

Chapter 16 Programming Challenge 1 String Bound Exceptions.

Write a class *BCheckString* that is derived from the STL *string* class. This new class will have two member functions:

- A. A *BCheckString(string s)* constructor that receives a string object passed by value and passes it on to the base class constructor.
- B. A *char operator[](int k)* function that throws a *BoundsException* object if *k* is negative or is greater than or equal to the length of the string. If *k* is within the bounds of the string, this function will return the character at position *k* in the string.

Screenshot of runtime.

After construction: Xorem Xpsum

After char adjustments: Lorem ipsum

Testing exception handling...

Index, -2, is out of bounds.

Index, -1, is out of bounds.

At index 0, found L

At index 1, found o

At index 2, found r

At index 3, found e

At index 4, found m

At index 5, found

At index 6, found i

At index 7, found p

At index 8, found s

At index 9, found u

At index 10, found m

Index, 11, is out of bounds.

Index, 12, is out of bounds.

Files included: (1) main.cpp, (2) BCheckString.h, (3) BCheckString.cpp

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "BCheckString.h"

int main() {
    BCheckString b("Xorem Xpsum");

    std::cout << "After construction:   " << b << "\n";

    // This still works!
    b[0] = 'L';
    b[6] = 'i';

    std::cout << "After char adjustments: " << b << "\n";

    std::cout << "Testing exception handling... \n";

    // I don't know why just b.length() without casting
    // doesn't work.
    for (int i = -2; i < (int)(b.length()) + 2; i++) {
        static char t;
        try {
            t = b[i];
            std::cout << "    At index " << i << ", found " << t << "\n";
        } catch(BCheckString::BoundsException e) {
            std::cout << "    Index, " << e.getErrorIndex() << ", is out of bounds. \n";
        }
    }

    return 0;
}
```

BCheckString.h

```
#ifndef CH11_PR1_STRING_BOUND_EXCEPTIONS_BCHECKSTRING_H
#define CH11_PR1_STRING_BOUND_EXCEPTIONS_BCHECKSTRING_H

#include <string>

class BCheckString : public std::string {

private:
    // This is a pointer to the first character,
    // since after overloading my own [] operator,
    // the string original [] operator gets
    // overwritten and is lost.
    char * firstChar;
    // Note that this only works after construction.
    // I haven't overwritten the = operators.

public:
    // Exception Class
    class BoundsException {
    private:
        int attemptedIndex;
    public:
        BoundsException(int idx) {
            attemptedIndex = idx;
        }
        int getErrorIndex() const {
            return attemptedIndex;
        }
    };

    BCheckString();
    BCheckString(std::string);
    ~BCheckString() {
        firstChar = nullptr;
    }
    char& operator[](int);
};

#endif //CH11_PR1_STRING_BOUND_EXCEPTIONS_BCHECKSTRING_H
```

BCheckString.cpp

```
#include "BCheckString.h"
#include <iostream>

BCheckString::BCheckString() : std::string("") { }
BCheckString::BCheckString(std::string s) : std::string(s) {
    firstChar = const_cast<char *>( this->data() );
}

char& BCheckString::operator[](int k) {
    if (k < 0 || k >= this->size()) {
        throw BoundsException(k);
    } else {
        return *(firstChar + k);
    }
}
```