

C/C++ Program Design

CS205

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Friend Classes





friend Functions

- A friend function is defined out of the class.
- No MyTime:: before its function name

```
class MyTime
{
    // ...
    public:
        friend MyTime operator+(int m, const MyTime & t);
};

MyTime operator+(int m, const MyTime & t)
{
    return t + m;
}
```





friend Classes

- A class is a friend of another class.
- The friend class can access all members even private members.
- A friend class can be public, protected and private.

```
class Sniper
private:
  int bullets;
public:
  Sniper(int bullets = 0);
  friend class Supplier;
```

```
class Supplier
  int storage;
public:
  Supplier(int storage = 1000);
  bool provide(Sniper & sniper)
    // bullets is a private member
    if (sniper.bullets < 20)
    // ...
```







friend Member Functions

- A single member function of a class is a friend.
- Different from friend functions.
- But very similar to a normal friend function.
- But... declaration problem ...

```
class Sniper
{
private:
   int bullets;
public:
   Sniper(int bullets = 0): bullets(bullets){}
   friend bool Supplier::provide(Sniper &);
};
```







Nested Types





Nested Enumerations (C++11)

enum DataType is only used in class Mat, we can put it inside of Mat.

```
enum DataType
 TYPE8U,
 TYPE8S,
 TYPE32F,
  TYPE64F
class Mat
private:
  DataType type;
 void * data;
public:
  Mat(DataType type) : type(type), data(NULL){}
  DataType getType() const { return type; }
         nested-enum.cpp
```





Nested Enumerations (C++11)

• It can be accessed outside of the class, but with the class name scope qualifier.

```
class Mat
public:
  enum DataType
    TYPE8U,
    TYPE8S,
    TYPE32F,
    TYPE64F
  };
private:
  DataType type;
  void * data;
public:
  Mat(DataType type) : type(type), data(NULL){}
  DataType getType() const { return type; }
         nested-enum2.cpp
```







Nested Classes



 Nested classes: The declaration of a class/struct or union may appear inside another class.

```
class Storage
public:
  class Fruit
    string name;
    int weight;
  public:
    Fruit(string name="", int weight=0);
    string getInfo();
  };
private:
  Fruit fruit;
public:
  Storage(Fruit f);
       nestedclass.cpp
```





Nested Types: Scope

Private:

Only visible to the containing class

Protected:

Visible to the containing class and its derived class.

Public:

 Visible to the containing class, to its derived classes, and to the outside world.





RTTI and Type Cast Operators





Runtime Type Identification (RTTI)

- We can convert a pointer explicitly to another, even it isn't appropriate.
- How to convert safely?

```
class Person;
class Student: public Person;

Person person("Yu");
Student student("Sam", "20210212");
Person* pp = &student;
Person& rp = student;
Student * ps = (Student*)&person; //danger!
```





RTTI and Type Cast Operators

- Runtime type identification (RTTI)
 - > C++ feature
 - > The type of an object to be determined during runtime.
- dynamic_cast operator: conversion of polymorphic types.

typeid operator: Identify the exact type of an object.

type_info class. the type information returned by the typeid operator.





typeid

- typeid operator
 - determine whether two objects are the same type
 - Accept: the name of a class, an expression that evaluates to an object
- type_info class
 - The typeid operator returns a reference to a type_info object
 - Defined in the <typeinfo> header file
 - Comparing type using the overloaded == and != operators





dynamic_cast

- It can safely assign the address of an object to a pointer of a particular type.
- Invoke the correct version of a class method (remember virtual functions)

```
Person person("Yu");
Student student("Sam", "20210212");
Person* pp = NULL;
Student * ps = NULL;

ps = dynamic_cast<Student*>(&person); // NULL

pp = dynamic_cast<Person*>(&student);
```





More Type Cast Operators

Three more operators

- const_cast:
 - > Type cast for const or volatile value

```
const_cast.cpp
```

- static cast:
 - ➤ It's valid only if type_name can be converted implicitly to the same type that expression has, or vice versa
 - Otherwise, the type cast is an error

```
Base * pB = static_cast<Base*>(derived); //valid
Derived * pD = static_cast<Derived*>(base); //valid
UnRelated * pU = static_cast<UnRelated*>(base); //invalid
```





More Type Cast Operators

- reinterpret_cast
 - > Converts between types by reinterpreting the underlying bit pattern.

```
int i = 18;
float * p1 = reinterpret_cast<float *>(i); // static_cast will fail
int * p2 = reinterpret_cast<int*>(p1);
```

