





#### **Objectives**

#### You will be able to:

- Write and use classes with multiple member variables.
- Use the "this" pointer in methods.
- Use "const" correctly in various places within a method declaration.
- Understand #pragma once
- Create objects dynamically.
- Use dynamically created objects in a C++ program.
- Get keyboard input from a user in a C++ program.



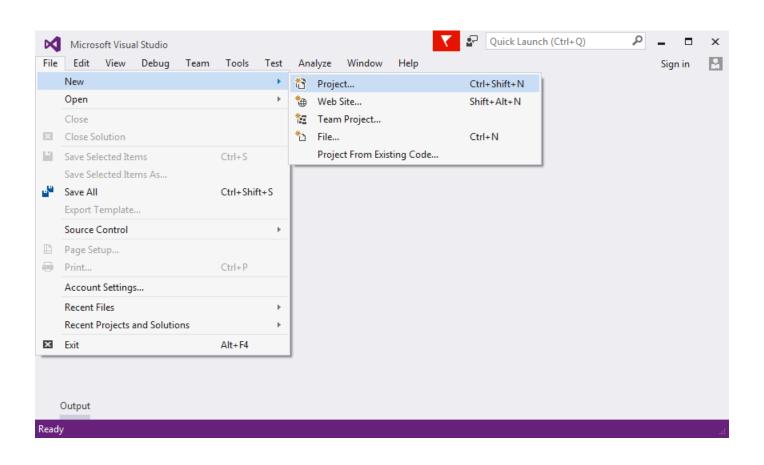
#### Class Cat

- Let's create a class to represent cats.
  - Perhaps for use in a veterinarian's office.

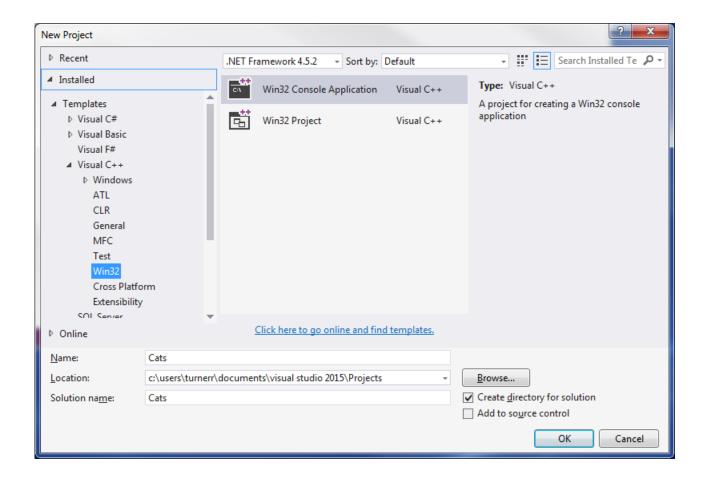
- Each cat has:
  - Name
  - Weight
  - Date of birth

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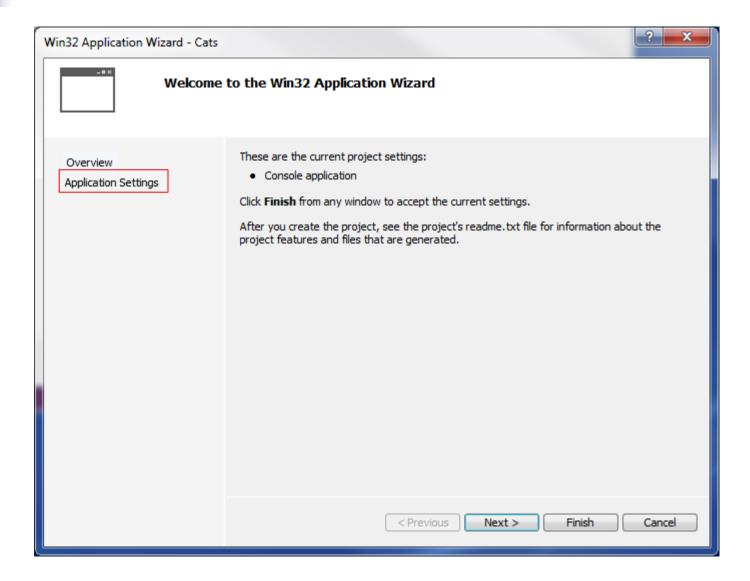
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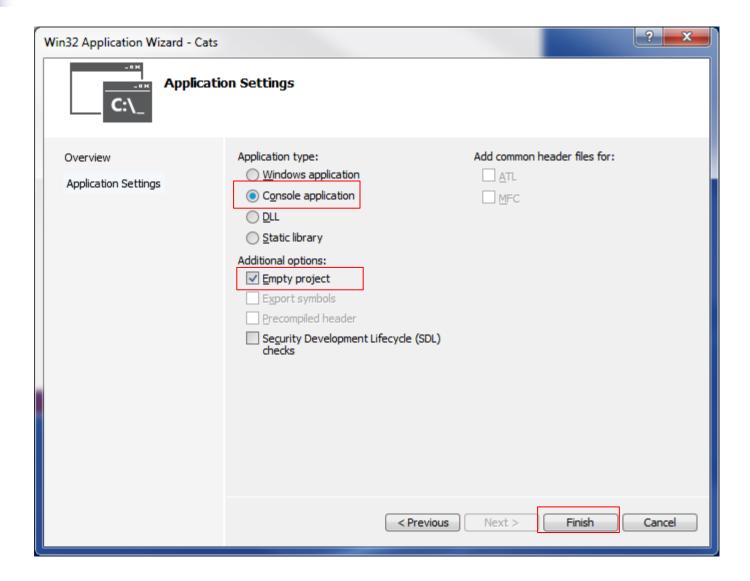
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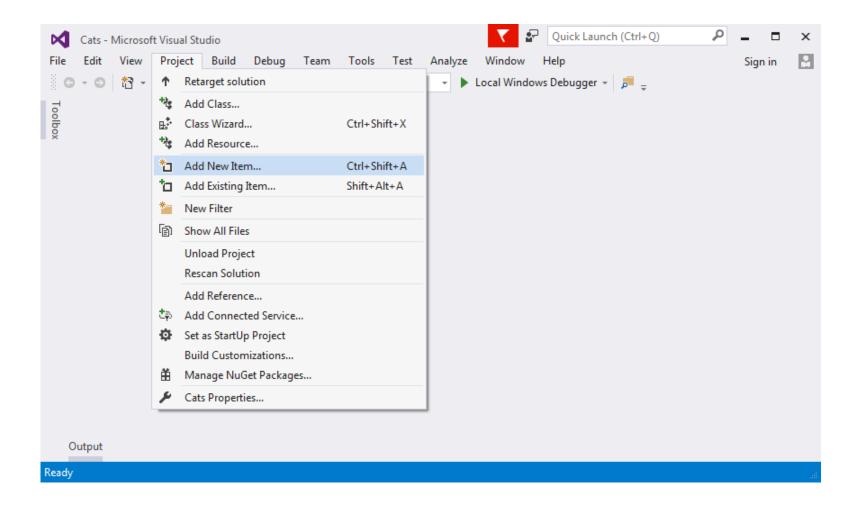




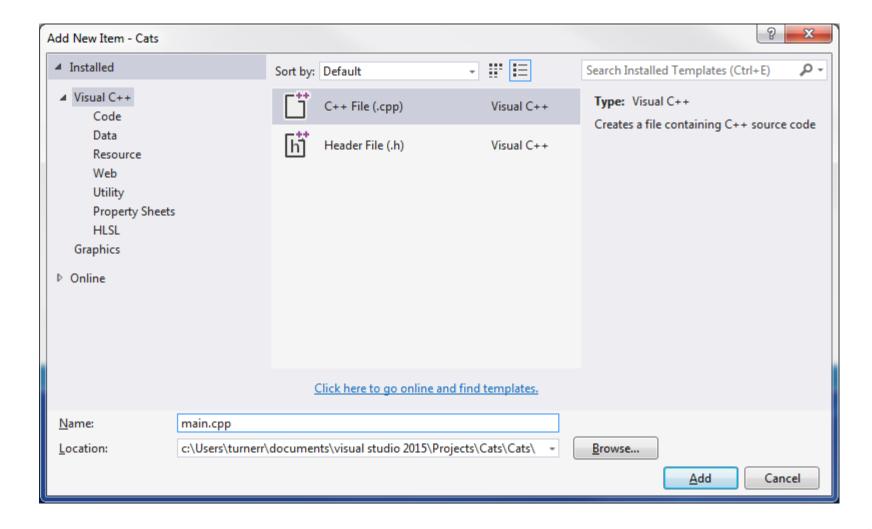
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#### Add main



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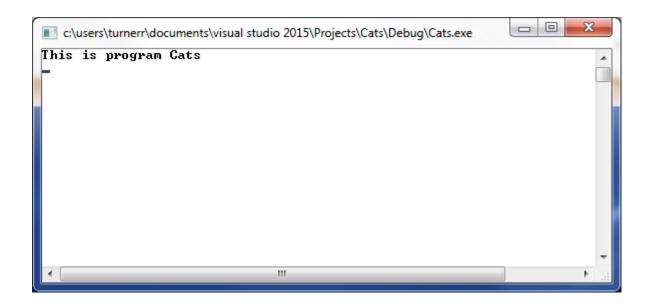
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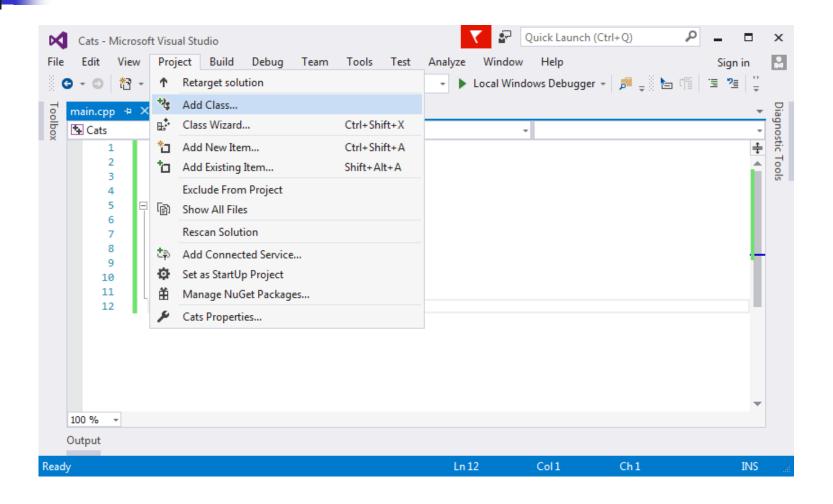


# **Program Running**

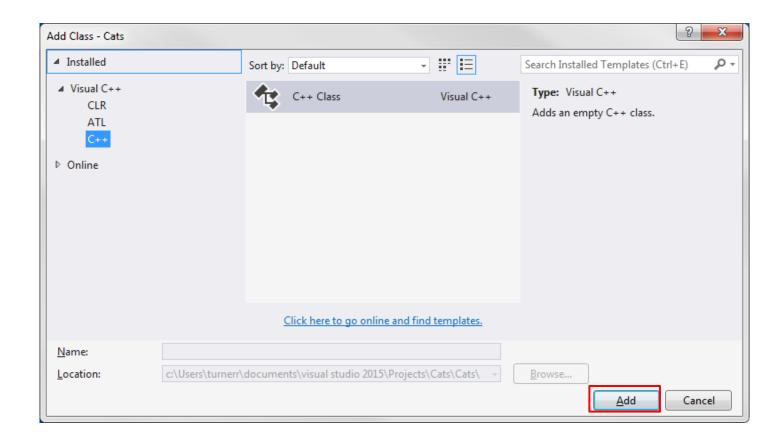


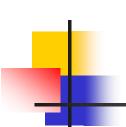
We have a working program!

#### Add Class Cat

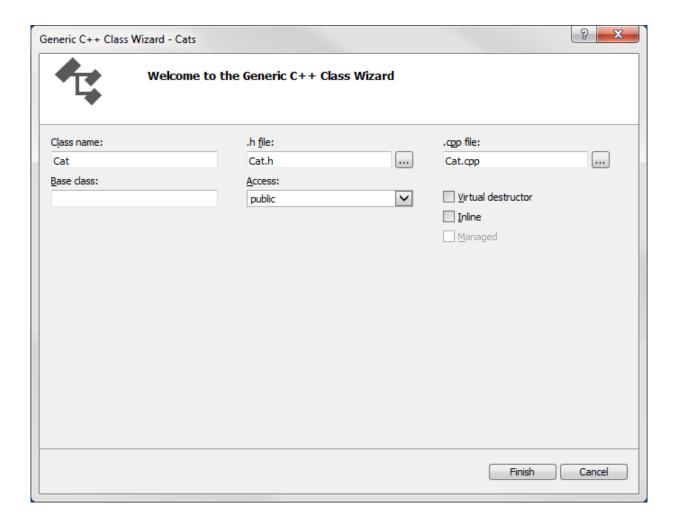






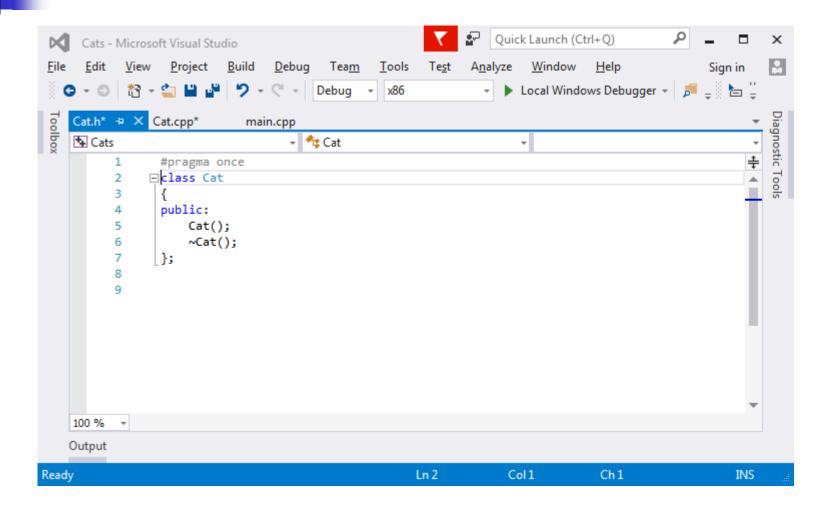


#### Add Class Cat



Note that class name is a singular noun.

#### **Initial Class Cat**





# #pragma once

Same as the traditional guard:

```
#ifndef CAT_H
#define CAT_H
...
// Definition of class Cat
...
#endif
```

 Not ISO Standard C++, but widely supported by current compilers.

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#### Add Member Variables

- Each cat has:
  - Name
  - Weight
  - Date of birth

- For Name, use a C++ String
- For Weight, use a double.
- What about Date of Birth?



#### Date of Birth

- The C standard library has a way to represent date/time values and functions to manipulate them.
  - But it's complicated
- Let's define a simple, easy to use, struct to represent dates in a user-friendly form:
  - Day
  - Month
  - Year

#### Cat.h

```
#pragma once
#include <string>
using namespace std;
struct Date
    int Day;
    int Month;
    int Year;
};
class Cat
{
    private:
        string name;
        Date date of birth;
        double weight;
    public:
        Cat(string name , Date dob , double weight_);
        string Name() const { return name; };
        Date Date of Birth() const { return date of birth; };
        double Weight() const { return weight; };
        ~Cat(void);
};
```



#### The C++ string class

- C++ supports C style strings
  - Arrays of char
  - Used in Chapter 10 of the textbook
- Also has a string class
  - More user friendly
  - Less subject to problems and errors
  - See page 131 and 353 of the textbook



## Cat.cpp

```
#include "Cat.h"

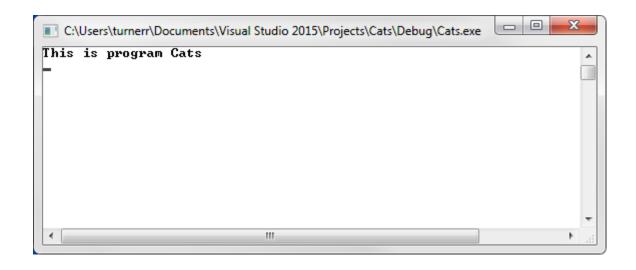
Cat::Cat (string name_, Date dob_, double weight_)
{
    name = name_;
    date_of_birth = dob_;
    weight = weight_;
}

Cat::~Cat(void)
{
}
```

#### Build and run the project



# **Program Running**





#### **Accessor Functions**

We can create Cat objects now, but we can't do anything with them.

- To make the attributes of a Cat visible outside the class, create public we need to provide accessor functions.
  - Functions that just return the value of a member variable.

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#### **Accessor Functions**

```
public:
    Cat(string name_, Date dob_, double weight_);

string Name() const { return name; };

Date Date_of_Birth() const { return date_of_birth;};

double Weight() const {return weight;};

~Cat(void);
};
```

- What are all those const's?
- Note that we are putting the implementation of the methods in the class definition.
  - Methods will be compiled in line.

### main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Cat.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    Date dob = \{12, 1, 2008\};
    Cat Fluffy("Fluffy", dob, 8.4);
    cout << "Cat: " << Fluffy.Name() << " ";</pre>
    cout << "DoB: "
         << Fluffy.Date of Birth().Month << "/"
         << Fluffy.Date of Birth().Day << "/"
         << Fluffy.Date of Birth().Year << " ";</pre>
    cout << "Weight: " << Fluffy.Weight();</pre>
    cin.get(); // Hold the window open.
    return 0:
```

# Program Running

```
This is program Cats
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 1/12/2008 Weight: 8.4
```



# **Display Method**

 We often want a method in a class that outputs the member variables to the screen.

Add a new public method to Cat.h:

```
void Display() const;
```



### In Cat.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Cat.h"
void Cat::Display() const
    cout << "Cat: " << name << " ";</pre>
    cout << "DoB: "
        << date of birth.Month << "/"
        << date of birth.Day << "/"
        << date of birth.Year << " ";
    cout << "Weight: " << weight;</pre>
```



## main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Cat.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    Date dob = \{12, 1, 2008\};
    Cat Fluffy("Fluffy", dob, 8.4);
    cout << endl;</pre>
    Fluffy.Display();
    cout << endl;</pre>
    cin.get(); // Hold window open.
    return 0;
```

# Program Running

```
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This is program Cats
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 1/12/2008 Weight: 8.4
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 1/12/2008 Weight: 8.4
```



#### **Dynamic Allocation**

- We can dynamically create objects of any class using new.
- Similar to malloc in C.
- Allocates space on the heap.
- Invokes constructor to initialize the object.
- Returns a pointer to the object.



#### **Dynamic Allocation**

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Cat.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    Date dob = \{12, 1, 2008\};
    Cat* Fluffy = new Cat("Fluffy", dob, 8.4);
                           Note arrow.
    Fluffy->Display();
    cout << endl;</pre>
                           Fluffy is now a pointer .
    cin.get(); // Hold window open.
    return 0;
```

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#### **Program Cats**

```
c:\users\rollins\documents\visual studio 2015\Projects\Cats\Debug\Cats.exe

This is program Cats
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 1/12/2008 Weight: 8.4
```



#### Object Lifetime

- Objects allocated by declaration are deallocated when the function exits.
  - Like all local variables.

- Objects allocated with new continue to exist until explicitly deleted (or until the program ends.)
  - delete c1;

c1 is a pointer to the object that is to be deleted.



#### **Explicitly Deleting an Object**

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Cat.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    Date dob = \{12, 1, 2008\};
    Cat* Fluffy = new Cat("Fluffy", dob, 8.4);
    Fluffy->Display();
    cout << endl;</pre>
    delete Fluffy;
    Fluffy = 0;
    cin.get(); // Hold window open.
    return 0;
```



#### Getting User Input

- What if we want the *user* to specify the attributes of a Cat.
  - Could overload the constructor and provide a version that asks for input.
  - Better to provide a separate function outside the class definition.
    - Separate UI from class logic.
- Let's write a function that asks the user for information about a Cat, creates a Cat object, and returns a pointer to the object.

#### main.cpp

```
Cat* Create_Cat()
    string name;
    Date date of birth;
    double weight;
    cout << "Please enter information for new Cat\n";</pre>
    cout << "Name: ";</pre>
    cin >> name;
    cout << "Date of Birth:\n";</pre>
    cout << " Month: ";</pre>
    cin >> date of birth.Month;
    cout << " Day: ";
    cin >> date of birth.Day;
    cout << " Year: ";</pre>
    cin >> date of birth.Year;
    cout << "Weight: ";</pre>
    cin >> weight;
    Cat* cat = new Cat(name, date of birth, weight);
    return cat;
```

## Getting User Input

#### In file main.cpp

```
int main()
{
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    Cat* Fluffy = Create Cat();
    Fluffy->Display();
    cout << endl;</pre>
    delete Fluffy ;
    Fluffy = 0;
    cin.get(); // Hold window open.
    cin.get();
    return 0;
```

# **Running Program Cats**

```
C:\users\rollins\documents\visual studio 2015\Projects\Cats\Debug\Cats.exe

This is program Cats
Please enter information for new Cat
Name: Fluffy
Date of Birth:
    Month: 12
    Day: 1
    Year: 2008
Weight: 8.4
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 12/1/2008 Weight: 8.4
```

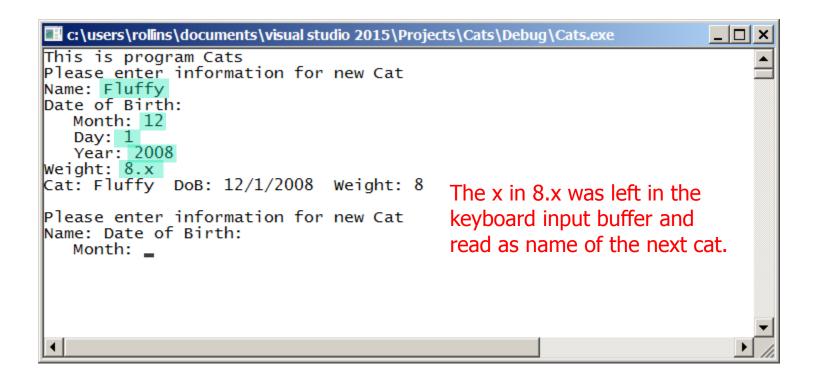


# Multiple Cats

```
int main()
{
    cout << "This is program Cats\n";</pre>
    while (true)
    {
         Cat* Fluffy = Create Cat();
         Fluffy->Display();
         cout << endl;</pre>
         delete Fluffy;
         Fluffy = 0;
    }
```



#### A Problem with Numeric Input



# A Problem with Numeric Input

```
c:\users\rollins\documents\visual studio 2015\Projects\Cats\Debug\Cats.exe
Name: Fluffy
Date of Birth:
   Month: 12
   Day: 1
   Year: 2008
Weight: 8.x
Cat: Fluffy DoB: 12/1/2008 Weight: 8
Please enter information for new Cat
Name: Date of Birth:
   Month: 1
   Day: 1
   Year: 2015
Weight: 1.0
Cat: x DoB: 1/1/2015 Weight: 1
Please enter information for new Cat
Name:
```



#### Solution

 After numeric input, clear the keyboard input buffer before doing the next real input.



# Clear\_Keyboard\_Input\_Buffer()

```
void Clear_Keyboard_Input_Buffer()
{
    while (cin.get() != '\n') ;
}
```

 Call this function after getting a numeric value to clear any characters following the numeric text.



#### Using Clear\_Keyboard\_Input\_Buffer

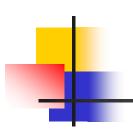
```
Cat* Create Cat()
    cout << "Date of Birth:\n";
    cout << " Month: ";
    cin >> date of birth. Month;
    Clear Keyboard Input Buffer();
    cout << " Day: ";
    cin >> date of birth.Day;
    Clear Keyboard Input Buffer();
    cout << "Year: ";
    cin >> date_of_birth.Year;
    Clear Keyboard Input Buffer();
    cout << "Weight: ";
    cin >> weight;
    Clear_Keyboard_Input_Buffer();
    Cat* cat = new Cat(name, date of birth, weight);
    return cat;
}
```

# **Program in Action**

```
This is program Cats
Please enter information for new Cat
Name: xxxxx
Date of Birth:
    Month: 1a
    Day: 2a
    Year: 2009xxxxx
Weight: 8.99999
Cat: xxxxx DoB: 1/2/2009 Weight: 8.99999

Please enter information for new Cat
Name:
```

Garbage at end of numeric inputs was silently ignored.



## Assignment

- Do today's example for yourself
  - if you have not done it in class.

Read Chapter 10.