

Assigning Objects

- One object can be assigned to another if both objects are of the same type (both are objects of the same class)
- When one object assigned to another, bitwise copy of all the members is made.

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues(char *n, int i) {
         name = n;
         id = i;
    void showValues() {
         cout<<"Name is :"<<name<<endl;</pre>
         cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
    student ob1, ob2;
    ob1.setValues("mila", 21);
    ob1.showValues();
```

What will be the output??

```
Name is :mila
ID is: 21

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 0.162 s
Press any key to continue.
```

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues(char *n, int i) {
        name = n;
                           OUTPUT???
        id = i;
    void showValues() {
         cout<<"Name is :"<<name<<endl;</pre>
         cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
    student ob1, ob2;
    ob1.setValues("mila", 21);
    ob1.showValues();
   ob2 = ob1;
cout<<"after assigning ob1 to ob2";</pre>
    ob2.showValues();
   Name is :mila
  ID is: 21
  after assigning ob1 to ob2
  Name is :mila
  ID is: 21
```

```
class student{
  char *name;
public:
  void setValues(char *n){
    name = n;
  void showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is :"<<name;</pre>
    cout<<endl;
```

```
class teacher{
  char *name;
public:
  void setValues(char *n){
    name = n;
  void showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is :"<<name;</pre>
    cout<<endl;
```

```
int main(){
    student ob1;
    teacher ob2;
    ob1.setValues("mila");
    ob1.showValues();
}
```

Output??

Name is: mila

```
class student{
  char *name;
public:
  void setValues(char *n){
    name = n;
  void showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is :"<<name;</pre>
    cout<<endl;
```

```
class teacher{
  char *name;
public:
  void setValues(char *n){
    name = n;
  void showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is :"<<name
    cout<<endl;
              ERROR
          Assignment not
       allowed as objects are
       not of the same class
```

```
int main(){
  student ob1;
  teacher ob2;
  ob1.setValues("mila");
  ob1.showValues();
  ob2 = ob1;
cout<<endl;
cout<<"after assigning ob1
to ob2";
cout<<endl;
  ob2.showValues();
```

Passing Objects to a function

- Objects can be passed to functions as argument in the same way other types of data are passed.
- Simply declare the functions parameter as a class type
- Use an object of that class as an argument when calling the function
- As with other types of data, by default all objects are passed by value to a function.
 - Means a bitwise copy of the argument is made
 - This copy is used by the function.
 - Changes to the object inside the function do not affect the calling object.

Syntax

```
void func(student ob){
  // function body
}

int main(){
  Student ob;
  func(ob);
}
```

Passing Objects to a function Example

- Design a Point class which will contain the variables X, Y(private)
- Create a function "SetXY(int a, int b)" to set the value of X and Y.
- Create an object p1 of the class. Set the values.
- Create a function "Distance (Point p2)" which will calculate and show the distance between two points p1 and p2.
- Formula to calculate distance: $d = \sqrt{(X_2 X)^2 + (Y_2 Y)^2}$
- Include the "math.h" to use sqrt() function

```
class Point{
private:
    int X;
    int Y;
public:
    void setXY(int a, int b);
    void Distance(Point p2);
int main() {
    Point p1,p2;
    p1.setXY(0,0);
    p2.setXY(4,0);
    p1.Distance(p2);
```

Returning Objects from a function

- Objects can be returned from functions in the same way other types of data are returned.
- Simply declare the function as returning a class type
- Return an object from that type using return statement
- When an object is returned by a func, a temporary object is automatically created which holds the return value.
- After returning the value, this object is destroyed

Syntax

```
student func(){
      student ob1;
      return ob1;
int main(){
Student ob2;
ob2 = func();
```

Returning Objects from a function Example

- ■Design a Point class which will contain the variables X, Y(private)
- ■Create a function "SetXY(int a, int b)" to set the value of X and Y.
- ■Create a "showXY()" function to show the values of the coordinates
- Create an object p1 of the class. Set the values.
- ■Create a function "CalcMidPoint(Point p2)" which will calculate and return the midpoint between two points p1 and p2.
- Formula to calculate midpoint:

```
\mathbf{x} = (x1+x2)/2, y = (y1+y2)/2
```

```
class Point{
private:
    int X;
    int Y;
public:
    void setXY(float a, float b);
    Point CalcMidPoint (Point p2);
    void showXY();
int main(){
    Point p1, p2, p3;
    p1.setXY(0,0);
    p2.setXY(6,4);
    p3 = p1.CalcMidPoint(p2);
    p3.showXY();
```

Array of Objects

- Objects can be arrayed.
- Syntax for declaring an array of objects is exactly same as declaring an array of other type of variables
- Arrays of objects are accessed in the same way as accessing arrays of other types of variables

Syntax

Declaration:

Class_name object_name[size];

Accessing:

object_name[index].member_variable;
object_name[index].member_function();

Rewrite this Code declaring array of objects

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
};
void student::setValues(){
    name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues() {
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
        student ob1, ob2;
        ob1.setValues();
        ob2.setValues();
        ob1.showValues();
        ob2.showValues();
```

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    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues() {
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
    student ob[2];

for(int i=0; i<2;i++) {
    ob[i].setValues();
}

for(int i=0; i<2;i++) {
    ob[i].showValues();
}
</pre>
```

Using pointer to objects

- Objects can be accessed via pointers.
- When a pointer to an object is used, the **object's members** are referenced using the **arrow(->) operator** instead of the **dot(.) operator**.
- When an object pointer is incremented, it points to the next object.
 When an object pointer is decremented, it points to the previous object.

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
};
void student::setValues(){
    name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
        student ob1
        ob1.setValues();
        ob1.showValues();
```

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
void student::setValues() {
    name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
        student ob1;
         student *p;
        p=\&ob1;
        p->setValues();
        p->showValues();
```

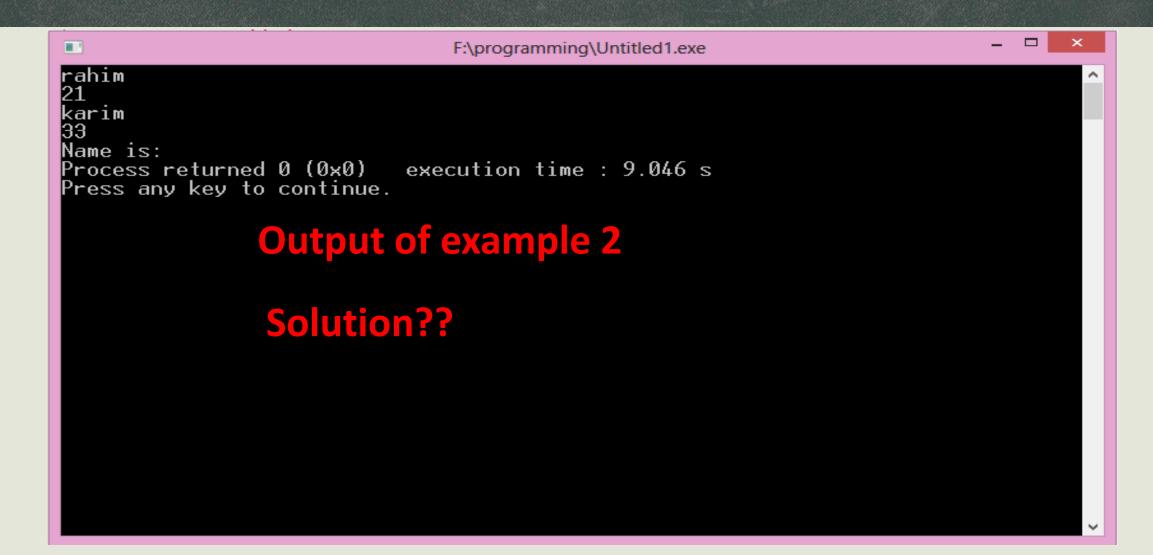
```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
};
void student::setValues(){
    name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues(){
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
        student ob[2];

        for(int i=0; i<2;i++) {
            ob[i].setValues();
        }
        for(int i=0; i<2;i++) {
            ob[i].showValues();
        }
}</pre>
```

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
                                OUTPUT???
};
void student::setValues() {
    name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues() {
    cout<<"Name is: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main(){
        student ob[2];
        student *p;
        p = \&ob[0];
        for(int i=0; i<2; i++) {
            p->setValues();
            p++;
        for(int i=0; i<2; i++){
            p->showValues();
            p++;
```



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public:
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    cin>>name;
    cin>>id;
void student::showValues(){
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```

```
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        student *p;
        p = \&ob[0];
        for(int i=0; i<2; i++){
             p->setValues();
             p++;
        p = \&ob[0];
        for(int i=0; i<2; i++) {
             p->showValues();
             p++;
```

The "this" Pointer

- "this" pointer is a special type of pointer.
- Automatically passed to any member function when it is called. It is a pointer to the object that generates the call
- The **this pointer** is an implicit parameter to all member functions.
- Only member functions are passed "this" pointer.
- Friend functions are not passed "this" pointer

Example

Ob.f1();

- •Ob is the object that calls the function
- •The function f1() is passed a pointer to "ob"

```
class student{
    char *name;
    int id;
public:
    void setValues();
    void showValues();
};
void student::setValues() {
    this->name = (char *) malloc(10*sizeof(char));
    cin>>this->name;
    cin>>this->id;
void student::showValues() {
    cout<<"Name is: "<<this->name<<endl;</pre>
    cout<<"ID is: "<<this->id<<endl;</pre>
```

```
int main() {
        student ob1
        ob1.setValues();
        ob1.showValues();
```

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    int X;
    int Y;
public:
    void setXY(int a, int b);
    void Distance(Point p2);
int main() {
    Point p1,p2;
    p1.setXY(0,0);
    p2.setXY(4,0);
    p1.Distance(p2);
```

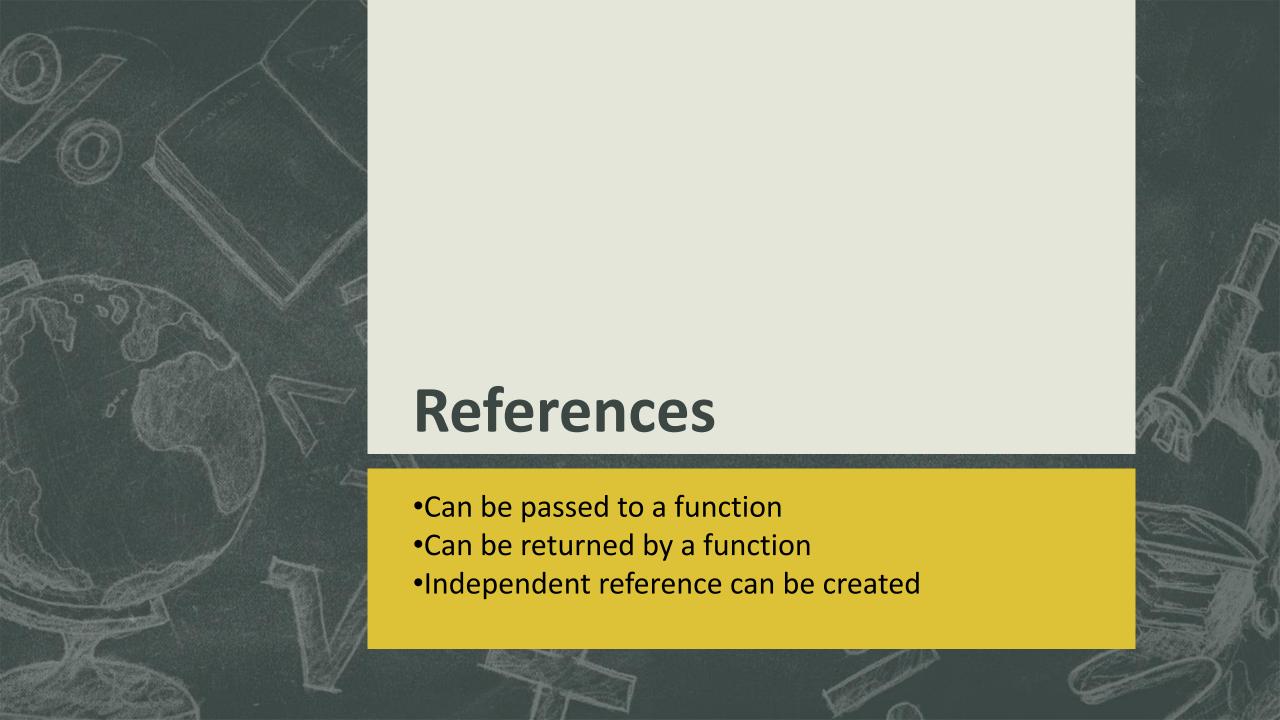
Solution of Passing Objects to a function Example

```
class Point{
private:
    int X;
    int Y;
public:
    void setXY(int a, int b);
    void Distance(Point p2);
};
void Point::setXY(int a, int b) {
                                                      "this"
    X=a;
                                     Does the "p2.X"
                                                      pointer
    Y=b;
                                     " and "X" make
                                                      can be a
                                     any confusion??
                                                      solution
void Point::Distance(Point p2) {
float dist = sqrt(((p2.X-X)*(p2.\hat{X}-X)+(p2.Y-Y)*(p2.Y-Y)));
cout<<"Distance between the two points is: "<<dist;</pre>
```

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    void Distance(Point p2);
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    int X;
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public:
    void setXY(int a, int b);
    void Distance(Point p2);
};
void Point::setXY(int a, int b) {
    X=a;
    Y=b;
void Point::Distance(Point p2) {
float dist;
dist = sqrt(((p2.X-this->X)*(p2.X-this->X)+(p2.Y-this->Y)*(p2.Y-this->Y)));
cout<<"Distance between the two points is: "<<dist;</pre>
```



What is a Reference?

- A **reference** variable is an another name for an already existing variable. Once a **reference** is initialized with a variable, either the variable name or the **reference** name may be used to refer to the variable.
- To understand, what a reference parameter is and how it works, let's first start with a program that uses a pointer as parameter.

Pointer vs Reference

```
void f(int(*n)
(*n=100;)
cout << "value of n: "<< * n << endl;
int main() {
int i=0;
cout << "before sending the addr to func: " << i;
cout<<endl;
f(&i);
cout << "after returning from func: " << i;
```

```
void f(int(&n)
n=100;
cout<<"value of n:("<<n<<end1;</pre>
int main() {
int i=0;
cout << "before calling the func: " << i;
cout << endl;
f(i);
cout<<"after returning from func:"<<i;</pre>
cout<<endl;
```

Advantages of using a Reference?

- References don't need dereferencing operator to access the value. They can be used like normal variables. '&' operator is needed only at the time of declaration.
- Members of an object reference can be accessed with dot operator ("."), unlike pointers where arrow operator (->) is needed to access members.
- When an object is passed to a func as a reference, no copy is made. This is one way to eliminate the troubles associated with the copy of an argument damaging something needed elsewhere in the program

Self Study(Section 4.4, Teach yourself c++)

- Show general forms for "new" and "delete".
- What are some advantages of using them instead of malloc() and free()?

hank you.