

18 - CLASSES in C++

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- OOP is a style on how to write your code
- C++ doesn't imply certain things but support it
- way to group data and functionalities together
- Variables made of class are called object variables
 - And a new object is an instance of that class
- Defining a class we define the visibility of the variables and functions
 - By default the visibility is private, need to specify as public to access or protected
- Functions inside classes are called methods
- USEFUL TO GROUP THINGS TOGETHER AND ADD FUNCTIONALITIES TO THE OBJECT

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CLASSES vs STRUCTS in C++

- Kind a similar one
- there is no much difference
- the main difference is the visibility options in structures (private, public, protected)
 - Class is private by default
 - struct the default is public
- But this is technically, but the use in code may differ
- struct exists by backward compatibility with previous versions
 - the compiler wouldn't know what it was in old codes
- The usage differs
 - That is no right or wrong answer, differ by opinion
- struct used just to represent variables
- Never use a structure with inheritance, go to classes

How to Write a C++ Class

- Log class to manage the log messages, used for debug process
- console is like an information dump
- Defined simple functions, member variables (public and private)
- Instantiated in main and also used the public functions

Static in C++

- 2 meanings,
 - outside of a class
 - Linkage of that symbol will be internal, only visible to that translation unit that you are working with (translation unit = file)
 - Inside of a class
 - All instances of that class will share the same memory, will only be one instance of that static variable across all instances of the class
- Focus on static outside of a class

Static for Classes and Structs in C++

- If used with a variable
 - Only one instance of that variable across all instances of that class
 - If one of the entity changes that variable, it'll affect all other instances
 - Better to update the value by its class than instance
 - By instance could cause confusion and bugs
- Static method
 - Don't have access to the class instance
 - call without a class instance
 - cannot write code that refer to a class instance

```
struct StaticEntity22
{
    static int x22, y22;

    void Print(){
        std::cout << "Entity 22 x22 " << x22 << " y22 " << y22 << std::endl;
    }
};

// When making this variables static, we need to initialize
// them without any instantiation
int StaticEntity22::x22;
int StaticEntity22::y22;
```

```
94
95     StaticEntity22 se22;
96     se22.x22 = 2;
97     se22.y22 = 3;
98     se22.Print();
99
100     // StaticEntity22 se22_2 = {5, 8}; // This would fail for static
101     StaticEntity22 se22_2; // This would fail for static classes
102     // se22_2.x22 = 5;
103     // se22_2.y22 = 8;
104     se22_2.Print(); // result should be the same as the other instance
105
106     // we can access them by the class and not by the instance
107     // And it'll change its value
108     StaticEntity22::x22 = 5;
109     StaticEntity22::y22 = 8;
110     StaticEntity22::Print(); // 5, 8
111
112     // Not static struct parameters
113     Entity22 e22;
114
115     e22.x22 = 2;
116     e22.y22 = 3;
117     e22.Print();
118
119     Entity22 e22_2 = { 5, 8 };
```

```
// When making this variables static, we need ot initialize
// them without any instantiation
int StaticEntity22::x22;
int StaticEntity22::y22;

int main()
{
    StaticEntity22 se22;
    e22.x22 = 2;
    e22.y22 = 3;
    e22.Print();

    // StaticEntity22 se22_2 = {5, 8}; // This would fail for static classes
    StaticEntity22 se22_2; // This would fail for static classes
    e22.x22 = 5;
    e22.y22 = 8;
    e22.Print();
}
```

```
116     e22.y22 = 3;
117     e22.Print();
118
119     Entity22 e22_2 = { 5, 8 };
120
121     e22_2.Print();
122
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE **TERMINAL** PORTS

```
Hey
Hey
Hey

Hey
root@aee12d748e6b:/src/Dev/HelloWorld/out/build# ./HelloWorld
Static Entity 22 x22 2 Y22 3
Static Entity 22 x22 2 Y22 3
Static Entity 22 x22 5 Y22 8
Entity 22 x22 2 Y22 3
Entity 22 x22 5 Y22 8
```

Can access a non-static variable within a class, t generates na error

```
struct StaticEntity22
{
    // static int x22, y22;
    int x22, y22;

    static void Print(){
        std::cout << "Static Entity 22 x22 " << x22 << " Y22 " << y22 << std::endl;
    }
};
```

Constructors in C++

- Special type of method that runs each time we instantiate na object
- When we instantiate a class without initializing the parameters, there is no actual value and they would receive garbage
- To declare it, there is no return type and needs to match the name of the class
 - Can ptionally give parameters
- Has to manually initialize the primitive values, otherwise i'll get garbages in c++
 - Other languages may have different behaviours
- We can write as much constructors as we want, but with different parameters to have diferent signatures
- can definen class with static propertis and methods, and don't want to instantiate nothing (no constructores
 - <Class Name>() = delete;

Destructors in C++

- evel twin, the destructor kkk
- call every time when destroy na object
 - Usually free and uninitialize and clean memory that will not use anymore
 - If initialized objects with new, te destructor will delete them
- Destroyed in the end of the scope... if in a function, will be destroyed when leaving the function
- Used to delete memory allocation, in the heap for example.... or any other initialization
- But is not very comun

Inheritance in C++

- Allow us to have iherache of classes that relates with each other
- create subclasses from a parent class
- avoid code duplication
 - put duplicated code into a base class
 - So we don't need to keep implementing that
- polymorfism is the idea of having multiple types of a single type
 - We can use a sub class whenever we want to use the base class
- the subclass always have everything that the base class have
- Used all the time to extend na existing class
 - Separate responsibilities

```
172 void PrintFunction26()
173 {
174     // Object will be created and deleted within this function
175     // Deleted when leaving it
176     Entity24 e24_6(10, 11);
177     e24_6.Print();
178 }
179
180 int main()
181 {
182
183     PrintFunction26();
184 }
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE **TERMINAL** PORTS

```
Destroyed Entity!
Destroyed Entity!
Destroyed Entity!
root@aee12d748e6b:/src/Dev/HelloWorld/out/build# ./HelloWorld
Created Entity!
Entity 24 x24 10 Y24 11
Destroyed Entity!
Created Entity!
```