, unary -, unary +, !, (type), new, delete	right to left
2	suffix ++, suffix, ., ->,	left to right
1	::	left to right





3.2. Priority

• Examples:

Beware of prefix and postfix increment / decrement operators:

```
a = 10;
b = ++a;
// a = 11, b = 11
```

```
a = 10;
b = a++;
// a = 11, b = 10
```



3. Basic statements: if, switch, loops



3.3. Blocks

- Statement sequences and are executed one by one, from left to right:
 length = 10; width = 15; surface = length * width;
- A block of statements thus implements a function (e.g., between the curly braces { and } for main) and can be used anywhere where a statement can appear. But beware that variables defined there only 'live' in the block:

```
int main() {
  int length, width, surface;
  {
    length = 10; width = 15;
    surface = length * width;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main() {
  int length = 10, width = 15;
  {
   int surf = length * width;
  }
  return surf; // error: surf unknown
}
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

- Depending on a condition, selection statements can either execute the next statement, or not
- Simply for one case:

```
if ( number < 0 ) // if number is negative
  sign = '-'; // then the sign is '-'</pre>
```

For both cases:

```
if ( number < 0 )  // if number is negative
  sign = '-';  // then the sign is '-'
else  // otherwise:
  sign = '+';  // the sign is '+'</pre>
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

Conditions often use relational operators:

```
int x, y, sum, counter, minimum;
if (x \rightarrow y) ...
                      // is x bigger than y?
if (x \ge y) \dots
               // is x bigger or equal than y?
if (sum == x + y) \dots // is sum equal to (x+y)?
if (x != y) ... // is x different from y?
if (counter < 100) ... // is counter smaller than 100?</pre>
if (x + 1 \le 1 - y) ... // is (x+1) smaller or equal to (1-y)?
minimum = (x < y)? x : y; // minimum gets a new value of ...
                          // if ( x < y ), then x, else y
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

Conditions also often use logical operators:

```
int x, y, counter;
bool readFlag, writeFlag;
if (readFlag || writeFlag) ... // logical OR: readFlag or
                                 // writeFlag need to be true,
                                 // will be skipped if both are false
if ((x != 0) \&\& (y / x < 5)) ... // logical AND: both y/x needs to be
                                 // smaller than 5 and x shouldn't be 0
if (!(x < 0)) ... // NOT: the same as if (x >= 0)
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

Nesting **if** statements:

```
if (number == 0)
    sign = 0;
else
    if (number > 0)
        sign = +1;
    else
        sign = -1;
```

Alternatively, using the (?:) operator:

```
sign = (number == 0) ? 0 : ((number > 0) ? +1 : -1);
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

Nesting if statements can be tricky, use curly braces

```
if ( x == y )
   if ( y == z )
     allEqual = true;
else
   allEqual = false;

if ( x == y )
   if ( v == z )
```

```
if ( x == y ) {
   if ( y == z )
      allEqual = true;
}
else
   allEqual = false;
```

```
if ( x == y )
   if ( y == z )
     allEqual = true;
   else
     allEqual = false;
```

```
if ( x == y ) {
   if ( y == z )
      allEqual = true;
   else
      allEqual = false;
}
```





3.4. Selection statements: if and switch

Nesting many **if** statements:

```
if (menuItem == 1) {
} else if (menuItem == 2) {
} else if ((menuItem == 3) ||
           (menuItem == 4)) {
} else if (menuItem == 5) {
} else {
```

Using one **switch** statement:

```
switch (menuItem) {
  case 1: ...
         break;
  case 2: ...
         break;
  case 3:
  case 4: ...
         break;
  case 5: ...
         break;
  default: ...
         break;
```





3.5. Loops

3.5.1. The while loop:

result:

```
Sum: 0, 1, 3, 5, 9, 14, 20
```

3.5.2. The **do while** loop:

result:

```
Sum: 0, 1, 3, 5, 9, 14, 20
```





3.5. Loops

3.5.3. The **for** loop:

Template:

```
initialization of do we in- or decrease loop variable loop again? the loop variable

for ( statement ; condition ; statement )

<statement>;
```

statement, or block of statements to repeat





3.5. Loops: break and continue

break terminates a loop. The rest of the loop body will not be executed:

```
int num = 10;
while (num > 0) {
   if (num == 5) break; // stop after num has reached 5
   num--;
}
```

continue does not terminate the loop, but just skip the rest of the loop body:

```
int num = 10;
while (num > 0) {
   if (num == 5) continue; // when num == 5, don't decrement
   num--;
}
```





3.5. Loops: When do we use which loop type?

- for loop:
 - for a given range (e.g. " for all i = 1 ... N ")
 - when you automatically need a loop variable
- while loop:
 - when the (maximal) number of repetitions is not known beforehand
 - when the repetition conditions are more complex
- do while loop:
 - when a block needs to be repeated at least once





3.5. Loops: example 02 (difficulty level: 🍎)

```
/**
  Write a program that prints out a series of numbers, starting at 120.0 and where
  each next number is seven less than the previous one. Stop once the number is
  smaller than 43.7
  */
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
  return 0;
```





3.5. Loops: example 03 (difficulty level: 🍎 🍎)

```
/**
 Write a program that asks the user for a number, and then prints out this number
  in the terminal, followed by the half of the previous number until
  the result is smaller than ten. So for 100 it would give out: 100, 50, 25.5, 12.25
  */
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
  return 0;
```





3.5. Loops: example 04 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
  Write a program that counts from 131 down till 23, one number per line in the
  the terminal, and prints out "hop", if the number is a multiple of 7.
  */
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
  return 0;
```





3.5. Loops: example 05 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that prints in the terminal all prime numbers from 3 till 99.
 Remember: A number is a prime when any division by a smaller number results in
 a remainder that is never zero.
*/
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
  return 0;
```





3.5. Loops: example 06 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that draws in the terminal a big X out of the character 'X',
 depending on the variable int size (with size = 3, 4, ..., 20):
                        size = 5:
 size = 3:
           size = 4:
                                        etc.
  \mathbf{X}
           XX
                            X X
   X
               XX
                              XX
  \mathbf{X}
                XX
               \mathbf{X}
                               XX
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
  return 0;
```





3.5. Loops: example 07 (difficulty level: 🍎 🍎 🍎 🍎)

```
/**
 Write a program that draws in the terminal a bigger X out of the character 'X',
 depending on the variable int size (with size = 3, 4, ..., 20):
 size = 3:
           size = 4:
                        size = 5:
                                      etc.
  XX X
            XX X
                           XX X
   XX
               XXX
                             XX X
  X XX
               XXX
                             XX
              X XX
                             X XX
                             X XX
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout and std::endl
int main( ) {
 return 0;
```





- 4.1. Functions and their parameters
- 4.2. Recursive Functions
- 4.3. Call by Value
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- 4.5. Default Parameters and Function Attributes
- 4.6. Header files and Modules
- 4.7. Miscellaneous: Variadic arguments and Coroutines





4.1. Functions and their parameters

- Blocks of code can sometimes re-use the same variables and need to be used throughout a program
- For example calculating the maximum of two integers:

```
int maximum = 0, a = 12, b = 10;
 if (a > b) {
    maximum = a;
  } else {
    maximum = b;
   maximum now holds the value of a or b, whichever is largest
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- Before you can use (call) a function, you have to declare it (similar to how we have to declare variables before use).
- A function declaration contains a return type, function name, and parameters, example: int maximum(int a, int b);
- You typically declare and implement the function before main(), example:

```
int maximum( int a, int b ) {
  if (a > b) {
    return a;
  } else {
    return b;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

 With each function call, formal parameters need actual parameters, unless the function prototype has default values:

```
#include <iostream> // output to the console
#include <cstdint> // we're using the uint16 t type
void drawLine(char symbol = '-', uint16 t len = 25) {
  for (auto line = 0; line < len; line++) std::cout << symbol;</pre>
  std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
int main() {
  drawLine(); // writes 25 times the '-' symbol to console
  drawLine(50); // writes 50 times the '-' symbol to console
  drawLine('=', 9); // writes 9 times the '=' symbol to console
  return 0;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- Functions can call other functions, allowing cycles: function a() calls b(), b() calls a()
 - → In this case, declarations need to come first, example:

```
int a(); // declaration of function a()
int b(); // declaration of function b()
int a() { // implementation of function a():
  std::cout << "Yes" << std::endl;</pre>
  return b();
int b() { // implementation of function b():
  std::cout << "No"<< std::endl;</pre>
  return a();
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Declaring Functions

- A function declaration can have parameters: variables that obtain a value when the function is called and that are treated as local variables. in the implementation of the function
- A function can have a return type. If not, we use void \rightarrow ls this a type?

```
void printMaximum( int a, int b ) { // a and b are parameters
  if (a > b) {
              // a and b can be used as variables of
    std::cout << a; // type integer in the implementation of</pre>
  } else {
             // the function
    std::cout << b;</pre>
  std::cout << std::endl; // note that we don't return anything</pre>
```

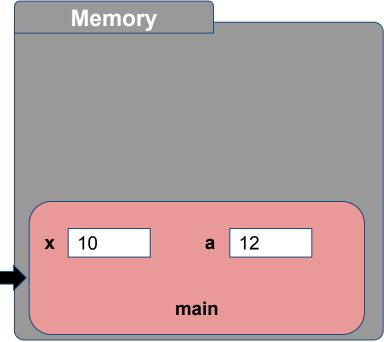




4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

• A function is *called*:

```
// declare & implement myFunct:
int myFunct(int b, int a) {
 a = 2 * b + a * a;
  return a + 1;
// now we can call myFunct:
int main() {
  int x = 10; int a = 12;
 a = myFunct(a, x+1); // a?
  return 0;
```



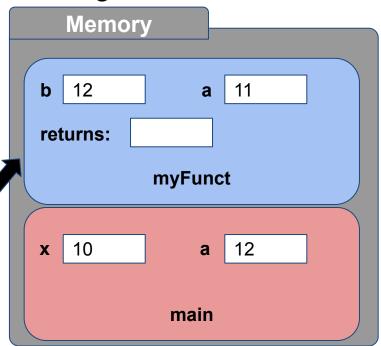




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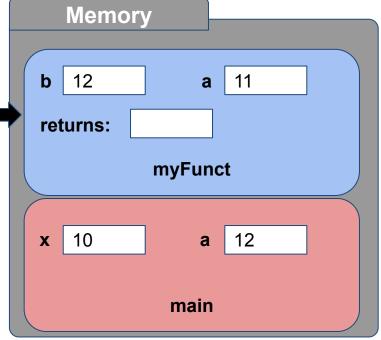




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```



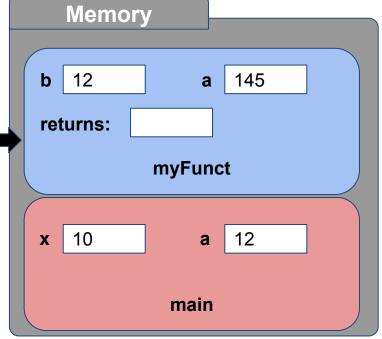




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```



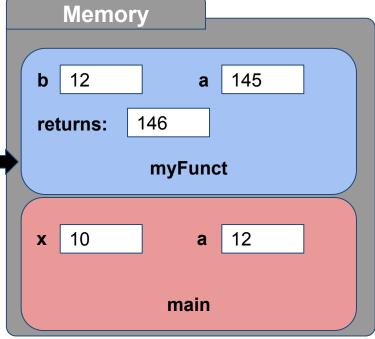




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  return 0;
```



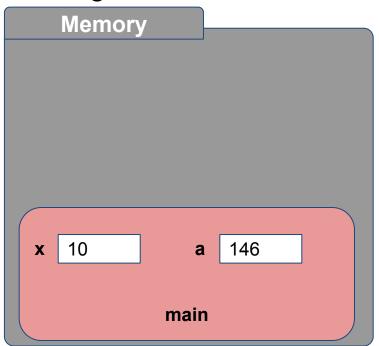




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 a = myFunct(a, x+1); // a?
  return 0;
```



A stack is created in memory, in which the function's local variables are stored





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

Maze Game v.1.0: expand this code to move the player and <u>add color</u>

```
/* First draft of Maze Game: draw the player, respond to key presses */
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
int main() {
  char c = ' '; // used for user key input
  auto x = 10, y = 5; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ...
   mvaddch(y, x, '@'); // ncurses function: draw a @ at position (x,y)
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   // handle here the moving
  endwin();
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
/* First draft of Maze Game: draw the player, respond to key presses
   Result of the in-class programming code (see YouTube video of the lecture)
*/
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses
void initNCurses() {
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
  noecho(); // don't show keys pressed in terminal
  start color(); // use color
  init pair(1, COLOR BLUE, COLOR GREEN);
  init pair(2, COLOR RED, COLOR YELLOW);
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
void clearScreen() {
  attron(COLOR PAIR(1)); // set color pair to 1
  for ( auto line = 0; line < LINES; line++) {</pre>
    for ( auto col = 0; col < COLS; col++) {</pre>
      mvaddch(line, col, '.'); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(1));
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair) {
  attron(COLOR PAIR(colorpair)); // set color pair to 1
  mvaddch(y, x, symbol); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(colorpair));
```





4.1. Functions and their parameters: Using Functions

```
int main() {
 auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses functionality
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
 endwin();
                   // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```



4.2. Recursive Functions

 A function can call itself. For example in a function to calculate the factorial of a number (notation: n!)

```
// factorial of n (n!):
double factr(double n) {
  if (n == 0.0)
    return 1.0;
  else if (n > 0.0)
    return n * factr(n-1);
```

```
double f = factr(3.0);
```

Mathematical definition:

and so on ...



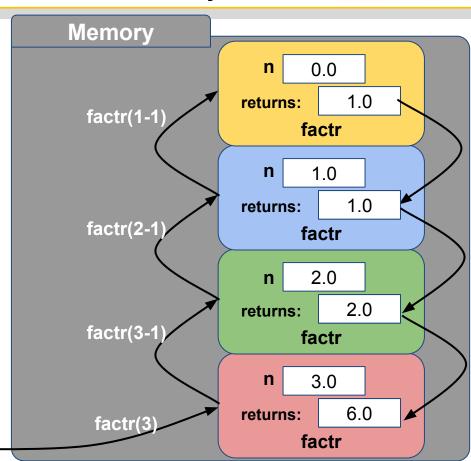


4.2. Recursive Functions

 Whenever a function is called, a new space is reserved in memory for parameters and local variables. Example:

```
double factr(double n) {
  if (n == 0.0)
    return 1.0;
  else if (n > 0.0)
    return n * factr(n-1)
```

```
double f = factr(3.0);
```







4.3. Call by Value

In C++, most parameters are passed by value

- This means, a function always receives **copies** of the actual parameters
- When the function is called, the values of the actual parameters are assigned to the formal parameters in the function declaration:

```
double factr(double n); // n is a formal parameter of factrr
double y = factr(6.0); // 6.0 is the actual parameter of factr
```

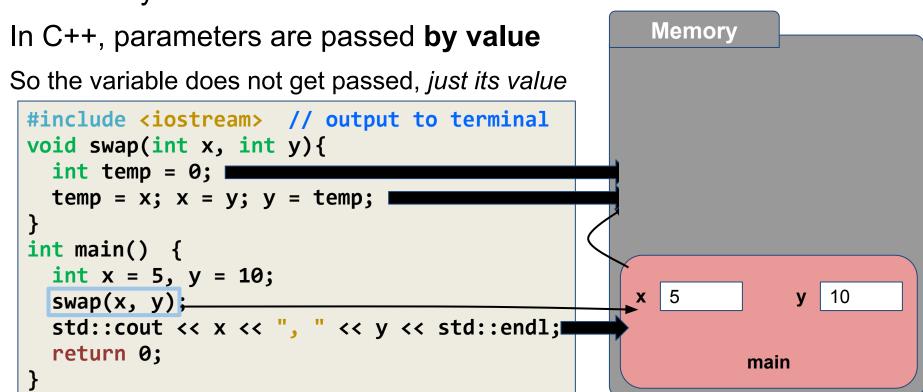
- With call-by-value, variables given as actual parameters are never changed
- The same variable can be simultaneously passed to multiple parameters:

```
int a = 10;
y = maximum(a, a); // the value 10 is copied to both parameters
```





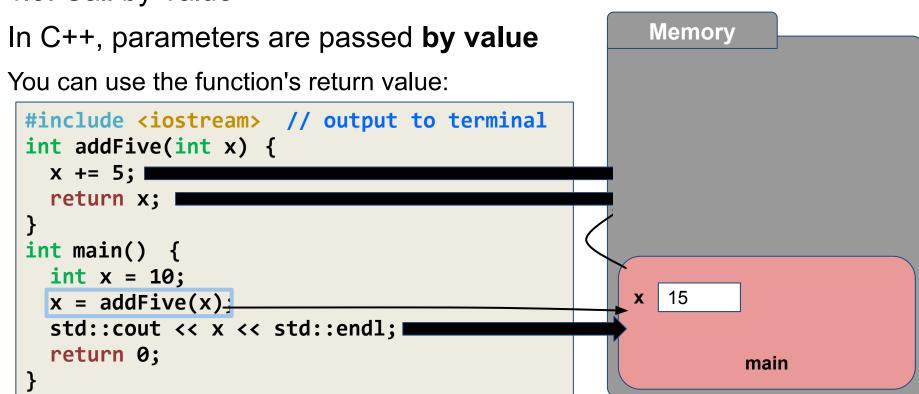
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4.3. Call by Value







4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

- **inline** tells the compiler that inline substitution of a function is preferred over function call: instead of calling the function and transferring control to the function body, a copy of the function body is executed
- This avoids overhead from the function call (passing the arguments and retrieving the result)
- This may result in a larger executable (due to repeating multiple times)

```
inline int maximum( int a, int b ) {
  return (a > b)? a : b;
```





4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

Sometimes, the same functionality is needed on different types:

```
auto maximum( int a, int b );
auto maximum( double a, double b );
auto maximum( char a, char b );
```

(note that **auto** is not allowed for the function's parameters, deduced return types are a C++14 extension)

- Multiple functions with the same name are allowed, if
 - the number of parameters are different, or
 - at least one parameter has a different type
- This is *overloading* the function name, and should be used for multiple functions of the same functionality. Note that with subtle differences, like signed/unsigned, float/double, it is hard to predict what will be called





4.4. inline Functions, Overloading, =delete

- There are four Overloading Resolution Rules
 - An exact match between parameter types
 - A promotion (e.g., char to int)
 - A standard type conversion (e.g. float and int)
 - A constructor or user-defined type conversion (see later)
- = **delete** can be used to prevent calling the wrong overload:

```
void myFunction(int) { ; }
void myFunction(double) = delete;
int main() {
 myFunction(7); // this is fine
  myFunction(7.0); // this results in a compilation error
  return 0;
```





4.5. Default Parameters and Function Attributes

- Parameters can be given a default value (If the call does not supply a value for this parameter, this default value will be used):
 - All default parameters must be the *rightmost* parameters
 - Default parameters must be declared only once
 - Default parameters can improve compile time and avoid redundant code because they avoid defining other overloaded functions

```
void myFunction(int a, int b = 7); // declaration of myFunction
void myFunction(int a, int b) { ; } // definition of myFunction
int main() {
 myFunction(8); // this is fine, a = 8, b = 7
  return 0;
```





4.5. Default Parameters and Function Attributes

- Functions can be marked with standard properties, to express their intent:
 - [[noreturn]] indicates that a function does not return, for optimization purposes or compiler warnings (from C++11)
 - [[deprecated]], [[deprecated("reason")]] indicates that the use of a function is discouraged through a compiler warning (from C++14)
 - o [[nodiscard]], [[nodiscard("reason")]] (C++17, resp. C++20) throws a warning if the function's return value is not handled

```
[[noreturn]] void myFunction() { std::exit(0); }
[[deprecated("old function, use newFunction instead")]]
void oldFunction(int p) { ... }
[[nodiscard("please handle return value")]] int getMaximum() { ... }
```





- It is likely that any code you will write will have to be split into several functions that call each other, instead of implementing everything in the main() function
- We define and implement these functions in separate files, if they form a collection that belong to each other (see for example the functions we used from ncurses)
- This is a module: a part of a program that can be compiled separately
- In C++, a module always should consist of two files:
 - o a **header** file (*.h), which contains the function declarations
 - an implementation file (*.cpp), in which the functions are implemented





```
/* Second draft of Maze Game: drawing functions are our module "drawMaze" */ Maze.cpp
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions related to drawing
int main() {
 auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses functionality
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
 endwin();
  return 0;
```





```
/* Drawing functions declared */
                                                                            drawMaze.h
#include <ncurses.h> // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses and use color
void initNCurses();
// clear the screen
void clearScreen();
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair);
```





```
/* Drawing functions implemented */
                                                                           drawMaze.cpp
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions to draw colored text in terminal
// initialize all the functions to start drawing in ncurses
void initNCurses() {
  initscr(); curs_set(0); // ncurses: initialize window, then hide cursor
  noecho(); // don't show keys pressed in terminal
  start color(); // use color
  init pair(1, COLOR BLUE, COLOR GREEN);
  init pair(2, COLOR RED, COLOR YELLOW);
void clearScreen() {
  attron(COLOR_PAIR(1)); // set color pair to 1
  for ( auto line = 0; line < LINES; line++) {</pre>
    for ( auto col = 0; col < COLS; col++) {</pre>
      mvaddch(line, col, '.'); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
  attroff(COLOR PAIR(1));
```

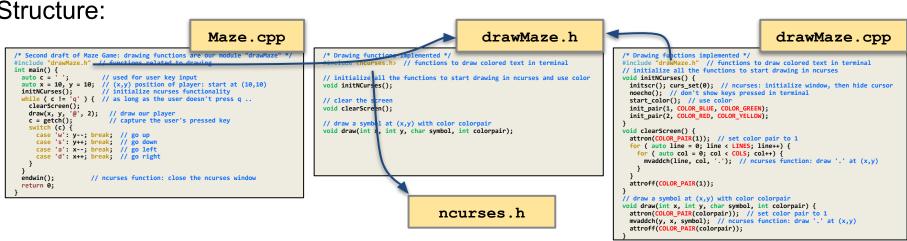




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```
// draw a symbol at (x,y) with color colorpair
                                                                         drawMaze.cpp
void draw(int x, int y, char symbol, int colorpair) {
  attron(COLOR_PAIR(colorpair)); // set color pair to 1
 mvaddch(y, x, symbol); // ncurses function: draw '.' at (x,y)
 attroff(COLOR PAIR(colorpair));
```

Structure:







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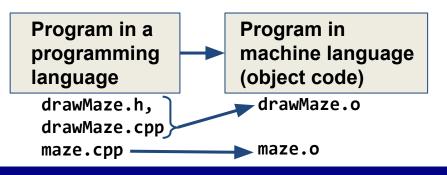
Maze Game v.2.0: How to compile the program?

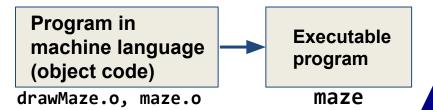
• First compile the module and the program into object files:

```
g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11 → object file drawMaze.o
g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11 \rightarrow object file maze.o is created
```

Then link the object files:

```
g++ maze.o drawMaze.o -o maze -l ncurses
```







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4.6. Header files and Modules

- Why use modules?
 - To better structure the program code: Separate modules make it easier to divide your code and find where you need to change or continue your source code
 - Make modules re-usable by others: Anyone can read the header (*.h) file and will know what functions they can use if the module is included, reading the implementation (*.cpp) is not needed
 - Save compilation time: Object files are already compiled, they
 just need to be linked to other modules and the program code

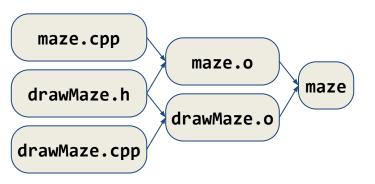


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4.6. Header files and Modules: The make utility

Revisiting the Maze Game v.2.0, we have these *dependencies*:



```
compile drawMaze.cpp:
g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11s
compile maze.cpp:
g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11
link the objects files into the executable program maze:
g++ maze.o drawMaze.o -o maze -l ncurses
```

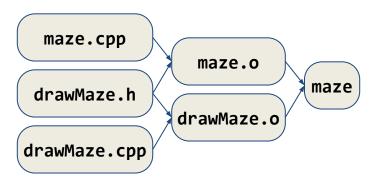
- After a change, we want to recompile only the affected files
- The **make** program automates this process for us: just type make in the terminal, in the code's directory





4.6. Header files and Modules: The make utility

• We need to tell make about these dependencies in a specific file that we need to create in the code's directory: Makefile



 After each rule, we need to type a **tab** before each g++ command in Makefile

```
Makefile
# Rule to make our program when
# 'drawMaze.o' and 'maze.o' are compiled:
maze: drawMaze.o maze.o
  g++ drawMaze.o maze.o -o maze -l ncurses
# Rule for dependency 'maze.o':
maze.o: maze.cpp drawMaze.h
  g++ -c maze.cpp -std=c++11
# Rule for dependency 'drawMaze.o':
drawMaze.o: drawMaze.cpp drawMaze.h
  g++ -c drawMaze.cpp -std=c++11
```



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Summary

```
int maximum( int a, int b );
```

- A function returns at most one value and thus must have a return type (either int, float, double, bool, char, etc., or void: no return value)
- A function has a name and a list of parameters between braces
- The parameters are variables of the types int, float, double, bool, char
- The function is implemented as a block following the function definition, between curly braces:
- Each time this function is called, these statements are executed with any parameters as local variables

```
int maximum( int a, int b ) {
   if (a > b) {
      return a;
   } else {
      return b;
   }
}
```





- 5.1. Array basics
- 5.2. Multidimensional Arrays
- 5.3. Strings (Arrays of char)
- 5.4. Arrays as function parameters
- 5.5. Reading char arrays from the terminal
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5.1. Arrays: Reminders

Types (int, float, double, bool, char, etc.) tell the compiler:

- the size of the variables (e.g., 4, 8, 1 bytes) in memory
- how these bits in memory should be interpreted
- and know the possible operations on them

For example:

if height and width are variables of type int, then the compiler knows

- that 4 bytes need to be reserved for each of them,
- which are organized so they span the whole numbers from -2147483648 to 2147483647
- and that height * width is a legal operation





5.1. Arrays

- An array is a serially numbered collection of variables that are all of the same type
- The number of elements is the size of the array
- Array elements are accessible via their index, from 0 to size-1

For example:

float myArray[7]; is an array of 7 float variables, indexed from 0 to 6:

Memory						
element 1 4 bytes	element 2 4 bytes	element 3 4 bytes	element 4 4 bytes	element 5 4 bytes	element 6 4 bytes	element 7 4 bytes
myArray[0]	myArray[1]	myArray[2]	myArray[3]	myArray[4]	myArray[5]	myArray[6]





5.1. Arrays: Initialization, sizeof

• An array can be initialized by listing the elements between curly braces, { and }, and separated by commas:

```
double myArray[] = {1.09, 2.18, 4.36, 8.72};
In this case, the array will automatically get the size 4
```

• **sizeof** is built-in operator that returns the number of *bytes* for the given variable or type:

```
int myArraySize = sizeof(myArray) / sizeof(myArray[0]); // 16/4
```

Loops are typically used for larger arrays:

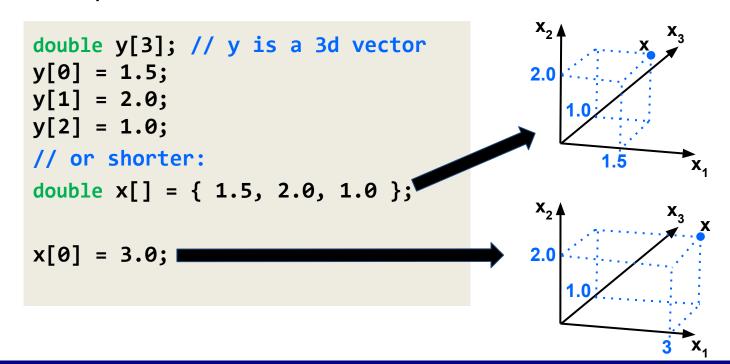
```
bool myArray[400];
for (int i = 0; i < 400; i++) myArray[i] = false;</pre>
```





5.1. Arrays

Example: a three-dimensional vector







5.1. Arrays: Writing beyond the array boundary

- Most C++ compilers allow using any array indices to access array elements, even incorrect ones
- Non-existing array elements are usually other parts of memory, such as other variables or program code:

```
int myArray[4] = {9, 8, 7, 6};
int myInteger = 5;
std::cout << myArray[4] << std::endl; // returns only a warning</pre>
```

What could happen: myArray[4] returns the value of myInteger:

```
        Memory

        9
        8
        7
        6
        5

        myArray[0]
        myArray[1]
        myArray[2]
        myArray[3]
        myInteger
```





5.1. Arrays

Example 01 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that initializes an array of 50 booleans, repeatedly having two
 elements with a true value, followed by one element with false.
 So the array starts with: true, true, false, true, true, false, true, true, ...
 Do not use any variables other than myArray and a loop iteration variable.
*/
int main() {
 bool myArray[50];
 return 0;
```





5.1. Arrays

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that lets a user fill an array of 10 integers, using a loop,
 and then calculate and output the average of all given numbers to the terminal.
 Assume that the user enters a valid number each time.
 */
#include <iostream> // to allow use of std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
int main() {
 int myArray[10];
 return 0;
```





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```
/**
  Write a program that draws a histogram or bar chart through
 an array of 17 integers. To 'draw' the bars, use the string
  "\u2589" or an empty space.
  */
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
#include <random>
                     // rand(), returns a pseudo-random int
int main() {
 int myArray[17];
  for (int i = 0; i < 17; i++) { // fill array with random
    myArray[i] = ( rand() % 25 ); // numbers between 0 and 24
    // draw here with std::cout and std::endl
    std::cout << myArray[i] << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

```
example output:
```





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays

• An array can be multidimensional, for example 2-dimensional:

```
int myTable[2][4] = \{ \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \};
```

- This array is essentially an array of 2 arrays: myTable[0], myTable[1]
- Initialization of larger arrays typically needs nested loops:

```
double map[100][20];
for (int x = 0; x < 100; x++) {
   for (int y = 0; y < 20; y++) {
      map[x][y] = 0.0;
   }
}</pre>
```

- **sizeof(myTable)** will return the total size, so 2x4x4=32 bytes
- \bullet sizeof(myTable[0]) will return 4x4 = 16 bytes





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays: Maze Game v.3.00

- Expand on version 2.00 by drawing an actual maze in the screen background, in a tiled way (since the screen can be any size)
- Add this as a two-dimensional array that you initialize yourself in the clearScreen function to build up a maze, for example:





5.2. Multidimensional Arrays: Maze Game v.3.00

```
/* Third draft of Maze Game: We add an actual maze to our module "drawMaze" */
#include "drawMaze.h" // functions related to drawing the maze and player
int main() {
 auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 auto x = 10, y = 10; // (x,y) position of player: start at (10,10)
 initNCurses();  // initialize ncurses window and draw the maze
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   clearScreen();
   draw(x, y, '@', 2); // draw our player and maze, check for collisions
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
    switch (c) {
     case 'w': y--; break; // go up
     case 's': y++; break; // go down
     case 'a': x--; break; // go left
     case 'd': x++; break; // go right
 endwin();
                    // ncurses function: close the ncurses window
  return 0;
```





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

- Strings are sequences of symbols, for example to store textual data
- In C++, there is no built-in (primitive) string type. Sequences of characters can easily be implemented as an array of char variables, which always end with a zero (a character that has the value 0, or also: '\0', but NOT '0'): char myName[10] = {'S', 'l', 'i', 'm', 'S', 'h', 'a', 'd', 'y', 0}; std::cout << yourName << std::endl; // returns contents of yourName</p>

```
| 'S' | '1' | 'i' | 'm' | 'S' | 'h' | 'a' | 'd' | 'y' | '\0' | | myName[0] | myName[1] | myName[2] | myName[3] | myName[4] | myName[5] | myName[6] | myName[7] | myName[8] | myName[9]
```





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

We have already used constant strings when writing output for the terminal:
 #include <iostream>

```
std::cout << "This is a string!" << std::endl;</pre>
```

- The ending zero (which also is present in the constant strings such as these two above) makes sure that we never go beyond the end of the string
- As such, the empty string "" contains still one character (with value 0, or also: '\0', but NOT '0')





5.3. Arrays: Strings (Arrays of char)

With arrays of characters, you can manage any string already, but you will see that strings are not as easy to deal with as the basic types (int, float, double, bool, char). For example concatenating two strings is lots of work:

```
/** Write a program that concatenates two strings, s1 and s2, no matter
   what size they have */
#include <iostream> // use std::cout, std::cin, and std::endl
int main() {
   char s1[] = "Apples and ", s2[] = "oranges";
   // create a new string s, which contains s1 and s2 below:
   std::cout << "Concatenated string: " << s << std::endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```





5.4. Arrays as function parameters

In C++, array parameters are passed by reference

```
void swap( int a[10], int i, int j) {  // this swap function works!
  int temp = a[i];  // after this function ends, the original array a
  a[i] = a[j];  // will have swapped the values in its elements i
  a[j] = temp;  // and j. Variables i, j, and temp were created
}  // at function start and are removed from memory
```

- The function above thus uses the actual array parameter, not a copy
- With call-by-reference, variables given as actual parameters may be changed by the function
- In a function declaration, arrays can be of unspecified length:
 void swap(int a[], int i, int j); // Note we'll have to check for a's size





5.5. Reading char arrays from the terminal

When trying our this approach:

```
char buffer[80];
std::cin >> buffer;
```

you will see this has a few flaws: **cin** stops reading beyond the first whitespace character (so we cannot input sentences), and we might have a buffer overrun when we enter more than 80 characters

The correct approach is to use:

```
char buffer[80];
std::cin.get( buffer, 80 ); // Reads at most 79 characters, 0 is last element
```

In the above, get() seems to be a function, but: What exactly is cin?





5.6. Lambda Expressions and Range-based Loops (since C++11)

- Lambda expressions construct a closure: an unnamed function object that is capable of capturing variables in scope
- These are typically used for short code snippets that are not reused and therefore do not specifically require a name:

```
auto x = [](char symbol) { std::cout << symbol << ' '; };
auto x = [](double d, int t) -> double { return (d<t)?0:d; };
capture clause (see later) parameters return type function body</pre>
```





5.6. Lambda Expressions and Range-based Loops (since C++11)

 Lambdas are the simplest way of passing functions as arguments, two other methods are (1) passing functions as pointers and (2) using the std::function<> template class → see [more in-depth information] or later in this course





5.6. Lambda Expressions and Range-based Loops (since C++11)

- The foreach loop or <u>range-based for loop</u> eases iterating over data
- It leaves out the iterator, initialization and stopping conditions:

```
#include <iostream> // output to the console
int main() {
  int array[]= { 8, 2, 7, 2, 8, 7, 9, 1};
  for( auto value : array ) { // foreach loop over array
    std::cout << value << ' ';
  }
  std::cout << std::endl;
  return 0;
}</pre>
```





- 5.6. Lambda Expressions and Range-based Loops (since C++11)
 - std::for_each loops are similar to range-based for loops, and provided in <iostream>
 - They apply a *function* to each of the elements in the range [first,last):





- 6.1. Classes
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6.1. Classes and Objects

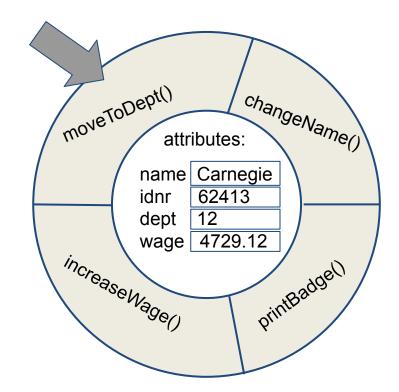
- A class essentially defines a new type, containing:
 - a collection of variables (data members, attributes)
 - a set of related operations (member functions, methods)
- An object is an instance (an entity) of a class
 - it is called object, since it usually models a real-world object
 - a class then can be viewed as a model or a blueprint for a certain class of objects





6.1. Classes and Objects

Encapsulation: The bundling together of all information, capabilities, and responsibilities (data and functions) into one single object:



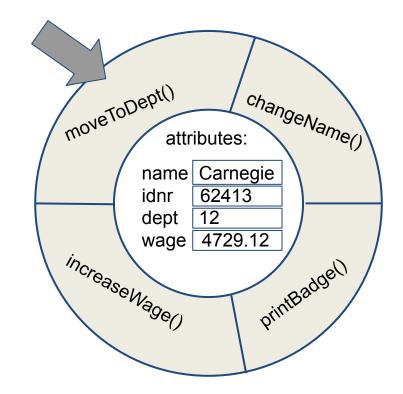




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Encapsulation has two properties:

- Data protection: Attributes are private, access to attributes goes through the available methods
- 2) Information hiding: Internal implementation is hidden from external code, only the **public** interface of the class is accessible



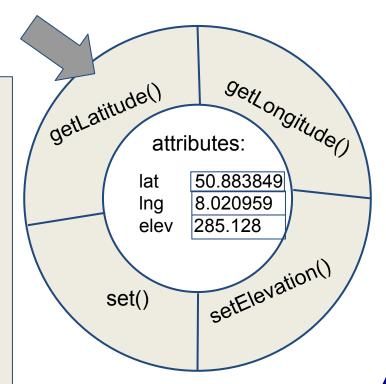




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Access to object's attributes goes through the available methods. Example:

```
GPSCoord here; // GPS coordinate object
// we can modify latitude and
// longitude only together:
here.set(50.883849, 8.020959);
// we can modify the elevation:
here.setElevation(285.128);
// we can retrieve these attributes:
double lat = here.getLatitude();
double lng = here.getLongitude();
// .. but not elevation
```



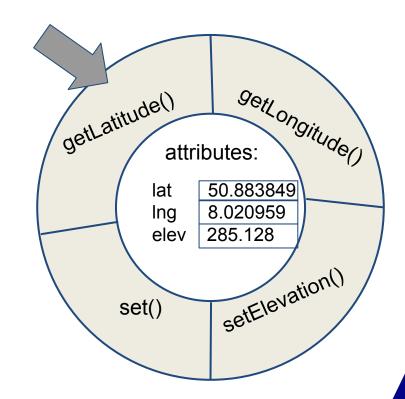




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Declaring a class GPSCoord:

```
// GPS coordinate class:
class GPSCoord {
 private:
 // latitude, longitude, elevation:
  double lat, lng, elev;
 public:
 // set latitude and longitude:
 void set(double la, double lo);
 void setElevation(double val);
 double getLatitude();
 double getLongitude();
```







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Implementing the methods for the class GPSCoord:

```
void GPSCoord::set(double la, double lo){
 lat = la; lng = lo;
void GPSCoord::setElevation(double val){
 elev = val;
double GPSCoord::getLatitude(){
  return lat;
double GPSCoord::getLongitude(){
  return lng;
```

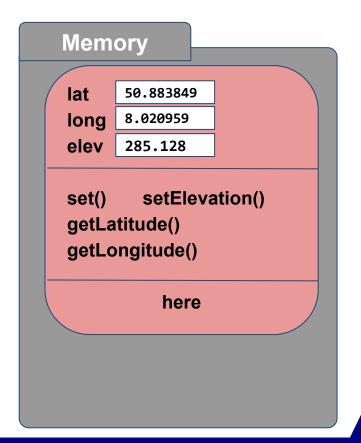




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Creating an object of the class GPSCoord:

```
GPSCoord here; // GPS coordinate object
// we can modify latitude and
// longitude only together:
here.set(50.883849, 8.020959);
// we can modify the elevation:
here.setElevation(285.128);
// we can retrieve these attributes:
double lat = here.getLatitude();
double lng = here.getLongitude();
// .. but not elevation
```





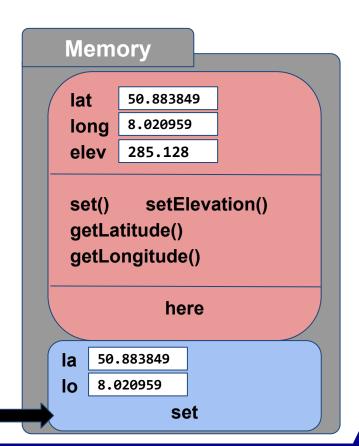


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An object's method (member function) has access to *all* its attributes (variables) and methods

```
void GPSCoord::set(double la, double lo){
  lat = la; long = lo; // defaults
  // call GPSCoord methods to update:
  lat = getLatitude();
  lng = getLongitude();
  setElevation(285.128);
}
```

```
GPSCoord here; // GPS coordinate object
// set latitude and longitude:
here.set(50.883849, 8.020959);
```







6.1. Classes and Objects

Note new suggested indentation & syntax for classes. One space should come before private or public, and a colon (':') after these keywords. Example:

```
// GPS coordinate class:
class GPSCoord {
◇private:
♦♦// latitude, longitude, elevation:
◇ double lat, lng, elev;
◇public:
◊◊// set latitude and longitude:
◇◇void set(double la, double lo);
◇ void etElevation(double val);
◇ double getLatitude();
◇ double getLongitude();
}; // mind the semicolon after the declaration
```





6.1. Classes and Objects: Minor notes

Attributes could also be public (but usually aren't)
Methods can also be implemented in the class declaration

```
class Test {
private:
 int attribute1; // a private attribute
public:
 bool attribute2; // a public attribute
 void method1(int parameter) { attribute1 = parameter; }; // methods implemented
 void method2() { std::cout << attribute1 << std::endl; }; // in class declaration</pre>
};
int main(){
 Test myTest; // create an object of class Test
 myTest.attribute2 = false; // we can access public attributes
 myTest.method1(21); // we can call public methods
 return 0;
```





6.1. Classes and Objects: Minor notes

The class declaration is usually in the file className.h, the class' method implementations in the file className.cpp

```
class Test {
  private:
    int attribute1;
  public:
    bool attribute2;
    void method1(int parameter);
    void method2();
};
```

```
#include "Test.h"
                                        Test.cpp
void Test::method1(int parameter) {
  attribute1 = parameter;
void Test::method2() {
  std::cout << attribute1 << std::endl;</pre>
};
#include "Test.h"
                                    mainTest.cpp
int main(){
  Test myTest;
  myTest.attribute2 = false;
  myTest.method1(21);
  return 0;
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

Reminder: Variables can be declared and later initialized, or they can be immediately initialized within the declaration:

```
char mySymbol = '?';
```

This declaration and initialization can be done for classes' objects as well:

```
GPSCoord myLocation(50.88385, 8.02096, 285.128); // coordinates of Siegen Employee user("Carnegie", 62413, 12, 4729.12); // employee Carnegie SizedSymbol bigQuestion('?', 14); // a SizedSymbol '?' with size 14
```

This requires a special method with the class' name: The constructor





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A constructor has no return value (not even void) and is automatically called

```
class Test {
 private:
  int attribute1;
 public:
  Test(int parameter) { // this is a constructor for class Test
    attribute1 = parameter;
 void method2() {
    std::cout << attribute1 << std::endl;</pre>
 };
int main(){
  Test myTest(21); // object's constructor initializes is automatically called
 myTest.method2(); // this will print out '21' to the terminal
  return 0;
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

Constructors can be overloaded (distinguished by their parameters):

```
class Test {
private:
 int attribute1, attribute2;
public:
 // multiple constructors for class Test:
 Test() { attribute1 = 0; }; // this is a default constructor
 Test(int parameter) { attribute1 = parameter; };
 Test(int parameter1, int parameter2) { attribute1 = parameter2; };
 void method2() { std::cout << attribute1 << std::endl; };</pre>
};
int main(){
 Test myTest(4, 12); // object of class Test has attribute1 initialized to 12
 myTest.method2(); // this will print out '12' to the terminal
 return 0;
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

- A class' default constructor is a constructor without parameters
- A class without declared constructors results in the compiler automatically generating a default constructor
- A default constructor is invoked when an object is created, but not initialized

```
class Test {
  private:
    int attribute1;
  public:
    // Test() {} --> an automatically generated constructor would look like this
    void method2() { std::cout << attribute1 << std::endl; };
};
int main(){
  Test myTest; // this object is initialized with empty default constructor
    return 0;
}</pre>
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

A destructor is automatically called whenever an object is destroyed:

```
bool myFunction(){
  Test myTest(17);  // this object is created and initialized here
  return false;  // myTest's destructor is called when function returns
}
```

This destructor is another special method with the same name as the class, starting with a ~:

```
Test::~Test() {  // this is the destructor for class Test
  // here come statements for application-specific clean up
}
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

Example 00 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
 Write a program that declares, implements, and uses a class with no attributes.
 The class should print 'hello' to the terminal when its object is created and
  'bye' when its object is removed from memory.
#include <iostream> // terminal input and output classes and objects
// write the class here
int main() {
  // create a class object here
 return 0;
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors

Example 01 (difficulty level:)



```
/**
 Write a program that declares, implements, and uses a class with two attributes,
 a boolean called 'flag' and an integer called 'number', which can only be changed
 or read through a constructor. The class should also have a method 'get' with no
 parameters, which returns the integer 'number' only if 'flag' is true, and
 otherwise 0.
// write the class here
int main() {
 int returnValue;
 // create a class object here
 // and use its get method
 return returnValue;
```





6.2. Constructors and Destructors: Maze Game v.4.00

Change the module into a class Maze, with mazeGame.cpp looking this way:

```
/* Fourth draft of Maze Game: drawing is in class "Maze" */
                                                          mazeGame.cpp
#include "Maze.h" // everything related to the maze
int main() {
  auto c = ' '; // used for user key input
 Maze maze(10, 5); // initialize the maze and put player at (10, 5)
 while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
   maze.draw('@', 3); // draw player as a '@' with color pair 3
   c = getch();  // capture the user's pressed key
   switch (c) {
     case 'w': maze.up(); break; // go up
     case 's': maze.down(); break; // go down
     case 'a': maze.left(); break; // go left
     case 'd': maze.right(); break; // go right
  return 0;
```





6.3. this and initializing const attributes

Class methods often reuse attribute names, leading to a problem:

```
class Maze {
  public:
    Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y);
    private:
    int16_t x, y;
    ...
};
```

```
Maze::Maze(int16 t x, int16 t y) {
 // how to assign the values of
 // constructor parameters x and y
 // to class attributes x and y?
Maze::Maze() {
 int16 t x, int16 t y;
 // how to assign the values of
 // constructor parameters x and y
 // to local variables x and y?
```





6.3. this and initializing const attributes

One solution that works in all the class' methods is to use this

```
Maze::Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y) {
   this->x = x; // attribute x = value of constructor parameter x
   this->y = y; // attribute y = value of constructor parameter y
}
```

- Note: Each object gets its own copy of data members, all objects share a single copy of the class' methods
- this is an implicit pointer (see later) that is passed as a hidden parameter for all the class' methods, and is there available as another local variable



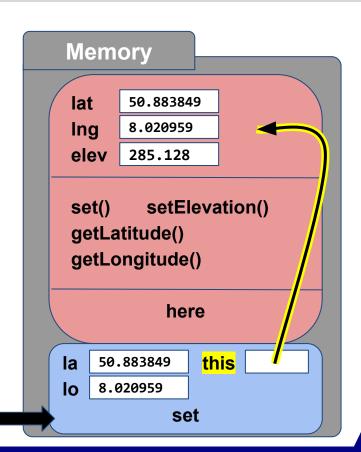


6.3. this and initializing const attributes

this is passed as a hidden parameter for all the class' methods, as an extra (pointer) variable

```
void GPSCoord::set(double lat, double lng){
  this->lat = lat;
  this->lng = lng;
  this->lat = getLatitude();
  this->lng = getLongitude();
  setElevation(285.128);
}
```

```
GPSCoord here; // GPS coordinate object // set latitude and longitude: here.set(50.883849, 8.020959);
```







6.3. this and initializing const attributes

Another (shorter) solution for constructors is to use this initialization syntax:

```
Maze::Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y): x(x), y(y) {
  // attributes x and y have now the same value as constructor
  // parameters x and y
}
```

This *member initializer list* syntax in constructors is not an assignment but a real initialization of the attribute. Curly braces can also be used:

```
Maze::Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y) : x{x}, y{y} {
  // attributes x and y have now the same value as constructor
  // parameters x and y
}
```





6.3. this and initializing const attributes

This syntax addresses the problem of initializing a class' **const** attribute:

```
class Maze {
    private:
        const int16_t mazeXlen;
        const int16_t mazeYlen;
};
```

```
Maze::Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y) {
   // we cannot assign to const:
   mazeXlen = 15; // compiler error
   mazeYlen = 10; // compiler error
   ...
}
```

This syntax is not an assignment but an initialization, and thus works:

```
Maze::Maze(int16_t x, int16_t y) : mazeXlen(15), mazeYlen(10) {
   // mazeXlen is now 15, mazeYlen 10
}
```

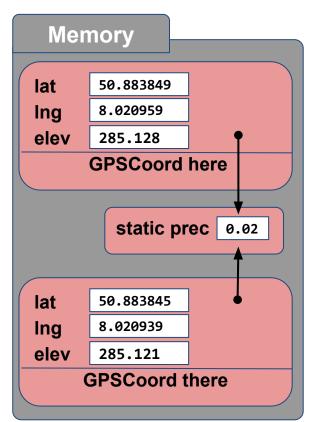




6.4. **static** members

- Each object has its own class attributes
- All objects share one copy of the class' methods
- **static** attributes, or <u>static members</u>, are stored once across all objects. Changing it through one object will change it for all objects.

```
GPSCoord here;
GPSCoord there;
there.prec = 0.02;
// the following will print out 0.02:
std::cout << here.prec;</pre>
```





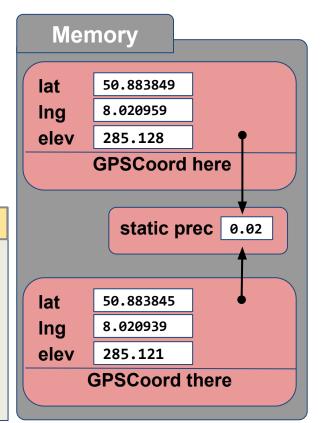


6.4. **static** members

- They exist even if no objects of the class have been defined
- Static class members are declared in the class declaration, and are defined in the implementation / source file:

```
class GPSCoord {
  public:
    // declaring a precision
    // attribute for all
    // GPSCoord objects:
    static double prec;
};
```

```
// precision definition:
double GPSCoord::prec;
```





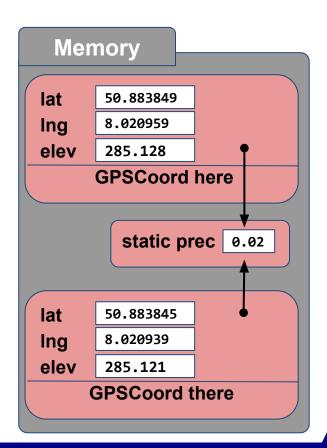


6.4. **static** members

These are not the same as **static** variables:

- Local variables that are declared as static are stored as global variables in the static data segment in memory
- Their size has to be known at compile time (e.g., for arrays)

```
void GPSCoord::set(){
  // this variable will stay in memory and keep
  // and keep its value after the method finishes:
  static double prec = 0.01;
  setElevation(285.128, prec);
}
```







6.4. **static** members

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

```
/**
  Create a class with just a static member, and illustrate that it exists, even
  without any objects.
#include <iostream> // terminal output
// write the class here
// class ...
int main() {
  // do not create an object here, but assign a value to static member here
  std::cout << " The value of the static member is ";</pre>
  // print its value here
  std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```





6.5. The string Class

iostream has a class called std::string, helping in dealing with strings:

```
#include <iostream> // terminal input and output classes and objects
int main() {
  std::string myFirstName("John"); // initialize with constructor
  std::string myLastName = "Doe"; // initialize with assignment
  std::string myString = myFirstName + myLastName; // concatenation
  std::cout << myString << ", length = " ;</pre>
  std::cout << myString.length() << std::endl; // returns myString length</pre>
  std::cout << " Do found at = ";</pre>
  std::cout << myString.find("Do") << std::endl; // return position of "Do"</pre>
  std::cout << myString.compare(4, 3, "Do"); // is substring at position 4</pre>
                                            // and length 3 the same as "Do"?
  std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```





6.5. The string Class

iostream has a class called std::string, helping in dealing with strings.

Several **std::string** alternatives use instead of **char**:

```
std::wstring
std::u8string (since C++20)
std::u16string (since C++11)
std::u32string (since C++11)
uses wchar_t for wide strings
uses char8_t
uses char16_t
uses char32_t
```

```
#include <iostream> // terminal input and output classes and objects
int main() {
    std::wcout.imbue(std::locale("en_US.UTF-8"));
    std::string myString = "¡Hola! 日本 שלום 你好 ", // UTF-8
    std::wstring mywString = L"¡Hola! 日本 שלום 你好 ", // wide chars
    std::cout << myString << sizeof(myString[0]) << std::endl;
    std::wcout << mywString << sizeof(mywString[0]) << std::endl; // ! note wcout
    return 0;
}
```





6.6. The ifstream and ofstream Classes

The module **fstream** contains a class **std::ifstream** for reading from a file:

```
#include <iostream> // terminal input/output classes & objects
                                                                    fileTest.cpp
#include <fstream>
                      // input file stream class std::ifstream
int main() {
 std::ifstream myFile("fileTest.cpp"); // initialize with constructor
  char c;
 while (myFile.get(c)) { // get a character from the file, move to next
    std::cout << c;  // and output it to the terminal</pre>
  return 0;
```





6.6. The ifstream and ofstream Classes

The module **fstream** also contains a class **std::ofstream** for writing to a file:

```
#include <fstream> // in/output file stream classes
                                                                   copyTest.cpp
int main() {
  std::ifstream myFile("copyTest.cpp"); // initialize input and output file
 std::ofstream myFileCopy("copyTest copy.cpp"); // streams with constructors
  char c;
 while (myFile.get(c)) { // get a character from the input file stream
   myFileCopy << c; // and output it to the output file stream
 return 0;
```





6.7. The tuple Class

A **std::tuple** is a fixed-sized collection values of various data types (preview of what is still to come, as it uses templates under the hood):

```
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::endl, and tuples functionality
int main() {
   auto myUser = std::make_tuple("James", "Smith", 187.2); // auto = std::tuple
   // get with index-based access:
   std::cout << std::get<0>(myUser) << " " << std::get<1>(myUser);
   // get with type-based access:
   std::cout << ":" << std::get<double>(myUser) << std::endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

- get<0>(myUser) accesses first element (hence index-based access, since C++11)
- get<double>(myUser) accesses the double (hence type-based access, since C++14)
 (works only if 1 tuple element has this type, otherwise the compiler reports an error)





6.7. The tuple Class

With decomposition declarations or <u>structured bindings</u> (since C++17), you can unpack the contents of the tuple into individual variables:

```
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::endl, and tuples functionality
int main() {
  auto myUser = std::make_tuple("James", "Smith", 187.2); // auto = std::tuple
  auto [fname, lname, height] = myUser; // decomposition declaration, C++17
  std::cout << fname << " " << lname << ":" << height << std::endl;
  return 0;
}</pre>
```

note that the first auto above can deduce myUser as an std::tuple object





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7.1. Pointers

Reminder: Variables and objects reside in memory.

Through the variable name, you can read and change the variable's value. Its type tells the compiler how.

```
/* reserving variables */
int main() {
  int myInteger = 12;  // store an integer
  char mySymbol;  // store one character
  float myFloat = 12.0f;  // store floating point
  bool myBoolean = true;  // store a boolean
  return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
myInteger=int
  9999
       0000
            0000
                  0000
  0000
       0000
            0000
                 1100
mySymbol=char
  0000
  0000
myFloat=float
  0100 | 0100 | 0000
                  9999
  0010
       0000
            0000
                  0000
myBoolean=bool
  0000
  0001
```





7.1. Pointers

Each memory location has a **memory address**—We assume here that one memory block occupies one byte.

```
/* reserving variables */
int main() {
  int myInteger = 12;  // store an integer
  char mySymbol;  // store one character
  float myFloat = 12.0f;  // store floating point
  bool myBoolean = true;  // store a boolean
  return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
myInteger=int
       0000 0000
  0000
                  0000
       0000
            0000
                 1100
mySymbol=char
  0000
  0000
myFloat=float
       0100
            0000
                  0000
       0000
            0000
                  0000
myBoolean=bool
 0000
  0001
```





7.1. Pointers

A pointer stores a memory address and its associated type

```
Memory
    myInteger=int
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      0000
70
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      1100
```





7.1. Pointers

A pointer stores a **memory address and its associated type.** Pointer variables are declared by using the * operator.

```
Memory
    myInteger=int
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      0000
70
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      1100
    myIntPointer=int*
      0000
           0000
      0000
           0000
```





7.1. Pointers

Pointer variables can obtain the address of existing variables of that type using the & operator (returning the address of a variable)

```
Memory
    myInteger=int
      0000
           0000
                0000
                      0000
70
      0000
           0000
                0000
                     1100
    myIntPointer=int*
      0000
           0100
      0000
           0110
```





7.1. Pointers

Dereferencing a pointer means following the pointer's content (memory address) and accessing the variable of that type

```
Memory
    myInteger=int
      0000
           0000
                0000
                      0001
70
      0000
           0000
                0000
                      0001
    myIntPointer=int*
      0000
           0100
      0000
           0110
```





7.2. **new** and **delete**

A pointer assumes a memory address is reserved for a variable. Indicate that the pointer isn't pointing to a valid variable with **NULL** (or **nullptr** since C++11):

```
/* reserving variables through a pointer */
int main() {
   int * myIntPointer = NULL; // pointer to int
   myIntPointer = new int; // create the int
   *myIntPointer = 17; // the int now holds 17
   delete myIntPointer; // remove the pointer
   return 0;
}
```

Memory myIntPointer=int* 0000 0000 0000 0000





7.2. new and delete

A pointer assumes a memory address is already reserved for a variable. We can create the variable of the correct type through the **new** keyword:

```
/* reserving variables through a pointer */
int main() {
  int * myIntPointer = NULL; // pointer to int
  myIntPointer = new int; // create the int
  *myIntPointer = 17; // the int now holds 17
  delete myIntPointer; // remove the pointer
  return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
    =int
                 0000
      0000
           0000
                       0000
70
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      0000
    myIntPointer=int*
      0000
           0100
           0110
      0000
```





7.2. **new** and **delete**

A pointer assumes a memory address is already reserved for a variable. This variable can only through the pointer be read and changed:

```
/* reserving variables through a pointer */
int main() {
  int * myIntPointer = NULL; // pointer to int
  myIntPointer = new int; // create the int
  *myIntPointer = 17; // the int now holds 17
  delete myIntPointer; // remove the pointer
  return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
    =int
                 0000
      0000
           0000
                      0001
70
      0000
           0000
                 0000
                      0001
    myIntPointer=int*
      0000
           0100
      0000
           0110
```





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int main() {
   int * myIntPointer = NULL; // pointer to int
   myIntPointer = new int; // create the int
   *myIntPointer = 17; // the int now holds 17
   delete myIntPointer; // remove pointer's int
   return 0;
}
```

Memory myIntPointer=int* 0000 0100 0000 0110





7.2. **new** and **delete**

Forgetting to **delete** a reserved variable causes a memory leak, since the pointer is removed and the variable cannot be reached anymore (but is reserved).

```
void myFunction() {
   int * myIntPointer = new int; // create int
   *myIntPointer = 17;
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   // after the above function ends, myIntPointer
   // is removed, but not the int variable
   return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
=int
  0000
       0000
             0000
                   0001
  0000
       0000
                   0001
             0000
```

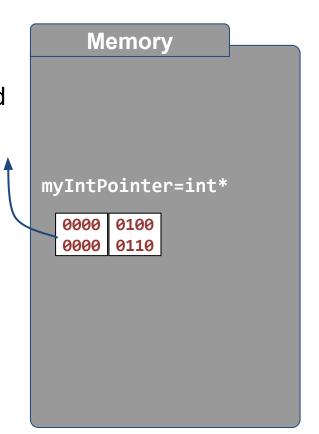




7.2. **new** and **delete**

It is good practice to assign the pointer to **NULL** after **delete** (since the pointer still points to a non-reserved memory location, this is called a *dangling pointer*).

```
void myFunction() {
   int * myIntPointer = new int; // create int
   *myIntPointer = 17;
   delete myIntPointer; // remove pointer's int
   myIntPointer = NULL; // point to NULL
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   return 0;
}
```







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   delete myIntPointer; // remove pointer's int
   myIntPointer = NULL; // point to NULL
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
myIntPointer=int*
 0000
       0000
 0000
       0000
```





7.3. Creating and deleting objects

Pointers can also point to classes' objects. These can similarly be created and deleted in memory, too.

```
void myFunction() {
   GPSCoord * coordPointer = new GPSCoord();
   coordPointer->set(0, 0); // access method
   delete coordPointer; // remove object
   coordPointer = NULL; // avoid dangling pointer
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
70
        lat
        lona
        elev
               setElevation()
        set()
        getLatitude()
        getLongitude()
     coordPointer=GPSCoord*
             1000
       0000 0110
```





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Attributes & methods are accessed with -> operator

```
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   coordPointer->set(0, 0); // access method
   delete coordPointer; // remove object
   coordPointer = NULL; // avoid dangling pointer
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
70
        lat
        lona
        elev
               setElevation()
        set()
        getLatitude()
        getLongitude()
       la
          0
       lo 0
                   set
     coordPointer=GPSCoord*
             1000
       0000 0110
```





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```
void myFunction() {
   GPSCoord * coordPointer = new GPSCoord();
   coordPointer->set(0, 0); // access method
   delete coordPointer; // remove object
   coordPointer = NULL; // avoid dangling pointer
}
int main() {
   myFunction();
   return 0;
}
```

```
Memory
70
        lat
        lona
        elev
               setElevation()
        set()
        getLatitude()
        getLongitude()
       la 0
       lo 0
                   set
     coordPointer=GPSCoord*
             1000
       0000 0110
```





7.4. Pointers and arrays

In C++, an array name is analogue to a pointer to the first element of the array:

```
char myName[4] = "Tim";
char * charPtr = NULL;
charPtr = myName; // myName == &myName[0]
// note that this is invalid: myName = charPtr;
std::cout << "1st: " << *(charPtr) << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'T'
std::cout << "2nd: " << myName[1] << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'i'
std::cout << "3rd: " << *(charPtr+2) << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow  gives out 'm'
```

```
Memory
    myName[0],..,myName[3]
      0101 | 0110 | 0110 |
38
                       0000
      0100 | 1001 | 1101 |
                       0000
    myName=char*
            0010
      0000 0110
```





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// \rightarrow gives out 'T'
std::cout << "2nd: " << myName[1] << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'i'
std::cout << "3rd: " << *(charPtr+2) << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'm'
```

```
Memory
    myName[0],..,myName[3]
      0101 | 0110 | 0110 | 0000
38
      0100 | 1001 | 1101 | 0000 |
       'T' 'i' 'm' 0
    charPtr=char*
      0000 0000
      0000 0000
    myName=char*
      0000 0010
      0000 0110
```





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// \rightarrow gives out 'T'
std::cout << "2nd: " << myName[1] << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'i'
std::cout << "3rd: " << *(charPtr+2) << std::endl;</pre>
// \rightarrow gives out 'm'
```

```
Memory
    myName[0],..,myName[3]
      0101 | 0110 | 0110 | 0000
38
      0100 | 1001 | 1101 | 0000
      'T' 'i' 'm' 0
    charPtr=char*
      0000 0010
      0000 0110
    myName=char*
      0000 0010
      0000 0110
```





7.4. Pointers and arrays

Arrays can be dynamically allocated at run time with pointers:

```
// we receive a size variable here that we need an array around,
// but do not know how large it is at design time:
int size = fileData.getSize();
// We CAN create an array of the required size:
GPSCoord * myRoute = new GPSCoord[size]; // a route is created as points
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {</pre>
  fileData.readNext(); // read data from file, set these as route points:
 myRoute[i].set( fileData[0], fileData[1] );
 myRoute[i].setElevation( fileData[2] );
delete[] myRoute; // for dynamically created arrays, delete needs []
myRoute = NULL;
```





7.4. Pointers and arrays: Example 00 (difficulty level:)

```
/* Create an array for which the length is given at runtime through an argument
  of the executable. The main function in C++ can also have two parameters:
   argc: integer containing the count of arguments in argv
   argv: array of strings holding command-line arguments.
   argv[0] is the command itself, argv[1] is first argument */
#include <iostream>
int main(int argc, char * argv[]) { // executable's arguments are passed
 // if an argument given, assume it is a number and convert from string:
 if (argc > 1) {
    int size = std::stoi(argv[1]);
   // add code to create an array of length size, and fill it with increasing
    // numbers from 1 till size, display these, and then delete the array
  return 0;
```





7.5. References

In C++, a reference is like an alias, or second name, for a variable. A reference can only be initialized, but never reassigned to another variable.

```
int myNumber = 7402312;
int & myPhone = myNumber; // & in this declaration
// shows that this is a reference. From here on,
// myNumber and myPhone name the same variable.
int myOtherNumber = 2718354;
myPhone = myOtherNumber;
// → Now all three variable names myNumber, myPhone,
// and myOthernumber, have the same value: 2718354
// &myPhone = myOtherNumber; is invalid
```

Memory

myNumber,myPhone=int

 0000
 0111
 1111
 0100

 0000
 0000
 0011
 1000

myOtherNumber=int

0000	0010	0111	1001
0000	1001	1010	0010

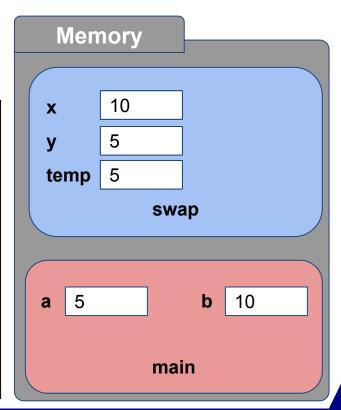




7.6. Call-by-Reference

Reminder: the swap function below is not going to work, because variables are **passed-by-value**

```
#include <iostream> // output to terminal
void swap(int x, int y){
  int temp = 0;
  temp = x; x = y; y = temp;
int main() {
  int a = 5, b = 10;
  swap(a, b);
  std::cout << a << ", " << b << std::endl;
  return 0;
```



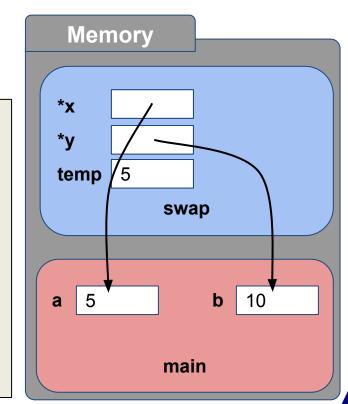




7.6. Call-by-Reference

In C++, parameters can also be pointers. These are passed *by reference*, allowing swap to work:

```
#include <iostream> // output to terminal
void swap(int * x, int * y)
  int temp = 0;
  temp = *x; *x = *y; *y = temp;
int main() {
  int a = 5, b = 10;
  swap(&a, &b);
  std::cout << a << ", " << b << std::endl;
  return 0;
```



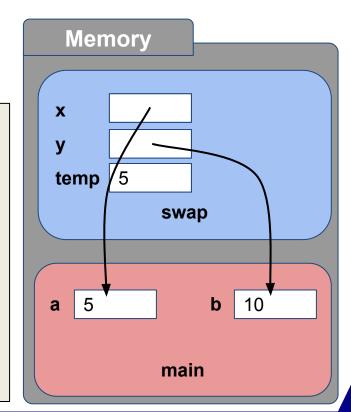




7.6. Call-by-Reference

References have the same effect: These allow swap to work, too, and are safer and elegant:

```
#include <iostream> // output to terminal
void swap(int & x, int & y)
  int temp = 0;
  temp = x; x = y; y = temp;
int main() {
  int a = 5, b = 10;
  swap(a, b);
  std::cout << a << ", " << b << std::endl;
  return 0;
```







7.6. Call-by-Reference

When variables do not change, they can be passed as const references.

This is generally a clearer signature for developers calling our function/method:

```
#include <iostream> // output to terminal
[[nodiscard("Please handle this function's return value.")]]
int sum3(const uint16 t & x, const uint16 t & y, const uint16 t & z) {
  return x + y + z;
int main() {
  auto a = 5, b = 10, c = 15;
  std::cout << sum3(a, b, c) << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```





7.6. Call-by-Reference

Example 01 (difficulty level:)



```
/* Write a class, called Check, below to illustrate in the main function that
   the pointer to an object of class Check b is indeed pointing to the object of
   class Check a. */
#include <iostream>
// write the class Check here
int main() {
  Check a; // a is an object of class Check
  Check * b = &a; // assign address of a to pointer b to object of class Check
  if ( b->isThisMe( &a ) ) {
    std::cout << "&a is b \n";</pre>
  return 0:
```





7.7. Copy Constructors

We know that functions and methods create a copy of actual parameters (pass by value), so how are objects dealt with? How do we copy objects?

```
void UTMCoord::from(GPSCoord coord) {
 // transforms from latitude-longitude to UTM coordinates
int main()
 GPSCoord place(50.88385, 8.02096);
 UTMCoord place2;
 place2.from( place ); // place's values are copied and passed
  return 0;
```





7.7. Copy Constructors

How do we copy objects? ⇒ With copy constructors

```
class GPSCoord { // GPS coordinate class
                                                                 GPSCoord, h
 public:
 GPSCoord() {} // default constructor
 GPSCoord(GPSCoord const & source); // copy constructor
 void set(double lat, double lng); // set latitude, longitude
 void setElevation(double elv);  // set elevation
 void print(); // output coordinates to console
 private:
  double lat, lng, elv; // latitude, longitude, elevation
};
GPSCoord::GPSCoord(GPSCoord const & source) {
                                                            in GPSCoord.cpp
  lat = source.lat; lng = source.lng; elv = source.elv;
```





7.7. Copy Constructors

A copy constructor makes an object from another object of the same class, so in our example, we "clone" our GPSCoord object.

The copy constructor is implicitly called:

- when an object is passed to a function or method by value, or
- when a function or method returns an object

If a class does not implement a copy constructor, the C++ compiler will provide a default copy constructor, performing a *member-wise copy* (also known as *shallow copy*)

So why do we ever have to implement a copy constructor ourselves?





7.7. Copy Constructors

An example of deep versus shallow copy:

```
class GPSTrace { // class for a GPS trace
 public:
  GPSTrace(uint16 t numPoints);
  ~GPSTrace();
 // add a new point to trace at position pos:
  void setPoint(GPSCoord newPoint, uint16 t pos);
  [[nodiscard]] int print(); // print trace, forces return handling
 private:
  GPSCoord *points; // pointer to GPS coordinates
  uint16 t numPoints;
};
```





7.7. Copy Constructors

An example of deep versus shallow copy:

```
GPSTrace::GPSTrace(uint16 t numpoints): numPoints(numpoints) {
  points = new GPSCoord[numPoints];
GPSTrace::~GPSTrace() {
  delete[] points; points = NULL; numPoints = 0;
void GPSTrace::setPoint(GPSCoord newPoint, uint16 t pos) {
  if (pos < numPoints) points[pos] = newPoint;</pre>
int GPSTrace::print() { // output trace to console
  for (auto i = 0; i < numPoints; i++) points[i].print();</pre>
  return 0;
```





7.7. Copy Constructors

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

```
/** An exercise illustrating shallow and deep copy: Add to the code of GPSTrace
    the necessary functionality that allows copying a GPSTrace and illustrate this
    in the main function below. */
#include <iostream> // terminal output
// Classes GPSCoord and GPSTrace come here
int main() {
 GPSTrace t(5);
  for (auto i = 0; i < 5; i++) { // fill in the GPS points
   GPSCoord point;
   point.set( i*1.2, i*3.4 ); point.setElevation( i*5.6 );
    t.setPoint( point, i );
  return t.print();
```

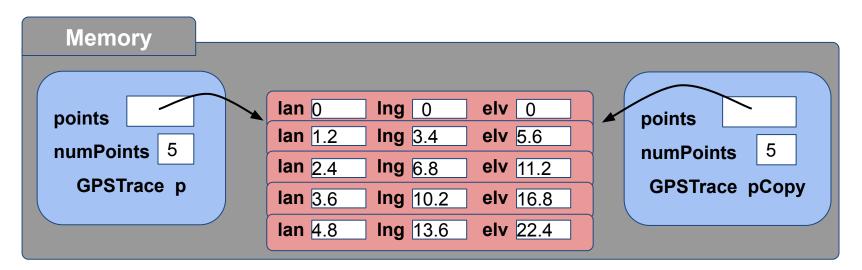




7.7. Copy Constructors

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

The standard (shallow) copy of p (e.g., pCopy) will result in this:



So the (deep) copy needs to be implemented in the copy constructor





7.8. const and const Pointers

Reminder: constants are defined with the **const** keyword, e.g.: **const int gpsTraceLength** = **150**; // **an integer constant**

A constant can only be initialized, and a new value can not be assigned to a constant once it is defined. Usually this is done to protect the constant from being changed later on when this isn't planned.





7.8. const and const Pointers

const pointers can come in various forms, what matters is that everything on the left of the const keyword is constant. If const is on the full left, what is on its right is constant. const pointers need to be directly initialized:





7.8. const and const Pointers

const pointers protect pointers from being changed later in the code.

```
This means that changes such as: *pointToConstInt = myInteger;, constPointToInt = &myInteger;, *cPointToCInt = myInteger;, and cPointToCInt = &myInteger; will all result in an error.
```

For example: The **this** pointer in a class' methods is a **const** pointer to an object of the class, so cannot be changed to point to anywhere else but the current object.





7.8. **const** and **const** Pointers **const** member functions or methods (aka *const qualified*):

```
int GPSTrace::print() const; // output trace to console
const in them method's declaration and definition tells the compiler
that the method should not modify the object (i.e., change the
attributes)
```

- The compiler enforces this, and reports an error once the method's code tries to change its attributes
- Using const methods whenever possible will add guarantee that it will be used properly in the future





7.8. **const** and **const** Pointers

Example 03 (difficulty level:):

```
/** Print a mouse in the console, using a const pointer to avoid changes */
#include <iostream> // terminal output
[[nodiscard]] auto * getBitmapAddress() {
    static char bitmap[] = "(^. .^)~"; // "bitmap" created in static memory
    return bitmap; // return pointer to first element
int main() {
  // using a pointer to bitmap, and incrementing it, is possible:
  auto * mousePointer = getBitmapAddress();
  while ( *mousePointer != 0 ) std::cout << *(mousePointer++);</pre>
  std::cout << "\n";
  // Here mousePointer has changed, it's hard to get the original pointer.
 // Modify the above by protecting the pointer with const and redo the loop.
  return 0;
```





7.9. Passing functions to functions: Passing pointer to function In C, functions can be passed as a parameter, which will be as a pointer to the function and is just the function's name:

```
#include <iostream> // terminal output
int addTwo(int x) { return x + 2; } // functions we can pass in callFunct
int timesFour(int x) { return x * 4; } // since they match the signature
// callFunction takes a pointer to a function:
int callFunct(int x, int (*funct)(int) ) { return funct(x); /* = (*funct)(x) */ }
int main() {
  std::cout << "addTwo(149) = " << callFunct(149, addTwo) << "\n";</pre>
  std::cout << "timesFour(4) = " << callFunct(4, timesFour) << "\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





7.9. Passing functions to functions: The **std::function**In C++ 11 and onward, **std::function** can be used from **<functional>** (using templates, see later):

```
#include <iostream> // terminal output
#include <functional> // use std::function to pass functions as parameter
int addTwo(int x) { return x + 2; } // functions we can pass in callFunct
int timesFour(int x) { return x * 4; } // since they match the signature
// callFunction takes a pointer to a function:
int callFunct(int x, std::function<int(int)> func ) { return funct(x); }
int main() {
  std::cout << "addTwo(149) = " << callFunct(149, addTwo) << "\n";</pre>
  std::cout << "timesFour(4) = " << callFunct(4, timesFour) << "\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





```
/** Define the class' methods below so that the main function makes sense */
#include <iostream> // terminal output
#include <functional> // use std::function to pass functions as parameter
class NumberSequence { // class for sequence of whole, positive numbers
 public:
  NumberSequence(uint16 t length = 10);
 // apply the function func() to all numbers:
 void forEach(std::function<uint16 t(uint16 t)> func);
 void print() const; // print all numbers to console
 private:
 const uint16 t length; // length of number sequence
  uint16 t *seq; // the numbers are stored as a dynamic array
```





7.9. Passing functions to functions: Passing pointer to function Example04 (difficulty level:):

```
// define all NumberSequence methods here
//
uint16 t times2(uint16 t n) { return n*2; }
int main() {
    NumberSequence s;
    s.print();
    s.forEach( &times2 ); // apply the function times2 to all numbers
    s.print();
    return 0;
```





7.10. Overview of Memory Segments

low addresses · · · · high addresses				
code	static data global & static variables	dynamic data hea	local	
fixed size	fixed size	dynamic size	dynamic size	



8. Inheritance and Polymorphism



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8. Inheritance and Polymorphism



8.1. Inheritance https://isocpp.org/wiki/faq/basics-of-inheritance

- Generalization: Relationship between a more general class (base class, or superclass) and a more specialized class (subclass)
 - the specialized class is consistent with the base class, but contains additional attributes, operations and/or associations
 - an object of the subclass can be used wherever an object of the super class is permitted
- Generalization is not about just summarizing common properties and behaviors, but about generalizing in the literal sense:
 Every object of the subclass is an object of the superclass





8.1. Inheritance

```
class Person {
  private:
    std::string name;
    std::string address;
    int birthYear;
  public:
    void printBadge(); // prints name
    int getAge(); // returns age in years
};
```

```
int main() {
   Staff newStaff;
   Trainee newTrainee;
   // newStaff and newTrainee objects
   // can access Person public method
   newStaff.printBadge();
   newTrainee.getAge();
   return 0;
}
```

```
class Staff: public Person {
  private:
    double salary;
  public:
    void setSalary(double s);
};
```

```
class Trainee: public Person {
  private:
   int startDay;
  public:
   int daysInTraining();
};
```





8.2. The protected keyword

- Private members (attributes or methods) are only accessible within the class that has defined them
- Public members are accessible from anywhere
- Protected members are accessible in the class that defines them,
 and in classes that inherit from that class





8.2. The protected keyword: Inaccessible from outside the class...

```
class Person {
  private:
    std::string address;
    int birthYear;
  protected:
    std::string name;
  public:
    void printBadge(); // prints name
    int getAge(); // returns age in years
};
```

```
int main() {
   Staff newStaff;
   // newStaff object cannot access
   // Person protected attributes
   // or methods from outside class:
   // std::cout << newStaff.name;
   // -> ERROR
   return 0;
}
```

```
class Staff: public Person {
  private:
    double salary;
  public:
    void setSalary(double s);
};
```

```
class Trainee: public Person {
  private:
    int startDay;
  public:
    int daysInTraining();
};
```





8.2. The protected keyword: .. but accessible from child classes

```
class Person {
  private:
    std::string address;
    int birthYear;
  protected:
    std::string name;
  public:
    void printBadge(); // prints name
    int getAge(); // returns age in years
};
```

```
int Trainee::daysInTraining() {
   int returnVal;
   // Trainee cannot access Person's
   // private attributes:
   // returnVal = birthYear -> ERROR
   // but Trainee can access Person's
   // protected attributes in class:
   std::cout << name << std::endl;
   return (today()-startDay);
}</pre>
```

```
class Staff: public Person {
  private:
    double salary;
  public:
    void setSalary(double s);
};
```

```
class Trainee: public Person {
  private:
   int startDay;
  public:
   int daysInTraining();
};
```





8.3. (Delegate) constructors and destructors

Remember the special syntax in constructors, to initialize attributes:

```
class Example {
public:
 Example(int & aVar);
private:
 const int aConst; // a constant
 int & aRef;
              // a reference
  This would lead to errors:
  Example::Example(int &aVar) {
    aConst = 47; aRef = aVar;
  But this works:
Example::Example(int & aVar)
  : aConst(47), aRef(aVar) {
  // here can follow more code
```

Passing arguments to the base class constructor is possible with:

```
class BaseClass {
public:
 BaseClass(int var) : var(var) {}
 private:
  int var;
class SubClass : public BaseClass {
 public:
 SubClass(bool myBool)
   : BaseClass(7), myBool(myBool) {}
 private:
  bool myBool;
};
```





8.3. (Delegate) constructors and destructors

Passing arguments to a base class constructor is possible with:

```
class BaseClass {
public:
  BaseClass(int var) : var(var) {}
 private:
  int var;
class SubClass : public BaseClass {
 public:
  SubClass(bool myBool)
   : BaseClass(7), myBool(myBool) {}
 private:
  bool myBool;
```

Similarly, *delegate constructors* call others from the same class to reduce repetitive code (from C++11):

```
class MyClass {
 public:
 MyClass(int a1, bool b1) : a(a1), b(b1) {
    // lots of initialization work
 MyClass(int a1) : MyClass(a1, true) {}
 MyClass(bool b1) : MyClass(10, b1) {}
 private:
  int a;
  bool b;
```





8.3. (Delegate) constructors and destructors Example 00 (difficulty level:)

```
#include <iostream>
class Book { // a Book object always has a title and a price.
// change this class so that the title cannot be changed, and the price can be changed by Magazine:
  Book(std::string name, double val) : title(name), price(val) {}
  void show() { std::cout << title << " - " << price << "\n"; }</pre>
  std::string title;
  double price;
};
class Magazine : public Book { // a Magazine object uses the Book's constructor, and can apply a discount
  // change this class so that an object is created solely through Book's constructor
  void discount(double percent);
// implement Magazine's discount method here
int main() {
  Magazine mag(std::string("C++ Monthly"), 10.0);
  mag.show(); mag.discount(25.0); // this should show 10 in the console, then we apply a 25 % discount
  mag.show(); // this should now show 7.5
  return 0;
```



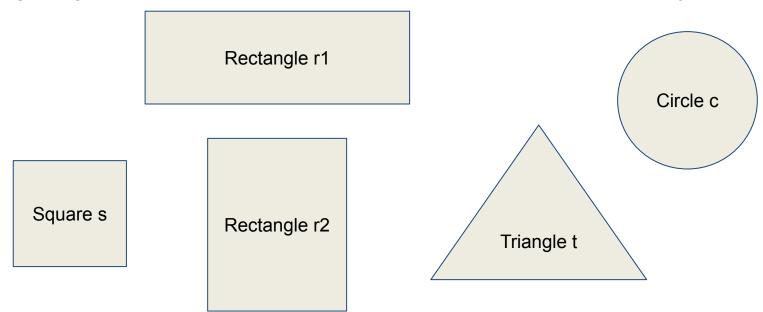


8.3. (Delegate) constructors and destructors

Example 01 (difficulty level:)



Creating 2D graphics elements such as the ones below as classes' objects







8.3. (Delegate) constructors and destructors Example 01

```
class Element { // class representing graphic element
public:
  Element(double x, double y) : x(x), y(y) {}
private:
 double x, y; // position of graphic element
};
class Rectangle : public Element { // class representing a rectangle
public:
 Rectangle(double x, double y, double a, double b) : Element(x, y), a(a), b(b) {}
private:
 double a, b; // width and height of rectangle
};
class Square : public Rectangle { // class representing a square
public:
 Square(double x, double y, double a) : Rectangle(x, y, a, a) {}
};
```

Assignment: Add a method to Square that prints out its location: What needs changing?





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

Any **mutable** data members of **const** class instances can be modified. This is useful if most of the class' members should be constant, but a few need to be modified.

```
#include <iostream>
class A { // class A
public:
 int x = 4;  // public attributes, default initialized (since C++11)
 mutable int v = 3;
int main() {
 const A a; // constant object of class A
 a.y = 7;  // this works, a.x would result in compile error
  std::cout << a.y << "\n";
  return 0;
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

The **using** keyword can be used to change the inheritance properties of class attributes or methods:

```
class A { // class A
protected:
 int x = 4; // protected attribute
};
class B : public A { // class A
public:
 using A::x; // inherits x and exposes it as a public attribute
int main() {
 B b;
 b.x = 7;  // this works, b.x is public (even though A.x is protected)
  return 0;
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

The **friend** keyword allows a class to access the private and protected attributes and methods of the class that is declared as a friend.



A friend relation is **not**:

symmetric: Class A as a friend of B does not imply class B being a friend of A

transitive: A is a friend of B and B is a friend of C does not imply A is a friend of C

inherited: Class Base as a friend of class X does not imply subclass Derived is a friend of class X; Class X as a friend of class Base does not imply class X is a friend of subclass Derived





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

```
#include <iostream>
class A { // class A declares that B is a friend
private:
 friend class B;
 int x = 4; // private attribute
};
class B { // class B is a friend of A
public:
 B() { A a; y = a.x;} // and thus can access
 int f(A a) { return a.x; } // A's private attribute x
 private:
 int y;
int main() {
 A a; B b;
 std::cout << b.f(a) << "\n";
  return 0;
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

A **friend** method can access the private and protected members of a class if it is declared a friend of that class.

```
#include <iostream>
class A { // class A declares funct as a friend method
 private:
  int x = 4; // private attribute
  friend int funct(A a);
int funct(A a) { return a.x; } // funct is not a class method
int main() {
 A a;
  std::cout << funct(a) << "\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

Example 02 (difficulty level:)

```
#include <iostream>
class Rectangle { // class Rectangle has width and height as attributes and area() as a method
public:
 Rectangle() {} // default constructor, allows to define width and height later
 Rectangle(int x, int y): width(x), height(y) \{\} // constructor that sets attributes
 int area() { return width*height; };
 // declare the friend method "enlarge()" here, with a rectangle as parameter, returning a rectangle
private:
 int width, height; // width and height are private, so not accessible from outside the class
/* define the friend method here, so that it creates and returns a copy of the rectangle that
  has twice the width and height. The friend method has access to the private attributes. */
int main() {
 Rectangle rectangle1, rectangle2(3,4); // rectangle1 will obtain twice the width and height
 std::cout << rectangle1.area() << "\n"; // this should return "48" (6 times 8)
 return 0:
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete

The **delete** keyword marks a class method as deleted. Calling that method (explicitly or implicitly) will result in a compiler error. The **delete** keyword prevents implicitly generating default copy constructors or assignments.

```
class Element { // class representing graphic element
public:
  Element(double x, double y): x(x), y(y) {} // default constructor is deleted
  Element(Element const & e) = delete; // copying an object gives a compiler error
 void setX(double x) { this->x = x;}
 void setX(float x) = delete; // calling with a float results in a compiler error
private:
 double x, y; // position of graphic element
};
int main() {
  Element e(2.0, 3.0);
 e.setX(5.0); // works, but: e.setX(5.0f) would fail (due to delete above)
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete: Maze Game v.5.00

Class Player and Maze were changed, so we can load a map and add player 2:

```
/* Fifth draft of Maze Game: we now use class "Player" and use a file */
                                                                        mazeGame.cpp
#include "Maze.h" // class that holds everything related to the maze
#include "Player.h" // class that holds everything related to the player
int main() {
  auto c = ' ';  // used for user key input
  std::string mapFile("maze.csv");
  Maze maze(mapFile); // initialize a maze object from this file
  Player player1(10, 5);
  Player player2(20, 7);
  while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ..
    maze.draw(); // draw maze
    player1.draw('@', 3); // draw player 1 as a '@' with color pair 3
    player2.draw('X', 3); // draw player 2 as a 'X' with color pair 3
    c = getch();
                         // capture the user's pressed key
    switch (c) {
     // ...
```





8.4. mutable, using, friend, and delete: Maze Game v.5.00

Modify the class Player and add a child class Enemy, so that moving the players is now part of the draw class, and the enemy can move toward the player:

```
/* Fifth draft of Maze Game: we now use class "Player" and use a file */
                                                                          mazeGame.cpp
#include "Maze.h" // class that holds everything related to the maze
#include "Player.h" // class that holds everything related to the player
int main() {
  auto c = ' ';  // used for user key input
  std::string mapFile("maze.csv");
  Maze maze(mapFile); // initialize a maze object from this file
  Player player(10, 5, 'w', 's', 'a', 'd'); // player at (10,5) and moves with wasd
  EnemyPlayer enemy(20, 7); // enemy player starts at (20,7)
  while ( c != 'q' ) { // as long as the user doesn't press q ...
    maze.draw(); // draw maze
    player.draw('@', 3, c); // draw player 1 as a '@' with color pair 3
    enemy.draw('X', 3, player); // draw enemy player as a 'X' with color pair 3
    c = getch();
                           // capture the user's pressed key
```





8.5. Polymorphism

C++ provides a way to create a base object with methods that through overriding change their behavior. At run-time, objects of the base class behave as objects of a derived class

If **Sub** is a subclass of **Super**, then the following assignments are allowed:

```
Sub sub;
Super * superPtr = ⊂
Super & superRef = sub;
```

A base class pointer or reference can also point or refer to a subclass' object. The other way round is not allowed.





8.5. Polymorphism

For example: **Dog** and **Fish** are classes that inherit from **Animal**. We want any objects from these classes to have a **print()** method, which displays the values of the classes' attributes. Then an **Animal** object pointer could be used to flexibly point to a **Dog** or **Fish** object and access the right **print()** method:

```
Animal * animal;
animal = new Dog("Scooby");
animal->print(); // prints out: I am Scooby. Bark!
animal = new Fish("Salmon");
animal->print(); // prints out: I'm Salmon (fish)
```

For polymorphism to work in C++, the base class must declare the methods in question as being <u>virtual</u>





8.5. Polymorphism: Example (1/2)

```
polyDemo.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
class Animal { // Animal class stores the species and prints this in print()
 protected:
  std::string species;
 public:
  Animal(std::string species) { species = species; }
  virtual void print() { std::cout << "I'm " + species << std::endl; }</pre>
};
class Dog : public Animal { // Dogs inherit species from Animal and have a name
 protected:
  std::string name;
 public:
  Dog(std::string name) : Animal("dog"), _name(name) {}
  void print() { std::cout << "I am " << name << ". Bark!" << std::endl; }</pre>
};
```





8.5. Polymorphism: Example (2/2)

```
class Fish : public Animal { // Fishes have species and subspecies
                                                                        polyDemo.cpp
protected:
 std::string subspecies;
public:
 Fish(std::string subspecies) : Animal("fish"), _subspecies(subspecies) {}
 void print() { std::cout << "I'm " << subspecies << " (fish)" << std::endl; }</pre>
};
int main() {
 Animal * animals[4];
  animals[0] = new Dog("Snowy");  // animals[] has pointers
 animals[1] = new Fish("Salmon"); // to objects of different
  animals[2] = new Dog("Scooby"); // subclasses (Dog, Fish, etc.)
  animals[3] = new Animal("some animal"); // or the animal base class
 for (int i=0; i<15; i++) {
  Animal * a = animals[rand() % 4]; // a is a polymorph variable: its
  a->print();
                                      // print's behavior depends on the
                                      // object that a points to
 return 0;
```





8.5. Polymorphism: Example

- Note that animals is an array of pointers to the base class (Animal)
- Yet, we can let the pointers point to a subclass of Animal (Dog, Fish, ...)
- And when we call print() from Animal pointer a, the right method executes

```
Animal * animals[4];
animals[0] = new Dog("Snowy");
animals[1] = new Fish("Salmon");
...
   Animal * a = animals[rand()%4];
   a->print();
```

```
~\> g++ polyDemo.cpp -o polymorph demo
~\> ./polymorph demo
I'm Salmon (fish)
I am Scooby. Bark!
I'm Salmon (fish)
 am Scooby. Bark!
 am Snowy. Bark!
I'm some animal
I am Scooby. Bark!
I'm Salmon (fish)
 am Snowy. Bark!
 am Scooby. Bark!
 am Snowy. Bark!
  am Scooby. Bark!
I'm some animal
I am Scooby. Bark!
I'm Salmon (fish)
~\>
```





8.5. Polymorphism: virtual and late binding

Connecting the function call to the function body is called *Binding*

Early / static / compile-time binding is done by the compiler through object type, letting the program jump to the function's address

Late / dynamic / run-time binding uses the object type while the executable is running and then matches the function call with the correct function definition: The program has to read the address held in the pointer and then jump to that address. This extra jump makes it less efficient.

C++ achieves late binding by declaring a virtual function





8.5. Polymorphism: virtual and late binding

C++ achieves late binding by declaring a virtual function in the base class:

```
#include <iostream>
class A { // class A has a virtual function funct:
public:
 virtual void funct() { std::cout << "A \n"; };</pre>
class B : public A { // class B inherits from A and overrides funct:
public:
 virtual void funct() { std::cout << "B \n"; }; // virtual here is optional</pre>
};
void g( A & a ) { a.funct(); } // g accepts A and B as parameter
int main() {
 A a; B b;
 g(a); g(b); // outputs first "A", and then "B"
  return 0;
```





8.5. Polymorphism: virtual and override

The **override** keyword (from C++11) ensures that the method is virtual and is overriding a virtual function from a base class:

```
#include <iostream>
class A { // class A has a virtual function funct:
public:
 virtual void funct() { std::cout << "A \n"; };</pre>
class B : public A { // class B inherits from A and overrides funct:
public:
 void funct() override { std::cout << "B \n"; };</pre>
};
void g( A & a ) { a.funct(); } // g accepts A and B as parameter
int main() {
 B b; g(b); // outputs "B"
  return 0;
```





8.5. Polymorphism: final

The **final** keyword (from C++11) prevents inheriting from classes or overriding methods in derived classes

```
class A final { // class A cannot be extended
  // ...
class B : public A { // leads to compile error: A is "final"
 // ...
class C { // class C contains a virtual final method:
 public:
  virtual void funct() final;
class D : public C {
 public:
  void funct(); // leads to compile error: method funct is "final"
```





- 9.1. Assertions and debuggers
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9.1. Assertions and debuggers

A way to ensure that a condition always should hold at some stage in the code: If the expression supplied to **assert()** is false (0), the program *aborts* at the statement with an error.

```
example00.cpp
#include <iostream> // use of std::cout, std::cin
#include <cstdlib> // std::rand()
#include <ctime> // std::time()
#include <cassert> // assert()
int main() {
 std::srand( std::time(nullptr) ); // time seeds random generator (nullptr)
  double myValue = ( std::rand() % 4 ) - 2; // gets a random value
 assert(myValue != 0); // since we'll divide by myValue, it should not be zero
 myValue = 5 / myValue;
 std::cout << myValue << "\n";</pre>
 return 0;
```





9.1. Assertions and debuggers

Assert is a macro and depends on another macro, NDEBUG: If it is defined as a macro name at the point in the source code where <cassert> is included (i.e., #define NDEBUG), then assert will be disabled.

The program's state at particular points (e.g., after an assertion fails) can be checked in a *debugger* to allow watching the state of a running program. Examples: stop execution at a given code line (breakpoint), examine call stack, print / modify contents of variables, print type definitions, execute line-by-line

examples: \underline{ddd} or \underline{gdbgui} , both use \underline{gdb} , or $\underline{Ildb} \rightarrow try$ on the previous code:

- > g++ -g example00.cpp
- > 11db a.out





9.1. Assertions and debuggers -- Ildb example

```
> 11db a.out
bash-5.1$ lldb a.out
(11db) target create "a.out"
Current executable set to '/Users/kvl/sciebo/UbiComp/Teaching/AdvancedCPP 43UC01118V/a.out'
(x86 64).
(lldb) b main
Breakpoint 1: where = a.out`main + 15 at example00.cpp:8:14, address = 0x000000010000127f
(11db) run
Process 68431 launched: '/Users/kvl/sciebo/UbiComp/Teaching/AdvancedCPP 43UC01118V/a.out'
(x86 64)
Process 68431 stopped
* thread #1, queue = 'com.apple.main-thread', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
   frame #0: 0x000000010000127f a.out main at example00.cpp:8:14
           #include <cassert> // assert()
   6
           int main() {
             std::srand(std::time(nullptr)); // use current time as seed for random generator
-> 8
             double myValue = ( std::rand() % 4 ) - 2; // gets a random value
             assert(myValue != 0); // since we'll divide by myValue, it should not be zero
  10
  11
             myValue = 5 / myValue;
Target 0: (a.out) stopped.
(lldb) gui
```





9.1. Assertions and debuggers -- Ildb example

```
LLDB (F1) | Target (F2) | Process (F3) | Thread (F4) | View (F5) | Help (F6)
  <Sources>
                                                                                    <Threads>-
  a.out.`main
                                                                                 ♦-process 68431
       #include <iostream>
                                                                                  -◆-thread #1: ti
      #include <cstdlib> // std::time()
                                                                                   -#0: main + 56
                                                                                   └-#1: start + 1
       #include <ctime>
       #define NDEBUG
       #include <cassert> // assert()
       int main() {
   8
         std::srand(std::time(nullptr)); // use current time as seed for ran
        double myValue = ( std::rand() % 4 ) - 2; // gets a random value
         assert(myValue != 0); // since we'll divide by myValue, it should
        myValue = 5 / myValue;
                                                        <>< Thread 1: step in
  12
         std::cout << myValue << "\n";</pre>
  13
  14
  -<Variables>-
  (double) myValue = 1
Process: 68431
                                         Thread: 0x7e4b8c
                                                                          PC = 0x0000001000012a8
                  stopped
                                                              Frame:
```





9.1. Assertions and debuggers

Assertions versus exceptions

Both detect run-time errors in a program, but:

- Assert() aborts the program, for the developer to fix their code
- Exceptions allow the program to recover and continue the execution from the first matching catch
 - Examples are any areas where variables obtain values outside the developer's control (e.g., others supply your code with file names which do not exist, or array sizes that do not fit in memory)
 - When no exception matches, the program will still abort





9.2. try, throw, catch

When an error occurs, functions or methods may *throw* an exception, to be handled later when *catch*ing the exception. If an exception is *throw*n in the *try*-block, the *try*-block is exited and the associated *catch*-block is executed. Exceptions that go uncaught will cause the program to halt.

```
try {
   throw 0.07f; // throw an exception of type float
}
catch (float f) { // float is thrown
   std::cout << "Exception: " << f << "\n";
}
catch (...) { std::cout << "Exception\n"; } // default catch</pre>
```





9.2. try, throw, catch

throw supplies an instance of an exception class. This can be a built-in type, but more commonly is a class derived from the **std::exception** class:

```
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::runtime_error, std::exception, std::cerr
int divBy(int a, int b) {
  if (b == 0) throw std::runtime error("Divided by zero."); // exception type runtime error
  return a / b;
int main() {
 try {
   divBy(7, 0); // this function throws an exception when b == 0
  catch (const std::exception& e) {
    std::cerr << "Exception handled: " << e.what() << "\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





9.2. try, throw, catch

Throwing a *custom exception* requires a custom exception class, which inherits from **std::exception** and overrides its **what** method to return an error message:

```
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::runtime error, std::exception, std::ce example01.cpp
class MyException : public std::exception {
 public:
  MyException(const char * msg) : message(msg) {} // Constructor sets exception message
  const char * what() { return message.c str(); } // Override what() to return own message
 private:
  std::string message;
};
int main() {
  try { throw MyException("Oops, my bad."); } // create and throw object of MyException
  catch (MyException& e) { std::cerr << "Exception handled: " << e.what() << "\n"; }</pre>
  return 0;
```





9.2. try, throw, catch

The **std::exception** class has many subclasses for specific exceptions:

- logic_error
 - invalid_argument
 - o domain_error
 - length_error
 - out of range
 - future_error (since C++11)
- bad_typeid
- bad_cast
 - bad_any_cast (since C++17)
- bad optional access (since C++17)
- bad_expected_access (since C++23)
- bad weak ptr (since C++11)
- bad function call (since C++11)
- bad alloc
 - bad_array_new_length (since C++11)

- runtime_error
 - range error
 - overflow_error
 - underflow_error
 - regex_error (since C++11)
 - system_error (since C++11)
 - ios_base::failure (since C++11)
 - filesystem::filesystem_error (since C++17)
 - tx_exception (TM TS)
 - nonexistent_local_time (since C++20)
 - ambiguous_local_time (since C++20)
 - o format error (since C++20)
- bad_exception
- ios base::failure (until C++11)
- bad_variant_access (since C++17)





9.3. Function try blocks

Function try blocks allow to establish an exception handler around a function's body, instead of a block of code inside the function body. Function try blocks can catch both base and the current class exceptions:

```
#include <iostream> // std::cout, std::runtime_error, std::exception, std::cerr
class Superclass {
public:
  Superclass(int x): x(x) { if (x < 0) throw 1; } // an exception can be thrown here
  int x;
class Subclass : public Superclass {
               // what if we want to catch Superclass's constructor thrown exception here? ...
 public:
  Subclass(int x) : Superclass(x) {}
};
int main() { // ... instead of here?
  try { Subclass sub(-5); } catch (int) { std::cout << "Oops, my bad.\n"; }</pre>
  return 0;
```





9.3. Function try blocks

So instead the function try block can be wrapped around:

```
example02.cpp
#include <iostream> // std::cout,std::runtime_error,std::exception,std::cerr
class Superclass {
public:
  Superclass(int x) : x(x) { if (x < 0) throw 1; } // an exception can be thrown here
  int x;
};
class Subclass : public Superclass {
 public:
 // exceptions from A's constructor are now caught here -- but note the throw --- ...
  Subclass(int x) try : Superclass(x) {}
                  catch (int) { std::cerr << "Oops, my bad."; throw; }</pre>
};
int main() { // ... instead of here
  try { Subclass sub(-5); } catch (int) { std::cout << "Oops, my bad.\n"; } return 0;</pre>
```





9.3. Function try blocks

Function try blocks for constructors are limited though: They *cannot* resolve the thrown exception:

Once the end of the catch block is reached, exceptions will be implicitly re-thrown. Other methods and destructors, can throw, rethrow, or resolve the current exception via a return statement. Reaching the end of the catch block will implicitly resolve the exception for void-returning functions, and produces undefined behavior for value-returning functions (hence: avoid).





9.4. noexcept

Exception handling comes at a (small) cost. Since C++11, **noexcept** can be added for a class method or function declaration, to clarify that the function could throw exceptions (or not):

```
int funct() noexcept; // funct() does not throw (same as noexcept(true))
void (*fp)() noexcept(false); // fp points to a function that may throw
```

This allows the compiler to optimize the performance by skipping the processes associated with exception handling, resulting in faster execution of the program.





9.4. **noexcept** -- Example

```
example03.cpp
#include <iostream> // use of std::cout, std::cerr
int divBy(int a, int b) { // divBy could throw exceptions (noexcept omitted)
 if (b == 0)
   throw std::runtime error("Error: Division by zero");
  return a / b;
int safeDivBy(int a, int b) noexcept { // safeDivBy won't throw exceptions (noexcept)
  if (b == 0) {
    std::cerr << "Division by zero in safeDivBy\n";</pre>
    std::terminate();
  return a / b;
int main() {
  std::cout << "divBy: " << noexcept(divBy(7, 0)) << "\n"; // \rightarrow "divBy: 0"
  std::cout << "safeDivBy: " << noexcept(safeDivBy(7, 0)) << "\n"; // \rightarrow "safeDivBy: 1"
  return 0;
```





9.5. std::nested_exception and std::throw_with_nested

In C++11 and beyond: Nesting exceptions allow to recursively stack exceptions, generated at the point of the error, without runtime overhead.

```
example04.cpp
#include <iostream> // std::cout
#include <fstream> // std::ifstream
void run(); // catch exception + wrap it in nested exception
void open file(const std::string& s); // catch exception + wrap it
// Nested exception adds 'level' spaces + prints messages via recursion & polymorphism
void print exception(const std::exception& e, int level = 0) {
 std::cerr << std::string(level, ' ') << "exception: " << e.what() << "\n";</pre>
 try { std::rethrow if nested(e); }
 catch (const std::exception& nestedException) {
    print exception(nestedException, level+1);
```





9.5. std::nested_exception and std::throw_with_nested

```
int main() { // runs run() and prints the caught exception
 try { run(); } catch (const std::exception& e) { print exception(e); }
 return 0;
void run() { // catch exception + wrap it in nested exception
 try { open file("nonExistentFile.txt"); }
 catch (...) { std::throw_with_nested(std::runtime_error("run() fail")); }
void open file(const std::string& s) { // catch exception + wrap it
 trv {
    std::ifstream file(s); // open file and create an IO fail:
    file.exceptions(std::ios base::failbit); // raise exception
 catch (...) {
    std::throw with nested(std::runtime error("file error: " + s));
```





- 10.1. Streams
- 10.2. Container Classes





10.1. Streams

A stream class is a class which provides input and output functionality, as a standard abstraction across devices where input and output operations are performed. A stream can be represented as a source or destination, of characters of indefinite length.

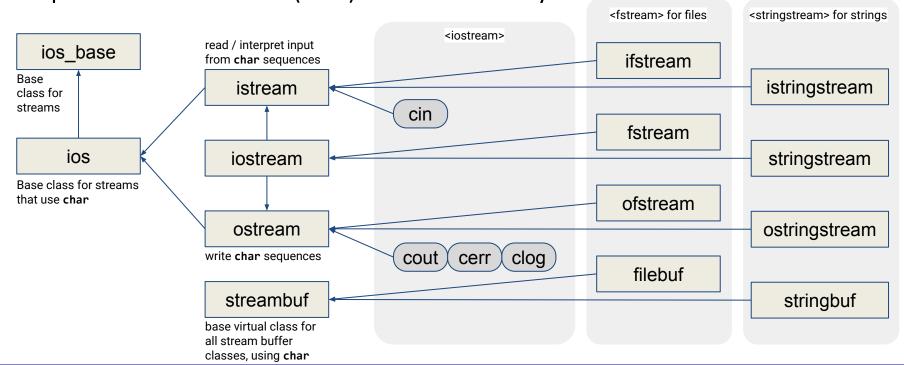
For examples sending characters to and receiving characters from ... disk files, the keyboard and the console, a network connection





10.1. Streams

C++ provides the standard (std::) **iostream** library:







10.1. Streams

Streams have several common methods and operators, including:

- get / put a single character from/to a stream before returning
- read / write a certain amount of data from/to a stream before returning
- getline reads characters from an input stream until a delimiter character (usually '\n' is found) and places them into a string
- stream insertion operator << for output to the stream
- stream extraction operator >> for input to the stream





10.1. Streams

Example 00 (difficulty level: judicial): Install boost and compile:

```
/* change the following code to output the server reply straight to a local html file
   and add exception handling in case of file or connection problems */
#include <fstream>
#include <boost/asio.hpp>
int main() {
 const int bufferSize = 4096;
 boost::asio::ip::tcp::iostream socket("www.example.com", "http"); // socket stream
 std::ofstream outputFile("myTest.txt"); // stream to output file
 outputFile << "Reply of server:\n";</pre>
 char reply[bufferSize];
 socket << "GET / HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: www.example.com\r\nConnection: Close\r\n\r\n";</pre>
 socket << std::flush:</pre>
 socket.read(reply, bufferSize);
  outputFile << reply; // output the reply of server to our text file
  return 0;
```





10.2. Container Classes

A container class is a class which implements a data structure containing objects of other classes, with well-defined access patterns (e.g., inserting, finding, removing, or sorting objects), independent of the type of objects stored inside.

Examples: Array, Stack, Queue, List, Tree





10.2. Container Classes

Illustration of a container: A queue of predefined size for integers

```
class Queue { // Class for a queue of integers
public:
 Queue(int size = 100) : maxSize(size), tail(0), head(0), filled(0) { items = new int[size]; }
 ~Queue() { delete[] items; items = nullptr; };
 void put(int data);
 int get();
 bool isFull() const { return filled == maxSize; }
 bool isEmpty() const { return filled == 0; }
 void clear() { filled = 0; head = 0; tail = 0; } // clear whole queue
 private:
 int * items; // array of integers
 int maxSize; // size of items
 int tail; // position in array to put
 int head;  // position in array to get from
 int filled; // number of elements in queue
};
```





10.2. Container Classes

Illustration of a container: A queue of predefined size for integers

```
// put element at the tail of the queue, for example put(17) updates:
          [ ][ ][ ][ ][17][ ] ... [ ][ ]
               head
                      \mathsf{tail}{	o}
void Queue::put(int data) {    // put element at tail
 if (!isFull()) {
   items[tail] = data;
   tail = (tail+1) % maxSize;
   filled++;
 } else {
   throw std::runtime error("queue: full on put");
```





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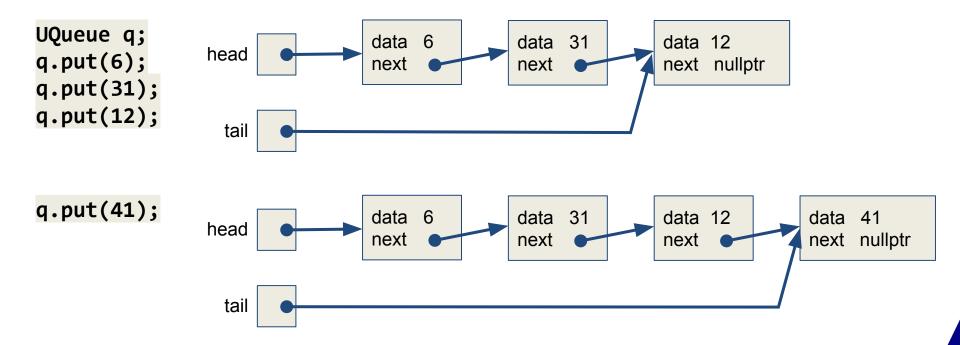
Illustration of a container: A queue of predefined size for integers

```
// gets element at the head of the queue, for example get() updates:
  items:
               head→
                      tail
int Queue::get() { // get and remove element from head
 int retval;
 if (!isEmpty()) {
   retval = items[head];
   head = (head+1) % maxSize;
   filled--;
 } else {
   throw std::runtime error("queue: empty on get");
 return retval;
```





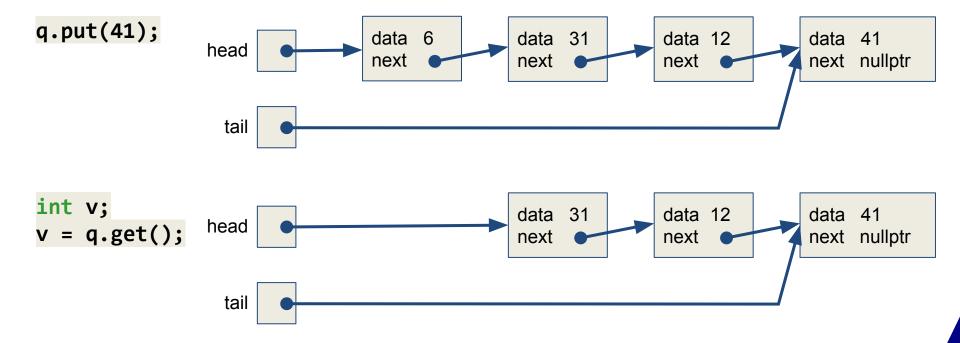
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```
class QueueElement; // declaration of the element class
class UQueue { // Class for an unlimited queue of QueueElements
public:
 UQueue() { head = tail = nullptr; }
 ~UQueue() { clear(); };
 void put(int data);
 int get();
 bool isEmpty() const;
 void clear();
private:
 QueueElement * head; // pointer to element to put
 QueueElement * tail; // pointer to element to get from
};
```





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```
class QueueElement { // element class, hidden from users
public:
 QueueElement(int data) : data(data) , next(nullptr) {}
  int data;
 QueueElement * next;
void UQueue::clear() { // iteratively clear the queue of all elements
 QueueElement * elem, * elem next;
  for (elem = head; elem != nullptr; elem = elem next) {
   elem next = elem->next;
   delete elem;
  head = tail = nullptr;
```





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```
bool UQueue::isEmpty() const { // check whether the queue is empty
 return head == nullptr;
void UQueue::put(int data) { // put in new data element at tail
 QueueElement * node = new QueueElement(data);
 if ( isEmpty() ) {
    head = tail = node;
 } else {
   tail = tail->next = node; // tail is guaranteed to be valid
```





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```
int UQueue::get() { // get and remove element from head
 int retVal;
  if (!isEmpty()) {
   retVal = head->data;
   QueueElement * second = head->next;
   delete head;
    head = second;
  } else {
   throw std::runtime error("uqueue: empty on get");
  return retVal;
```





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11.1. Motivation: Revisiting the Queue class

The concept of a queue is characterized by its interface and behavior, independent of the type (or class) of elements stored inside.

But: The **Queue** and **UQueue** classes in the previous chapter can only store integers; dealing with other types or objects in the queue would require re-writing the **QueueElement** and **Queue** or **UQueue** classes.

Templates allow implementing a container class independent of the type of data elements.





11.1. Motivation: Revisiting the Queue class

Templates are expanded at compile-time, where the compiler does type-checking before the template expansion happens. The source code contains only the function or class, the compiled code can afterwards contain multiple copies of the same function or class. For a function for example:





```
example00.cpp
template <class Data> class Queue { // Template class for a queue
 public:
 Queue(int size = 100) : maxSize(size), tail(0), head(0), filled(0) {items = new Data[size];}
 ~Queue() { delete[] items; items = nullptr; };
 void put(Data data);
 Data get();
  bool isFull() const { return filled == maxSize; }
 bool isEmpty() const { return filled == 0; }
 void clear() { filled = 0; head = 0; tail = 0; } // clear whole queue
 private:
 Data *items; // array of Data
 int maxSize; // size of items
 int tail; // position in array to put
 int head; // position in array to get from
 int filled; // number of elements in queue
};
```





```
example00.cpp
// put element at the tail of the queue, for example put(d) updates:
          [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ d][ ] ... [ ][ ]
               head
                               \mathsf{tail} \! 	o \!
template <class Data>
void Queue<Data>::put(Data data) { // put element data at tail
  if (!isFull()) {
    items[tail] = data;
   tail = (tail+1) % maxSize;
   filled++;
 } else {
    throw std::runtime_error("queue: full on put");
```





```
example00.cpp
// gets element at the head of the queue, for example get() updates.
                head \rightarrow
                                   tail
template <class Data>
Data Queue<Data>::get() { // get and remove element from head
 Data retval;
  if (!isEmpty()) {
    retval = items[head];
    head = (head+1) % maxSize;
   filled--;
 } else {
    throw std::runtime_error("queue: empty on get");
  return retval;
```





11.1. Motivation - Template Queue Example 00

Queue are used while specifying the data type when creating the queue objects:

```
int main() {
                                                                          example00.cpp
  Queue<int> intQueue(127);
  Queue < char > char Queue(21);
  // fill int and char data in both queues:
  for (auto i = 1; i <= 9; i++) intQueue.put(i);</pre>
  for (auto i = '1'; i <= '9'; i++) charQueue.put(i);</pre>
  // get earliest data from both queues nine times:
  for (auto i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
    std::cout << intQueue.get() << ' ' << charQueue.get() << '\n';</pre>
  return 0;
```





```
example01.cpp
template <class Data> class QueueElement; // element class, hidden from users
template <class Data> class UQueue { // Template class for an unlimited queue
 public:
  UQueue() { head = tail = nullptr; }
 ~UQueue() { clear(); };
 void put(Data data);
 Data get();
  bool isEmpty() const;
 void clear();
 Data get();
 private:
 QueueElement<Data> * head; // pointer to element to put
 QueueElement<Data> * tail; // pointer to element to get from
};
```





```
example01.cpp
template <class Data> class QueueElement { // element class, hidden rrom users
 public:
 QueueElement(Data data) : data(data) , next(nullptr) {}
  Data data;
  QueueElement<Data> * next;
};
template <class Data>
void UQueue<Data>::clear() { // iteratively clear the queue of all elements
  QueueElement<Data> * elem, * elem next;
  for (elem = head; elem != nullptr; elem = elem next) {
    elem next = elem->next;
    delete elem;
  head = tail = nullptr;
```





```
example01.cpp
template <class Data>
bool UQueue < Data > :: is Empty() const { // check whether the queue is empty
  return head == nullptr;
template <class Data>
void UQueue<Data>::put(Data data) { // put in new data element at tail
  QueueElement<Data> * node = new QueueElement<Data>(data);
  if (isEmpty()) {
   head = tail = node;
  } else {
   tail = tail->next = node; // tail is guaranteed to be valid
```





```
example01.cpp
template <class Data>
Data UQueue<Data>::get() { // get and remove element from head
 Data retVal;
 if (!isEmpty()) {
    retVal = head->data;
   QueueElement<Data> * second = head->next;
   delete head;
   head = second;
 } else {
   throw std::runtime error("uqueue: empty on get");
 return retVal;
```





11.1. Motivation - Template UQueue Example 01

UQueue is used while specifying the data type when creating the queue objects:

```
int main() {
                                                                          example01.cpp
  Queue<int> intQueue(127);
  Queue < char > char Queue(21);
  // fill int and char data in both queues:
  for (auto i = 1; i <= 9; i++) intQueue.put(i);</pre>
  for (auto i = '1'; i <= '9'; i++) charQueue.put(i);</pre>
  // get earliest data from both queues nine times:
  for (auto i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
    std::cout << intQueue.get() << ' ' << charQueue.get() << '\n';</pre>
  return 0;
```





11.2. Templates

template <class Data> designates Data as the parameter. This is a placeholder for a type to be specified later, when an object of the class that follows this declaration of a template. class is almost interchangeable with typename.

The later use (e.g., instantiation) of a template is often called specialization:

UQueue<double> q; or Queue<Data> * n = new Queue<Data>(250);

or int getSize(Queue<int>& q);

Templates tell the compiler that the class will use a type that is to be specified when the objects are created, which is why templates are *put in the header file*. The compiler will create the actual class only when it is specialized.





11.3. Using templates, inheritance, friends

Templates can have more than one parameter:

```
template <class XData, class YData>
Templates can have, like functions or methods, default parameters:
template <class XData, class YData = char>
Templates can have non-type parameters, too:
template <class XData, int max>
```

Inheritance is possible:

- Templates can inherit from other templates and from non-template classes
 template <class x> class SortableQueue<x> : public UQueue<x> {
- Non-template classes can inherit from templates:
 class IntQueue : public UQueue<int> {





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Template parameters for functions can be deduced by the compiler, i.e., without specifying the type. This is possible for template classes since C++17.

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                     example06.cpp
template <class T> T maxOf(T x, T y) {
  return (x > y)? x : y;
int main() {
  std::cout << max0f<int>(12,24) << ' ';
  std::cout << maxOf<char>('d','e') << '\n';</pre>
  std::cout << maxOf(12,24) << ' '; // these two lines have the same
  std::cout << maxOf('d','e') << '\n'; // effect as above, types are deduced
  return 0;
```





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Template classes can declare a non-template friend class or function, a general template friend class or function, or a type-specific template friend class or function:

```
template <class T> class A { //
 public:
  template<class U> friend class B;
 private:
  T data;
template<class U> class B {
 public:
 B() { A<U> a; std::cout << "A's data: " << a.data << "\n"; };
};
int main() {
  B<int> b;
  return 0;
```





11.4. Templates and operator overloading

Overloading operators allows to customize the C++ operators (such as +, -, *, /, %, $^{\circ}$, $^{\circ}$

```
#include <iostream>
class A {
  public:
    char a;
    A(char a): a(a) {}
};
std::string operator + (const A & a1, const A & a2) {
    std::string s;
    s += a1.a; s += a2.a;
    return s;
}
// A a1('a'), a2('b'); std::cout << a1+a2 << '\n';</pre>
```





11.4. Templates and operator overloading -- friend methods

```
example03.cpp
class Complex;
Complex operator + ( const Complex& obj1, const Complex& obj2);
class Complex { // Class representing a complex number, e.g. 2.3 + 4.5 i
 public:
 Complex() : real(0), img(0) {}
  Complex(double real, double imag) : real(real), imag(imag){}
 friend Complex operator + ( Complex& obj1, const Complex& obj2);
 private:
 double real, imag;
};
Complex operator + ( const Complex& obj1, const Complex& obj2) {
  Complex temp;
  temp.real = obj1.real + obj2.real;
  temp.imag = obj1.imag + obj2.imag;
  return temp;
```





11.4. Templates and operator overloading -- conversions

Conversion operators can be used to convert one type to another type:

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                      example04.cpp
// class representing a fraction through numerator and denominator, e.g. 7/9
class Fraction {
 public:
  Fraction(int n, int d) : n(n), d(d) {}
  // note that conversion does not have a return type:
  operator double() const { return double(n)/double(d); }
 private:
  int n, d;
int main() {
  Fraction frac(7, 9);
  double val = frac; // conversion to double, double val = (double) frac;
  std::cout << val << '\n';</pre>
  return retVal;
```





11.4. Templates and operator overloading

With templates, now

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                     example05.cpp
template <class T> class MyClass {
 public:
  MyClass(T c) : c(c) {}
  T c;
template <class U>
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const MyClass<U>& classObj) {
  out.put(classObj.c);
  return out;
int main() {
  MyClass<char> t('?');
  std::cout << t << '\n';
  return 0;
```





11.5. Standard Template Library (STL)

STL is a set of C++ template classes that:

- implement most common data structures for containers (queues, vectors, lists, stacks, maps, arrays, etc.), algorithms (sorting, search, etc.), iterators (to go through containers), and function objects or functors
- in the form of a library of container classes, algorithms, and iterators,
- using components that are parameterized through templates.





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - Vector

Dynamic array that resizes when elements are added or removed

```
std::vector<double> myVector( { 2.0, 4.0, 7.0 } );
std::vector<double> largeVector( 200, 1.0 ); // 200 elements, all ones
std::vector<double> copiedVector( myVector ); // exact copy of myVector
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
int main() {
    std::vector<std::string> name( {"John", "George", "Paul", "Smith"} );
    std::cout << "name size=" << name.size() << " of " << name.max_size();
    std::cout << " capacity=" << name.capacity() << "\n";
    for (auto i = name.begin(); i < name.end(); i++) // use iterators
        std::cout << *i << '\n';
    name.insert(name.begin()+2, "Tom"); // insert another name at third element
    for (const std::string& i : name) // use range based for loop
        std::cout << i << '\n';
    return 0;
}</pre>
```





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - Map

Container for (key value, mapped value) pairs. Mapped values cannot have the same key values. Initialization can be done (since C++11) with initializer lists:

```
std::map<int, std::string> names = {{1, "Ann"}, {2, "Ames"}, {9, "Asa"}};
std::map<std::string, int> students;
students["Aaron"] = 173923; // insert two new map elements
students["Zachary"] = 183211;
for (auto const& x : names) // since C++11
  std::cout << "key:" << x.first << ",val:" << x.second << "\n";</pre>
for (auto const& [key, val] : students) // since C++17
  std::cout << "key:" << key << ",val:" << val << "\n";</pre>
```





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - Map

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                      example08.cpp
#include <map>
int main() {
  std::map<std::string, int> students;
  students["Aaron"] = 173923; // insert new map elements
  students["Zachary"] = 183211;
  students.insert( {"Patrick", 172932} );
  students.insert( std::pair<std::string,int>("Arnold", 161010) );
  for (auto const& x : names) // since C++11
    std::cout << "key:" << x.first << ",val:" << x.second << "\n";</pre>
  for (auto const& [key, val] : students) // since C++17
    std::cout << "key:" << key << ",val:" << val << "\n";
  return 0;
```





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - transform

```
int increase(int x) { return (x+1); } // operation to execute
int array[] = {1, 2, 3}; // a simple container

std::transform(array, array+3, array, increase);

for ( const int & i : array )
   std::cout << i << ", "; // output: 2, 3, 4,</pre>
```

Apart from the unary use above, transform also allows two input containers to be used (e.g., summing up elements of two containers). A <u>functor</u> can be passed for the given operation to be done on all elements of container, with the additional benefit of keeping its state.





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - transform Example of a functor:

```
#include <cassert>
class addX { // this is a functor
 public:
 addX(int val) : x(val) {} // Constructor sets how much to add
 int operator()(int y) const { return x + y; } // ()
 private:
 int x;
int main() {
 addX add5(5); // create object of functor class
 int i = add5(3); // "call" it through the () operation
 assert(i == 8);
 return 0;
```





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL) - transform

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                    example09.cpp
#include <vector>
int main() {
  std::vector a( { 16.0, 17.0, 18.0 } ); // init. lists since C++17
  std::vector b( { 10.0, 30.0, 60.0 } );
  std::vector<double> c;
  double n = 2.7;
  std::transform(a.begin(), a.end(),
                                         // iterators to input and
                 b.begin(), std::back inserter(c), // output vector elements
         [=](double x, double y) {return(x - y)/n; });
        // [=] : capture all external variables (n) in lambda by value
        // [&] : capture all external variables (n) in lambda by reference
  for (const double & i : c) {
    std::cout << i << "\n";
  return 0;
```





11.5. The Standard Template Library (STL)

More reference information about the C++ STL is given at these locations:

https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/standard_library

https://cplusplus.com/reference/stl/





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12.1. Abstract Classes and virtual

Abstract classes are classes that cannot be instantiated and has one or more pure virtual (or abstract) methods: virtual void print() = 0;

A pure virtual method needs to be overridden by a concrete (i.e., non-abstract) derived class and is indicated in the declaration with the syntax = 0 behind the method's declaration.

Abstract classes cannot be used as parameter types, as function return types, or as explicit conversion types. Pointers and references to abstract classes can be declared.





12.1. Abstract Classes and virtual

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                Abstract.cpp
class AbstractClass { // Class has pure virtual method:
 public:
 virtual void printName() const = 0;
 protected:
 std::string name = "myName"; // default initialization since C++11
};
class DerivedClass : public AbstractClass {
 public: // printName is overridden and implemented here:
 virtual void printName() const override { std::cout << name << "\n"; }</pre>
};
int main() {
 // This would fail: AbstractClass myObject;
 DerivedClass myDerivedObject; // The abstract class forces the
 myDerivedObject.printName(); // implementation of printName
 return 0;
```





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virtual functions or method can be overridden in derived classes. The overriding is preserved, even the actual type of the class is not known at compile-time (i.e., when the derived class is handled using a pointer or reference to the base class).

override (since C++ 11) can be mentioned after the method declaration, to explicitly show intent to override a method. The compiler can this way stop at programmer's mistakes (for instance, when the method's name was mistyped).

final can be mentioned after the method declaration, to explicitly signal that no further subclasses can override this method anymore.





12.1. Abstract Classes and virtual -- override

```
#include <iostream>
class BaseClass {
 public:
 virtual void print() const {
   std::cout << "Base Class. \n";</pre>
};
class DerivedClass : public BaseClass {
 public:
 virtual void print() const override {
    std::cout << "Derived Class. \n";</pre>
```

```
int main() {
 BaseClass base; DerivedClass derived;
 BaseClass & bref = base;
 BaseClass & dref = derived;
  bref.print(); // "Base Class."
 dref.print(); // "Derived Class."
 BaseClass * bpnt = &base;
  BaseClass * dpnt = &derived;
  bpnt->print(); // "Base Class."
 dpnt->print(); // "Derived Class."
  bref.BaseClass::print(); // "Base Class."
 dref.BaseClass::print(); // "Base Class."
 return 0;
```





12.1. Abstract Classes and virtual -- final

```
Final.cpp
class AbstractClass { // Class has pure virtual method:
 public:
 virtual void printName() const = 0;
};
class DerivedClass : public AbstractClass {
 public: // printName is overridden and implemented here:
 virtual void printName() const override { std::cout << "name. \n"; }</pre>
};
class FinalClass : public DerivedClass {
 public: // printName is final-overridden and re-implemented here:
 virtual void printName() const final { std::cout << "Name. \n"; }</pre>
};
class AnotherClass : public FinalClass {
 public: // printName was final in FinalClass, cannot be overridden:
// virtual void printName() const { std::cout << "NAME. \n"; }</pre>
};
```





12.1. Abstract Classes and virtual

The following code shows that a destructor is not inherited, so objects that are freed in this way do not call the derived class' destructor:

```
#include <iostream>
class BaseClass { // ~BaseClass illustration:
public:
 ~BaseClass() { std::cout << " BaseClass resources freed \n"; }
};
class DerivedClass : public BaseClass { // ~DerivedClass illustration:
public:
 ~DerivedClass() { std::cout << "DerivedClass resources freed \n"; }
};
int main() {
  BaseClass * base = new DerivedClass;
 delete base; // " BaseClass resources freed \n"
 return 0;
```





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Yet, a *virtual* destructor from a base class is always overridden by derived destructors, allowing the following:

```
#include <iostream>
class BaseClass { // ~BaseClass call is virtual => calls ~DerivedClass
public:
 virtual ~BaseClass() { std::cout << " BaseClass resources freed \n"; }</pre>
};
class DerivedClass: public BaseClass { // ~DerivedClass afterwards calls ~BaseClass,
                                         // following the typical destructor order
public:
 virtual ~DerivedClass() { std::cout << "DerivedClass resources freed \n"; }</pre>
int main() {
  BaseClass * base = new DerivedClass;
 delete base; // "DerivedClass resources freed \n BaseClass resources freed \n"
 return 0; // ^-- note that now both are called
```





12.2. The Non-Virtual Interface Idiom

Remember from Chapter 8: Polymorphism in C++ relies on methods from a base class being declared as virtual.

When **Dog** and **Fish** are classes that inherit from **Animal**, objects from these classes have a custom **print()** method, overloading from Animal's **virtual print()** method:

```
Animal * animal;
animal = new Dog("Scooby");
animal->print(); // prints out: I am Scooby. Bark!
animal = new Fish("Salmon");
animal->print(); // prints out: I'm Salmon (fish)
```





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```
polyDemo.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
class Animal { // Animal class stores the species and prints this in print()
 protected:
  std::string species;
 public:
  Animal(std::string species) { species = species; }
  virtual void print() const { std::cout << "I'm " + species << "\n"; }</pre>
};
class Dog : public Animal { // Dogs inherit species from Animal and have a name
 protected:
  std::string name;
 public:
  Dog(std::string name) : Animal("dog"), _name(name) {}
  void print() const override { std::cout << "I am " << name << ". Bark!\n"; }</pre>
};
```





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```
class Fish : public Animal { // Fishes have species and subspecies
                                                                          polyDemo.cpp
protected:
 std::string subspecies;
public:
 Fish(std::string subspecies) : Animal("fish"), _subspecies(subspecies) {}
 void print() const override { std::cout << "I'm " << subspecies << " (fish)\n"; }</pre>
};
int main() {
 Animal * animals[4];
  animals[0] = new Dog("Snowy");  // animals[] has pointers
 animals[1] = new Fish("Salmon");  // to objects of different
  animals[2] = new Dog("Scooby"); // subclasses (Dog, Fish, etc.)
  animals[3] = new Animal("some animal"); // or the animal base class
 for (auto i=0; i<15; i++) {
  Animal * a = animals[rand() % 4]; // a is a polymorph variable: its
  a->print();
                                      // print's behavior depends on the
                                      // object that a points to
 return 0;
```





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Animal's **virtual print()** method is public. Problems that could occur here are:

- Sub classes do repeat code: The only part that changes is the string to print, but each class needs std::cout << ... << std::endl; code
- The base class **Animal** cannot make guarantees about what the **print()** does: Sub-classes may do something completely different as originally intended

This can be fixed by using a **non-virtual interface** that is supplemented by a **private virtual function** that allows polymorphic behaviour. The private virtual methods are called by public non-virtual methods: See next slide





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```
#include <iostream>
                                                                         polyNVIDemo.cpp
#include <cstdlib>
class Animal { // Animal class stores the species and prints this in print()
 protected:
  std::string species;
 public:
  Animal(std::string species) { species = species; }
  void print() const { std::cout << getSound() << std::endl; }</pre>
 private:
  virtual std::string getSound() const { return "I'm " + species; };
};
class Dog : public Animal { // Dogs inherit species from Animal and have a name
 protected:
  std::string name;
 public:
  Dog(std::string name) : Animal("dog"), _name(name) {}
 private:
  std::string getSound() const override { return "I am " + name + ". Bark!"; }
```





12.2. The Non-Virtual Interface Idiom

```
class Fish : public Animal { // Fishes have species and subspecies
                                                                       polyNVIDemo.cpp
protected:
 std::string subspecies;
public:
 Fish(std::string subspecies) : Animal("fish"), _subspecies(subspecies) {}
private:
 std::string getSound() const override { return "I'm " + subspecies + " (fish)"; }
int main() {
 Animal * animals[4];
  animals[0] = new Dog("Snowy");  // animals[] has pointers
 animals[1] = new Fish("Salmon"); // to objects of different
  animals[2] = new Dog("Scooby"); // subclasses (Dog, Fish, etc.)
  animals[3] = new Animal("some animal"); // or the animal base class
 for (auto i=0; i<15; i++) {
  Animal * a = animals[rand() % 4]; // a is a polymorph variable: its
  a->print();
                                     // print's behavior depends on the
                                     // object that a points to
 return 0;
```





12.2. The Non-Virtual Interface Idiom

Thus: Non-Virtual Interfaces decouple a class' public interface (e.g., Animals print()) by making it non-virtual, from functions (e.g., getSound()) that are providing customization points for sub-classes (e.g., Dog or Fish).

As an idiom, Non-Virtual Interface is a programming guideline, implementing the <u>Template Method</u> design pattern (not to be confused with C++ templates).

A complete treatise on virtuality can be read in <u>"Virtuality", by Herb Sutter</u> (in C/C++ Users Journal, 19(9), September 2001).





12.3. Multiple Inheritance and the Diamond Problem

Classes can inherit in C++ from multiple base classes. Classes can thus inherit from multiple abstract classes, using multiple pure abstract classes with only pure virtual public methods and static

```
class MyInterface {
  public:
    virtual int getFormulaWithX() const = 0;
    virtual ~MyInterface() {};
  public:
    static const int X = 7;
};
```

const attributes (similar to interfaces in Java).

Constructors of inherited classes are called in the same order in which they are inherited. The destructors are called in reverse order of the constructors.





12.3. Multiple Inheritance and the Diamond Problem

```
#include <iostream>
class ClassA {
 public:
  ClassA() { std::cout << "Class A constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
class ClassB {
 public:
  ClassB() { std::cout << "Class B constructed.\n"; };</pre>
class DerivedClass : public ClassA, public ClassB {
 public:
  DerivedClass() { std::cout << "Derived Class constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
int main() {
  DerivedClass myDerivedObject; // note: this calls first A's, then B's constructor
  return 0;
```

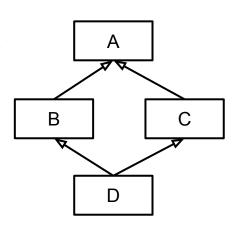




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The diamond problem occurs when two superclasses of a class (class B and class C on the right) have a common base class (D).

This will lead to the constructor of A being called twice (once via B and once via C). Similarly, the destructor of class A is called twice as well, and objects of class D have two copies of all of A's attributes and methods.



When B and C both inherit a method m() from A, which is then meant when an object d from Class D calls d.m()?





12.3. Multiple Inheritance and the Diamond Problem

```
class Person { // Person:
                                                                      Person
                                                                                      Person
public:
Person() { std::cout << "Person constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
class Faculty : public Person { // Faculty is a Person
                                                                      Faculty
                                                                                      Student
 public:
 Faculty() { std::cout << "Faculty constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
class Student : public Person { // Student is a Person
 public:
                                                                            PhDStudent
 Student() { std::cout << "Student constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
class PhDStudent : public Faculty, public Student { // PhDStudent is both
 public:
 PhDStudent() { std::cout << "PhDStudent constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
int main() {
  PhDStudent phd; // note: this object will contain two copies of a person
  return 0;
```





12.3. Multiple Inheritance and the Diamond Problem

```
class Person { // Person:
                                                                               Person
public:
 Person() { std::cout << "Person constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
class Faculty: virtual public Person { // Faculty is a Person
                                                                       Faculty
                                                                                       Student
 public:
  Faculty() { std::cout << "Faculty constructed.\n"; };</pre>
class Student : virtual public Person { // Student is a Person
 public:
                                                                             PhDStudent
  Student() { std::cout << "Student constructed.\n"; };</pre>
class PhDStudent : public Faculty, public Student { // PhDStudent is both
 public:
  PhDStudent() { std::cout << "PhDStudent constructed.\n"; };</pre>
};
```

Using <u>virtual inheritance</u>, C++ is told that there is one common Person subobject for both Faculty and Student and their subclasses (PhDStudent).





12.4. Templated Interfaces

```
#include <iostream>
template <class T> // force subclasses to
class IMenuItem { // implement printItem:
 public:
  IMenuItem(T item) : item(item) {}
 virtual void printItem() const = 0;
 protected:
  const T item; // and hold item here, too
};
template <class T>
class Item : public IMenuItem<T>{
 public: // implementation of printItem:
  Item(T item) : IMenuItem<T>(item) {}
  void printItem() const override {
    std::cout << "Choice: " << this->item << "\n";</pre>
  };
};
```



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```
int main() {
 // menu list where items are given an integer:
 std::array<IMenuItem<int> *, 3> menu
     = { new Item<int>(0), new Item<int>(1), new Item<int>(5)};
 for (auto i = 0; i < menu.size(); i++)</pre>
   menu[i]->printItem();
 // menu list where items are given a character:
  std::array<IMenuItem<char> *, 3> menu2
     = { new Item<char>('a'), new Item<char>('b'), new Item<char>('c')};
  for (auto i = 0; i < menu2.size(); i++)</pre>
   menu2[i]->printItem();
 // menu list where items are given a string:
  std::array<IMenuItem<std::string> *, 2> menu3
     = { new Item<std::string>(std::string("optionA")),
         new Item<std::string>(std::string("optionB"))};
 for (auto i = 0; i < menu3.size(); i++)</pre>
   menu3[i]->printItem();
 return 0;
```



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```
int main() { // class template argument deduction (since C++17), range based loops
 // menu list where items are given an integer:
 std::array menu = { new Item(0), new Item(1), new Item(5)};
 for (auto i : menu) i->printItem();
 // menu list where items are given a character:
 std::array menu2 = { new Item('a'), new Item('b'), new Item('c')};
 for (auto i : menu2) i->printItem();
 // menu list where items are given a string:
 std::array menu3 = { new Item(std::string("optionA")),
                       new Item(std::string("optionB"))};
 for (auto i : menu3) i->printItem();
 return 0;
```





- 13.1. Basics of enum
- 13.2. Scoped enumeration enum class
- 13.3. typedef and struct
- 13.4. union and std::variant



13. Enumerators, struct and union



13.1. Basics of enum

An enumerator (enum) creates a data type that can take the value in a set of named integral constants. By default, the first will be 0, the second 1, etc.

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  enum level_t { LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH };
  level_t danger = HIGH; // note: HIGH == 2
  std::cout << danger << "\n";
  return 0;
}</pre>
```

The integer values that represent the constants can also be set and controlled explicitly. They are numbered in increasing order:

```
enum battery_t { FULL = 100, ADEQUATE = 50, EMPTY = 0 };
enum level_t { LOW = -100, MEDIUM, HIGH }; // MEDIUM == -99, HIGH == -98
enum day_t { MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN = 7};
// MON == 1, TUE == 2, WED == 3, THU == 4, FRI == 5, SAT == 6
```





13.1. Basics of enum

The advantage of **enum** is that the code is readable easier to maintain variables that can take any of a given set of variables :

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  enum level t { LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH };
 level t humidity = LOW;
 std::string s;
  switch (humidity) {
    case LOW: s = "low"; break;
    case MEDIUM: s = "medium"; break;
    case HIGH: s = "high"; break;
 std::cout << "The humidity is " << s << "\n";</pre>
 return 0;
```





13.1. Basics of enum

Since the values are mapped to integers, this might lead to problems:

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
   enum level_t { LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH };
   enum battery_t { FULL, ADEQUATE, EMPTY }; // LOW cannot be reused here
   level_t status1 = LOW; // multiple types' values are basically integers,
   battery_t status2 = EMPTY; // the following will lead to a warning only:
   std::cout << ( status1 == status2 ) << "\n";
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Typically, **enum**s are used when values are unlikely going to change, such as week days, months, colors, card values.





13.2. Scoped enumeration enum class

Since C++11, a *scoped* enumeration (**enum class**) data type is a type-safe enumerator (not a class) that is not implicitly convertible to an integer.

```
enum class Level { LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH };
Level status1 = Level::LOW; // "status1 = LOW" would lead to error

enum class Battery { FULL, ADEQUATE, EMPTY };
Battery status2 = Battery::EMPTY; // "status2 = EMPTY" would lead to error

// the following will lead to an "invalid operands" error:
std::cout << ( status1 == status2 ) << "\n";</pre>
```

The scoped enumeration's underlying data type can be set explicitly:

```
enum class Choice : int8_t { YES, MAYBE, NO, UNKNOWN };
```





13.2. Scoped enumeration enum class

A scoped enumeration cannot be compared to, or use the constants as, integers.

```
enum class Level { LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH }; will cause:
Level 1 = Level::MEDIUM; std::cout << level; to result in an error.</pre>
```

The need for scope might also make code less terse and longer:

```
enum class Level { LOW, MED, HIGH };
Level humidity = Level::LOW;
std::string s;
switch (humidity) {
  case Level::LOW: s = "low"; break;
  case Level::MEDIUM: s = "med"; break;
  case Level::HIGH: s = "high"; break;
}
```

Since C++20, **using enum** can import enumerators in the local scope:

```
enum class Level { LOW, MED, HIGH };
Level humidity = Level::LOW;
std::string s;
switch (humidity) {
   using enum Level;
   case LOW: s = "low"; break;
   case MEDIUM: s = "med"; break;
   case HIGH: s = "high"; break;
}
```





13.3. typedef and struct

Structures (preceded by **struct**) historically combine variables of different types, similar to how arrays combine variables of the same type.

Structures are semantically *very* similar to classes, but by default do not set attributes or methods to private (plus <u>more</u>).

```
struct anonExamEntry {
  long studentId = 0;  // initialization here
  float grade = 1.0;  // possible since C++11
};

anonExamEntry entry1;
entry1.studentId = 17017491;
entry1.grade = 2.3;
```





13.3. typedef and struct

typedef is a keyword that is used to assign a new name to any existing data-type:
typedef int integer; integer i = 9;
In C, new variables of a particular structure type would need the keyword struct
to be added each time:

```
struct examEntry {
  long studentId;
  float grade;
};
struct examEntry entry; // "anonExamEntry entry;" not possible in C
```

Which is why **typedef** is used to provide a new name instead:

```
typedef struct examEntry examEntry; // "struct examentry" = "examEntry"
```





13.4. union and std::variant

A **union** is a special class type that can hold only one of its non-static attributes. It is at least as big as needed to store the largest attribute, but is usually not larger. Unions can have non-virtual methods, but cannot be involved in inheritance.





13.4. union and std::variant

Since C++17, STL includes **std::variant**, which replaces many uses of unions and union-like classes:

```
variant.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <variant>
int main() {
  std::variant<char, std::string> s; // s stores a char or a string
  s = 'a';
  std::visit([](auto x){ std::cout << x << '\n';}, s); // visit since C++17
  s = "string!";
  std::visit([](auto x){ std::cout << x << '\n';}, s); // (more info here)</pre>
 return 0;
```





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14.1. const correctness

Using const tells the compiler that objects/variables should not change: void function1(const std::string& str); // Pass by reference-to-const

```
void function2(const std::string* sptr); // Pass by pointer-to-const
void function3(std::string str); // Pass by value
```

For the above to-const parameter functions, the C++ compiler checks whether the passed is changed, or is passed further as a const. Example:





14.1. const correctness

Declaring the const-ness of a parameter is just another form of type safety and should be done as soon as they are declared. A non-const variant and the const one for an object/variable can be thought of as different types. const overloading of methods or operators allows const correctness:

```
class Item { /*...*/ };
class MyItemList {
  public:
    const Item& operator[] (int index) const; // [] operators often have a
    Item& operator[] (int index); // const and non-const version
    // ...
};
```





14.1. const correctness

const correctness allows:

- 1. Protection from accidentally changing variables / objects
- 2. Protection from making accidental variable assignments, e.g.:

```
void myMethod(const int x) {
  if ( x = y ) // typo: really meant if (x == y) -> error
  // ...
}
```

3. The compiler to optimize for it

More examples can be found <u>here</u>.





14.1. const correctness

Reminder: **const** pointers can come in various forms, what matters is that everything on the left of the **const** keyword is constant. If **const** is on the full left, what is on its right is constant. **const** pointers need to be directly initialized:





14.1. const correctness

Reminder: Example 03 from 7. Pointers (difficulty level: 🍎 🥠 🕖):

```
/** Print a mouse in the console, using a const pointer to avoid changes */
#include <iostream> // terminal output
[[nodiscard]] auto * getBitmapAddress() {
    static char bitmap[] = "(^. .^)~"; // "bitmap" created in static memory
    return bitmap; // return pointer to first element
int main() {
  // using a pointer to bitmap, and incrementing it, is possible:
  auto * mousePointer = getBitmapAddress();
  while ( *mousePointer != 0 ) std::cout << *(mousePointer++);</pre>
  std::cout << "\n";
  // Here mousePointer has changed, it's hard to get the original pointer.
 // Modify the above by protecting the pointer with const and redo the loop.
  return 0;
```





14.2. constexpr - Generalized constant expressions

Since C++11, the **constexpr** specifier declares that the expression that follows is always evaluated at compile-time, and thus:

- can save potentially significant processing and memory usage during run-time
- but at the cost of more work to be done during compilation

When used to declare variables, these are implicitly **const**s. Example:





14.2. **constexpr** – Generalized constant expressions

constexpr can precede a function or method. In that case it will be evaluated at compile-time only when all the arguments are evaluated at compile-time:

```
constexpr int square(int value) {
  return value * value;
}
square(4); // evaluated at compile-time
int val = 4;
square(val); // evaluated at run-time
```

If a function has run-time features (e.g., try-catch, assertions*, virtual**, static***, non-constexpr functions, et .), it will be evaluated at run-time.

```
[*: allowed since C++14 (*), C++20 (**), C++23 (***)]
```





14.2. **constexpr** – Generalized constant expressions

constexpr non-static class methods of run-time objects cannot be used at compile-time if they contain data members or non-compile-time functions:

```
class A {
  public:
  int v = 3;
  constexpr int f() const { return v; }
  static constexpr int g() { return 3; }
};
```

```
A a1;
// constexpr int x = a1.f(); // compile error, f() not constexpr
constexpr int y = a1.g(); // works, same as 'A::g()' since g() is static
constexpr A a2;
constexpr int z = a2.f(); // works
```





14.2. **constexpr** – Generalized constant expressions

Since C++17, **if constexpr** can be used to compile code on a condition:

```
auto f() {
  if constexpr (__cplusplus == 202101L) // __cplusplus macro holds c++ version
    return "C++23"; // const char*
  else
    return 3; // int, returned when c++ version is not 20
}
```

Since C++20, two more keywords can be used:

- consteval guarantees compile-time evaluation and will produce an error when run-time arguments are supplied
- constinit guarantees compile-time initialization of variables and will produce an error when run-time arguments are supplied. This is weaker than constexpr, since the initialized variable can change its value later.





14.3. Move semantics

In C++, **the rule of three** is a guideline, which states that if a class defines any of the following three, then it should explicitly define all three:

(1) destructor, (2) copy constructor, and (3) copy assignment operator to avoid their default implementation during compilation (which is usually incorrect).

Since C++11, **the rule of five** expands this for these two additional special *move* semantics methods:

(4) move constructor, and (5) move assignment operator for the same reason.

More details: https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/rule_of-three





14.3. Move semantics

```
class OwnString {
                                                                OwnString v1.cpp
 public:
  OwnString(const char * p);
                                           // constructor with C string
 ~OwnString();
                                           // 1. Destructor
  OwnString(const OwnString & that); // 2. Copy constructor
  OwnString & operator=(OwnString & that);// 3. Assignment operator
 // friend method that returns a reference to a concatenated string:
  friend OwnString & operator+(const OwnString & s1, const OwnString & s2);
  void show() { std::cout << data << '\n'; }</pre>
 private:
  char * data;
```





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```
OwnString::OwnString(const char * p) {
                                                                   OwnString v1.cpp
  size t size = std::strlen(p) + 1;
  data = new char[size];
  std::memcpy(data, p, size);
OwnString::~OwnString() { delete[] data; }
OwnString::OwnString(const OwnString & that) {
  size t size = std::strlen(that.data) + 1;
  data = new char[size];
  std::memcpy(data, that.data, size); // deep copy of that.data to data
OwnString & OwnString::operator=(OwnString & that) {
  std::swap(data, that.data); // see copy-swap idiom
  return *this;
```





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```
OwnString v1.cpp
// friend operator:
OwnString & operator+(const OwnString & s1, const OwnString & s2) {
  size t size = std::strlen(s1.data) + std::strlen(s2.data) + 1;
  char * data = new char[size];
  std::memcpy(data, s1.data, std::strlen(s1.data));
  std::memcpy(data+std::strlen(s1.data), s2.data, std::strlen(s2.data));
  OwnString * s = new OwnString(data);
  return * s;
```





14.3. Move semantics

Example: OwnString class

```
int main() {
   OwnString s1("ping!"); // s1 is an object from C string
   OwnString s2(s1); // s2's copy constructor from s1: lvalue
   OwnString s3(s1+s2); // s3's copy constructor from s1+s2: rvalue?
   s1.show(); s2.show();
   return 0;
}
```

In the above, **s1** as a parameter to s2's copy constructor is an **Ivalue**.

(s1+s2) as a parameter for s3's copy constructor *could* be an **rvalue**, a temporary object that is removed after the statement on that line is finished.

If it were an **rvalue**, the move constructor would be called instead of the copy constructor, allowing for better performance: see next slides.





14.3. Move semantics

Example: OwnString class, with move constructor: Note the differences

```
class OwnString {
                                                                OwnString v2.cpp
 public:
  OwnString(const char * p);
                                           // constructor with C string
 ~OwnString();
                                           // 1. Destructor
 OwnString(const OwnString & that);
                                        // 2. Copy constructor
 OwnString & operator=(OwnString that); // 3. Assignment operator (no ref)
  OwnString(OwnString&& that);
                                           // move constructor: OwnString&&
                                                     is an rvalue reference
 // friend method that returns an rvalue :
 friend OwnString && operator+(const OwnString & s1, const OwnString & s2);
  void show() { std::cout << data << '\n'; }</pre>
 private:
  char * data;
```





14.3. Move semantics

```
OwnString v2.cpp
// copy constructor:
OwnString::OwnString(const OwnString & that) {
  size t size = std::strlen(that.data) + 1;
 data = new char[size];
                       // deep copy of that.data to data
 std::memcpy(data, that.data, size); // lots of work
// move constructor:
OwnString::OwnString(OwnString&& that) { // OwnString&& is an rvalue
 data = that.data;
                                          // reference to a string
 that.data = nullptr; // note the simplicity (versus copy constructor)
```





14.3. Move semantics

Example: OwnString class, with move constructor

```
OwnString v2.cpp
// friend operator returning an rvalue:
OwnString && operator+(const OwnString & s1, const OwnString & s2) {
  size t size = std::strlen(s1.data) + std::strlen(s2.data) + 1;
  char * data = new char[size];
  std::memcpy(data, s1.data, std::strlen(s1.data));
  std::memcpy(data+std::strlen(s1.data), s2.data, std::strlen(s2.data));
  OwnString * s = new OwnString(data);
  return std::move(* s); // std::move will set to rvalue
```





14.3. Move semantics

Example: OwnString class, with move constructor

In the above, **s1** as a parameter to s2's copy constructor is an **Ivalue**, whereas **(s1+s2)** as a parameter to s3's move constructor is an **rvalue**, a temporary object that is removed after the move constructor is finished.





14.4. Measuring Time

For measuring how long a program needed to perform a task, there are three types of time measurement:

- Wall-Clock/Real time: Human-perceived passage of time from the start to the completion of a task (includes other processes taking resources, too)
- User/CPU time: The time spent by the CPU to process user code
- System time: The time spent by the CPU to process system calls (including I/O calls) executed into kernel code





14.4. Measuring Time - Wall-clock time

On Linux / MacOSX (resolution in microseconds):

```
WallClock.cpp
#include <time.h> //struct timeval
#include <sys/time.h> //gettimeofday()
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  struct timeval start, end; // struct timeval {second, microseconds}
  ::gettimeofday(&start, NULL);
  double ret = 0;
  for (int i=0; i<0xFFFFF; i++) { ret += ret*0.3; } // task to be measured</pre>
  ::gettimeofday(&end, NULL);
  long start time = start.tv sec * 1000000 + start.tv usec;
  long end time = end.tv sec * 1000000 + end.tv usec;
  std::cout << "Time: " << end time - start time << " microsecs.\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





14.4. Measuring Time - User time

Using **std::clock** (resolution in nanoseconds):

```
UserTime.cpp
#include <chrono> // clock t, std::clock
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  clock t start time = std::clock();
  double ret = 0;
  for (int i=0; i<0xFFFFF; i++) { ret += ret*0.3; } // task to be measured</pre>
  clock t end time = std::clock();
  float diff = static cast<float>(end time - start time); // static cast
  diff /= CLOCKS PER SEC; // POSIX-defined as 1000000
  std::cout << "Time: " << 1000*diff << " milliseconds \n";</pre>
  return 0;
```





14.4. Measuring Time - User & System time

Using <sys/times.h> (resolution in milliseconds):

```
#include <unistd.h> // SC CLK TCLK
                                                                       UserSystemTime.cpp
#include <sys/times.h> // struct ::tms
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  double ret = 0;
  struct ::tms start time, end time;
  ::times(&start time);
  for (long i=0; i<0xFFFFFFFF; i++) { ret += ret*0.3; } // task to measure</pre>
  ::times(&end time);
  auto user diff = end time.tms utime - start time.tms utime;
  auto sys diff = end time.tms stime - start time.tms stime;
  float user = static cast<float>(user diff) / ::sysconf( SC CLK TCK);
  float system = static cast<float>(sys_diff) / ::sysconf(_SC_CLK_TCK);
  std::cout << "User Time: " << user << " seconds \n";</pre>
  std::cout << "System Time: " << system << " seconds \n";</pre>
  return 0;
```