C/C++ Program Design

LAB 10

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2.1 Class

A class that uses data abstraction and encapsulation defines an abstract data type. Encapsulation enforces the separation of a class' interface and implementation.

The general syntax for a class definition:

```
class ClassName private/public/protected

Access specifier: member variable declaration(or definition)

Data members; member function declaration(or definition)

Member functions;

end of class with a semicolon

The syntax to define an object:

ClassName objectName;
```

A class is a blueprint for an object!

Example: Define a class named Rectangle.

```
@ rectangle.cpp > ...
     #include <iostream>
                           Define a class named Rectangle
     using namespace std;
     class Rectangle
                                The member variables of a class
     public:
         double width;
         double height:
                                  The member function of a class. It is
         double getArea()
 10
                                             an inline function.
 11
             return width * height;
 12
 13
14
15
 16
                           Create an object of Rectangle
     int main()
17
 18
         Rectangle r;
 19
                                Accessing data member by . operator
 20
         r.width = 1; -
 21
         r.height = 2;
 22
 23
         cout << "The width is:" << r.width << ", the height is:" << r.height << endl;</pre>
         cout << "The area is:" << r.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 24
 25
                                                       Accessing member
 26
         return 0;
                                                      function by operator
 27
```

Defining a class, creating an object and accessing the members of an object, these operations are as the same as we use in structure. The only difference is that we call a class **instance** as an object. You must use an object to access the attributes(data member) and member functions of a class if their access specifier are public.

In general, private specifier is used for data members and public specifier for member functions when declaring a class.

2.2 Access specifier: private and public

The private keyword makes members private. Private members can be accessed only inside the same class. We usually make data private to prevent them from being modified outside the class. This is known as data encapsulation (data hiding).

The public keyword makes members public. Public members can be accessed out of the class. We usually make functions public for accessing outside the class.

```
@ rectangle2.cpp > ...
      #include <iostream>
      using namespace std;
      class Rectangle
                      private members
      private:
          double width: 4
          double height;
                       public member
      public:
          double getArea()
 10
 11
              return width * height;
 12
 13
 14
```

```
int main()
18
                           Private members cannot be
         Rectangle r;
19
                           accessed outside the class
         r.width = 1;
20
         r.height = 2;
21
22
         cout << "The area is:" << r.getArea() << endl;</pre>
23
24
25
         return 0;
26
```

Note: Private is the default access specifier for a class in C++. This means that if no access specifier is specified for the members in a class, it is considered private.

```
rectangle2.cpp > ...
     class Rectangle
     private:
         double width;
         double height;
     public:
 9
         double getArea()
10
11
             return width * height:
12
13
14
         double getWidth()
15
16
             return width;
17
18
19
         double getHeight()
20
21
             return height;
22
23
24
         void setWidth(double w)
25
26
             width = w:
27
28
29
          void setHeight(double h)
30
31
32
              height = h;
33
34
```

A **private** data field cannot be accessed by an object from outside the class. To make a private data field accessible, provide a **getter** method to return its value. To enable a private data field to be updated, provide a **setter** method to set a new value.

```
int main()
38
39
                                 Access the private data by getters
          Rectangle r:
40
41
          cout << "The width is:" << r.getWidth()</pre>
42
               << ", the height is:" << r.getHeight() << endl;</pre>
43
          cout << "The area is:" << r.getArea() << endl;</pre>
44
45
46
         return 0:
47
```

```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/lab10_examples$ g++ rectangle2.cpp
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/lab10_examples$ ./a.out
The width is:6.93909e-310, the height is:4.65933e-310
The area is:0
```

The values of data members are not initialized, these values are invalid.

2.3 Class Constructors and Destructors

2.3.1 Constructors

Each class defines how objects of its type can be initialized. Classes control object initialization by defining one or more special member functions known as **constructors**. The job of a constructor is to initialize the data members of a class object. A constructor is run whenever an object of a class type is created.

A class constructor is a special member function:

- 1. Has exact the same name as the class
- 2. No return value
- 3. It is a public member function of the class
- 4. Invoked whenever you create objects of that class

If you do not provide any constructor, C++ compiler will implicitly **generates** a **synthetic default constructor** (has no parameters and an empty body) for you. This synthesized constructor initializes each data member of the class as follows:

- If there is an in-class initializer, use it to initialize the member.
- Otherwise, default-initialize the member.

```
rectangle2.cpp > ...
     class Rectangle
             in-class initializer
     private:
         double width = 1;
         double height = 2;
 8
     public:
         double getArea()
10
11
             return width * height;
12
13
14
         double getWidth()
15
16
             return width;
17
18
19
         double getHeight()
20
21
             return height;
22
23
24
         void setWidth(double w)
25
26
             width = w:
27
28
29
          void setHeight(double h)
30
31
32
              height = h;
33
34
```

```
int main()
                          Define an object will invoke the default
39
                          constructor, using in-class initializer to
40
         Rectangle r;
                          initialize the data members
41
42
          cout << "The width is:" << r.getWidth()</pre>
               << ", the height is: " << r.getHeight() << endl;
43
44
          cout << "The area is:" << r.getArea() << endl;</pre>
45
46
          return 0;
47
```

The values of data members are the in-class initializers.

Note: If you compiler can't support in-class initializers, you must provide a constructor explicitly to initialize every member of built-in type.

The definition of a class is in a .h file

```
C rectangle.h > ...
      #ifndef RECTANGLE H
      #define RECTANGLE H
      class Rectangle
  4
      private:
          double width;
  6
          double height;
  8
      public:
 9
          //default constructor
10
11
          Rectangle();
12
          // parameterized constructor
13
14
          Rectangle(double w, double h);
15
16
          double getArea();
          double getWidth();
17
          double getHeight();
18
          void setWidth(double w);
19
          void setHeight(double h);
20
21
22
      };
      #endif
23
```

The implementations of functions are in a .cpp file

```
#include "rectangle.h"
      Rectangle::Rectangle()
          width = 1:
          height = 2;
  6
  8
      Rectangle::Rectangle(double w, double h)
  9
 10
          width = w;
 11
 12
          height = h;
 13
 14
      double Rectangle::getArea()
 15
 16
          return width * height;
 17
 18
 19
      double Rectangle::getWidth()
 20
 21
          return width;
 22
 23
```

Defining member functions outside the class must use class name and class resolution specifier ::.

```
rectanglemain.cpp > ...
      #include <iostream>
      #include "rectangle.h"
      using namespace std;
  4
      int main()
  6
           Rectangle r1;
           Rectangle r2(3,5);
  8
  9
           cout << "The area of r1 is:" << r1.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 10
           cout << "The area of r2 is:" << r2.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 11
 12
 13
           return 0;
 14
```

Default constructor

A **default constructor** is a constructor that is used to create an object when you don't provide explicit initialization values. If you don not provide any constructor, the compiler will automatically supplies a default constructor. It's an implicit version of a default constructor. There is **only one default constructor** in a class.

If you define any constructor for a class, the compiler will not provide default constructor. You must define your own default constructor that takes no arguments.

You can define a default constructor two ways. One is to provide default values for all the arguments to the existing constructor:

Rectangle(double w = 1, double h = 2);

The **second** is to use function overloading to define a second constructor that has no arguments: Rectangle();

NOTE: You can have **only one default constructor**, so be sure that you don't do both.

Another way to initialize the data members in a constructor is to use member initialization list.

The value assigned to the member is inside the parenthesis

The constructor body is empty

The member initialization list fellows by the colon after the parameter list

Under the following circumstance, you may use the member initialization list.

- There is an object as a data member in your class definition
- There is a const data member

Using constructor

After you define default constructor, you can create object variables without initializing them explicitly.

```
Rectangle r1; // call the defualt constructor implictly
Rectangle r2 = Rectangle(); // call the default constructor explictly
Rectangle *pr = new Rectangle; // call the defualt constructor implictly
Rectangle r3(3,5); // call the non-default constructor
Rectangle r4(); // declare a function
```

r4() is a function that returns a Rectangle object.

When you implicitly call the default constructor, do not use parentheses.

Destructors

A destructor is applied automatically to a class object before the end of its lifetime. The primary use of a destructor is to free resources acquired within the constructor or during the lifetime of the object.

A class destructor is also a special member function:

- 1. A destructor name is the same as the classname but begins with tilde(\sim) sign.
- 2. Destructor has no return value.
- 3. A destructor has no arguments.
- 4. There can be only one destructor in a class (Destructor can not be overloaded).
- 5. The compiler always creates a default destructor if you fail to provide one for a class.
- 6. Invoke when an object goes out of scope or the delete is applied to a pointer to the object.

```
C rectangle.h > ...
      #ifndef RECTANGLE H
      #define RECTANGLE H
      class Rectangle
      private:
          double width;
          double height;
      public:
          //default constructor
          Rectangle();
 11
 12
          // parameterized constructor
 13
          Rectangle(double w, double h);
 14
 15
          // destructor
 17
          ~Rectangle();
 18
          double getArea();
 19
          double getWidth();
 20
          double getHeight();
 21
 22
          void setWidth(double w);
          void setHeight(double h);
 23
 25
      };
     #endif
```

```
Rectangle :: ~Rectangle()
{
    std::cout << "Destructor is called." << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

```
G rectanglemain.cpp > ...
      #include <iostream>
      #include "rectangle.h"
      using namespace std;
                                  Creating three objects
      int main()
          Rectangle r1; // call the defualt constructor implictly
          Rectangle r2 = Rectangle(); // call the default constructor explictly
          Rectangle r3(3,5); // call the non-default constructor
 11
          cout << "The area of r1 is:" << r1.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 12
          cout << "The area of r2 is:" << r2.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 13
          cout << "The area of r3 is:" << r3.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 14
 15
 17
          return 0;
 18
```

```
The area of r1 is:2
The area of r2 is:2
The area of r3 is:15
Destructor is called.
Destructor is called.
Destructor is called.
```

When the object is out off its scope,
The destructor is called automatically.

Memberwise initialization

By default, when we initialize one class object with another, the data members of the class are copied in turn. This is called **default memberwise initialization**.

```
G rectanglemain.cpp > main()
      #include <iostream>
      #include "rectangle.h"
      using namespace std;
      int main()
          Rectangle r1; // call the defualt constructor implictly
          Rectangle r2 = Rectangle(); // call the default constructor explictly
          Rectangle r3(3,5); // call the non-default constructor
 10
 11
          Rectangle r4 = r3;
 12
 13
          cout << "The width of r3 is:" << r3.getWidth() << ", the height of r3 is:" << r3.getHeight() << endl;</pre>
 14
          cout << "The width of r4 is:" << r4.getWidth() << ", the height of r4 is:" << r4.getHeight() << endl;
 15
          cout << "The area of r3 is:" << r3.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 17
          cout << "The area of r4 is:" << r4.getArea() << endl;</pre>
 18
 19
21
          return 0;
22
```

In the case of the Rectangle class, default memberwise initialization correctly copies the class data members and there is nothing we need to do explicitly.

```
The width of r3 is:3, the height of r3 is:5
The width of r4 is:3, the height of r4 is:5
The area of r3 is:15
The area of r4 is:15
Destructor is called.
Destructor is called.
Destructor is called.
Destructor is called.
```

```
int main()
    using std::cout;
    cout << "Using constructors to create new objects\n";</pre>
    Stock stock1("NanoSmart", 12, 20.0); //syntax 1
    stock1.show():
    cout << '\n';
    Stock stock2 = Stock("Boffo Objects", 2, 2.0);
                                                        //syntax 2
    stock2.show();
    cout << '\n';
    cout << "Assigning stock1 to stock2:\n";</pre>
    stock2 = stock1;
    cout << "Listing stock1 and stock2:\n";</pre>
    cout << "stock1:":
    stock1.show();
    cout << '\n':
    cout << "stock2:";
    stock2.show();
    cout << '\n';
    cout << "Using a constructor to reset an object\n";</pre>
    stock1 = Stock("Nifty Foods", 10, 50.0); // temp object
    cout << "Revised stock1:\n";</pre>
    stock1.show();
    cout << "Done\n";</pre>
    return 0;
               The last object created is the first deleted.
               stock2 is the last object, stock1 is the first object.
```

```
Using constructors to create new objects
Constructor using NanoSmart called
Company: NanoSmart Shares: 12
 Share Price: $20.000 Total Worth: $240.00
Constructor using Boffo Objects called
Company: Boffo Objects Shares: 2
 Share Price: $2.000 Total Worth: $4.00
Assigning stock1 to stock2:
Listing stock1 and stock2:
stock1:Company: NanoSmart Shares: 12
 Share Price: $20.000 Total Worth: $240.00
stock2:Company: NanoSmart Shares: 12
 Share Price: $20.000 Total Worth: $240.00
Using a constructor to reset an object
Constructor using Nifty Foods called
Bye, Nifty Foods! Deleted the temporary object
Company: Nifty Foods Shares: 10
 Share Price: $50.000 Total Worth: $500.00
Done
Bve, NanoSmart!
Bye, Nifty Foods!
```

2.4 const members and static members

2.4.1 const member variables and member functions

1. const member variables

If some member variables need not be modified, these variables can be defined as const. These const member variables can be initialized by initialization list or in-class initializers.

```
C person.h > ...
     #include <iostream>
      #ifndef PERSON H
      #define PERSON h
      class Person
          const int SIZE = 10:
         int age = 20;
      public:
11
12
         Person() { } // define an empty default constructor
13
         Person(int a) { age = a;}
14
          void Show()
              std::cout << "The size is:" << SIZE << ", the age is:" << age << std::endl;</pre>
21
      };
      #endif
```

Invoke the default constructor and use the in-class initializers to initialize the members

```
C person.h > ...
     #include <iostream>
     #ifndef PERSON H
     #define PERSON h
     class Person
                      no in-class initializers
     private:
         const int SIZE;
         int age;
 10
             Inside constructor, assign a value to a const member is not allowed.
11
12
         Person() { SIZE = 10; age = 20; } // define an empty default constructor
13
14
         Person(int a) { age = a;}
15
         void Show()
17
18
             std::cout << "The size is:" << SIZE << ", the age is:" << age << std::endl;</pre>
19
21
     };
22
     #endif
```

```
private:
    const int SIZE;
    int age;

public: Using member initialization list to initialize the const member.

Person() : SIZE(10),age(20) { } // define an empty default constructor
    Person(int a) : SIZE(10) { age = a;}
```

2. const member functions

If some member functions need not modify the data members, define them as const member functions. The **const** modifier follows the parameter list of te function. A const member function defined outside the class body must specify the **const** modifier in both its declaration and definition.

```
C complex.h > ...
     #ifndef COMPLEX H
      #define COMPLEX H
      class Complex
      private:
          double real;
                                                                      void Complex::Show() const
          double imag;
                                                                         std::cout << real << (imag >= 0? "+":"") << imag << "i";
      public:
          Complex() : real(1), imag(1) { }
 10
          Complex(double re, double im)
 11
              real = re;
 12
              imag = im;
 13
 14
15
          Complex Add(const Complex &rhs);
          void Show()(const;
17
 18
      };
 19
      #endif
```

2.4.2 static member variables and member functions

1. static member variables

```
class Person
{
  private:
     const int SIZE = 10;
     char name[SIZE];
     int age;
```

If we want to use char array to store name, the const SIZE can not be allowed to represent the length of the array. Because SIZE must be a static member.

```
const int Person::SIZE
a nonstatic member reference must be relative to a specific object
```

Another way to solve this problem is to use enumeration.

Define an enumerator

```
private:
// static const int SIZE = 10;
enum {SIZE = 10};
char name[SIZE];
int age;
```

```
C person.h > & Person > Show() const
     #include <iostream>
     #include "cstring"
     #ifndef PERSON H
     #define PERSON h
                         Define SIZE as a static const variable
     class Person
                         and initialize it with a const value.
     private:
         static const int SIZE = 10;
         char name[SIZE];
         int age;
 12
     public:
         Person() : name("Peter"),age(20) { } // define an empty default constructor
         Person(const char *n, int a)
             strcpy(name,n);
             age = a;
         void Show() const
22
             std::cout << "The name is:" << name << ", the age is:" << age << std::endl;
     };
     #endif
```

A **static** data member represents a single, shared instance of that member that is accessible to all the objects of that class. The type of a static data member can be const, reference, array, class type, and so forth.

```
#include <iostream>
#include "cstring"
#ifndef PERSON H
#define PERSON h
class Person
private:
      static const int SIZE = 10;
                           static member variable can not be
    enum {SIZE = 10};
    char name[SIZE];
                           initialized when it is defined
   int age:
    static int count:
public:
   Person(): name("Peter"),age(20) { count ++;} // define an empty default constructor
   Person(const char *n, int a)
        strcpy(name,n);
        age = a;
        count ++;
   void Show() const
       std::cout << "The name is:" << name << ", the age is:" << age << std::endl;</pre>
    static void ShowCount()
        std::cout << count << " objects are created." << std::endl;</pre>
                      static member variable must be initialized outside
                      the class definition with class scope operator ::
};
int Person :: count = 0;
#endif
```

```
@ personmain.cpp > ...
      #include <iostream>
      #include "person.h"
      int main()
          Person p1;
          Person p2("ALICE",18);
          p1.Show();
 10
          p2.Show();
 11
 12
          p1.ShowCount();
 13
          Person::ShowCount();
 14
 15
          return 0;
 16
```

```
The name is:Peter, the age is:20
The name is:ALICE, the age is:18
2 objects are created.
2 objects are created.
```

Because static data members are not part of individual objects of the class type, they are not defined when we create objects of the class. As a result, they are not initialized by the class' constructors. Moreover, in general, we may not initialize a static member inside the class.

2. static member functions

A static member function can be invoked independently of a class object in exactly this way. A member function can be declared as static only if it does not access any nonstatic class members. We make it static by prefacing its declaration within the class definition with the keyword **static.**

```
Define a static member function with static keyword

static void ShowCount()
std::cout << count << " objects are created." << std::endl;</pre>
```

You can use object or class to access the static members.

```
@ personmain.cpp > ...
      #include <iostream>
      #include "person.h"
      int main()
          Person p1;
          Person p2("ALICE",18);
          p1.Show();
          p2.Show();
 10
 11
          p1.ShowCount();
 12
           Person::ShowCount();
 13
 14
          return 0;
 15
 16
```

When defined a static member function outside the class body, the static keyword is not needed.

2.5 this pointer

There's only one copy of each class's functionality, but there can be many objects of a class. Every object has access to its own address through a pointer called *this*. The *this* pointer is passed(by the compiler) as an implicit argument to each of the object's **non-static** member functions.

```
complexclass.cpp > ...
    #include <iostream>
    #include "complex.h"

Complex Complex::Add(const Complex &rhs)

{
    this->real += rhs.real;
    this->imag += rhs.imag;

    return *this;

void Complex::Show()

std::cout << real << (imag >= 0? "+":"") << imag << "i";
}
</pre>
```

Inside a class member function, the *this* pointer provides access to the class object through which the member function is invoked. To return **Complex type object**, we simply **dereference the** *this* **pointer**.

```
G complexmain.cpp > 分 main()
      #include <iostream>
      #include "complex.h"
      int main()
          Complex c1;
          Complex c2(2,-4);
          c1.Show();
          std::cout << " + ";
 10
          c2.Show();
11
12
          Complex c = c1.Add(c2);
13
14
          std::cout << " = ";
15
          c.Show();
17
          std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
18
19
          return 0;
```

2.6 An Array of Objects

You can declare an array of objects the same way you declare an array of any of the standard types.

Stock mystuff[4]; // creates an array of 4 Stock objects

You can use a constructor to initialize the array elements by calling the constructor for each individual element:

```
const int STKS = 4;
Stock stocks[STKS] = {
    Stock("NanoSmart", 12.5, 20),
    Stock("Boffo Objects", 200, 2.0),
    Stock("Monolithic Obelisks", 130, 3.25),
    Stock("Fleep Enterprises", 60, 6.5)
};
```

If the class has more than one constructor, you can use different constructors for different elements:

```
const int STKS = 10;
Stock stocks[STKS] = {
    Stock("NanoSmart", 12.5, 20),
    Stock(),
    Stock("Monolithic Obelisks", 130, 3.25),
};
```

The remaining seven members are initialized using the default constructor.

```
const int STKS = 4:
int main()
    //create an array of initialized objects
    Stock stocks[STKS] = {
          Stock("NanoSmart", 12, 20.0),
          Stock("Boffo Objects", 200, 2.0),
          Stock("Monolithic Obelisks", 130, 3.25),
          Stock("Fleep Enterprises", 60,6.5)
    };
    std::cout << "Stock holdings:\n";</pre>
    int st;
    for(st = 0; st < STKS; st++)
        stocks[st].show();
    //set pointer to first element
    const Stock * top = &stocks[0];
    for(st = 1; st < STKS; st++)
        top = &top->topval(stocks[st]);
    //now top points to the most valuable holding
    std::cout << "\nMost valuable holding:\n";</pre>
    top->show();
    return 0;
```

```
Constructor using NanoSmart called
Constructor using Boffo Objects called
Constructor using Monolithic Obelisks called
Constructor using Fleep Enterprises called
Stock holdings:
Company: NanoSmart Shares: 12
 Share Price: $20.000 Total Worth: $240.00
Company: Boffo Objects Shares: 200
 Share Price: $2.000 Total Worth: $400.00
Company: Monolithic Obelisks Shares: 130
 Share Price: $3.250 Total Worth: $422.50
Company: Fleep Enterprises Shares: 60
 Share Price: $6.500 Total Worth: $390.00
Most valuable holding:
Company: Monolithic Obelisks Shares: 130
 Share Price: $3.250 Total Worth: $422.50
Bye, Fleep Enterprises!
Bye, Monolithic Obelisks!
Bye, Boffo Objects!
Bye, NanoSmart!
```

The destructor is called in the reverse order

that the constructor is called

3 Exercises

- 1. Design a class named CandyBar to represent candybars. The class contains:
- three data member variables. The first member holds the brand name of a candy bar. The second member holds the weight (which may have a fractional part) of the candy bar, and the third member holds the number of calories (an integer value) in the candy bar.
- A method named setCandyBar() that should prompt the user to enter each of the items to set the corresponding member variables of the candybar.
- A method named showCandyBar() that display the information of candybar.

Write a test program that creates one CandyBar objects and display its information.

A sample runs might look like this:

```
Enter brand name of a candy bar: Bulle Marphi
Enter weight of the candy bar: 4.5
Enter calories(an integer value) in the candy bar: 230
Brand: Bulle Marphi
Weight: 4.5
Calories: 230
```

- 2. Design a class named **Rectangle** to represent a rectangle. The class contains:
- Two double data fields named width and height that specify the width and height of the rectangle. The default values are I for both width and height.
- A no-arg constructor that creates a default rectangle.
- A constructor that creates a rectangle with the specified width and height.
- A method named getArea() that returns the area of this rectangle.
- A method named getPerimeter() that returns the perimeter.
- A method named display() that print out the information of rectangle.

Write a test program that creates two Rectangle objects, one with width 4 and height 40, and the other with width 3.5 and height 35.9. Display the width, height, area and perimeter of each rectangle in this order.

A sample runs might look like this:

```
Rectangle 1
Width: 4
Height: 40
Area: 160
Perimeter: 88
Rectangle 2
Width: 3.5
Height: 35.9
Area: 125
Perimeter:
        78
```