

41 - The "this" keyword in C++

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- - Only accessible to us throu a member function
 - which is a method that belongs to a class
- This is a pointer to the current object instance that the method belongs to
 - we write a non static method
 - instantiate an object
 - call the method
 - The this keyword is a pointer to that object
- We can't reassign this to anything else

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479 class Entity41
480 {
481     public:
482         int x, y;
483
484         // we could use an initialize list but lets be different
485         Entity41(int x, int y)
486         {
487             // if we call as usual we would have a problem, because the name i the same
488             // x = x;
489             // we reference the x annd y that is member of the class, we can use this.
490             // an pointer to the current instantiated object
491             // We need to derreference, that is why we use -> instead of .
492             this->x = x;
493             this->y = y;
494
495             // Pass the current instance to an static class to make it have access to it
496             PrintEntity41(this);
497         }
498
499         int GetX() const{
500             // Whith the const definition, we can't modify anything in the class, so
501             // the this is also const
502             // this->x = 5; // Not allowed
503
504             const Entity41* e = this;
505             return e->x;
506             // The same as
507             // return this->x;
508         }
509     };
510
511     void PrintEntity41(Entity41* p)
512     {
513         // print something
514     }
515 }
```