



Unit 5 (ch11)

More about Classes

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Why do We Need Friends??

- Theoretically, all required functions are included in the class itself
 - However, you may need outside help in some cases
 - Friends can help!!
- If you need help from ordinary (non-member) functions, access for internal data is necessary
 - Give special permission to those functions by declaring them as FRIENDS
 - Avoid extra overhead on calling accessors/mutators





Friend Functions

- Member functions can access private members
 - Non-member functions can only access private data through interface functions → inefficient !!
- Friend functions can directly access private members
 - No calls to accessor/mutators → efficient !!
- Friend functions are inherently dangerous
 - You should make friends very carefully !!
- Use keyword *friend* in front of function declaration
 - Should be specified **INSIDE** class definition
 - Encapsulation can still be achieved

Use friends properly to get efficiency and keep safety

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Example: An Equality Function

- The equality function tests two objects of type DayOfYear (in Ch10) and return a Boolean value
 - It is TRUE if two objects have the same day and month
- The equal function can be used to compare dates in this manner

```
if ( equal( today, bach_birthday) )
  cout << "It's Bach's birthday!";</pre>
```

- The function equal cannot be a member function of any specific object
 - You have no access to the data of another object



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Is the Function equal Efficient?

Without friend declaration, equal can be defined as:

```
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2)
{
   return ( date1.getMonth( ) == date2.getMonth( )
        && date1.getDay( ) == date2.getDay( ) );
}
```

- Function equal could be made more efficient
 - Using member function calls to obtain the private data values is not efficient
 - Direct access of the member variables would be more efficient (faster)





Non-Member Function (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class DayOfYear
public:
  DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay);
  DayOfYear();
  void input();
  void output( );
  int getMonth();
  int getDay();
private:
  void checkDate();
                              Declared as
  int month;
                           normal functions
  int day;
};
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2);
```

```
int main()
  DayOfYear today, bachBirthday(3, 21);
  cout << "Enter today's date:\n";
  today.input();
  cout << "Today's date is ";
  today.output();
  cout << "J. S. Bach's birthday is ";
  bachBirthday.output();
  if ( equal(today, bachBirthday))
     cout << "Happy Birthday Johann "
          << "Sebastian!\n";
  else
     cout << "Happy Unbirthday Johann "
          << "Sebastian!\n";
  return 0;
```

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Non-Member Function (2/2)

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay) void DayOfYear::input()
             : month(theMonth), day(theDay)
  checkDate();
int DayOfYear::getMonth( )
  return month;
int DayOfYear::getDay( )
  return day;
       Sample Dialogue
       Enter today's date:
       Enter the month as a number: 3
       Enter the day of the month: 21
       Today's date is month = 3, day = 21
       J. S. Bach's birthday is month = 3, day = 21
       Happy Birthday Johann Sebastian!
```

```
cout << "Enter the month as a number: ";
  cin >> month;
  cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
  cin >> day;
void DayOfYear::output( )
  cout << "month = " << month
       << ", day = " << day << endl;
}
bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2)
  return ( date1.getMonth( ) ==
           date2.getMonth() &&
        date1.getDay( ) == date2.getDay( ) );
```



Friend Functions

- The friend relationship is declared using the keyword friend in the class definition
 - A friend function is not a member function, but it has extra access to private members of the class
 - Friendship relation is neither symmetric nor transitive
- The friend function is a standalone function declared outside the class
 - Entire classes or member functions of other classes can also be friends of another class
- As a friend function, the more efficient version of function equal becomes possible

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Declaring A Friend

 The function equal is declared a friend in the abbreviated class definition here

```
class DayOfYear
{
   public:
        friend bool equal(DayOfYear date1, DayOfYear date2);
        // The rest of the public members
   private:
        // the private members
};
```

- Friend function is defined as a nonmember function without using the "::" operator
 - Friend function is called without using the '.' operator



A More Efficient equal

- With friend relationship, direct access of private member variables is legal now!!
 - The code is simpler and more efficient

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Choosing Friends

- How do you know when a function should be a friend or a member function?
 - In general, use a member function if its task involves only one object
 - In general, use a nonmember function if its task involves more than one object
- Choosing to make the nonmember function a friend is a decision of efficiency and personal taste
 - You can still access private members through the normal accessor and mutator functions of the class if need





Example: The Money Class

- This example demonstrates a class called *Money*
 - U.S. currency is represented
- Value is implemented as an integer representing the value as if converted to pennies
 - An integer allows exact representation of the value
 - Type long is used to allow larger values
- Two friend functions, equal and add, are used
 - Handle two different objects

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter an amount of money: $123.45
Your amount is $123.45
My amount is $10.09
One of us is richer.
$123.45 + $10.09 equals $133.54
```

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Code for Money Class (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
class Money
public:
  friend Money add(Money amount1,
                    Money amount2);
  friend bool equal(Money amount1,
                   Money amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue();
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs);
private:
  long allCents;
```

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```
Money::Money(long dollars, int cents)
  if(dollars*cents < 0)
     cout << "Illegal values for dollars and cents.\n";
     exit(1);
  allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
Money::Money(long dollars): allCents(dollars*100)
  //Body intentionally blank.
Money::Money(): allCents(0)
  //Body intentionally blank.
double Money::getValue()
  return (allCents * 0.01);
```

Code for Money Class (2/3)

```
void Money::input(istream& ins)
  char oneChar, decimalPoint, digit1, digit2;
  long dollars;
  int cents;
  bool negative;
  ins >> oneChar;
  if (oneChar == '-')
     negative = true;
    ins >> oneChar; //read '$'
  else negative = false;
  ins >> dollars >> decimalPoint >> digit1
     >> digit2;
  if (oneChar!= '$' || decimalPoint!= '.'
     ||!isdigit(digit1)||!isdigit(digit2))
     cout << "Illegal input form\n";
     exit(1);
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```

```
cents = digitToInt(digit1)*10 + digitToInt(digit2);
  allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
  if (negative)
     allCents = -allCents;
void Money::output(ostream& outs)
  long positiveCents, dollars, cents;
  positiveCents = labs(allCents);
  dollars = positiveCents/100;
  cents = positiveCents%100;
  if (allCents < 0)
     outs << "-$" << dollars << '.';
     outs << "$" << dollars << '.';
  if (cents < 10)
     outs << '0';
  outs << cents;
}
```

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Code for Money Class (3/3)

```
cout << "Enter an amount of money: ";
yourAmount.input(cin);
cout << "Your amount is";
vourAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
cout << "My amount is";
myAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
if (equal(yourAmount, myAmount))
  cout << "We have same amounts.\n";
else cout << "One of us is richer.\n";
ourAmount = add(yourAmount, myAmount);
yourAmount.output(cout);
cout << " + ";
myAmount.output(cout);
cout << " equals ";
ourAmount.output(cout);
cout << endl;
return 0;
```



Dealing with Input Dollar Values

- The member function input processes the dollar values entered
 - Ex: \$20.48, -\$17.92, ... (including both char and int)
- 1. Read the first character (can be \$ or —)
 - If it is the minus sign (-), set the negative flag as TRUE and read the next \$ sign
 - For others, set the negative flag as FALSE and do nothing (the \$ sign has been read in already)
- 2. Read the first number (dollar amount) as a long
 - Stop at the period (.) because it is not a number
- 3. Read the decimal point and cents as 3 characters
 - You have only two digits for cents
 - digitToInt will convert the cents characters to integers



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The Function digitToInt

digitToInt is defined as

return (static_cast<int> (c) - static_cast<int>('0'));

- Input c is a character for one digit, such as '3'
 - This is the character '3' not the number 3
- The type cast static_cast<int>(c) returns the ASCII code that represents the character stored in c
- The ASCII codes for digits are in order
 - int('0') + 1 is equivalent to int('1')
 - int('1') + 1 is equivalent to int('2')
- If c is '0', int(c) int('0') = integer 0
 - If c is '0', int(c) int('0') = integer 1

(ASCII) Code	
$b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1$	b ₇ b ₆ b ₅
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	8
1001	9



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Class Parameters

- By default, class parameters are passed into a function by value
 - This results in two copies of the argument
 - However, a class can have many members in it ...
- It is more efficient to use call-by-reference mechanism for class parameters
 - There is only one copy of the argument
- When using a call-by-reference parameter
 - If the function does not change the value of the parameter, mark the parameter as constant
 - Prevent the data from being changed unintentionally

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const Parameter Modifier

- To mark a call-by-reference class parameter:
 - Use the modifier const before the parameter type (class name)
 - The class becomes a constant parameter
 - const used in both function declaration and definition
- Example (from the Money class):
 - A function declaration with constant parameters friend Money add(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
 - A function definition with constant parameters
 Money add(const Money& amount1,

```
Money add(const Money& amount1,
const Money& amount2)
{ ... }
```



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const and Accessor Functions

- When a function has a constant parameter, compiler has to protect the parameter from being changed
 - What if the parameter calls a member function?
 - It may change the internal of a constant object !!
- For example, there is an accessor function call from the constant parameter amount1

```
Money add(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
{ ... amount1.output(cout); }
```

- The compiler will not accept this code
 - No guarantee that output will not modify the object



const Modifies Functions

- To allow a constant parameter make a member function call:
 - The called member function must be marked so the compiler knows it will not modify the object
 - Add const after the parameter list and just before the semicolon
 - const used in both function declaration and definition
- Example (from the Money class):
 - A function declaration without changing any member data void output(ostream& outs) const;
 - A function definition without changing any member data
 void Money::output(ostream& outs) const
 { ... }



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const Wrapup

- Using const to protect the call-by-reference class parameters improves efficiency and keeps safety
 - const is added in front of the class name
- Member functions called by constant parameters must also be constant
 - const is added following the parameter list
- If a member function will not change any member values, add
 const modifier to it

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```
class Money
{
public:
  friend Money add(const Money& amount1,
                     const Money& amount2);
  friend bool equal(const Money& amount1,
                   const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue( ) const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
private:
  long allCents;
};
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```



Code Example of Constant Object

- Constant object can use constant functions only !!
 - Non-constant object has no restrictions

```
int main()
class DayOfYear
                                               DayOfYear date1; // non-constant object
 public:
  friend bool equal(DayOfYear date1,
                                               const DayOfYear date2(3, 21); // constant
                    DayOfYear date2);
                                                 // non-constant object
   DayOfYear(int theMonth, int theDay);
                                               date1.input();
                                                                // non-constant function
                                               date1.output(); // constant function
   DayOfYear();
                                           队分cout << date1.getMonth() // non-const func
   void input( );
   void output() const;
                                                    << date1.getDay(); // constant func
   int getMonth(); // make it non-const
                                                 // constant object
   int getDay() const;
                                            X date2.input();
                                                                // non-constant function
                                            √ date2.output(); // constant function
private:
                                               cout << date2.getMonth() // non-const func</pre>
  void checkDate( );
  int month;
                                                    << date2.getDay();
                                                                          // constant func
   int day;
                                               return 0;
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```



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Why Operator Overloading?

- All operators for built-in types are defined in C++
 - Ex: for *int*, we have +, -, *, /, =, %, ==, ...
- For user-defined types, e.g. the Money class, can we also use "operators" for them?
 - Function add was used to add two objects of type Money in previous examples

```
Money total, cost, tax;
...
total = add(cost, tax);
// can we use total = cost + tax ?
```

- Those operators are unknown without redefinition
- Operator overloading contributes to C++ extensibility
 - Make a program clearer than using function calls

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Operators As Functions

- Operators, ex: +, −, *, /, %, are actually functions
- They are just invoked in different syntax
 - An ordinary function call enclosed its arguments in parenthesis, ex: add(cost, tax)
 - With a binary operator, the arguments are on either side of the operator, ex: cost + tax
 - answer = cost + tax \leftrightarrow answer = +(cost, tax)
- To overload the + operator for the Money class, the definition is nearly the same as function add
 - Use the name + in place of the name add
 - Use keyword operator in front of the +
 - Ex: friend Money operator + (const Money& amount1...

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Operator Overloading Rules

- Operator overloading works on objects only !!
 - At least one argument must be of a class type
- Friend class operator +
- An overloaded operator can be a friend of a class
- Most existing operators are allowed to be overloaded
 - You cannot invent a whole new operator !!
 - ., ::, *, and ternary operator (?:) cannot be overloaded
- The number of arguments for an operator cannot be changed + 就是兩個 数,不能只有 1個
 - You cannot define a unary % or a ternary +
- The same precedence and associativity still hold
 - Ex: b = b + c * a; $\rightarrow b = (b + (c*a))$; even a, b, c are of type Money

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Example for Operator Overloading (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
class Money
public:
 Friend Money operator +(const Money&
      //amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
       amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
  long allCents;
```

```
Two overloaded operators + and == are demonstrated
```



Example for Operator Overloading (2/2)

```
int main( )
{
    Money cost(1, 50), tax(0, 15), total;
    total = cost + tax;

    cout << "cost = ";
    cost.output(cout);
    cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
cout << "tax = ";
tax.output(cout);
cout << endl;
cout << "total bill = ";
total.output(cout);
cout << endl;
if (cost == tax)
    cout << "Move to another state.\n";
else
    cout << "Things seem normal.\n";
return 0;</pre>
```

Output

```
cost = $1.50
tax = $0.15
total bill = $1.65
Things seem normal.
```



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Automatic Type Conversion

Does this code actually work??

Money baseAmount(100, 60), fullAmount; fullAmount = baseAmount + 25;

- Integer 25 is not of type Money !!
- When the compiler sees baseAmount + 25, it first looks for an overloaded + operator to perform MoneyObject + integer
 - Ex: friend Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const int& amount2);
- If the appropriate version of + is not found, the compiler looks for a constructor that takes an int
 - The constructor Money(long dollars) converts 25 to a Money object so the two values can be added!



A Constructor for double

- (baseAmount + 25) is supported through proper constructor
- (baseAmount + 25.67) will cause an error !!
 - There is no constructor in the Money class that takes a single argument of type double
- To permit (baseAmount + 25.67), the following constructor should be declared and defined class Money public:

Money(double amount); // Initialize object so its value is \$amount



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Returning Constant Objects

- What's the difference of these two versions?
 - Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
 - const Money operator +(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
- Consider the following example:

```
Money a(5), b(1,50), c(0,15);
if ((a+b) = c) // an error version of (a+b) == c
```

- (a+b)=c has no error in non-constant version, but causes compilation error in constant version
- Returning constant object is preferred!!

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Overloading Unary Operators

- Unary operators can be overloaded, too
 - They take only one single argument
- The unary operator is used to negate a value
- ++ and - are also unary operators
 - Need special handling for prefix and postfix issues
 - Discussed later in another section
- In the next example, operator is overloaded as two different versions (binary vs unary)
 - Two arguments: subtract two Money objects
 Ex: amount3 = amount1 amount2;
 - One argument: negate the value in a Money object
 Ex: amount3 = -amount1;

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Class Definition with Overloading

```
Same function name with
class Money
              different number of arguments
public:
  friend Money operator +(const Money&
       amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money&
        amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money& amount);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
        amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
  void input(istream& ins);
  void output(ostream& outs) const;
private:
  long allCents;
```

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Overloading << and >>

- The insertion operator << is a binary operator
 - The first operand is the output stream
 - The second operand is the value following <<

cout << "Hello out there.\n";



Operand 2

- Overloading the << operator allows us to use << instead of Money's output function
 - Given the declaration: Money amount(100);
 amount.output(cout); → cout << amount;

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What Does << Return?

Because << is a binary operator cout << "I have " << amount << " in my purse."; seems as if it could be grouped as ((cout << "I have") << amount) << "in my purse.";</p>

To provide cout as an argument for << amount,
 (cout << "I have") must return cout (cout a "I have")

Based on the previous example, << should return for the cut its first argument, the output stream

```
class Money
{
    public:
        ... (out)
        friend ostream& operator << (ostream& outs,
```

const Money& amount);

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Overloaded << Definition

The following defines the << operator

```
ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs,
const Money& amount)
{
  // Same as the body of Money::output
  // Internal variable allCents is replaced with
  // amount.allCents from the given object
  return outs;
}
```

- The & means a reference is returned instead of value
 - The value of a stream might be an entire file, the keyboard, or the screen!
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Returning the stream itself is more efficient

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Overloaded >>

- Overloading the >> operator for input is very similar to overloading the << for output
- >> could be defined this way for the Money class:

```
istream& operator >>(istream& ins, Money& amount)
{
    // Same as the body of Money::input
    // Internal variable allCents is replaced with
    // amount.allCents from the given object
    return ins;
}
```





Money Class with Operators (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
int digitToInt(char c);
class Money
public:
  friend Money operator +(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  friend Money operator -(const Money& amount);
  friend bool operator ==(const Money&
           amount1, const Money& amount2);
  Money(long dollars, int cents);
  Money(long dollars);
  Money();
  double getValue() const;
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```

```
friend istream& operator >>(istream&
                     ins, Money& amount);
   friend ostream& operator <<(ostream&
              outs, const Money& amount);
private:
  long allCents;
};
istream& operator >> (istream& ins, Money&
                                    amount)
{
   char oneChar, decimalPoint, digit1, digit2;
  long dollars;
  int cents;
  bool negative;
  ins >> oneChar;
  if (oneChar == '-')
     negative = true;
     ins >> oneChar; //read '$'
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```



Money Class with Operators (2/3)

```
else
    negative = false;
ins >> dollars >> decimalPoint >> digit1
    >> digit2;
if ( oneChar != `$' || decimalPoint != `.'
    || !isdigit(digit1) || !isdigit(digit2) )
{
    cout << " Illegal input form\n";
    exit(1);
}
cents = digitToInt(digit1)*10 + digitToInt(digit2);
amount.allCents = dollars*100 + cents;
if (negative)
    amount.allCents = -amount.allCents;
return ins;</pre>
```

```
ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const Money& amount)

{
    long positiveCents, dollars, cents; positiveCents = labs(amount.allCents); dollars = positiveCents/100; cents = positiveCents%100;
    if (amount.allCents < 0) outs << "-$" << dollars << '.'; else outs << "$" << dollars << '.'; if (cents < 10) outs << '0'; outs << cents; return outs;
}
```

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Money Class with Operators (3/3)

```
outStream.open("outfile.dat");
if (outStream.fail( ))
{
    cout << "Output file opening failed.\n";
    exit(1);
}
inStream >> amount;
outStream << amount
    << " copied from the file infile.dat.\n";
cout << amount
    << " copied from the file infile.dat.\n";
inStream.close( );
outStream.close( );
return 0;
}
```



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Arrays and Classes

Arrays can use structures/classes as their base types

Use the dot operator to access the members of an indexed variable

```
■ Example: for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{

dataPoint.velocity[i]
has different meaning
→ explained later ...

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for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)

cout << "Enter velocity: ";
cin >> dataPoint[i].velocity;
```

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An Array of Class Money

Use default constructor to initialize each variable in array

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Money
{    // same definition as in previous examples };
int main()
{
    Money amount[5], max;
    int i;

    cout << "Enter 5 amounts of money:\n";
    cin >> amount[0];
    max = amount[0];
    for (i = 1; i < 5; i++)
    {
        cin >> amount[i];
        if (max < amount[i]);
        max = amount[i];
    }
}</pre>
```

```
Money difference[5];
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)
   difference[i] = max - amount[i];
cout << "The highest amount is "
     << max << endl;
cout << "The amounts and their\n"
     << "differences from the largest are:\n";
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)
   cout << amount[i] << " off by "
        << difference[i] << endl;
              Sample Dialogue
return 0;
              $5.00 $10.00 $19.99 $20.00 $12.79
              The amounts and their
              differences from the largest are:
              $10.00 off by $10.00
              $19.99 off by $0.01
              $20.00 off by $0.00
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              $12.79 off by $7.21
```



Arrays as Structure Members

- A structure can contain an array as a member
 - Example: struct Data
 {
 double time[10];
 int distance;
 };
 Data myBest;
 - myBest contains an array of type double
- To access the array elements within a structure
 - Use the dot operator to identify the array within the structure
 - Use the []'s to identify the indexed variable desired
 - Example: myBest.time[i] → the ith variable of the array time in the structure object myBest

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Arrays as Class Members

- Class TemperatureList includes an array
 - The array, named list, contains temperatures
 - Member variable size is the number of items stored





Overview of TemperatureList

- To create an object of type TemperatureList:
 - TemperatureList myData;
- To add a temperature to the list:
 - myData.add_temperature(77);
- A check is made to see if the array is full
 - The member function full()
- << is overloaded so output of the list is easy</p>
 - cout << myData;



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Member Functions of TemperatureList

```
TemperatureList::TemperatureList(): size(0)
{
    //Body intentionally empty.
}
bool TemperatureList::full() const
{
    return (size == MAX_LIST_SIZE);
}

ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const TemperatureList& theObject)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < theObject.size; i++)
        outs << theObject.list[i] << " F\n";
    return outs;
}</pre>
```

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Classes and Dynamic Arrays

- A dynamic array can have a class as its base type
- A class can have a member variable that is a dynamic array
- Ex: the class StringVar
 - StringVar objects will be string variables
 - StringVar objects use dynamic arrays whose size is determined when the program is running
 - The StringVar class is similar to the string class discussed earlier





The StringVar Implementation

- The size of the array is not determined until the array is declared
- StringVar constructors call new to create the dynamic array for member variable values
 - Default constructor: creates an object with maximum string length (100)
 - 2nd constructor: takes an integer argument which determines the maximum string length of the object
 - 3rd constructor: takes a C-string argument and creates an object with the same string length and contents
 4th constructor (copy constructor): discussed later
 - '\0' is added automatically to terminate the string



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The StringVar Interface

- Its interface includes these member functions:
 - int length();
 - void input_line(istream& ins);
 - friend ostream& operator <<
 (ostream& outs, const
 StringVar& theString);
- Two special functions will be discussed later ...
 - Copy Constructor
 - Destructor

```
class StringVar
{
public:
  StringVar(int size);
  StringVar();
  StringVar(const char a[]);
  StringVar(const StringVar& stringObject);
   ~StringVar();
  int length() const;
  void input_line(istream& ins);
  friend ostream& operator <<(ostream&
             outs, const StringVar& theString);
private:
  char *value;
  int max length;
};
```





Demo Class StringVar (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cstddef>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;

StringVar::StringVar(int size) : maxLength(size)

{
    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    //+1 is for '\0'
    value[0] = '\0'; // initially an empty string
}

StringVar::StringVar() : maxLength(100)

{
    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    //+1 is for '\0'
    value[0] = '\0'; // initially an empty string
}

**Note that the string of the
```

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Demo Class StringVar (2/2)

```
void conversation(int maxNameSize);
int main()
{
   using namespace std;
   conversation(30);
   cout << "End of demonstration.\n";
   return 0;
}

void conversation(int maxNameSize)
{
   using namespace std;
   StringVar your_name(maxNameSize);
   StringVar our_name("Borg");
   cout << "What is your name?\n";
   your_name.input_line(cin);
   cout << "We are " << our_name << endl;
   cout << "We will meet again " << your_name << endl;
}
</pre>
```



Destructors

- Dynamic variables do not "go away" unless deleted
 - Even if a local pointer variable goes away at the end of a function, the allocated memory space still remains
- A destructor is a member function that is called automatically when an object goes out of scope
 - Delete all dynamic variables created by the object
 - A class has only one destructor with no arguments
 - The name of the destructor is distinguished from the default constructor by the tilde symbol ~

```
Example: StringVar::~StringVar()
{
    delete [] value;
}
Return the memory
space for whole array
```

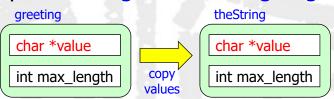


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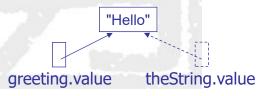
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Why Need a Copy Constructor? (1/2)

- The default assignment operator will copy values of a object into another
 - Even the memory address in a pointer variable
- For example: StringVar theString = greeting;



- Since the two pointers have the same memory address, they now point to the same dynamic array
 - Do you really want to share the same data between two separated objects ??





Why Need a Copy Constructor? (2/2)

- Given a function that prints out the given object
 - void showString(StringVar theString) { ...}
- When function showString is called, greeting is copied into theString, including memory address
 - StringVar greeting("Hello"); showString(greeting); cout << greeting << endl;
- When showString ends, the destructor for theString will be executed automatically
 - Delete the dynamic memory pointed by greeting.value

Get trouble for next cout !!

greeting.value

undefined

theString.value

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StringVar Copy Constructor

- A copy constructor is a constructor with one parameter of the same type as the class
 - The parameter is a call-by-reference parameter
 - The parameter is usually a constant parameter
 - The constructor creates a complete, independent copy of its argument
- The StringVar copy constructor creates a new dynamic array for a copy of the argument
 - Making a new copy, protects the original from changes

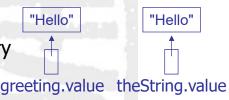
```
StringVar::StringVar(const StringVar& stringObject)
: maxLength(stringObject.length())
{
    value = new char[maxLength+ 1];
    strcpy(value, stringObject.value);
}
```

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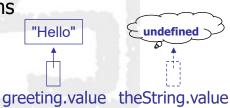
Copy Constructor Demonstration

- Using the same example, but with a copy constructor defined
 - greeting.value and theString.value point to different locations in memory



 When theString goes out of scope, the destructor is called, returning theString.value to the freestore

 greeting.value still exists and can be accessed or deleted without problems





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When To Include a Copy Constructor

- When a class definition involves pointers and dynamically allocated memory using "new"
 - Classes that do not involve pointers and dynamically allocated memory do not need copy constructors
- The big three include
 - The copy constructor
 - The assignment operator
 - The destructor

The New Ob closs \Rightarrow need copy constructively else =) overlanding " = "

If you need to define one, you need to define all





Overloading = (Assignment)

- Given two objects, the following assignment is legal but encounters the pointer issue
 - StringVar string(10), string2(20); string1 = string2;
- The solution is to overload the assignment operator = so it works for StringVar
 - operator = is overloaded as a member function
 - Ex: void operator=(const StringVar& rightSide);
 - rightSide is the argument from the right side of the = operator



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First Draft of = for StringVar

- Compares the lengths of the two StringVar's
- If there are too many characters, only copy as many characters as the max capacity in the left-hand object
- Makes an independent copy of the right-hand object in the left-hand object

```
void StringVar::operator=(const StringVar& rightSide)
{
   int newLength = strlen(rightSide.value);
   if (( newLength) > maxLength)
      newLength = maxLength;

   for(int i = 0; i < newLength; i++)
      value[i] = rightSide.value[i];

   value[newLength] = '\0';
}</pre>
```

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Another Attempt of = for StringVar

- Usually we want a copy of the right-hand argument regardless of its size
- We need to delete the array in the left-hand argument and allocate a new array large enough for source array

```
void StringVar::operator=(const StringVar& rightSide)
{
    delete [ ] value;
    int newLength = strlen(rightSide.value);
    maxLength = newLength;
    value = new char[maxLength + 1];
    for(int i = 0; i < newLength; i++)
        value[i] = rightSide.value[i];
    value[newLength] = '\0';
}</pre>
```



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A Better Version of = for StringVar

- What happens if we happen to have the same object on each side of the assignment operator?
 - myString = myString;
- If the array in the left-hand argument is deleted, we will have no source array to copy from
 - Pre-check condition is required

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Using the this Pointer

- Do member functions know which object's data members to manipulate?
 - How to represent the concept of "this" object?
- In C++, every object has access to its own address through a pointer called this (a reserved keyword)
 - The this pointer is an implicit argument to each of the object's non-static member functions
- Objects can use the this pointer to reference their members implicitly or explicitly (ex: this->member)
 - Open a backdoor for your object?? → should be careful
- The type of the this pointer depends on the object
 - If the member function using this pointer is declared const, it is also treated as a pointer to constant object

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Demo the this Pointer

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Test
{
  public:
    Test(int value=0);
    void print() const;
private:
    int x;
};

Test::Test(int value) : x(value)
{
    //Body intentionally blank.
}
```

```
x = 12
this->x = 12
(*this).x = 12
```



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Cascaded Member Function Calls

- Another use of the *this* pointer is to enable cascaded member-function calls
 - Return the reference of current object as the subject for the next member function call
 - Invoking multiple functions in the same statement
- In next example, the class Time's set functions are modified to return a reference to a Time object
- How does it work?
 - Remember the dot operator (.) associates from left to right
 - After t.setHour(18) is executed, it returns a reference to the object t
 - t.setHour(18).setMinute(30) becomes t.setMinute(30)

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Demo Cascaded Function Call (1/3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
class Time
{
public:
  Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0);
// set functions that enable cascading
  Time &setTime( int, int ); // set all variables
  Time &setHour( int );
                           // set hour
  Time &setMinute( int ); // set minute
  Time &setSecond( int ); // set second
// get functions declared const
  int getHour() const;
                           // return hour
  int getMinute() const; // return minute
  int getSecond() const; // return second
// print functions declared const
  void printUniversal() const; // universal time
   void printStandard() const; // standard time
```

```
private:
  int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
  int minute; // 0 - 59
  int second; // 0 - 59
}; // end class Time
// default values are 0 (see class definition)
Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
  setTime( hr, min, sec );
} // end Time constructor
// set values of hour, minute, and second
Time &Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
  setHour( h );
  setMinute( m );
  setSecond(s);
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setTime
```

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Demo Cascaded Function Call (2/3)

```
// set hour value
Time &Time::setHour( int h )
  hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24)? h: 0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setHour
// set minute value
Time &Time::setMinute( int m )
  minute = (m >= 0 \&\& m < 60)? m: 0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setMinute
// set second value
Time &Time::setSecond( int s )
{
  second = (s \ge 0 \&\& s < 60)? s:0;
  return *this; // enables cascading
  // end function setSecond
```

```
// get hour value
int Time: :getHour() const
{
    return hour;
} // end function getHour

// get minute value
int Time: :getMinute() const
{
    return minute;
} // end function getMinute

// get second value
int Time: :getSecond() const
{
    return second;
} // end function getSecond
```

Demo Cascaded Function Call (3/3)

```
int main()
{
    Time t; // create Time object

// cascaded function calls
    t.setHour(18).setMinute(30).setSecond(22);

// output time in universal and standard formats
    cout « "Universal time: ";
    t.printUniversal();
    cout « "\nStandard time: ";
    t.printStandard();

// cascaded function calls
    cout « "\n\nNew standard time:
    t.setTime( 20, 20, 20 ).printStandard();
    cout « endl;
} // end main
```



```
Universal time: 18:30:22
Standard time: 6:30:22 PM
New standard time: 8:20:20 PM
```

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Handle Prefix/Postfix Operators

- As you may know, increment/decrement operators can be prefix or postfix
 - Prefix: ++x, --x
 - Postfix: y++, y--
- All prefix/postfix operators need Ivalues
 - ++i: ok, the integer variable i can appear on the left-hand side of an assignment operator
 - ++5: error, 5 is even not a variable, which cannot appear on the left-hand side of an assignment operator
- What is returned in a prefix/postfix operation?
 - Prefix increment/decrement operators return Ivalues
 - Postfix increment/decrement operators don't
 - They return constant object instead

Demo Prefix/Postfix Operators

```
class LLint // class for long precision integer
                        Just a mark
 public:
                        for postfix.
   LLint( int );
                       Not a real int
   LLint();
   // increment & decrement operators
   LLint & operator ++(); // prefix ++
   const LLint operator ++( int ); // postfix ++
   LLint & operator --(); // prefix --
   const LLint operator -- (int); // postfix -
   // other overloaded operators, such as +=
   // implementation dependent, ex: int array
 }; // end class Llint
 // prefix increment operator
                                 No calls to
 LLint &LLint::operator++( )
                                 copy ctor!!
    *this += 1; // use overloaded +=
   return *this;
   // end prefix increment
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```

```
// postfix increment operator
const LLint LLint::operator++( int )
  LLint old(*this); // invoke copy constructor
               // invoke prefix ++
   ++(*this);
  return old;
                  // return the previous value
} // end postfix increment
// You can implement -- in similar way
int main()
  LLint i=10;
            // i = 11, --> i.operator++()
  ++i;
            // i = 12, --> i.operator++(0)
  i++;
   ++++i; // i = 14, -->
            // (i.operator++()).operator++()
  i++++; // error
}
     LLint can act just like int!!
```

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Summary of Prefix/Postfix Ops

- Both unary ++/-- operators can be prefix or postfix
 - Postfix operator has a redundant int in its argument
- Conventions
 - They are overloaded by non-static member functions
 - Prefix ++/-- return *this
 - Postfix ++/-- return const object
- Typically, prefix is more efficient than postfix
 - No extra call to copy constructor
 - Prefer using prefix ++/-- whenever possible
- Implementing new functions based on old functions improves maintainability
 - Ex: prefix++ uses +=; postfix++ uses prefix++

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