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[Ch8] The IO Library

8.3 string Streams

The stream header defines three types to support in-memory IO; these types read from or write to a string as if the string were an IO stream.

The <u>istringstream</u> type reads a string, <u>ostringstream</u> writes a string, and <u>stringstream</u> reads and writes the string.

Like the fstream types, the types defined in sstream inherit from the types we have used from the iostream header. In addition to the operations they inherit, the types defined in sstream add members to manage the string associated with the stream.

The added operations are listed in the following table. They may be called on stringstream objects but no on the other IO types.

sstream strm;	strm is an unbound stringstream. sstream is one of the types defined in the sstream header.
sstream strm(s);	strm is an sstream that holds a copy of the string s. This constructor is explicit (§ 7.5.4, p. 296).
strm.str()	Returns a copy of the string that strm holds.
strm.str(s)	Copies the string s into strm. Returns void.

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8.3.1 Using an istringstream

An istringstream is often used when we have some work to do on an entire line, and other work to do with individual words within a line.

As one example, assume we have a file that lists people and their associated phone numbers.

```
morgan 2015552368 8625550123
drew 9735550130
lee 6095550132 2015550175 8005550000
```

Each record in this file starts with a name, which is followed by one or more phone numbers. We will start by defining a simple class:

```
struct PersonInfo {
  string name;
  vector<string> numbers;
};
```

Our program will read the data file and build up a vector of PersonInfo.

```
string line, word; //will hold a line and word from input, respectively
vector<PersonInfo> people; //will hold all hte records from the input
while(getline(cin, line)) {
   PersonInfo person; //create an object to hols this record's data
   std::istringstream record(line); //bind record to the current line
   record >> person.name; //read the name
   while(record >> word) //read the phone numbers
        person.numbers.push_back(word); //and store them
   people.push_back(person); //append this record to people
}
```

The default splitting character is tab and "enter", we can explicitly change the splitting character using getline.

```
string input = "1_2_3_4_5_6";
std::istringstream iss(input);
string line;
while(getline(iss, line, '_')) {
   //print "1 2 3 4 5 6"
```

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```
cout << line << " ";
}</pre>
```

8.3.2 Using ostringstreams

An ostringstream is useful when we need to build up our output a little at a time but do not want to print the output until later.

See the following code for an example. We want to print the info of people if all of the numbers are valid, print error if not:

```
for(const auto &entry : people) {
  ostringstream formatted, badNums; //objects created on each loop
  for(const auto &nums : entry.numbers) {
     //valid defined elsewhere
     if(valid(nums)) {
        formatted << " " << nums;
     } else {
        badNums << " " << nums;
     }
  }
  if(badNums.str().empty())
     os << entry.name << " " << formatted.str() << endl;
  else
     cerr << "Input Error: " << entry.name << " invalid number(s)" << badNums.str() << endl;
}</pre>
```

Exercise

Exercise 8.14: Why did we declare entry and nums as const auto &?

By using reference, we avoid copy every object in vectors. By using const, we avoid accidentally changing the values of elements in vectors.

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