

C++ Programming

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Namespace

- To prevent name conflicts/ collision / ambiguity in large projects
- to group/organize functionally equivalent / related types together.
- If we want to access value of global variable then we should use scope resolution operator (::)
- We can not instantiate namespace.
- It is designed to avoid name ambiguity and grouping related types.
- If we want to define namespace then we should use **namespace** keyword.
- We can not define namespace inside function/class.
- If name of the namespaces are same then name of members must be different.
- We can not define main function inside namespace.
- Namespace can contain:
 1. Variable
 2. Function
 3. Types[structure/union/class]
 4. Enum
 5. Nested Namespace

Note :

- If we define member without namespace then it is considered as member of global namespace.
- If we want to access members of namespace frequently then we should use using directive.



Class

- Building block that binds together data & code.
- Program is divided into different classes
- Class is collection of data member and member function.
- Class represents set/group of such objects which is having common structure and common behavior.
- Class is logical entity.
- Class has
 - Variables (data members)
 - Functions (member functions or methods)
- By default class members are private(not accessible outside class scope)
- Classes are stand-alone components & can be distributed in form of libraries
- Class is blue-print of an object



Data Members and Member Functions

Data Members

- Data members of the class are generally made as private to provide the data security.
- The private members cannot be accessed outside the class.
- So these members are always accessed by the member functions.

Member Functions

- Member functions are generally declared as public members of class.
- Constructor : Initialize Object
- Destructor : De-initialize Object
- Mutators : Modifies state of the object
- Inspectors : Don't Modify state of object
- Facilitator : Provide facility like IO



Object

- Object is an instance of class.
- Entity that has physical existence, can store data, send and receive message to communicate with other objects.
- An entity, which get space inside memory is called object.
- Object is used to access data members and member function of the class
- Process of creating object from a class is called instantiation

- **Object has**

- Data members (**state** of object)
 - Value stored inside object is called state of the object.
 - Value of data member represent state of the object.
- Member function (**behavior** of object)
 - Set of operation that we perform on object is called behaviour of an object.
 - Member function of class represent behaviour of the object.
 - is how object acts & reacts, when its state is changed & operations are done
 - Operations performed are also known as messages
- Unique address(**identity** of object)
 - Value of any data member, which is used to identify object uniquely is called its identity.
 - If state of object is same the its address can be considered as its identity.



Few Points to note

- Member function do not get space inside object.
- If we create object of the class then only data members get space inside object. Hence size of object is depends on size of all the data members declared inside class.
- Data members get space once per object according to the order of data member declaration.
- Structure of the object is depends on data members declared inside class.
- Member function do not get space per object rather it gets space on code segment and all the objects of same class share single copy of it.
- Member function's of the class defines behaviour of the object.



this pointer

- To process state of the object we should call member function on object. Hence we must define member function inside class.
- If we call member function on object then compiler implicitly pass address of that object as a argument to the function implicitly.
- To store address of object compiler implicitly declare one pointer as a parameter inside member function. Such parameter is called this pointer.
- this is a keyword. "this" pointer is a constant pointer.
- this is used to store address of current object or calling object.
- The invoking object is passed as implicit argument to the function.
- *this* pointer points to current object i.e. object invoking the member function.
- Thus every member function receives *this* pointer.
- Following functions do not get this pointer:
 1. Global Function
 2. Static Member function
 3. Friend Function.



Access Specifier

- If we want to control visibility of members of structure/class then we should use access Specifier.
- Defines the accessibility of data member and member functions
- **Access specifiers in C++**
 1. private(-)
 2. protected(#)
 3. public(+)
- 1. Private - Can access inside the same struct/class in which it is declared Generally data members should declared as private. (data security)
- 2. Public - Can access inside the same struct/class in which it is declared as well as inside outside function(like main()). Generally member functions should declared as public.
- 3. Protected - Can access inside the same class in which it is declared as well as inside Derived class.



Constructor

- It is a member function of a class which is used to initialize object.
- Constructor has same name as that of class and don't have any return type.
- Constructor get automatically called when object is created i.e. memory is allocated to object.
- If we don't write any constructor, compiler provides a default constructor.
- Due to following reasons, constructor is considered as special function of the class:
 1. Its name is same as class name.
 2. It doesn't have any return type.
 3. It is designed to call implicitly.
 4. In the life time of the object , it gets called only once per object and according to order of its declaration.



Types of Constructor

- Parameterless constructor
 - also called zero argument constructor or user defined default constructor
 - If we create object without passing argument then parameterless constructor gets called
 - Constructor do not take any parameter
- Parameterized constructor
 - If constructor take parameter then it is called parameterized constructor
 - If we create object, by passing argument then parameterized constructor gets called
- Default constructor
 - If we do not define constructor inside class then compiler generates default constructor for the class.
 - Compiler generated default constructor is parameterless.



Facts About Constructor

- We can not call constructor on object, pointer or reference explicitly. It is designed to call implicitly.
- We can not declare constructor static, constant, volatile or virtual. We can declare constructor only inline.
- Constructor overloading means inside a class more than one constructor is defined.
- We can have constructors with
 - No argument : initialize data member to default values
 - One or more arguments : initialize data member to values passed to it
 - Argument of type of object : initialize object by using the values of the data members of the passed object. It is called as copy constructor.



Constructor's member initializer list

- If we want to initialize data members according to users requirement then we should use constructor body.

```
class Test
{
private:
    int num1;
    int num2;
    int num3;

public:
    Test( void )
    {
        this->num1 = 10;
        this->num2 = 20;
        this->num3 = num2;
    }
};
```

- If we want to initialize data member according to order of data member declaration then we can use constructors member initializer list.

```
class Test
{
private:
    int num1;
    int num2;
    int num3;

public:
    Test( void ) : num1( 10 ), num2( 20 ),
        num3( num2 )
    { }
};
```

Except array we can initialize any member inside constructors member initializer list.



Scope Resolution Operator (::)

- :: operator is used to bind a member with some class or namespace.
- It can be used to define members outside class.
- Also used to resolve ambiguity.
- It can also be used to access global members.
 - Example :- ::a =10; access global var.
- Scope resolution Operator is used to :
 - to call global functions
 - to define member functions of class outside the class
 - to access members of namespaces



cin and cout

- C++ provides an easier way for input and output.
- Console Output : Monitor
 - iostream is the standard header file of C++ for using cin and cout.
 - cout is external object of ostream class.
 - cout is member of std namespace and std namespace is declared in iostream header file.
 - cout uses insertion operator(<<)
- Console Input : Keyboard
 - cin is an external object of istream class.
 - cin is a member of std namespace and std namespace is declared in header file.
 - cin uses Extraction operator(>>)
- The output:
 - cout << "Hello C++";
- The input:
 - cin >> var;



Other Member functions of class Setter & Getter

- **Mutator/setter :**

- If we want to modify state of object i.e value of a private data member of the class outside the class using object then we should write a mutator.
- It is recommended to start the mutator function name with set followed by data member name which will accept a single argument to change the respective single data member value.

- **Inspector/getter :**

- If we want to read the state of object i.e value of a private data member of the class outside the class using object then we should write a Inspector
- It is recommended to start the inspector function name with get followed by data member name which will return the respective single data member value.

- **Facilitator**

- Any member function of a class that deals with all the data members of class and which are used to perform business logic operations are called as facilitators



Thank You

