

C++ Basics

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Simplest Program

```
int main() {  
    return 0;  
}
```

- every program must have function main
- can take cmd arguments (but usually does not have arguments)
- must state datatype it returns (main returns int, main returns 0 by default)
- comments are `//comment` written with hashtags

Hello World

```
#include <iostream>  
int main() {  
    std::cout << "Hello CS2124!!\n";  
}
```

using namespace std; ↗ uses namespace in program

Variables

int n; or double d; or string s;

define variables before use

also includes function parameters & function return types

endl ≈ "\n"

#include <string> → string must be imported

#include vs namespace?

```
int main() {
```

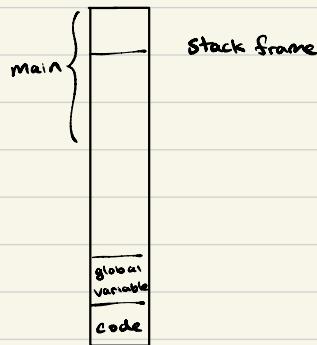
int x;

↳ undefined

```
cout << "x: " << x << endl;
```

}

Memory Diagram



Conditions

```
if ( condition ) {  
else if ( condition ) {  
else ( condition ) { }
```

and ~~BB~~

or ~~II~~

not !

--x decrement ++x increment

Loop

```
for ( int x=10 ; x>0 ; --x ) {
```

~~~~~

}

continue

break

do { ~~~

```
} while ( condition );
```

## Vectors

#include <vector>

vector<int> v; can only hold integers

v.size(); } initialized using constructor

v.push\_back(); ↪ true for all non-primitive types

v[i]; clear size set to 0, capacity?

v.capacity(); for (size\_t i=0; i < v.size(); ++i) { size\_t is unsigned  
v.back(); cout << v[i] << " ";  
v.pop\_back(); }

vector<int> v1(7, 42);

7 elements with values 42

vector<int> v2{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8};

initialize with certain values

## Loop

for (int value: v) { copy next item into variable

cout << value << ' '; shorter

} don't need index

cout << endl

## String

roughly vector of characters

uses double quotes ""

strings are mutable { v[0] += 1 ← ascii value

## Files

```
#include <fstream>
ifstream jab("jabberwocky") variable ← file type
remember to close file after opening      jab.close();
jab.open("jabberwocky")
if (!jab {
    cerr << "failed";
    exit(2);
}
} check if file was successfully opened
string Something; ← empty string object, not undefined, only primitives are undefined
jab >> something;      read file (no whitespace: white space delimited token)
cout << something << endl;
```

Constructor with no arguments → default constructor

```
while (jab >> something) {      if reading 1 token successful
    cout << something << endl;      output line
}
```

## Matrix

```
vector<vector<int>> mat;      vector of vectors kekw
```

## Functions

```
output datatype    method name    input datatype    input name  
~~~~~  ~~~~~~  ~~~~~~  ~~~~~~  
void methodName(int someInt) {
 ++ someInt; ← pass by value
}
```

```
ampersand
void addOne(int & someInt) ← reference to input
 ++someInt;

make immutable ← pass by reference (vector may be large)
void printVec(const vector<int>& someVec) {
 # prints vector
}
function prototypes
```

can move function down, add function header to top

## Structure

```
struct Motorcycle {
 string model;
 int cc;
};
```

may be useful to add print function for structure  
Motorcycle bike {"Softail", 1746};

remember to pass by constant reference for structs

## Structures

functions can also be placed inside structs

↳ `void doSomething()` ← no need for self

}

in struct, everything is public by default

## Class

in classes, everything is private by default

usually, structs are only used to store a few fields

### class Example:

`private`: ← everything below is private (generally private is after public)

`public`: ← everything below is public

return values also create copies by default, might be useful to pass by reference

`const string& getItem() const;`

↑ ... ↑ shows function will not modify classes & input

} return immutable reference

compilation error

Constructor → same name as class

Constructor (`const string& aName`) {

C++ constructor initialization list

↳ initialize attributes that are not primitive

} takes up extra work

no default constructor

when another constructor

defined

Constructor (`const string& aName`): `name(aName)` {

initialization list

initialized by default constructor

↓

↳ const must be in initialization list constructor that

`this` → variable ≈ `this.variable` or `self.variable`

can take no arguments

# Class

default constructor (no) → overload constructor  
`operator << (ostream& os, const Class& item);`  
same streams cannot be copied  
return os;

class Example {  
friend ~~~~~; allows function to access private variables  
} ↳ can also write entire function

vector<thing> things;  
things.emplace\_back("a", "b", 3); don't need to create object  
and push-back

## Address / Pointer

Cout << &x << endl; ← address of operator in memory

int\* p = &x pointer

Cout << \*p << endl; dereference operator

pointers are primitive

int\* x = nullptr; pointer points to nothing

x = this; pointer to instance of class ('self')

pointer → item arrow operator

↑ equivalent to \*(pointer).item

objects have constant size  
↓  
vector { size capacity } fixed  
pointer to array }

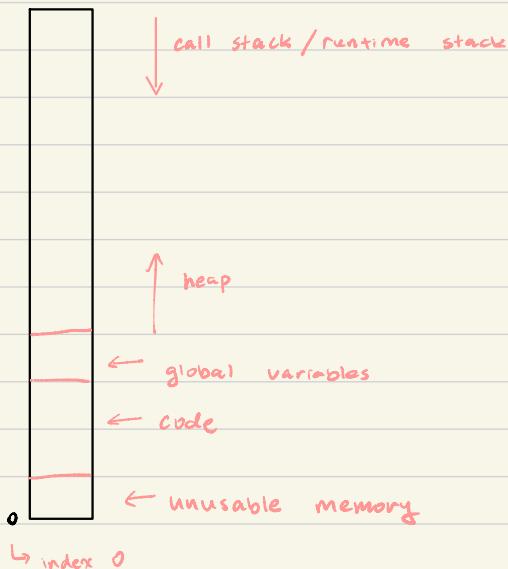
private refers to class as a whole, not instances of objects ↗

const int\* p = &x x is immutable using pointer p

int\* const q = &x pointer q cannot point to another address

may be useful to have vector of pointers

## Memory



## Pointer (Cont.)

Person\* p = new Person(name, age);

↳ allocates memory in heap & return address

delete p; → de-allocates memory in heap (pointer still exists)

might be important to clear vector after deleting

~Person() { delete Spouse; }    destructor    ↳ often appears together  
Person( const Person& rhs) {    copy constructor    ↳ copy control  
    p = new int (\*rhs.p)  
}

aPerson.operator=(anotherPerson);    assignment operator must be method

```

const Thing& operator=(const Thing& rhs) {
 if (this != &rhs) {
 delete p; ① self assignment test
 p = new int(*rhs.p); ② free up resources
 } ③ allocate & copy
 return *this; ④ return something
}

```

nonprimitive destructors are automatically called in destructor

## Vector / Copy Control

dynamic array

continuous blocks of memory  
allocated on heap

data[size] = val;

↳ same as \*(data + size) = val;  
point to address of first element, add based on index

data = new int[2 \* capacity] → allocate memory on array

delete[] data; → delete array

array with capacity 0 will still use memory (metadata)

↳ allows chaining

[int] operator[](size\_t index) const { // v[i] getter  
return data[index];

}

→ must return reference

[int&] operator[](size\_t index){ // v[i] = 17 get reference?  
return data[index];

}

explicit Vector( ~ ~ ~ ) { //method must be used in this form  
~~~~~  
// can only be class

}

→ cannot change int pointed to

Const int \* begin() const {  
 return data;

}

const int \* end() const {  
 return data + theSize;

}

int \* begin() {  
 return data;

}

int \* end() {  
 return data + theSize; location [after] the last item

?

} allows for ranged for  
Const vector

## 2 Way Pointer

```
class Froggy; forward class declaration
void Princess::marries(Froggy& consort) {
    ~~~~~ scope qualification operator  
        define method later
```

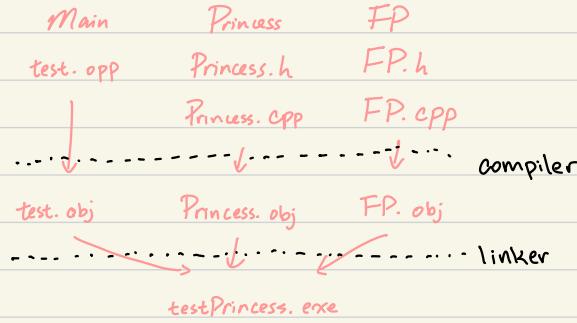
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forward declaration: - allows for pointers & references  
- does not allow for instance of objects

prototype: - include const  
- include initialization list

```
friend class Person;
```

## Separate Compilation



do not use namespace in header file → namespace pollution ↗

include guard:

```
#ifndef PRINCESS_H (all caps)  
#define PRINCESS_H  
    : all code
```

```
#endif
```

explicit { constructor that can only take one argument  
conversion operator

### Conversion operator

operator [bool()] const f  
return ~ ~ states conversion type  
No output needed here

### Things that cannot be done

- cannot create new operator eg. \*\*
- cannot change arity of operators (unary to binary)
- cannot change operator precedence
- try not to overload "and" and "or" → disables short circuiting
  - ↳ check next argument if a operator does not suffice

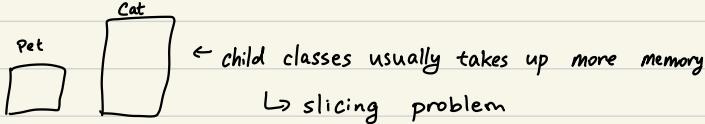
class Pet {  
};

class Cat : public Pet {};

Inheritance → code reuse

→ Principle of Substitutability (Barbara Liskov)

can specify method by scope qualification Pet::eat();



Polymorphism increases run time

- ↳ method call specific address → table of possible addresses
- ↳ need to turn on polymorphism

class Pet {  
 virtual void eat() {

*based = derived* → ok, but slicing problem

*derived = base* → not allowed

methods are inherited, constructors are not inherited

Cat( const string& name) : Pet(name){}  
↳ call pet constructor

child constructors call default constructor of parent, before all others

virtual void draw() = 0; //abstract method, pure virtual method

triangle is still abstract?

void method() override {};

children can only call protected methods on itself

abstract/pure virtual classes are inherited until the abstract method is overloaded

methods with same names but different arguments in derived class can overload methods in parent

↳ using Base::foo; → also works for constructors  
parent method

overload vs override → same name & argument

↳ same name & arguments → related to inheritance

overload → compile time

override → runtime decision

destructor of a derived class will call destructor of base class at the end of its destructor

$\sim$ Derived{  $\sim$ }  $\leftarrow$  here  $\sim$ Base()

this → method() is equivalent to method();

however, in constructors, only method from class (not child) is called  
↳ also includes copy constructors

multiple inheritance

Class One: public Two, public Three { };

Mixin: small lightweight class for multiple inheritance

diamond pattern + virtual inheritance

unary operators are methods by default

# Iterator

- ① constructor
- ② equality ( $\neq$ ) operator
- ③ increment operator
- ④ dereference operator
- ⑤ value

- nested in class it is used for

need iterators for constant & nonconstant

# Generics

template < typename T >

↳ all generics must have default constructors

sort(array, array+len); → half open range [start, stop)

there are different kinds of iterators in the STL

↳ some are stronger than others, eg. support for direct access  $O(1)$

↳ allows for sorting algorithms

convention is to return "end" (arr + len, list.end()) if algorithm fails

## Error Catching

v.at(17); same as v[17], but checks index

```
try {  
    v.at(17) = 42;  
}  
    exception {  
        catching error (anything can be thrown, but usually  
        derived class of exception)  
    }  
    catch (exception ex) {  
        cerr << ex.what() << endl;  
    }  
} // allows program to run after exception
```

catch everything can have multiple catch clauses

```
catch (...) {  
    unwind call stack  
    destructors still called  
}
```

const char\* what() const noexcept { return "exception"; }

assert (n < 200); for programming

#define NDEBUG

or -DNDEBUG

### Question 5

- ▷ why introduce DP?
- ▷ does multithreading increase efficiency
- ▷ locks → .join for threads
- ▷ what does race condition

## Multithreading

thread myThread (function())

myThread.detach(); → allows thread to exist after main has terminated

myThread.join(); → will not execute code until thread finishes running

multiple threads can share the same variables

race condition

mutex myMutex;

myMutex.lock();

myMutex.unlock();

lock\_guard<mutex> myLock(myMutex); → when lockguard goes out of scope  
↳ unlock