Object Oriented Programming with C++

6. Classes and Objects

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Limitations of C structure (for OOP)

- In C language, structures do not permit data hiding
 - Members of structure variables can be accessed by anywhere in the program (where structure variable is visible)
- C language does not treat struct data type like built-in types struct complex

```
{
    double i;
    double j;
}c1 = {1, 2}, c2 = {1, 2}, c3;
c3 = c1 + c2;  // This can not be achieved
if(c1 == c2)  // Even this is not allowed
```

Structures in C++

- In C++, structures can be used exactly like C language
- But C++ has extended its capabilities to support OOP
 - Structures can have variables and functions as members
 - It can also declare private members (supports data hiding)
 - While declaring a variable struct keyword can be omited
 - e.g. struct st{ int i}; st s1;
- Under the hood, C++ structures are nothing but classes
 - Only difference is that, by default, members of a class are private while, by default, members of structure are public (for compatibility with C language)
- So we will not discuss structures any further. Lets talk abt class

Classes in C++

- Class is a way to bind data and associated functions together
- Classes allow data and functions to be hidden (prevent access from outside of the class)
- By defining class, we are creating a new Abstract Data Type (ADT), that can be treated like any other built-in type
- Specification of class includes:
 - Class Definition Describes type and scope of its members
 - Class function definitions

```
int main()
#include<iostream>
                                                                    MyFirstClass obj1;
class MyFirstClass
                                                                    std::cout << obj1.bar << std::endl;
     int foo = 0;
                                                                    obi1.bar = 50;
     int set foo(int foo value)
                                                                    std::cout << obj1.bar << std::endl;
          foo = foo value;
                                                                    //error: 'int MyFirstClass::foo' is private within this context
          return foo;
                                                                    //obj1.foo = 20;
                                                                    //std::cout << obj1.foo << std::endl;
public:
                                                                    //error: 'int MyFirstClass::set foo(int)' is private within this context
     int bar = 10;
                                                                    //obj1.set foo(20);
     int get foo()
                                                                    std::cout << obj1.get foo() << std::endl;
          return foo;
                                                                    std::cout << obj1.auth_and_set_foo(122, 100) << std::endl;
     int auth and set foo(int password, int foo value);
                                                                    std::cout << obj1.auth and set foo(123, 100) << std::endl;
};
                                                                    return 0;
                                                                                                                                10
int MyFirstClass::auth and set foo(int password, int
                                                                                                                                50
foo_value)
                                                                                                                                0
                                                                                                                                0
     if(123 == password)
                                                                                                                                10
          return set foo(foo value);
     return foo;
                                                                                                                                0
```

- Class Definition
 - New keyword class, it is followed by class-name (identifier)
 - Enclosed within braces and terminated by semicolon
 - Class definition contains declaration of variables and functions (they are called members of the class)
 - Variables are called data members
 - Functions are called member functions or methods
 - Methods can be defined within class definition or outside class definition
 - Methods defined within class definition become inline by default. Hence only small functions should be defined within class defⁿ
 - Methods defined outside class need to be fully qualified with class name and scope resolution operator. They are not inlined by default, but can be declared inline explicitly using inline keyword

- Access specifiers
 - Two new keywords private and public
 - Private members (data members and functions) can only be accessed by methods of the same class (private and public)
 - Public members can be accessed by methods of the same class as well as from outside the class (e.g. main function)
 - By default members of the class are private
 - Keywords private and public can be used multiple times in the class definition.
 - Keywords public and private end with semicolon, and their effect is retained for all the members declared after them, until occurrence of next access specifier
 - Generally (not always), data members are private and methods are public.

- Objects and member access
 - Object is an instance of class (like variable of structure)
 - Memory is allocated when object is created
 - Once class is defined object can be declared as
 - class-name object-name;
 - From outside the class, members of the objects can be accessed using **dot operator** (.)
 - object-name.method-name(parameters);
 - object-name.variable-name = some-value;
 - Methods of the class can access object members without name of the object and dot operator.
 - When method is called using object **x**, within that method members of **x** can be accessed without name of the object and dot operator.

```
#include<iostream>
                                               int main()
class Complex
                                                 Complex c1, *c2 ptr = new Complex;
  double re:
                                                 int i_auto, *ip_dynamic = new int;
  double im:
public:
                                                 std::cout << "i global addr\t\t" << &i global << std::endl;
                                                  std::cout << "c3 addr (global)\t" << &c3 << std::endl;
  void add(Complex c)
                                                  std::cout << "i auto addr\t\t" << &i auto << std::endl;
                                                 std::cout << "c1 addr (auto)\t\t" << &c1 << std::endl;
     std::cout << &c << std::endl;
                                                  std::cout << "i_dynamic addr\t\t" << ip_dynamic << std::endl;
     re += c.re:
                                                 std::cout << "c2 addr (dynamic)\t" << c2 ptr << std::endl;
     im += c.im;
  void print()
                                                 c1.initialize(1, 1);
                                                 c2 ptr->initialize(2, 2);
                                                                               i global addr
                                                                                                       0x56299c0e6150
     std::cout << "real: " << re:
                                                                                c3 addr (global)
                                                                                                       0x56299c0e6140
     std::cout << "\timg: " << im <<std::endl;
                                                 c3.print();
                                                                                i auto addr
                                                                                                       0x7ffc7e2ebd4c
                                                 c3.add(c1);
                                                                                c1 addr (auto)
                                                                                                       0x7ffc7e2ebd60
  void initialize(double _re, double _im)
                                                 c3.print();
                                                                                i dynamic addr
                                                                                                       0x56299ce3ee90
                                                 c3.add(*c2_ptr);
                                                                                c2 addr (dynamic)
                                                                                                       0x56299ce3ee70
                                                 c3.print();
     re = re;
                                                                                real: 0
                                                                                       img: 0
     im = _im;
                                                 return 0;
                                                                                0x7ffc7e2ebd00
                                                                               real: 1
                                                                                       img: 1
                                                                               0x7ffc7e2ebd00
}c3;
                                                                                real: 3
                                                                                         img: 3
int i_global;
```

- Memory allocation for objects
 - Like other variables, memory for objects is allocated from stack, data or heap section; depending on where it is declared
 - Non-static (local) objects are allocated memory from stack (contain garbage by default)
 - Static (global and local static) objects are allocated memory from data section (contain zero by default)
 - Dynamically created objects (with new keyword), are allocated memory from free store (heap) (contain garbage by default)
- Like other variables, references can also be created for objects
 - Object can be passed to function by value, by pointer (address) or by reference
 - In previous example, objects are passed by value to add function
 - In next example, objects are passed by reference to add function

```
int main()
#include<iostream>
class Complex
                                                   Complex c1, *c2 ptr = new Complex;
                                                   Complex &c2 = *c2_ptr;
  double re:
                                                   int i auto, *ip dynamic = new int;
  double im:
public:
                                                   std::cout << "i global addr\t\t" << &i global << std::endl;
  void add(Complex &c)
                                                   std::cout << "c3 addr (global)\t" << &c3 << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "i auto addr\t\t" << &i auto << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "c1 addr (auto)\t\t" << &c1 << std::endl;
     std::cout << &c << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "i_dynamic addr\t\t" << ip_dynamic << std::endl;
     re += c.re:
                                                   std::cout << "c2 addr (dynamic)\t" << &c2 << std::endl;
     im += c.im;
  void print()
                                                   c1.initialize(1, 1);
                                                   c2.initialize(2, 2);
                                                                                i global addr
                                                                                                       0x55f85d804150
     std::cout << "real: " << re:
                                                                                c3 addr (global)
                                                                                                       0x55f85d804140
     std::cout << "\timg: " << im <<std::endl;
                                                   c3.print();
                                                                                i auto addr
                                                                                                       0x7ffcd6bb51f4
                                                   c3.add(c1);
                                                                                c1 addr (auto)
                                                                                                       0x7ffcd6bb5210
  void initialize(double _re, double _im)
                                                   c3.print();
                                                                                i dynamic addr
                                                                                                       0x55f85eb4fe90
                                                   c3.add(c2);
                                                                                c2 addr (dynamic)
                                                                                                       0x55f85eb4fe70
                                                   c3.print();
     re = re;
                                                                                real: 0
                                                                                         img: 0
     im = _im;
                                                   return 0;
                                                                                0x7ffcd6bb5210
                                                                                real: 1
                                                                                         img: 1
                                                                                0x55f85eb4fe70
}c3;
                                                                                real: 3
                                                                                         img: 3
int i_global;
```

- this keyword
 - this keyword is like constant pointer to the object which invoked the method
 - Hence it is generally used with arrow operator
 - e.g. this->data-member = 7;
 - e.g. this->member-function();
 - It can be used only inside the methods of the class. It can not be used in independent function
 - Can be used to access object members which are hidden behind local variables of the same name.
 - Methods can access other methods and data members even without use of **this** keyword (as far as members are not hidden behind local variable of the same name).

```
int main()
#include<iostream>
class Complex
                                                   Complex c1, *c2 ptr = new Complex;
                                                   Complex &c2 = *c2_ptr;
  double re:
                                                   int i auto, *ip dynamic = new int;
  double im:
public:
                                                   std::cout << "i global addr\t\t" << &i global << std::endl;
  void add(Complex &c)
                                                   std::cout << "c3 addr (global)\t" << &c3 << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "i auto addr\t\t" << &i auto << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "c1 addr (auto)\t\t" << &c1 << std::endl;
     std::cout << &c << std::endl;
                                                   std::cout << "i_dynamic addr\t\t" << ip_dynamic << std::endl;
     re += c.re:
                                                   std::cout << "c2 addr (dynamic)\t" << &c2 << std::endl;
     im += c.im;
  void print()
                                                   c1.initialize(1, 1);
                                                   c2.initialize(2, 2);
                                                                              i global addr
                                                                                                    0x560816b7b150
     std::cout << "real: " << re:
                                                                              c3 addr (global)
                                                                                                    0x560816b7b140
     std::cout << "\timg: " << im <<std::endl;
                                                   c3.print();
                                                                              i auto addr
                                                                                                    0x7ffc9caae694
                                                   c3.add(c1);
                                                                              c1 addr (auto) 0x7ffc9caae6b0
  void initialize(double re, double im)
                                                   c3.print();
                                                                              i dynamic addr
                                                                                                    0x5608181a7e90
                                                   c3.add(c2);
                                                                              c2 addr (dynamic)
                                                                                                0x5608181a7e70
     this->re = re;
                                                   c3.print();
                                                                              real: 0
                                                                                      img: 0
     this->im = im;
                                                   return 0;
                                                                              0x7ffc9caae6b0
                                                                              real: 1
                                                                                       img: 1
                                                                              0x5608181a7e70
}c3;
                                                                              real: 3
                                                                                       img: 3
int i_global;
```

- Static data members (a.k.a. Class variables)
 - Declaration inside the class (with static keyword)
 - Must be defined outside the class (without static keyword)
 - Name of the class and scope resolution operator is used
 - Initial value can be provided with definition
 - If not then default value is zero
 - Only one copy is created for static data member
 - All objects of that class share the same copy
 - It is stored in data section
 - Even when class does not have any objects, static data members can be accessed and used
 - Private static data members can be accessed only by member fⁿ
 - Public static data members can be accessed by outside world as well
 - Using object and dot operator or class name and scope resolution operator

```
int main()
#include<iostream>
class Complex
                                                 Complex c1, c2, c3;
  double re:
  double im;
                                                 std::cout << "count: " << Complex::instance_count << std::endl;
public:
  void add(Complex &c)
                                                 c1.initialize(1, 1);
                                                 c1.instance_count++;
                                                 c2.initialize(2, 2);
     std::cout << &c << std::endl;
                                                 c2.instance_count++;
     re += c.re;
     im += c.im;
                                                 c3.initialize(0, 0);
                                                 c3.print();
                                                 c3.add(c1);
  void print()
                                                 Complex::instance_count++;
                                                 std::cout << "count: " << Complex::instance_count << std::endl;
     std::cout << "real: " << re;
     std::cout << "\timg: " << im <<std::endl;
                                                                     count: 0
                                                 c3.print();
                                                                     real: 0 img: 0
  void initialize(double re, double im)
                                                 c3.add(c2);
                                                                     0x7ffd84af2c60
                                                 c3.print();
                                                                     count: 3
                                                 return 0;
     this->re = re:
                                                                     real: 1 img: 1
     this->im = im;
                                                                     0x7ffd84af2c70
                                                                      real: 3 img: 3
  static int instance_count;
int Complex::instance_count = 0;
```

- Static member functions (static methods)
 - **static** keyword is appended before the method declaration inside class definition
 - Can be defined inside the class (along with declaration) or outside the class
 - When defined outside the class static keyword should not be used
 - It can only access other static data members and static member functions of the class
 - It can not access other non-static data members or non-static member functions of the class
 - Private static member functions can be called only by other static and non-static member functions of the same class
 - Public static methods can be called from outside the class as well
 - Using object and dot operator or class name and scope resolution operator

```
int main()
#include<iostream>
class FirstClass
                                                                                                    FirstClass fc;
                                                                                                    fc.print cnt();
                                                                                                     FirstClass::set_cnt(0);
  static int cnt;
public:
                                                                                                    fc.print_cnt();
                                                                                                    fc.set_cnt(100);
  int other_var;
  static void set_cnt(int i)
                                                                                                     FirstClass::print_cnt();
                                                                                                     return 0;
     // error: invalid use of member 'FirstClass::other_var' in static member function
     // other_var = 0; // static method can access only static members of the class
     cnt = i;
  static void print_cnt();
};
                                                                                                        10
void FirstClass::print_cnt()
                                                                                                        100
  std::cout << cnt << std::endl;
int FirstClass::cnt = 10;
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
public:
  char name[50];
  int age;
};
void change_name(char name[])
  name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(int age)
  age = 31;
```

```
int main()
  Person person1;
  strcpy(person1.name, "Sita");
  person1.age = 30;
  change_name(person1.name);
                                  // pass by pointer
  change_age(person1.age);
                                  // pass by value
  std::cout << person1.name << " ";
  std::cout << person1.age << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
public:
  char name[50];
  int age;
};
void change_name(Person person)
  person.name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(Person person)
  person.age = 31;
```

```
int main()
  Person person1;
  strcpy(person1.name, "Sita");
  person1.age = 30;
  change_name(person1);
                             // pass object by value
  change_age(person1); // pass object by value
  std::cout << person1.name << " ";
  std::cout << person1.age << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

Sita 30

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
public:
  char name[50];
  int age;
};
void change_name(Person &person)
  person.name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(Person &person)
  person.age = 31;
```

```
int main()
  Person person1;
  strcpy(person1.name, "Sita");
  person1.age = 30;
  change_name(person1); // pass object by reference
  change_age(person1); // pass object by reference
  std::cout << person1.name << " ";
  std::cout << person1.age << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
public:
  char name[50];
  int age;
};
void change_name(Person person[])
  person[0].name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(Person person[])
  person[0].age = 31;
```

```
int main()
  Person person[5];
  strcpy(person[0].name, "Sita");
  person[0].age = 30;
  change_name(person); // pass object array by pointer
  change_age(person); // pass object array by pointer
  std::cout << person[0].name << " ";
  std::cout << person[0].age << std::endl;</pre>
  return 0;
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
public:
  char name[50];
  int age;
  void print()
     std::cout << name << " ";
     std::cout << age << std::endl;
void change_name(Person person[])
  person[0].name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(Person person[])
  person[0].age = 31;
```

```
int main()
  Person person[5];
  strcpy(person[0].name, "Sita");
  person[0].age = 30;
  change_name(person);
  change_age(person);
  // We can access members of an element of object array
  person[0].print();
  return 0;
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
class Person
  int age;
public:
  char name[50];
  void print()
     std::cout << name << " ";
     std::cout << age << std::endl;
  void set_age(int age)
     this->age = age;
  int get_age()
     return age;
```

```
void change name(Person person)
  person.name[0] = 'R';
void change_age(Person person)
  person.age = 31;
int main()
  Person person;
  strcpy(person.name, "Sita");
  person.set_age(30);
  change_name(person);
  // error: 'int Person::age' is private within this context
  // change_age needs to be method or friend function
  // inorder to access its private members
  change_age(person);
  person.print();
  return 0;
```

- Friend functions
 - We can allow outside functions to access private members of a class
 - To make outside function friendly, we need to declare it as a friend within class definition
 - With use of friend keyword
 - Function is defined outside the class definition
 - Function definition does not use keyword friend
 - Can't use class name and scope resolution operator with definition
 - In other words, function definition does not require any change
 - Unlike methods of that class, friend function can not even access private members without object name and dot operator
 - A function can be declared as friend function in more than one class
 - It can not be called using object of the class in which it has be declared friendly. Like definition, function call requires no change
 - It can be declared in public or private area without affecting its meaning

```
#include<iostream>
                                                   void change name(Person person)
#include<cstring>
                                                      person.name[0] = 'R';
class Person
                                                   void change_age(Person person)
  int age;
public:
  char name[50];
                                                      person.age = 31;
  void print()
     std::cout << name << " ";
                                                   int main()
     std::cout << age << std::endl;
                                                      Person person;
                                                      strcpy(person.name, "Sita");
  void set_age(int age)
                                                      person.set_age(30);
                                                      // name ramains Sita, as its pass by value
     this->age = age;
                                                      change_name(person);
                                                      // age ramains 30, as its pass by value
                                                      change_age(person);
  int get_age()
                                                      person.print();
     return age;
                                                                                               Sita 30
                                                      return 0;
  friend void change_age(Person);
};
```

```
void change_name(Person &person)
#include<iostream>
#include<cstring>
                                                      person.name[0] = 'R';
class Person
                                                   void change_age(Person &person)
  int age;
public:
  char name[50];
                                                      person.age = 31;
  void print()
     std::cout << name << " ";
                                                   int main()
     std::cout << age << std::endl;
                                                      Person person;
                                                      strcpy(person.name, "Sita");
  void set_age(int age)
                                                      person.set_age(30);
                                                      // Name changes to Rita, as its pass by reference
     this->age = age;
                                                      change_name(person);
                                                      // age changes to 31, as its pass by reference
                                                      change_age(person);
  int get_age()
                                                      person.print();
     return age;
                                                                                              Rita 31
                                                      return 0;
  friend void change_age(Person &);
};
```

```
#include<iostream>
                                                  class Mat
                                                                                                      Vect product(Mat m, Vect v)
// Class declaration
                                                     int matrix[3][3];
                                                                                                        Vect result:
class Mat;
                                                  public:
                                                                                                        int i, j;
                                                     void initialize()
                                                                                                        for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
class Vect
                                                       int i, j;
                                                                                                           result.vctr[i] = 0;
  int vctr[3];
                                                       for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                                                                           for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
  friend Vect product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                          for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
public:
                                                             matrix[i][j] = i + j;
                                                                                                              result.vctr[i] += m.matrix[i][j] * v.vctr[j];
  void initialize()
                                                     void display()
     int i;
                                                                                                        // Returning result object by value
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                       int i, j;
                                                                                                        return result;
        vctr[i] = i + 1;
                                                       for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                          for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
                                                                                                     int main()
  void display()
                                                             std::cout << matrix[i][j] << "\t";
                                                          std::cout << std::endl;
                                                                                                        Mat m:
     int i;
                                                                                                        Vect v;
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                                                                        m.initialize();
        std::cout << vctr[i] << std::endl;
                                                     friend Vect product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our matrx:" << std::endl:
                                                  };
                                                                                                        m.display();
};
                                                                                                        v.initialize();
                        Our matrx:
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our vector:" << std::endl;
                                     3
                                                                                                        v.display();
                        Our vector:
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our resultant vector:" << std::endl;
                                                                                                        product(m, v).display();
                        Our resultant vector:
                                                                                                        return 0;
                        14
                        20
```

```
#include<iostream>
                                                  class Mat
// Class declaration
                                                     int matrix[3][3];
class Mat;
                                                  public:
                                                     void initialize()
class Vect
                                                        int i, j;
   int vctr[3];
                                                        for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
   friend Vect &product(Mat m, Vect v):
                                                           for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
public:
                                                              matrix[i][i] = i + i
   void initialize()
                                                     void display()
     int i:
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                        int i, j;
        vctr[i] = i + 1;
                                                        for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                           for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
   void display()
                                                              std::cout << matrix[i][j] << "\t";
                                                           std::cout << std::endl;
     int i;
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        std::cout << vctr[i] << std::endl;
                                                     friend Vect & product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                  };
```

For me, on g++, it resulted in compilation warning And during execution, it ends up in segmantation fault

```
Vect &product(Mat m, Vect v)
  Vect result:
  int i, j;
  for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
     result.vctr[i] = 0;
     for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        result.vctr[i] += m.matrix[i][i] * v.vctr[j];
  // warning: reference to local variable 'result' returned
  return result;
int main()
  Mat m:
  Vect v;
  m.initialize();
  std::cout << "Our matrx:" << std::endl:
  m.display();
  v.initialize();
  std::cout << "Our vector:" << std::endl;
  v.display();
  std::cout << "Our resultant vector:" << std::endl;
  product(m, v).display();
  return 0;
```

```
#include<iostream>
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// Class declaration
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                                                                                                         Vect &result = *(new Vect);
class Mat;
                                                  public:
                                                                                                        int i, j;
                                                     void initialize()
                                                                                                        for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
class Vect
                                                       int i, j;
                                                                                                           result.vctr[i] = 0;
  int vctr[3];
                                                       for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                                                                           for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
  friend Vect &product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                          for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
public:
                                                             matrix[i][j] = i + j;
                                                                                                              result.vctr[i] += m.matrix[i][j] * v.vctr[j];
  void initialize()
                                                     void display()
     int i;
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                       int i, j;
                                                                                                        return result;
        vctr[i] = i + 1;
                                                       for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
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                                                                                                      int main()
  void display()
                                                             std::cout << matrix[i][j] << "\t";
                                                          std::cout << std::endl;
                                                                                                         Mat m:
     int i;
                                                                                                        Vect v;
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                                                                        m.initialize();
        std::cout << vctr[i] << std::endl;
                                                     friend Vect & product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our matrx:" << std::endl:
                                                  };
                                                                                                        m.display();
};
                                                                                                        v.initialize();
                        Our matrx:
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our vector:" << std::endl;
                                     3
                                                                                                        v.display();
                        Our vector:
                                                                                                        std::cout << "Our resultant vector:" << std::endl;
                                                                                                        product(m, v).display();
                        Our resultant vector:
                                                                                                        return 0;
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 Member functions of other classes can also be declared as friend functions class Y

```
friend int X::fun();
};
```

- There would be no change in how function fun is defined and called
- Function fun is a member function of class X and friend of class Y
 - It needs to be invoked with object of class X
 - If there are any objects of class Y (within scope of **fun**), then function **fun** would be able to access private members of those objects of Y
 - But there reverse is not true
 - Methods of class Y can not access private members of class X, unless those methods are declared as friend within class X

Friend class
 class Y
 {
 friend class X;
 };

- All the methods of class X, would become friends of class Y
 - So all the methods of class X can access private members of class Y
 - Methods of class Y can not access private members of class X unless
 - Those methods are declared as friend within class X, within definition of X
 - Or if class Y has been declared as friend class of X
- In other words, friend relationship is not commutative

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                                                                 for(i = 0; i < 3; j++)
public:
                                                                    matrix[i][j] = i + j;
                                                                                                                    result.vctr[i] += m.matrix[i][j] * v.vctr[j];
  void initialize()
                                                           void display() const
     int i:
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                              int i, j;
                                                                                                              return result;
        vctr[i] = i + 1;
                                                              for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                                 for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
                                                                                                           int main()
  void display() const
                                                                    std::cout << matrix[i][i] << "\t";
                                                                 std::cout << std::endl;
                                                                                                              Mat m;
     int i;
                                                                                                              Vect v;
     // error: assignment of read-only location
                                                                                                              m.initialize();
     // vctr[0] = 100;
                                                           friend Vect &product(Mat m, Vect v);
                                                                                                              std::cout << "Our matrx:" << std::endl;
     for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
                                                        };
                                                                                                              m.display();
        std::cout << vctr[i] << std::endl;
                                                            Our matrx:
                                                                                                              v.initialize();
                                                                                                              std::cout << "Our vector:" << std::endl;
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- const member functions
 - If member function does not alter any data member of the object then it may be declared as const method
 - const member functions does not change the state of the object
 - Keyword **const** is appended at the end of the function prototype (both in declaration and definition)
 - Compiler will generate error if const member function tries to alter state of the object
 - Though such function can have local variables and it can also alter local variable.
 - Benefit of const member functions
 - Developer will not modify state of the object from const member functions by mistake
 - We will see later that const object can call const member functions, but it can not call other non-const member functions

```
#include<iostream>
void fun(int &i)
  i = 7;
  std::cout << i << std::endl;
class Test
  int x = 5;
public:
  void abc()
     // passing private member to non-member function as reference
     fun(x);
     std::cout << x << std::endl;
int main()
  Test t:
  t.abc();
  return 0;
```

- This is valid and does not violate the rules of encapsulation (data hiding), because member function by itself (knowingly) is sending the private member to non-member function
- Member function is knowingly compromising its privacy, and it is allowed
- We have been doing something similar all along, when we use scanf function to scan the values of private members

- Local classes
 - C++ allows us to define classes within function
 - Methods of the local classes can use
 - Global variables
 - Static variables of the function in which local class is defined
 - Methods of the local classes can not use auto variables of the function in which local class is defined
 - Local classes can not have static data members
 - Member functions of the local class must be defined within the class definition (inline by default)

Interesting reads

- Structures are classes under the hood
 - https://stackoverflow.com/a/36917400/4167026



