

CSCI 200: Foundational Programming Concepts & Design

Lecture 21



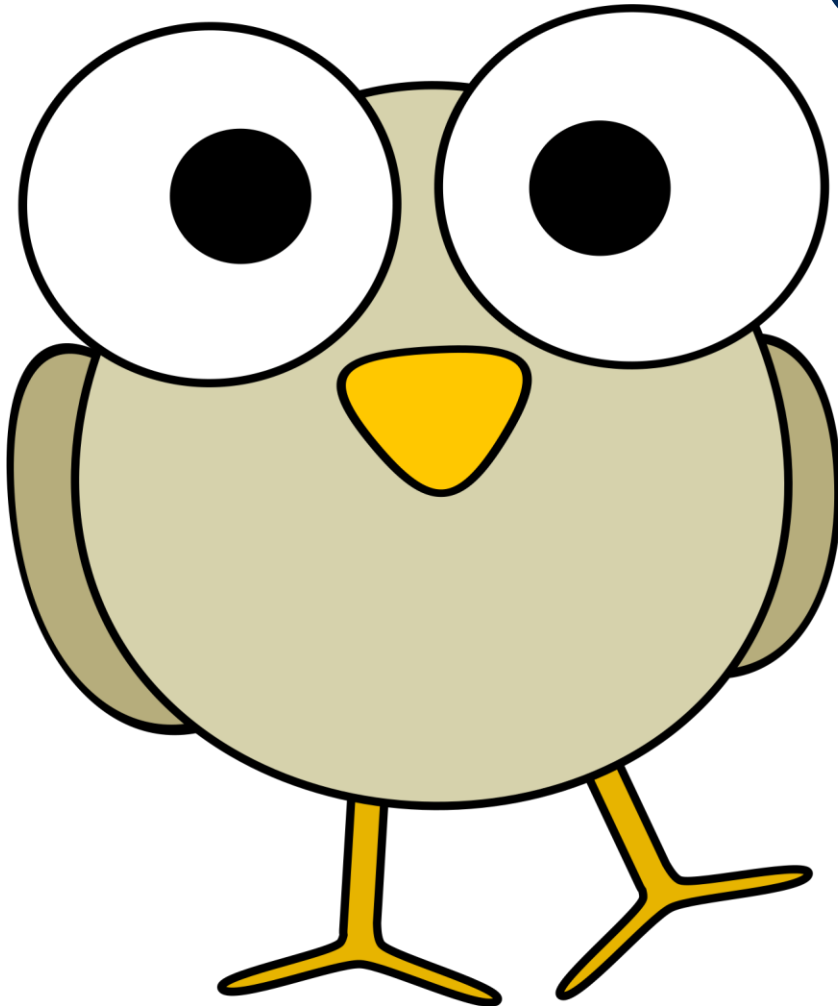
`const`

Previously in CSCI 200



- Collections of objects
- Functions with object parameters

Questions?



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Learning Outcomes For Today



- Explain the four uses of const in our programs and classes.

On Tap For Today



- `const`
- Practice

On Tap For Today



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Four times/ways to **const**



1. Variable modifier
2. Parameter modifier
3. Pointer modifier
4. Function modifier

Variable Modifier



- “Computer, **PI** is read-only. Don’t let me change its value.”

```
const double PI_D = 3.14159265;
```

```
float const PI_F = 3.141f;
```


Parameter Modifier



- “Computer, the `print` function should not modify the **VALUE**.”

```
void print( const int VALUE ) {  
    cout << VALUE << endl;  
}  
  
void print( const vector<int>& VEC ) {  
    for(size_t i = 0; i < VEC.size(); ++i) {  
        cout << VEC.at(i) << " ";  
    }  
    cout << endl;  
}
```

Pointer Modifier



- “Computer, the `pPI` pointer should not modify the value it is pointing at.”

```
const float * pPI = new float(3.14f);
```

- “Computer, the `P_pi` pointer should not point at a different address.”

```
float * const P_pi = new float(3.14f);
```

- “Computer, the `P_PI` pointer should not point at a different address nor modify the value it is pointing at.”

```
const float * const P_PI = new float(3.14f);
```

Functions With **const**



- Can apply to parameter or return type

```
const float * generatePiPrecision(const int NUM_DECIMALS) {  
    if(NUM_DECIMALS == 0) {  
        return new float(3.f);  
    } else if(NUM_DECIMALS == 1) {  
        return new float(3.1f);  
    } else if(NUM_DECIMALS == 2) {  
        return new float(3.14f);  
    } else {  
        return new float(22.f / 7.f); // sure, approximate it poorly  
    }  
}  
  
// and used later on  
  
const float * const P_PI = generatePiPrecision(2);
```

Functions With **const**



- Can apply to parameter or return type

```
float * circle_area(const float * const P_PI, const float R) {  
    return new float( *P_PI * R * R );  
}
```

```
const float * const P_PI = generatePiPrecision(2);  
float * pCircleArea = circle_area( P_PI, 2.0f )
```

Function Modifier



- “Computer, the `getName` function should NOT modify the callee.”

```
// Zombie.h
class Zombie {
    public:
        Zombie(std::string);
        std::string getName() const;
    private:
        std::string _name;
};
```

```
// Zombie.cpp
string Zombie::getName() const {
    return _name;
}
```

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```



Who's name?

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Who's name?

The object upon which
a function is called.

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}  
  
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

The **callee's** name

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

Who's name?

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Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}
```

```
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

Who's name?

The **object** passed

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}  
  
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

The **target's** name

Object Terminology



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}
```

```
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

The **target's** name

The **callee's** name

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Note...



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}  
  
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Note...



```
string Zombie::getName() {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

This won't compile

Note...



```
string Zombie::getName() {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

const objects can
only call const
functions

Note...



```
string Zombie::getName() {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

const functions
can only call other
const functions

Note...



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << getName() << endl;  
}
```

```
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

Much better 😊

Note...#2



```
string Zombie::getName() const {  
    return _name;  
}  
  
void Zombie::greet( const Zombie * pOTHER ) const {  
    cout << "Hello " << pOTHER->getName() << endl;  
    cout << "I am " << this->getName() << endl;  
}  
  
Zombie bill( "Bill" );  
Zombie ted( "Ted" );  
bill.greet( &ted );
```

this



- Returns a pointer to ourself
- **this** returns the address we are stored at
- ***this** returns us
 - Dereference the pointer to ourselves...references ourself

Function Modifier



- Which class functions should be marked as **const**?

On Tap For Today



- `const`
- Practice

To Do For Next Time



- Friday: Final Project Proposal due
- Fall Break!
- Thursday: A3 due

File I/O & Collections Quiz



- Make Canvas Full Screen
- Access Code:
- 12 Minutes

