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Introduction Preprocessor



Preprocessor... what is that?

- Before the compiler starts to compile the program, it will run a preprocessor part with the code. Starts with a “#”
- Example of preprocessor directives is
 - #include
 - #pragma
 - #if, #ifdef, #ifndef, #else, #elif and #endif
 - #define, #undef
- Since preprocessor will be parsed before the compiler starts to compile the code, we can not check a “#if” against for example a variable
- We will here focus on a few preprocessor directives

#include

- The `#include` preprocessor will replace the include line with the code placed in the file inside the “<>”
 - `#include <iostream.h>`
- If you open the `iostream` file you will notice that it contains the `cin` and `cout`
- Keep in mind to only include the files you need, not just add something at the top of the code to make it easy to code
- Include files can change standard defines without your notice in some include files
 - One file might have “`#define PI 3.14`”
 - Another file might have “`#define PI 3.1`”

#ifdef, #elif and #endif

- Sometimes part of code might differ between for example Linux and Windows
- Then you can use the included defines `__linux__` and `_WIN32` to do low level part and create common macro

```
#ifdef __linux__
    //linux code goes here
#elif _WIN32
    // windows code goes here
#else
    // something else, maybe check for MAC also ?
#endif
```

#define examples

- You can define both values and macros
- Example: Define a constant as PI
 - #define PI 3.14
 - Now you can set float a = PI;
- You can define a new way marco of of "std::cout <<"
 - #define skriv(A) std::cout<<(A)
 - Now you can write, "skriv("Hello world"); as output
- A complete "ugly" hello world C++ program might look as just a single "B",see below

```
#include <iostream>
#define skriv(A)std::cout<<(A)
#define B int main(){skriv("Hello world");return 0;}
B
```

- So, use #define with care 😊

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Classes and objects

Classes... what is that?

- In C++, and other object-oriented languages, you can create *classes*
- A class is a template for an *object*
- An object is a variable that has been created using the template
- When you create an object, you say that you *instantiate* the object and that the object is an *instance* of the class
- Methods are functions that belongs to the class

Illustration of classes and objects

- A class is like a cookie cutter, it works as a template for a cookie
- Objects are like the cookies, they have the same structure as the class, but they can have different attributes



Other examples of classes and objects

<p>class</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>objects</p> <p>Apple</p> <p>Banana</p> <p>Mango</p>
<p>class</p> <p>Car</p>	<p>objects</p> <p>Volvo</p> <p>Audi</p> <p>Toyota</p>

Classes – why should we use them?

- Like functions, we use classes to avoid repeating ourselves when writing code – humans are still intelligent!
- Classes are excellent for making the code look more elegant and making it easier to read
- Classes also makes it easier to reuse the code
- It bunches things that belong together in one place
- We use classes for bunching variables and functions together when they belong to each other

How to create a class

- Creating a class (the template) is done by using the *class*-keyword
- A class can contain one or more variables and functions
- A member of a class can be either:
 - **Private** - members of a class are accessible only from within other members of the same class (or from their "friends")
 - **Protected** - members are accessible from other members of the same class (or from their "friends"), but also from members of their derived classes
 - **Public** - members are accessible from anywhere where the object is visible
- **Default declaration is Private in a Class**

How to create a class..

- **Classes are created with the following structure:**

```
class class_name {  
    access_specifier_1:  
        member1;  
    access_specifier_2:  
        member2;  
    ...  
} object_names;           //object_name not required
```

```
class Hello { //Example Class containing an int  
public:  
    int hej;  
}; //Note no object_name here
```

Creating 2 simple objects

- Creating an *object* of a class is easy, just write “class” and the name after it, like declare variables
- Setting the class variables is also easy, just write the object together with a dot and the variable name

```
class Hello { //Class containing an int
public:
    int hej;
} obj_name;

int main() {
    obj_name.hej = 1; //Set the public variable hej in obj_name

    Hello hoj;        //Creates a new object hej from Class Hello
    hoj.hej = 0;       //Set the public variable hej in hoj
}
```

- So, *hoj* is an *object* and it contains variable *hej* and *obj_name* is another object with variable *hej*

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Constructor and Destructor

Constructor

- Sometimes you want things to be created directly when the class are being created. This can be done with a constructor
- The constructor will be executed directly when the class are being created.
- The constructor are referred by the same name as the class
- You do not need to create a constructor in a class
- You can have many overloaded constructors in the same class depending how the class are being created. Like:
 - `Rectangle rect(1,2)`
 - `Rectangle rect`

Constructor example outside class

- Here you can see an example of a constructor that sets values for width and height, the constructor is here placed outside the class and needs the “Rectangle::” prefix

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
private:
    int height;
    int width;
public:
    Rectangle();
};

Rectangle::Rectangle() {
    height=1;
    width=2;
}

int main () {
    Rectangle rect2;
    return 0;
}
```

Constructor example inside class

- Here you can see an example of a constructor that sets values for width and height, the constructor is here inside the class and declared there

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
private:
    int height;
    int width;
public:
    Rectangle() {
        height=1;
        width=2;
    }
};

int main () {
    Rectangle rect2;
    return 0;
}
```

Constructor and members

- We have said that we shall not leave any variable uninitialized before in this course. When you use both initial value and constructor. The constructor will override the initial value

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
private:
    int height=0;        //initially declared as 0
    int width=0;
public:
    Rectangle() {
        height=1;        //constructor will overwrite the initially value on members
        width=2;
    }
    void print() {
        std::cout << height << " " << width;
    }
};

int main () {
    Rectangle rect;
    rect.print();        // will print out 1 2
    return 0;
}
```

Two different Constructors

- Here you can see an example of 2 constructors and how to use them. Note that you do not have the “()” if you do not have any arguments to the constructor

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
public:
    Rectangle(int x, int y){std::cout << "Your value:" << x << " " << y << " gets area:" <<
x*y << std::endl;};    //uses argument (x y)
    Rectangle() {std::cout << "Using default value: 2,2 gets area 4";};    //No arguments
};

int main () {
    Rectangle rect1(12,12);
    Rectangle rect2;    //NOTE here that we can NOT have () at end
    return 0;
}
```

Output: Your value:12 12 gets area:144
Using default value: 2,2 gets area 4

Constructor initialization

- A constructor can be initialized in many ways, see below example. The constructor will be called in all cases

```
#include <iostream>

class Circle {
    double radius=0;
public:
    Circle(double r) { radius = r; }
    double circum() {return 2*radius*3.14159265;}
};

int main () {
    Circle foo (10.0);    // functional form
    Circle bar = 10.0;    // assignment init.
    Circle baz {10.0};    // uniform init.
    Circle qux = {10.0};  // POD-like

    std::cout << foo.circum() << " " << bar.circum() << " " << baz.circum() << " " << qux.circum() <<
    std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output: 62.8319 62.8319 62.8319 62.8319

Destructor

- Sometimes you want things to be cleaned up after the class are not used any more
- The destructor will be executed directly after the class no longer are used
- If you have dynamic memory allocation in a constructor, it might be good to place the cleaning of that memory in the destructor
- The destructor looks like the constructor but with a “~” at the beginning
- You do not need to create a destructor when creating a class

Destructor example

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
public:
    Rectangle() {std::cout << "constructor" << std::endl;};
    ~Rectangle(){std::cout << "destructor";};
};

int main () {
    Rectangle rect2; //NOTE here that we can NOT have () at end
    std::cout << "Program will here end," << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output: constructor
Program will here end,
destructor

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Class methods

Class methods... what is that?

- Classes can have functions and they are called *methods*
- Methods can be declared within the class or outside the class with the Class name followed by the “::”

```
#include <iostream>

class Car {
    std::string brand,color;
public:
    Car(std::string b,std::string c){brand=b;color=c;}; //inside class declaration of constructor
    void print_info(); //method, will be declared outside
};

void Car::print_info() { //uses Class and :: since outside class
    std::cout << brand << " " << color;
}

int main () {
    Car my_car("Volvo","Green");
    my_car.print_info();
    return 0;
}
```

- So, *my_volvo* is one *object* and it contains three things: *brand*, *color* and the method *print_info()*

Class methods... public and private

- Below example will illustrate that the public variables and methods can be reached but not the private

```
class Box {  
    public://can be accessed outside the class  
        void setWidth(int w) {width = w;};  
        int height;  
    private://can not be accessed outside the class  
        int width;  
};  
  
int main()  
{  
    Box my_box;  
    /* below is the only way to set width and height in the class */  
    my_box.setWidth(12);  
    my_box.height = 2;  
}
```

- You can set width directly but need to use the setWidth to set the width

Example of how to use class methods

```
#include <iostream>

class Car {
    std::string brand,color;
public:
    Car(std::string b,std::string c) {brand=b;color=c;};    //inside class declaration of
    constructor
    void print_info();
};

void Car::print_info() {                                     //uses Class and :: since outside class
    std::cout << "The " << brand << " is " << color << std::endl;
}

int main () {
    Car my_volvo("Volvo","Green");
    my_volvo.print_info();
    Car my_tesla("Tesla","Blue");
    my_tesla.print_info();
    return 0;
}
```

Output: The Volvo is Green
 The Tesla is Blue

How to create a class with methods

- Here we create a more advanced class to calculate area

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
private:          //below are private within Class
    int width, height;
public:          //below methods have public access
    void set_height(int);    //will be declared later
    void set_width(int);
    int get_area();
};

//Here we declare private get_area, "Rectangle::" means "in" class Rectangle
int Rectangle::get_area() {
return width*height;    //height and width are from Class Rectangle
}

//Here we declare private set_height, "Rectangle::" means "in" class Rectangle
void Rectangle::set_height(int x) {
    height = x;    //height is from Class Rectangle
}

//Here we declare private set_wdth, "Rectangle::" means "in" class Rectangle
void Rectangle::set_width(int x) {
    width = x;    //width is from Class Rectangle
}

int main () {
    Rectangle rect;    //Create object rect from class Rectangle
    rect.set_height(2);    //Set Public member set_height
    rect.set_width(4);    //Set Public member set_width
    std::cout << "area: " << rect.get_area();
    return 0;
}
```

How to create a class with methods..

- Below is almost the same example, but here we directly set the implementation inside the Rectangle class at declaration

```
#include <iostream>

class Rectangle {
private:
    int width, height;
public:
    void set_height(int x) { height=x; };
    void set_width(int x) { width= x; };
    int get_area()         { return width*height; };
};

int main () {
    Rectangle rect;
    rect.set_height(2);
    rect.set_width(4);
    std::cout << "area: " << rect.get_area();
    return 0;
}
```

Lists of classes

- You can also create lists of classes, below example will show you a list containing phone data, then print it

```
#include <iostream>
#include <list>

class Phone {
public:
    std::string name="";
    std::string color="";
    void Set(std::string n, std::string c) {name = n; color=c;};
};

std::list<Phone> my_phones;

int main() {
    Phone tmp_phone;
    tmp_phone.Set("Samsung", "pink");
    my_phones.push_back(tmp_phone);
    tmp_phone.Set("Apple", "brown");
    my_phones.push_back(tmp_phone);

    for (auto l: my_phones){
        std::cout << "The " << l.name << " is " << l.color << std::endl;
    }
}
```

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Class inheritance,

Classes can inherit other classes

- **Classes have the possibility of inheriting other classes**
- **The new class will be extended with all the variables and methods from the inherited class**
- **This is particularly useful if you have a base class with common things that can be part of your other classes**
- **Inherit a class uses syntax:**
 - `class derived_class_name: public base_class_name { /* ... */ };`
- **To call an inherited constructor with arguments use :**
 - `derived_constructor_name (parameters) :
base_constructor_name (parameters) {...}`

Example of class inheritance

- Below example contains a Car class that inherits from a Vehicle class.
- The Car class will contain the stuff from Vehicle class

```
#include <iostream>

class Vehicle { //a Vehicle class
public:
    Vehicle() {std::cout << "Vehicle" << std::endl;};
    int wheels = 4;
};

//class that inherits from Vehicle
class Car : public Vehicle{//inherits from Vehicle
public:
    Car() {std::cout << "Car" << std::endl;};
    int vehicle_type = 1; //Let say 1 means a car
};

int main() {
    Car my_car;
}
```

Output: Vehicle
 Car

Inheritance with special constructor

```
#include <iostream>

class Vehicle {                                //a Vehicle class containing number of wheels
    int wheels;
public:
    Vehicle(int x) {wheels=x;};               //constructor with int argument
    void print_wheels() {std::cout << wheels;};
};

class Car : public Vehicle {                   //inherits from Vehicle and add a type
    std::string v_type;
public:
    //Vehicle constructor uses first argument from Car
    Car(int x, std::string y) : Vehicle(x) {v_type = y;};
    void print_vehicle() {std::cout << v_type;};
};

int main() {
    Car my_car(4,"Car");
    my_car.print_wheels();                     //from inherited Vehicle in Car
    my_car.print_vehicle();                   //from Car class
    return 0;
}
```

Output: 4Car

Multiple inheritance

```
#include <iostream>
class Father {
public:
    Father() {          //Constructor with no argument
        std::cout << "Father: With no parameters\n"; }
    Father(int a) {      //constructor with int argument
        std::cout << "Father: With int=" << a << " parameter\n"; }
};

class Daughter: public Father { //inherit class Father
public:
    Daughter(int a) { //default Father constructor with no argument will be used
        std::cout << "Daughter: With int=" << a << " parameter\n"; }
};

class Son: public Father { //inherit class Father
public:
    Son(int a) : Father(a) { //uses Father constructor with int argument
        std::cout << "Son: With int=" << a << " parameter\n"; }
};

int main() {
    Daughter kelly(1);
    Son bud(2);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Father: With no parameters
Daughter: With int=1 parameter
Father: With int=2 parameter
Son: With int=2 parameter
```

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This-keyword

This keyword

- The keyword `this` represents a pointer to the object whose member function is being executed. It is used within a class's member function to refer to the object itself
- One of its uses can be to check if a parameter passed to a member function is the object itself

```
#include <iostream>

class Dummy {
public:
    bool isitme(Dummy &param);
};

bool Dummy::isitme(Dummy &param) {
    if (&param == this)
        return true;
    else
        return false;
}

int main() {
    Dummy a;
    Dummy *b = &a;
    if (b->isitme(a))
        std::cout << "yes, &a is b\n";
    return 0;
}
```

This keyword.. (Bonus)

- It is also frequently used as a copy operator “=”

```
#include <iostream>
class Box {
public:
    double getVolume(void) {return length * height;;}
    void setLength( double len ) {length = len;;}
    void setHeight( double hei ) {height = hei;;}
    /* copy operand */
    Box& operator= (const Box& b) {
        this->length=b.length;
        this->height=b.height;
        return *this;
    }
private:
    double length;    // Length of a box
    double height;    // Height of a box
};

int main() {
    Box Box1;          // Declare Box1 of type Box
    Box Box2;          // Declare Box2 of type Box
    double volume = 0.0; // Store the volume of a box here
    // box 1 specification
    Box1.setLength(11.0); Box1.setHeight(11.0);
    // box 2 now calls copy operand in class
    Box2=Box1;

    volume = Box1.getVolume();std::cout << "Volume of Box1 : " << volume << std::endl; // volume of box 1
    volume = Box2.getVolume();std::cout << "Volume of Box2 : " << volume << std::endl; // volume of box 2
    return 0;
}
```



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Thank you!

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