# C++ Object model

- freq.cpp example:
  - function prototypes
  - file organization (single file program)
  - practice with parameter passing
- Object model in C++
- More parameter passing for objects
- Defining classes

#### Announcements

- PA4 due on Wednesday
- lab 12 on using the debugger and Linked lists
  - bring pencil and paper to lab
  - based on this Thur. lecture topic

# Review: call by reference and call by value

```
void foo(int & a, int b) {
  a = 100;
 b = 50;
int main() {
  int x = 10;
  int y = 20;
  foo(x, y);
  cout << x << " " << y << endl;
  return 0;
```

Asynchronous participation: Link to C++ params poll

# OUT parameters

• For OUT example do histogram example:

freq.cpp

• also to discuss file organization

# C++ object model

- Two ways to define objects in C++:
- 1. automatic ("on the stack") [default]

1. dynamic (create with new)

[ uses pointer syntax ]

# C++ object model

• Object that is a local variable:

```
void myFunc() {
  vector<int> v;
  int i = 17;
  v.push back(3);
  v.push back(17);
  v.push back(5);
  v = vector<int>(); // re-inits
```

# Passing an object as a parameter

• Pass an object by value: the whole object gets copied:

```
// ex from lab
void printVals(vector<int> v) {
   for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++) {
      cout << v[i] << " ";
   }
}</pre>
```

• How can we avoid making a copy here?

#### Pass by const-ref

- Can tell the compiler / client that the function doesn't change the object.
- But still get the efficiency of call-by-ref:

```
void printVals(const vector<int> & v) {
   for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++) {
      cout << v[i] << " ";
   }
}</pre>
```

- Use instead of call-by-value for objects
- for primitive types use pass by value

## Returning objects by value

• Same semantics for return objects by value:

```
// ex from lab
vector<int> readVals() {
   // reads data from user into a vector
}
. . .
vector<int> v;
v = readVals();
```

- The whole vector is copied back to caller
- How to do this without copying the whole vector?

## Objects as IN OUT params

• Which parameter passing mode for **v** below?

```
// remove first instance of target from vector v
void removeVal(int target,
  // find loc of target in v
  // if it's there,
   // shift values to close up hole
   // v.pop back();
 vector<int> v = readvals();
removeVal(32, v);
```

• What about letting client know whether target was found?

## Defining classes

- For basic stuff, mostly just syntactic differences between C++ and Java
- We'll look at studentProg.cpp
- which is a C++ version of a Java program we did earlier in the semester.

```
Student.java
StudentTester.java
```

[Java example under Week 2 lecture notes]