C++ Class Basics



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Structured Information

Name	ID	Grade	Midterm	Final	HW1	HW2
gdhong	13001	A+	99	90	85	100
cskim	13002	A	80	95	93	90
yhlee	13003	B+	85	80	92	88
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- Informations of students taking a class.
 - Name, id number, grade, scores of exams and homeworks.
- How are you going to represent and process these data?

Bunch of Arrays

One option: use arrays.

```
Midterm Final
Name
                    Grade
                                                  HW1
                                                             HW2
          ID
          13001
                                                             100
qdhonq
                    A+
                              99
                                        90
                                                  85
cskim
          13002
                                        95
                                                  93
                                                             90
                    Α
                              80
yhlee
          13003
                    B+
                              85
                                        80
                                                  92
                                                             88
```

& Problems?

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& Some of problems:

- What if HW3 is added?
- How are all arrays allocated, initialized, and deallocated?
- How is it guaranteed that all arrays have the same size?

C/C++ Struct

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Another option: use structs.

C/C++ Struct

```
struct Student {
   string name, id, grade;
   int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
};
```

& C/C++ struct

- User-defined type representing a structured record.
- o struct is useful for packaging the related information, and passing the packaged info around.
- Use '.' to access a field in a structure.
 When using a pointer, use '->' (p->a is same as (*p).a).

```
Student
                        Student
             gdhong
                                                Student
  name:
                                      cskim
                          name:
                                                             yhlee
  id:
             13001
                                                  name:
                          id:
                                      13002
                                                  id:
                                                             13003
  grade:
             A+
                          grade:
                                      Α
                                                  grade:
                                                              B+
  midterm:
             99
                          midterm:
                                      80
                                                  midterm:
                                                             85
             90
  final:
                          final:
                                      95
             85
                                                  final:
                                                              80
  hw1:
                                      93
                          hw1:
                                                              92
             100
                                                  hw1:
  hw2:
                          hw2:
                                      90
                                                              88
                                                  hw2:
```

Array of Structs

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& Array of structs.

```
struct Student {
   string name, id, grade;
   int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
};

void ProcessGrade(Student* students, int num_students);

int main() {
   int num_students = 30;
   Student* students = new Student[num_students];
   // Initialize students array.
   ...
   ProcessGrade(students, num_students);
   delete[] students;
}
```

Structure Initialization

• Initializing individual fields or initializing as a whole :

```
struct Student {
  string name, id, grade;
 int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
};
int main() {
  int num students = 30;
  Student* students = new Student[num_students];
  for (int i = 0; i < num_students; ++i) {</pre>
    cin >> students[i].name; // Use . to access the field.
    cin >> (students + i)->id; // For a pointer, use -> instead.
    cin >> students[i].midterm >> students[i].final
        >> students[i].hw1 >> students[i].hw2;
  Student a_student = { "gdhong", "13001", "", 99, 90, 85, 100 }; // OK.
  students[0] = { "gdhong", "13001", "", 99, 90, 85, 100 }; // Compile error.
```

User-defined Type

- A structure can be considered as a user-defined type.
 - In C++, the struct name can be used just like a type name.
 - In C, it should either used as 'struct Name', or do typedef.

```
// C example.
struct Student {
    string name, id, grade;
    int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
};

typedef struct Student StudentType;

void ProcessGrade(struct Student* students, int num_students);

int main() {
    int num_students = 30;
    StudentType students = new StudentType[num_students];
    ...
}
```

Information Hiding

- All fields in a struct is 'visible' to the users.
 - Users can read the information in the fields and also can modify them without any restriction.
 - It can break the integrity of the information in the structure.

```
struct Student {
    string name, id, grade;
    int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
};

// Use this function to compute the grade.
void ProcessGrade(Student* students, int num_students);

int main() {
    Student a_student = { "gdhong", "13001", "", 99, 90, 85, 100 };

    ProcessGrade(&a_student, 1); // The grade for "gdhong" is computed.

    a_student.grade = "D-"; // But it is updated incorrectly here.
    a_student.grade = "hello_world"; // Or it may have any arbitrary string.
    ...
}
```

Information Hiding in C++ Classes

- Classes are very similar to structs, except the access control.
 - The fields are either public, private, or protected.
 - public fields are accessible by everyone.
 - private fields are only accessible by its member functions*.
 - o protected fields are accessible by its member functions and its successors**.
- In other words, structs are the classes whose fields are all public.
- What are the 'member functions'?
 - The data fields in structs or classes are called as member variables.

Class Member Functions

- Classes can have member functions.
 - Member functions are declared in the class definition.
 - Member functions are defined either in the class definition or outside of the class definition.
 - To use member functions, use just as a fields and a function.

```
struct Student {
    string name, id, grade;
    int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;

    void ProcessGrade(); // Declare ProcessGrade member function.
};

// Define the member function here.
void Student::ProcessGrade() {
    ...
}

int main() {
    Student a_student = { "gdhong", "13001", "", 99, 90, 85, 100 };
    a_student.ProcessGrade(); // Call the member function ProcessGrade.
    ...
}
```

Class Member Functions

• The member functions can access the member variables.

```
struct Student {
 string name, id, grade;
 int midterm, final, hw1, hw2;
 void ProcessGrade(); // Declare ProcessGrade member function.
};
// Define the member function here.
void Student::ProcessGrade() {
 int sum = midterm + final + hw1 + hw2;
 if (sum/4 >= 95) grade = "A+";
 else if (sum/4 >= 90) grade = "A";
 else if (sum/4 >= 85) grade = "B+";
int main() {
 Student a_student = { "gdhong", "13001", "", 99, 90, 85, 100 };
 a_student.ProcessGrade(); // Call the member function ProcessGrade.
```

Class Member Functions

• Let's try a class instead of a struct.

```
class Student {
public:
 void SetInfo(string name, string id) { name_ = name, id_ = id; }
 void SetScores(int midterm, int final, int hw1, int hw2) {
   midterm_ = midterm, final_ = final, hw1_ = hw1, hw2_ = hw2;
 void ProcessGrade() { ... }
 string GetGrade() { return grade_; }
private:
 string name , id , grade ;
 int midterm , final , hw1 , hw2 ;
};
int main() {
 Student a student;
 a_student.SetInfo("gdhong", "13001");
 a_student.SetScores(99, 90, 85, 100);
 a student.ProcessGrade(); // Call the member function ProcessGrade.
 a student.grade = "D-"; // Compile error!
 string grade = a_student.GetGrade(); // Fine.
```

this - Pointer to the Instance

• In member functions, this can be used to point the instance itself.

```
class Student {
public:
 void SetInfo(string name, string id) { this->name_ = name, id_ = id; }
 void SetScores(int midterm, int final, int hw1, int hw2) {
   midterm = midterm, final = final, hw1 = hw1, hw2 = hw2;
   this->ProcessGrade();
 void ProcessGrade() { ... }
 string GetGrade() { return grade ; }
private:
 string name_, id_, grade_;
 int midterm , final , hw1 , hw2 ;
};
```

Basic Class Design

- Hide all data members, unless it is absolutely required (hardly it is).
 - Make accessors and setters if necessary.
 - Name member variables differently to distinguish them from local variables in member functions
 (e.g. name_).
- Make member functions meaningful and atomic.
 - Name member functions appropriately and write a detailed comment near the declarations.
 - Users must be able to understand what the member function does without reading its function definition.
- Coding style guide:
 - Variables : lower-case letters and '_'
 - Class and function names: CamelCase

C/C++ Const

const: the instance remains constant during the operation / life.

Const Member Function

A member function can be const if it does not change any data members.

```
struct Student {
  public:
    // These three functions are not const.
  void SetInfo(string name, string id) { name_ = name, id_ = id; }
  void SetScores(int midterm, int final, int hw1, int hw2) {
    midterm_ = midterm, final_ = final, hw1_ = hw1, hw2_ = hw2;
  }
  void ProcessGrade() { ... }
  // This function is const since it does not change any members.
  string GetGrade() const { return grade_; }

  private:
    string name_, id_, grade_;
    int midterm_, final_, hw1_, hw2_;
};
```

• Give the information (that the class instance will remain unchanged) to the compiler and the class user.

C++ Reference (&)

Reference data type: think of it as a referenced pointer.

- Less powerful but safer than the pointer type.
- Must be initialized at the creation.
- The association cannot be changed later.

```
int a = 10;
int& b = a; // b is an alias of a.
b = 20;
assert(a == 20 && b = 20);

int* p = &a;
*p = 30;
assert(a == 30 && *p == 30);

int& bb; // Error: 'bb' declared as reference but not initialized

const int& c = a;
c = 10; // Error: assignment of read-only reference 'c'
a = 10; // OK.
assert(a == 10 && c == 10);
```

C++ Reference (&)

- Remember C/C++ parameter passing and return copies the data.
 - Use pointers or reference to avoid this.
- Passing arguments using reference type (&)
 - Avoids copying the arguments.
 - Guarantees reference to a valid instance.
 - The instances may be modified by the function.

```
struct Triplet { int a, b, c; };
                                                                       10
void TestReference(Triplet t) Triplet* pt,
                                            Triplet& rt)
  t.a = 10, pt->b = 20, rt.c = 30;
                                                                  b
                                                                        0
                                                                        0
int main()_{
                                                           0
  Triplet triplet
                                                          20
                                                      b
  triplet.a = 0, triplet.b = 0, triplet.c = 0;
                                                      С
                                                           30
  TestReference(triplet, &triplet, triplet);
  assert(triplet.a == 0 && triplet.b == 20 && triplet.c == 30);
  TestReference(triplet, NULL, triplet); // Causes SEGFAULT.
  return 0;
```

C++ Const Reference (const &)

- Passing arguments using const reference type (const &)
 - Avoids copying the arguments.
 - Guarantees reference to a valid instance.
 - The instances remains unchanged after the function call.

Basic Class Design 2

- Hide all data members, unless it is absolutely required (hardly it is).
- Make member functions meaningful and atomic.
- Use const as much as possible.
 - If a member function is (conceptually) const, make it const.
 - If a local variable is unchanged, make it const.
- Use (const) reference or pointers in function parameters, especially when passing a class instance.
- Coding style guide: make in and out parameter clearly visible.
 - Order input parameters then output (mixed) parameters.
 - Type use const reference (const &) for input parameters, and
 pointers for output parameters; const pointer can be used when it can be NULL.

Class Instantiation

Classes vs. Instances

- Analogous to blueprints vs. buildings.
- Instantiation: making an instance of the class/type.
 - Instances have allocated memory to store specific info.
 - There can be multiple identical instances of the same type, but there cannot exist identical types/classes.





Constructor and Destructor

For any class instance (either dynamically allocated, local, or member),

- Constructor: when it is created, setup necessary stuffs.
- Destructor: when it is destroyed (freed), clean up the stuffs.













Class Constructor

- Constructors are special member functions that are used to initialize the object.
- They have the same name as the class and no return type, but may have different arguments.
- Use ': field(value), ...' to initialize the member variables.

```
class Student {
public:
  Student(): name (), id (), grade (),
      midterm_(0), final_(0), hw1_(0), hw2_(0) {}
  Student(const string& name, const string& id) : name_(name), id_(id) {
   midterm_ = 0, final_ = 0, hw1_ = 0, hw2_ = 0;
 void SetInfo(const string& name, const string& id) {
   name_ = name, id_ = id;
  const string& grade() const { return grade_; }
  . . .
private:
 string name_, id_, grade_;
  int midterm , final , hw1 , hw2 ;
};
```

Class Destructor

- The destructor is a special member function for clean-up that is called when the object is destructed.
- Its name is '~' + the class name.
- It has no arguments and no return type.

```
class Student {
  public:
    Student() { midterm_ = 0, final_ = 0, hwl_ = 0, hw2_ = 0; }
    Student(const string& name, const string& id) {
        SetInfo(name, id);
        midterm_ = 0, final_ = 0, hwl_ = 0, hw2_ = 0;
    }
    ~Student() { /* Nothing to do. */ }

    void SetInfo(const string& name, const string& id) { ... }
    const string& grade() const { return grade_; }
    ...

    private:
    string name_, id_, grade_;
    int midterm_, final_, hwl_, hw2_;
};
```

Constructor / Destructor Example

```
class DoubleArray {
public:
 DoubleArray() : ptr_(NULL), size_(0) {}
  DoubleArray(size_t size) : ptr_(NULL), size_(0) { Resize(size); }
  ~DoubleArray() { if (ptr_) delete[] ptr_; }
 void Resize(size t size);
  int size() const { return size_; }
  double* ptr() { return ptr ; }
  const double* ptr() const { return ptr ; }
private:
 double* ptr ;
  size t size ; // size t is unsigned int.
};
void DoubleArray::Resize(size_t size) {
  double* new ptr = new double[size];
  if (ptr ) {
    for (int i = 0; i < size && i < size; ++i) new ptr[i] = ptr [i];</pre>
    delete[] ptr_;
 ptr_ = new_ptr;
  size = size;
```

C/C++ Scope Example

```
void TestScope(int n) {
                                               n
  assert(n == 10);
                                                10
  for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {</pre>
                                                        n
    int n = 20;
                                                10
                                                          20
    for (int j = 0; j < n; ++j) {
                                                         n
                                                                            n
                                               n
      int n = 30;
                                                          20
                                                                              30
                                                10
      assert(n == 30);
    // Note j is out of scope.
                                                          20
                                                10
    assert(n == 20);
                                               n
  // Note i is out of scope.
                                                10
  assert(n == 10);
int main() {
  TestScope(10);
  return 0;
```

Scope and Constructor / Destructor

```
struct TestClass {
   int n;
   TestClass(int i) : n(i) { cout << "Constructor " << n << endl; }
   ~TestClass() { cout << "Destructor " << n << endl; }
};

void TestClassScope(int n) {
   TestClass c1(n);
   for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
      TestClass c2(i);
   }
}

int main() {
   TestClassScope(3);
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Constructor 3
Constructor 0
Destructor 0
Constructor 1
Destructor 1
Constructor 2
Destructor 2
Destructor 3
```

```
struct Complex {
   double real;
   double imag;
};

int main() {
   Complex c;
   c.real = 1.0, c.imag = 0.5; // 1 + 0.5i

   Complex d;
   d.real = c.real * 2, d.imag = c.imag * 2; // d = c * 2;
   printf("%f + %fi\n", d.real, d.imag);
   return 0;
}
```

Define constructors for the Complex class.

```
struct Complex {
  double real;
 double imaq;
  Complex(): real(0.0), imag(0.0) {}
  Complex(const Complex& c) : real(c.real), imag(c.imag) {}
  Complex(double r, double i) : real(r), imag(i) {}
};
int main() {
  // c.real = 1.0, c.imag = 0.5;
  Complex c(1.0, 0.5); // 1 + 0.5i
  Complex c0 = c, c1(c);
  // d.real = c.real * 2, d.imag = c.imag * 2;
  Complex d(c.real * 2, c.imag * 2); // <math>d = c * 2;
 printf("%f + %fi\n", d.real, d.imag);
  return 0;
```

& Add some member functions.

```
struct Complex {
  double real;
 double imaq;
  Complex() : real(0.0), imag(0.0) {}
  Complex(const Complex& c) : real(c.real), imag(c.imag) {}
  Complex(double r, double i) : real(r), imag(i) {}
  Complex Add(const Complex& c) const {
   return Complex(real + c.real, imag + c.imag);
  Complex Multiply(const Complex& c) const {
    return Complex(real * c.real - imag * c.imag,
                   real * c.imag + imag * c.real);
 void Print() const { printf("%f + %fi", real, imag); };
};
int main() {
  Complex c(1.0, 0.5); // 1 + 0.5i
 Complex d = c.Multiply(Complex(2, 0)); // <math>d = c * 2;
  d.Print();
 return 0;
```

Before and after from the user's perspective:

```
int main() {
   Complex c;
   c.real = 1.0, c.imag = 0.5; // 1 + 0.5i

Complex d;
   d.real = c.real * 2, d.imag = c.imag * 2; // d = c * 2;
   printf("%f + %fi\n", d.real, d.imag);
   return 0;
}
```

C Structure Example: Shapes

Structures representing various 2D shapes:

```
struct Point {
   double x, y;
};

struct Line {
   Point p[2];
}

struct Triangle {
   Point p[3];
};

struct Rectangle {
   Point top_left, bottom_right;
};

// Why not struct Rectangle { Point p[4]; }; ?
```

```
struct Point { double x, y; };
struct Line { Point p[2]; };
                                                                   ^{\bullet} (x,y)
struct Triangle { Point p[3]; };
struct Rectangle { Point top_left, bottom_right; };
// Compute the length of a line.
double Length(const Line& line);
// Compute the perimeter of a triangle.
double Perimeter(const Triangle& tri);
// Compute the area of a triangle.
double Area(const Triangle& tri);
// Compute the perimeter of a rectangle.
double Perimeter(const Rectangle& rect);
// Compute the area of a rectangle.
double Area(const Rectangle& rect);
```

```
struct Point { double x, y; };
struct Line { Point p[2]; };
                                                                  ^{\bullet} (x,y)
struct Triangle { Point p[3]; };
struct Rectangle { Point top left, bottom right; };
#include <math.h>
// Distance between two points.
static double Distance(const Point& p0, const Point& p1) {
  const double dx = p1.x - p0.x;
 const double dy = p1.y - p0.y;
 return sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
// Compute the length of a line.
double Length(const Line& line) {
  return Distance(line.p[0], line.p[1]);
// Compute the perimeter of a triangle.
double Perimeter(const Triangle& tri){
  return Distance(tri.p[0], tri.p[1]) + Distance(tri.p[1], tri.p[2]) +
         Distance(tri.p[2], tri.p[0]);
// Compute the perimeter of a rectangle.
double Perimeter(const Rectangle& rect) {
  return 2 * (fabs(rect.bottom right.x - rect.top left.x) +
              fabs(rect.bottom right.y - rect.top left.y));
// Compute the area of a triangle.
double Area(const Triangle& tri);
// Compute the area of a rectangle.
double Area(const Rectangle& rect);
```

```
^{\bullet} (x,y)
// Compute the area of a triangle.
double Area(const Triangle& tri){
 return 0.5 * fabs(
      (tri.p[1].x - tri.p[0].x) * (tri.p[2].y - tri.p[0].y) -
      (tri.p[2].x - tri.p[0].x) * (tri.p[1].y - tri.p[0].y));
// Compute the area of a rectangle.
double Area(const Rectangle& rect) {
  return fabs((rect.bottom_right.x - rect.top_left.x) *
              (rect.bottom_right.y - rect.top_left.y));
```

C Structure Example: Shapes

Use member functions:

```
struct Point {
                                                                     ^{\bullet} (x,y)
 double x, y;
  // Distance between two points.
 double Distance(const Point& p) const;
  static double Distance(const Point& p0, const Point& p1);
struct Line {
  Point p[2];
 double Length() const; // Length of the line.
struct Triangle {
  Point p[3];
 double Perimeter() const; // Perimeter of the triangle.
 double Area() const;  // Area of the triangle
struct Rectangle {
  Point top_left, bottom_right;
 double Perimeter() const; // Perimeter of the rectangle.
 double Area() const; // Area of the rectangle.
```

```
#include <math.h>
                                                                  ^{\bullet} (x,y)
double Point::Distance(const Point& p) const {
  const double dx = p.x - x, dy = p.y - y;
 return sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
double Point::Distance(const Point& p0, const Point& p1) { ↓
  const double dx = p0.x - p1.x, dy = p0.y - p1.y;
 return sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
double Line::Length() const {
  return p[0].Distance(p[1]);
double Triangle::Perimeter() const {
  return p[0].Distance(p[1]) + p[1].Distance(p[2])
      + p[2].Distance(p[0]);
double Triangle::Area() const {
  return 0.5 * fabs((p[1].x - p[0].x) * (p[2].y - p[0].y) -
                    (p[2].x - p[0].x) * (p[1].y - p[0].y);
double Rectangle::Perimeter() const {
  return 2 * (fabs(bottom right.x - top left.x) +
              fabs(bottom right.y - top left.y));
double Rectangle::Area() const {
  return fabs((bottom_right.x - top_left.x) *
              (bottom right.y - top left.y));
```

C++ Class Example: Stack

Stack : Last In First Out (LIFO)

```
class Stack {
public:
  Stack() : num_data_(0), data_(NULL) {}
  ~Stack() { delete[] data_; }
  void Push(int value);
 void Pop() { if (num_data_ > 0) --num_data_; }
  int Top() const { return data_[num_data_ - 1]; } // TODO: check NULL.
 bool IsEmpty() const { return num_data_ <= 0; }</pre>
private:
  int num_data_;
  int* data ;
};
void Stack::Push(int value) {
  int* new_data = new int[num_data_ + 1];
  for (int i = 0; i < num_data_; ++i) {</pre>
    new data[i] = data [i];
  delete[] data_;
  data_ = new_data;
  data_[num_data_] = value;
  ++num data ;
```

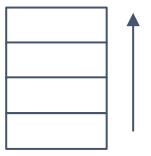
```
class Stack {
public:
  Stack() : num_data_(0), capacity_(0), data_(NULL) {}
  ~Stack() { delete[] data_; }
  void Push(int value);
  void Pop() { if (num_data_ > 0) --num_data_; }
  int Top() const { return data_[num_data_ - 1]; }
  bool IsEmpty() const { return num_data_ <= 0; }</pre>
private:
  int num_data_, capacity_;
  int* data ;
};
void Stack::Push(int value) {
  if (num data >= capacity ) {
    const int new_capacity = num_data_ + 1;
    int* new data = new int[new capacity];
    for (int i = 0; i < num_data_; ++i) {</pre>
      new_data[i] = data_[i];
    delete[] data ;
    data = new data;
    capacity_ = new_capacity;
  data_[num_data_] = value;
  ++num data ;
```

C++ Class Example : Queue

Queue : First In First Out (FIFO)

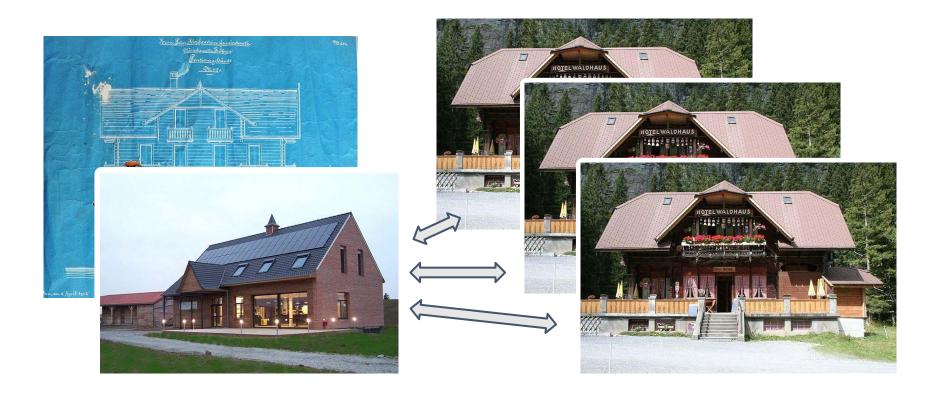
```
class Queue {
  public:
    Queue();
    ~Queue();

  void Push(int value);
  void Pop();
  int Front() const;
  int Back() const;
  bool IsEmpty() const;
};
```



Class Static Members

- Static members are about the class, not individual instances.
 - Static member variables are shared by all instances.
 - Static member functions do not have any associated instance,
 thus only can see the static member variables.



Class Static Members

- Classes can have static member functions and variables.
- Static members are about the class, not the instances.
 - Use the keyword static to specify static members.
 - In static member functions, no this pointer is defined.
 - Static member variables are like global variables, but only for the class.
- To access them, use ClassName:: MemberName.

Static Member Function Example

```
struct Complex {
  double real;
 double imaq;
  Complex() : real(0.0), imag(0.0) {}
  Complex(const Complex& c) : real(c.real), imag(c.imag) {}
  Complex(double r, double i) : real(r), imag(i) {}
  . . .
  static Complex Add(const Complex& c1, const Complex& c2) {
    return Complex(c1.real + c2.real, c1.imag + c2.imag);
};
int main() {
  Complex c(1.0, 0.5); // 1 + 0.5i
  Complex d = Complex::Add(c, Complex(2, 1)); // <math>d = c + (2 + 1i);
 d.Print();
  return 0;
```

Static Member Variable Example

```
class CountInstance {
public:
 CountInstance() { ++count ; PrintCount("construct: "); }
  ~CountInstance() { --count ; PrintCount("destruct: "); }
 void PrintCount(const string& msg) const { cout << msg << count_ << endl; }</pre>
private:
 static int count ;
};
int CountInstance::count_ = 0;
int main() {
  CountInstance instance;
 for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
    CountInstance inner_instance;
   // Do nothing.
  return 0;
```

```
construct: 1
construct: 2
destruct: 1
construct: 2
destruct: 1
destruct: 0
```

Static Member Example

```
struct MyClass {
  MyClass(double x, double y) : x_(x), y_(y) {}
  void DoSomething();
  static void Prepare();
  double x_, y_;
  static int iter ;
};
int MyClass::iter_ = 0; // Definition of MyClass::iter_.
void MyClass::DoSomething() {
  for (int i = 0; i < iter ; ++i) cout << x + y << endl;</pre>
void MyClass::Prepare() {
  x_{-} = y_{-} = 0.0; // Error!
 iter_ = 10; // OK.
int main() {
  MyClass::Prepare();
  MyClass a;
  a.DoSomething();
  cout << MyClass::iter_ << ", " << a.x_ << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

Static Member Example

```
struct MyClass {
 MyClass(double x, double y) : x_(x), y_(y) {}
 void DoSomething();
 static void Prepare(MyClass* arg);
 double x_, y_;
 static int iter ;
};
int MyClass::iter_ = 0; // Definition of MyClass::iter_.
void MyClass::DoSomething() {
 for (int i = 0; i < iter; ++i) cout << x + y << endl;
void MyClass::Prepare(MyClass* arg) {
 arg -> x_ = arg -> y_ = 0.0; // OK.
 iter = 10;
              // OK.
int main() {
 MyClass a;
 a.DoSomething();
 MyClass::Prepare(&a);
 cout << MyClass::iter_ << ", " << a.x_ << endl;</pre>
 return 0;
```

Static Member Example

```
class Singleton {
public:
  static Singleton* GetInstance();
  // Some useful member functions here..
private:
  Singleton() { }
  static Singleton* instance_;
Singleton* Singleton::instance_ = NULL;
Singleton* Singleton::GetInstance() {
  if (instance_ == NULL) instance_ = new Singleton;
  return instance_;
int main() {
  Singleton a_instance; // Error!
  Singleton* ptr = Singleton::GetInstance();
  // Do something.
  return 0;
```

Basic Class Design 3

- Hide all data members, unless it is absolutely required (hardly it is).
- Make member functions meaningful and atomic.
- Use const as much as possible.
- Use (const) reference or pointers in function parameters, especially when passing a class instance.
- Only simple initialization in constructors.
 - Make a separate setup function for complex initializations, especially when it may fail.
- Use static members only when necessary.
 - Class utility functions that do not need to access data members are often implemented as static functions.

Chapter Summary

- & Class vs instance
- Member variables and functions
- & Access control: public, private, protected
 - Class vs structure
- Const and reference
- Constructor and destructor
- Static members

