



Unit 4 (Ch 10)

From Structure to Class

-- the beginning of object technology

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Overview

- **4.1 Structures**
- 4.2 Classes
- 4.3 Abstract Data Types
- 4.4 Introduction to Inheritance





Aggregate Data Type

- Array is a kind of “set” for many data
 - All elements are required to be the **same type**
- What if the data set has many different types??
 - Need an aggregate data type that supports **mixed-type variables**



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Structure and Class

- A **class** is a data type whose variables are **objects**
 - Any pre-defined data type can be an object
 - Ex: int, char, double ...
 - User-provided function can be an object
 - Easier to use this class
 - Those objects are called the “**members**” of this class
- A **structure** is a special class that contains **no member functions**
 - Contains multiple values of possibly different types
 - In legacy C, it supports structures only
- You can use pre-defined classes (ex: ifstream) or define your own classes



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Class/Structure Definitions

- A class definition includes
 - A description of the kinds of values the variable can hold
 - A description of the member functions
- This definition does not reserve any space in memory
→ creates a **new data type** only
- Class variables should be declared like variables of other types → **two-step** declarations



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Example of Structure Definition

- A bank Certificate of Deposit (CD) account often includes the following values:
 - a balance
 - an interest rate
 - a term (months to maturity)
- The structure for a CD account can be defined as

```
struct CDAccount
{
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    int term; //months to maturity
};
```

← Remember this semicolon!
- Keyword **struct** begins a structure definition
- **CDAccount** will be used as the type name



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Create Structure Objects

- Structure definition is generally placed outside any function definition
 - This makes the structure type available to all code that follows the structure definition
- In order to use the structure, create some objects based on the declaration first !!
- To declare two variables of type CDAccount:
`CDAccount myAccount, yourAccount;`
 - *myAccount* and *yourAccount* contain their own member variables: *balance*, *interestRate*, and *term*
 - Now you can use those member variables ...



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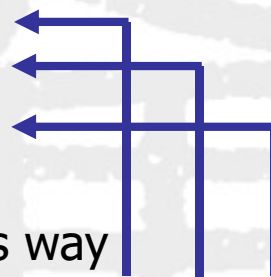
Initializing Classes

- A structure can be initialized when declared
- Example:

```
struct Date  
{
```

```
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;
```

```
};
```



- Can be initialized in this way

```
Date dueDate = { 12, 31, 2004 };
```

- You can also assign the value for each member one by one



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Using Member Variables

- Member variables are specific to the structure variable in which they are declared
 - Using **dot (.)** operator to specify a member variable:
`Structure_Variable_Name . Member_Variable_Name`
- Ex: given the declaration:
`CDAccount myAccount, yourAccount;`
 - Use the dot operator to specify a member variable, for example, `myAccount.balance`
- Member variables can be used just as any other variable of the same type
 - `yourAccount.balance = 1000;`
`myAccount.balance = yourAccount.balance + 2500;`
 - `myAccount.balance` and `yourAccount.balance` are **different variables!**



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Demonstrate CDAccount Structure

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

struct CDAccount
{
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    int term; //months until maturity
};

void getData(CDAccount& theAccount);
int main( )
{
    CDAccount account;
    getData(account);

    double rate, interest;
    rate = account.interestRate/100.0;
    interest = account.balance*rate*
               (account.term/12.0);
    account.balance = account.balance +
                      interest;
}
```

```
cout.setf(ios::fixed);
cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
cout.precision(2);
cout << "When your CD matures in "
    << account.term << " months,\n"
    << "it will have a balance of $"
    << account.balance << endl;
return 0;
}

void getData(CDAccount& theAccount)
{
    cout << "Enter account balance: $";
    cin >> theAccount.balance;

    cout << "Enter account interest rate: ";
    cin >> theAccount.interestRate;
    cout << "Enter the number of months until"
        << "maturity\n"
        << "(must be 12 or fewer months): ";
    cin >> theAccount.term;
}
```



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Program Results & Member Values

Sample Dialogue

Enter account balance: \$100.00
 Enter account interest rate: 10.0
 Enter the number of months until maturity
 (must be 12 or fewer months): 6
 When your CD matures in 6 months,
 it will have a balance of \$105.00

```
struct CDAccount
{
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    int term; //months until maturity
};
```

```
int main()
{
```

```
    CDAccount account;
```

```
    ...
```

```
    account.balance = 1000.00;
```

```
    account.interestRate = 4.7;
```

```
    account.term = 11;
```

Balance	?
interestRate	?
term	?

account

Balance	1000.00
interestRate	?
term	?

account

Balance	1000.00
interestRate	4.7
term	?

account

Balance	1000.00
interestRate	4.7
term	11

account



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Duplicate Names

- Member variable names duplicated between structure types are not a problem

```
struct FertilizerStock
{
    double quantity;
    double nitrogenContent;
};

FertilizerStock superGrow;
```

```
struct CropYield
{
    int quantity;
    double size;
};

CropYield apples;
```

- superGrow.quantity and apples.quantity are different variables stored in different locations

- Your ice cream ≠ my ice cream



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Structures as Arguments

- Structures can be arguments in function calls
 - Just pass it as a typical variable
- By default, entire structures are **passed by value**
 - **Called-by-reference** is recommended because a structure variable may occupy large memory space
- Example:

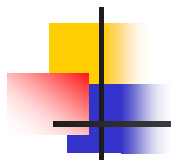
```
void getData(CDAccount& theAccount);
```

 - Uses the structure type CDAccount we saw earlier as the type for a call-by-reference parameter



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Structures as Return Types

- Structures can be the type of a value returned by a function
- Example:

```
CDAccount Wrap(double Balance, double Rate, int Term)
{
    CDAccount temp;
    temp.balance = Balance;
    temp.interestRate = Rate;
    temp.term = Term;
    return temp;
}
```

- Use Wrap to give the value of a CDAccount variable:

```
CDAccount newAccount;
newAccount = Wrap(1000.00, 5.1, 11);
```



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Assignment and Structures

- The **assignment operator (=)** can be used to assign values to structure types
- You can assign a value to each member individually

```
CDAccount myAccount, yourAccount;  
myAccount.balance = 1000.00;  
myAccount.interestRate = 5.1;  
myAccount.term = 12;
```

- You can also assign the whole structure to another structure variable of the same type

- Ex: **yourAccount = myAccount;**

Member-by-member copy values from myAccount to yourAccount



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Hierarchical Structures

- Structures can contain member variables that are also structures

```
struct Date  
{  
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;  
};
```

```
struct PersonInfo  
{  
    double height;  
    int weight;  
    Date birthday;  
};
```

- struct PersonInfo contains a Date structure
- Given a variable of type **PersonInfo**:
PersonInfo person1;
 - The birthday member is still a structure
- To know the exact number of year, we specify the year member of the birthday member

```
cout << person1.birthday.year; // two-level dots
```



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Classes

- You only need to **know what the program does**, **not how it does it**
 - Do you know how to build a car?
You don't have to ...
 - Simply use the user-friendly "**interfaces**" to the car's complex internal mechanisms
- What must happen before you can do this?
 - **Good user interface** → member functions
 - **Good package** for easy use → information hiding
- This is called "encapsulation" in C++ class
 - Combining a number of items, such as **variables** and **functions**, into a single package
 - **Class** ≈ a structure definition plus member functions



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Defining a Class

- You cannot drive the engineering drawings of a car
 - The car must be built from the engineering drawings before you drive it
 - Just like structure, **2-step** declaration is required for class
- Ex: create a class definition named *DayOfYear*
 - Decide on the **values** to represent
 - An integer for the number of the month, an integer for the number of days → **data member**
 - Decide on the **member functions**
 - Just one member function named output for printing results

```
class DayOfYear
{
    public:
        void output( );
        int month;
        int day;
};
```

權限的設定
← private
↑
member function declaration



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Defining a Member Function

- Member functions are **declared in the class declaration**
 - Identify the class in which the function is a member
 - You can **use all data members** without extra declaration
- Member function definition syntax:

```
Returned_Type Class_Name::Function_Name(Parameter_List)
{
    Function Body Statements
}
```

param list 可以不用傳東西

- Ex: **void DayOfYear::output()** member function 可以在各個 class 裡的 data
 - {
 - cout << "month = " << month
 - << ", day = " << day << endl;
 - }



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The '::' Operator

- '::' is the scope resolution operator
 - Tells the class a member function is a member of
 - void `DayOfYear::output()` indicates that `function output` is a member of the `DayOfYear` class

- Comparison of '::' and '.'

- '::' used with classes to identify a member

```
void DayOfYear::output( )  
{  
    // function body  
}
```

:: => 宣告
. => 呼叫、使用

- '.' used with variables to identify a member

```
DayOfYear birthday;  
birthday.output();
```



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Declaring a Class Object

- Once a class is defined, an object of the class is declared just as variables of any other type

```
class Bicycle  
{  
    // class definition lines  
};
```

```
Bicycle myBike, yourBike;
```

- Objects and structures can be assigned values with the assignment operator (=) → `only data is copied`

```
DayOfYear dueDate, tomorrow;  
tomorrow.set(11, 19);  
dueDate = tomorrow;
```



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Calling Member Functions

- In a class object, using its data members can be done in this way:

```
DayOfYear today, birthday;
cout << "Today is " << today.day;
```

- Calling the member function of a class can be done in this way:

```
today.output( );
birthday.output( );
```

Called in the same way as typical functions, except the dot (.) before function name

- Note that today and birthday are **two different objects**
- They have their own versions of the month and day variables for use by the output function



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Code: Class with Member Functions

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

```
class DayOfYear
```

```
{
public:
    void output( );
    int month;
    int day;
};
```

```
int main( )
{
```

```
    DayOfYear today, birthday;
```

```
    cout << "Enter today's date:\n";
    cout << "Enter month as a number: ";
    cin >> today.month;
    cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
    cin >> today.day;
    cout << "Enter your birthday:\n";
    cout << "Enter month as a number: ";
    cin >> birthday.month;
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter today's date:
Enter month as a number: 10
Enter the day of the month: 15
Enter your birthday:
Enter month as a number: 2
Enter the day of the month: 21
Today's date is month = 10, day = 15
Your birthday is month = 2, day = 21
Happy Unbirthday!
```

```
    cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
    cin >> birthday.day;
    cout << "Today's date is ";
    today.output( );
    cout << "Your birthday is ";
    birthday.output( );

    if (today.month == birthday.month
        && today.day == birthday.day)
        cout << "Happy Birthday!\n";
    else
        cout << "Happy Unbirthday!\n";

    return 0;
}
```

```
//Uses iostream:
```

```
void DayOfYear::output( )
```

```
{
    cout << "month = " << month
        << ", day = " << day << endl;
}
```



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Problems with DayOfYear

- Member functions can be used as black boxes
→ **information hiding**
 - The function can be used without knowing how it is coded
 - Allow programmers to **easily change or improve** a class without forcing users changing what they have done
- However, in previous example, the data stored in the object (ex: month) can be changed by anyone
 - Users still have to know how the data is stored legally
- It is better to add **member functions for accessing or changing the member variables**
 - Directly reference to the member variables is not allowed!
 - More safe to protect the data from illegal changes



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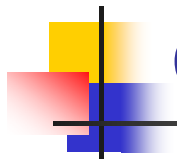
Data Protection in C++ Class

- C++ helps us restrict the program from directly referencing member variables
- Keyword **private** identifies the members that can be accessed **only by member functions** of the same class
 - Members that follow the keyword private are private members of the class
- Keyword **public** identifies the members that can be accessed from **outside the class**
 - Members that follow the keyword public are public members of the class



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General Class Definitions

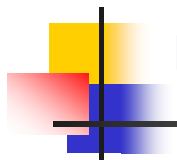
- The syntax for a class definition is

```
class Class_Name
{
    public:
        Member_Specification_1
        Member_Specification_2
        ...
        Member_Specification_3
    private:
        Member_Specification_n+1
        Member_Specification_n+2
        ...
};
```



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Using Private Variables

- Changing the values of private variables requires the use of **public member functions** of the class

```
void DayOfYear::set(int new_month, int new_day)
{
    month = new_month;
    day = new_day;
}
```

- The new **DayOfYear** class is demonstrated
 - Uses all **private member variables** for protection
 - Uses member functions to do all manipulation of the private member variables
 - **Interface** (member functions) and **internal data** (member variables) are implemented separately



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Demonstrate the Class DayOfYear (1/2)

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

class DayOfYear
{
public:
    void input( );
    void output( );
    void set(int newMonth, int newDay);
    int getMonth( );
    int getDay( );
private:
    void checkDate( );
    int month;
    int day;
};
```



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```
int main( )
{
    DayOfYear today, bachBirthday;
    cout << "Enter today's date:\n";
    today.input( );
    cout << "Today's date is ";
    today.output( );

    bachBirthday.set(3, 21);
    cout << "J. S. Bach's birthday is ";
    bachBirthday.output( );

    if ( today.getMonth( ) == bachBirthday.getMonth( ) &&
        today.getDay( ) == bachBirthday.getDay( ) )
        cout << "Happy Birthday Johann Sebastian!\n";
    else
        cout << "Happy Unbirthday Johann Sebastian!\n";
    return 0;
}
```

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Demonstrate the Class DayOfYear (2/2)

```
void DayOfYear::input( )
{
    cout << "Enter the month as a number: ";
    cin >> month;
    cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
    cin >> day;
    checkDate( );
}

void DayOfYear::set(int newMonth, int newDay)
{
    month = newMonth;
    day = newDay;
    checkDate();
}

int DayOfYear::getMonth( )
{
    return month;
}
```



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```
int DayOfYear::getDay( )
{
    return day;
}

void DayOfYear::output( ) // same as before

void DayOfYear::checkDate( )
{
    if ((month < 1) || (month > 12) ||
        (day < 1) || (day > 31))
    {
        cout << "Illegal date. Aborting program.\n";
        exit(1);
    }
}
```

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!
```

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Private or Public ??

- In most cases, **member variables** are set as **private** to protect them from illegal changes
 - However, public data member is still allowed as in structure
- **Member functions** are often set as **public** to change or obtain the values of private variables
 - Which functions are required?? → try **set** and **get**
 - **Set functions** allow you to **change** the values of member variables, ex: *set(...)* in class *DayOfYear*
 - **Get functions** allow you to **obtain** the values of member variables, ex: *getDay()* in class *DayOfYear*
- Private member functions are also allowed
 - Called **utility function** or **helper function** for internal use



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Using Private Member Functions

- While calling a public member function from the main program, you must include the object name:
Ex: `account1.update();`
- When a member function calls a private member function in the same class, object name is not used
 - Given a private function of the *BankAccount* class
`fraction (double percent);`
fraction can be called by other member function as:
`void BankAccount::update()`
`{`
`balance = balance +`
`fraction(interestRate)* balance;`
`}`



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Example: BankAccount Class

- This bank account class allows
 - Withdrawal of money at any time
 - All operations normally expected of a bank account
 - Implemented with member functions
 - Storing an account balance
 - Storing the account's interest rate

[Sample dialogue](#)

```
Start of Test:
account1 initial statement:
Account balance $123.99
Interest rate 3.00%
account1 with new setup:
Account balance $100.00
Interest rate 5.00%
account1 after update:
Account balance $105.00
Interest rate 5.00%
account2:
Account balance $105.00
Interest rate 5.00%
```



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Demo BankAccount Class (1/2)

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

class BankAccount
{
public:
    void set(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    void set(int usd, double rate);
    // Two versions for setting interest rate
    void update( ); // add one year interest
    double getBalance( ); // current amount
    double getRate( ); // current rate
    void output(ostream& outs);
private:
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    double fraction(double percent);
    // Converts a percentage to a fraction
};
```



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```
void BankAccount::set(int usd, int cent, double rate)
{
    if ((usd < 0) || (cent < 0) || (rate < 0)) {
        cout << "Illegal values for money or"
              << " interest rate.\n";
        return;
    }
    balance = usd + 0.01*cent;
    interestRate = rate;
}

void BankAccount::set(int usd, double rate)
{
    if ((usd < 0) || (rate < 0)) {
        cout << "Illegal values for money or"
              << " interest rate.\n";
        return;
    }
    balance = usd;
    interestRate = rate;
}
```

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Demo BankAccount Class (2/2)

```
void BankAccount::update( )
{   balance = balance +
    fraction(interestRate)*balance; }

double BankAccount::fraction(double percent)
{   return (percent/100.0); }

double BankAccount::getBalance( )
{   return balance; }

double BankAccount::getRate( )
{   return interestRate; }

void BankAccount::output(ostream& outs)
{
    outs.setf(ios::fixed);
    outs.setf(ios::showpoint);
    outs.precision(2);
    outs << "Account balance $" << balance;
    << endl << "Interest rate "
    << interestRate << "%" << endl;
}
```



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```
int main( )
{
    BankAccount account1, account2;
    cout << "Start of Test:\n";
    account1.set(123, 99, 3.0);
    cout << "account1 initial statement:\n";
    account1.output(cout);

    account1.set(100, 5.0);
    cout << "account1 with new setup:\n";
    account1.output(cout);

    account1.update( );
    cout << "account1 after update:\n";
    account1.output(cout);

    account2 = account1;
    cout << "account2:\n";
    account2.output(cout);
    return 0;
}
```

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Constructors

- A **constructor** can be used to initialize member variables when an object is declared
 - A constructor is a **member function** that is often **public**
 - A constructor is **automatically called** when an object of the class is declared
 - A constructor's name must be **the name of the class**
 - A constructor **cannot return a value**
 - **No return type, not even void**, in defining a constructor

Ex: class **BankAccount**

```
{
    public:
        BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    ...
};
```



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Constructor Definition

- The constructor for the BankAccount class could be defined as

```
BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate)
{
    if ((usd < 0) || (cent < 0) || (rate < 0))
    {
        cout << "Illegal values for money or rate\n";
        exit(1);
    }
    balance = usd + 0.01 * cent;
    interestRate = rate;
}
```

- Note that the **class name** and **function name** are the same



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Calling A Constructor

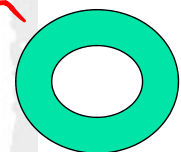
- A constructor is not called like a normal member function:

```
BankAccount account1;
account1.BankAccount(10, 50, 2.0);
```



- A constructor is automatically called in the object declaration

```
BankAccount account1(10, 50, 2.0);
```



- Creates a BankAccount object and calls the constructor to initialize the member variables



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Overloading Constructors

- Constructors can be overloaded by defining constructors with different parameter lists
 - Possible constructors for BankAccount might be
BankAccount (double balance, double interestRate);
BankAccount (double balance);
BankAccount (); // default constructor
- The default constructor is called when no argument is given during object declaration (better to have)

```
BankAccount::BankAccount( )  
{  
    balance = 0;  
    rate = 0.0;  
}
```



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Demo Class with Constructors (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
  
class BankAccount  
{  
public:  
    BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);  
    BankAccount(int usd, double rate);  
    BankAccount( );  
    void set(int usd, int cent, double rate);  
    void set(int usd, double rate); // set rate  
    void update( ); // add one year interest  
    double getBalance( ); // current amount  
    double getRate( ); // current rate  
    void output(ostream& outs);  
private:  
    double balance;  
    double interestRate;  
    double fraction(double percent);  
    //Converts a percentage to a fraction  
};
```



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```
BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, int cent,  
                           double rate)  
{  
    if ((usd < 0) || (cent < 0) || (rate < 0)) {  
        cout << "Illegal values for money or "  
              << "interest rate.\n";  
        return;  
    }  
    balance = usd + 0.01*cent;  
    interestRate = rate;  
}  
  
BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, double rate)  
{  
    if ((usd < 0) || (rate < 0)) {  
        cout << "Illegal values for money or "  
              << "interest rate.\n";  
        return;  
    }  
    balance = usd; interestRate = rate;  
}
```

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Demo Class with Constructors (2/2)

```

BankAccount::BankAccount( ) : balance(0), interestRate(0.0) {
    //Body intentionally empty
}

int main( )
{
    BankAccount account1(100, 2.3), account2;
    cout << "account1 initialized as follows:\n";
    account1.output(cout);
    cout << "account2 initialized as follows:\n";
    account2.output(cout);

    account1 = BankAccount(999, 99, 5.5);
    cout << "account1 reset to the following:\n";
    account1.output(cout);
    return 0;
}
    
```

() : 參數(值定值)...

default constructor

```

account1 initialized as follows:
Account balance $100.00
Interest rate 2.30%
account2 initialized as follows:
Account balance $0.00
Interest rate 0.00%
account1 reset to the following:
Account balance $999.99
Interest rate 5.50%
    
```

account1(100, 2.3)

account2

BankAccount(999, 99, 5.5)



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Initialization Sections

- An initialization section in a function provides an alternative way to **set default values** of the members

```

BankAccount::BankAccount( ) : balance(0), interestRate(0.0)
{ // No code needed in this example }
    
```

Initialization Section

- Values in parenthesis are the initial values for the variables
- Member functions with parameters can also use initialization sections

```

BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate)
    : balance(usd + 0.01 * cent), interestRate(rate)
{ // code is the same as in previous example }
    
```

- The parameters can be arguments in the initialization



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Destructors

- Opposite to constructor, the **destructor** is called implicitly when an object is destroyed
 - For example, an automatic object is destroyed when program execution leaves its scope (ex: function)
 - Often used to **delete the dynamic variables** automatically
- The **name** of the **destructor** for a class is the **tilde character (~)** followed by the class name
 - Ex: `BankAccount::~~BankAccount()`
- A destructor **receives no parameter** and **returns no value** → cannot specify a return type, not even void *like constructor*
- If you do not explicitly provide a destructor, the compiler creates an "empty" destructor → do nothing



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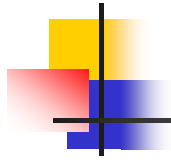
Access Members from Pointer

- The **dot operator (.)** after **an object's** name is able to access the object's members
- The **arrow operator (->)** preceded by a **pointer to an object** is able to access the object's members
 - Ex: `BankAccount a, *aptr = &a;`
`a.set(100, 2.3);`
`double rate = aptr->getRate(); // (*aptr).getRate()`
- Arrow operator is useful when only pointer is passed to another functions (ex: **dynamic variables**)
- The following example compares the usage of accessing class members by reference and pointers



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Demo Member Access Methods (1/2)

```
// Demonstrating the class member access operators . and ->
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//class Count definition
class Count
{
public: // public data is dangerous
    // sets the value of private data member x
    void setX( int value )
    {
        x = value;
    } // end function setX

    //prints the value of private data member x
    void print()
    {
        cout << x << endl;
    } // end function print
}
```



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Demo Member Access Methods (2/2)

Sample Dialogue

```
private:
    int x;
}; // end class Count
```

Set x to 1 and print using the object's name: 1
Set x to 2 and print using a reference to an object: 2
Set x to 3 and print using a pointer to an object: 3

```
int main()
{
    Count counter; // create counter object
    Count *counterPtr = &counter; // create pointer to counter
    Count &counterRef = counter; // create reference to counter

    cout << "Set x to 1 and print using the object's name: ";
    counter.setX( 1 ); // set data member x to 1
    counter.print(); // call member function print

    cout << "Set x to 2 and print using a reference to an object: ";
    counterRef.setX( 2 ); // set data member x to 2
    counterRef.print(); // call member function print

    cout << "Set x to 3 and print using a pointer to an object: ";
    counterPtr -> setX( 3 ); // set data member x to 3
    counterPtr -> print(); // call member function print
} // end main
```

reference 用法和
一般相同

pointer 要用 -> 取化. (dot)



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Overview

- 4.1 Structures
- 4.2 Classes
- *4.3 Abstract Data Types*
- 4.4 Introduction to Inheritance



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Abstract Data Types (1/2)

- Abstract Data Type (ADT)
 - Is a data type
 - The **specification** of the *objects* is separated from the **representation** of the objects
 - The **specification** of the *operations* is separated from the **implementation** of the objects
 - In C++, ADT is often implemented with a class
 - Define the class first (**specification**)
 - **Implementation** of the member functions are provided **separately**
- A specification can be achieved by different implementations



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Abstract Data Types (2/2)

- **Class look like a type** defined by programmers !!
 - You can create variables (objects) of a class type
 - You can use class types just like any built-in types
- Definition of a data type consists of
 - A collection of **values**
 - A set of **basic operations** *→ member function* defined on the values
- While defining a new type using C++ class, we also
 - Define a collection of **values** → **data members**
 - Define a set of **operations** → **member functions**
- Do not have access to the details of how the values and operations are implemented in ADTs
 - Easier to reuse with less efforts



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Same Interface, Different Inside



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ADT Benefits

- Changing an ADT implementation does **not require changing a program that uses the ADT**
 - **Separate the interface from implementation !!**
 - Implementation details of the ADT are not needed to know while using the ADT
- ADT's make it easier to **divide work** among different programmers
 - One or more can write the ADT
 - One or more can write code that uses the ADT
- The **interface** is all that is needed to use the ADTs
 - They can be used like black boxes – **easier to use**
 - **Information hiding !!**



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Why a Class Can Be an ADT ?

- **Abstraction**
 - Basic operations a programmer needs should be public member functions
 - Fully specify how to use each public function
- **Encapsulation**
 - Hide the details of how the class is implemented
 - The implementation is needed to run a program, but not needed to write a code that uses this class
- **Member access control**
 - Make all member variables private members
 - Helper functions should be private members
 - Access private members/functions are not allowed outside the class



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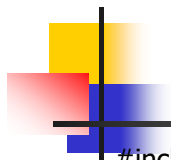
Example: The BankAccount ADT

- In this version of the BankAccount ADT
 - Data is stored as three member variables
 - The dollars part of the account balance
 - The cents part of the account balance
 - The interest rate
 - This version stores the interest rate as a fraction
 - The public portion of the class definition remains unchanged from the previous version



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Comparison of Different Versions

the same
interface



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

class BankAccount
{
public:
    BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    BankAccount(int usd, double rate);
    BankAccount( );
    void set(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    void set(int usd, double rate); // set rate
    void update( ); // add one year interest
    double getBalance( ); // current amount
    double getRate( ); // current rate
    void output(ostream& outs);

private:
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    double fraction(double percent);
    //Converts a percentage to a fraction
};
```



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

class BankAccount
{
public:
    BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    BankAccount(int usd, double rate);
    BankAccount( );
    void set(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    void set(int usd, double rate); // set rate
    void update( ); // add one year interest
    double getBalance( ); // current amount
    double getRate( ); // current rate
    void output(ostream& outs);

private:
    int dollarsPart;
    int centsPart;
    double interestRate;
    double fraction(double percent);
    double percent(double fractionVal);
};
```

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Code for Different Constructors

```
BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, int cent,
                          double rate)
{
    if ((usd < 0) || (cent < 0) || (rate < 0))
    {
        cout << "Illegal values for money or "
              << "interest rate.\n";
        return;
    }
    dollarsPart = usd;
    centsPart = cent;
    interestRate = fraction(rate);
}
```

```
BankAccount::BankAccount(int usd, double rate)
{
    if ((usd < 0) || (rate < 0))
    {
        cout << "Illegal values for money or "
              << "interest rate.\n";
        return;
    }
    dollarsPart = usd;
    centsPart = 0;
    interestRate = fraction(rate);
}

BankAccount::BankAccount( ) : dollarsPart(0),
                             centsPart(0), interestRate(0.0)
{
    //Body intentionally empty. Use default values
}
```



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Code for Different Implementation

```
double BankAccount::fraction(double percent)
{
    return (percent/100.0);
}

void BankAccount::update( )
{
    double balance = getBalance( );
    balance = balance + interestRate*balance;
    dollarsPart = floor(balance);
    centsPart = floor((balance - dollarsPart)*100);
}

double BankAccount::getBalance( )
{
    return (dollarsPart + 0.01*centsPart);
}
```

```
double BankAccount::percent(double fractionVal)
{
    return (fractionVal*100);
}

double BankAccount::getRate( )
{
    return percent(interestRate);
}

void BankAccount::output(ostream& outs)
{
    outs.setf(ios::fixed);
    outs.setf(ios::showpoint);
    outs.precision(2);
    outs << "Account balance $" << getBalance( );
    outs << endl;
    outs << "Interest rate " << getRate( );
    outs << "%" << endl;
}
```



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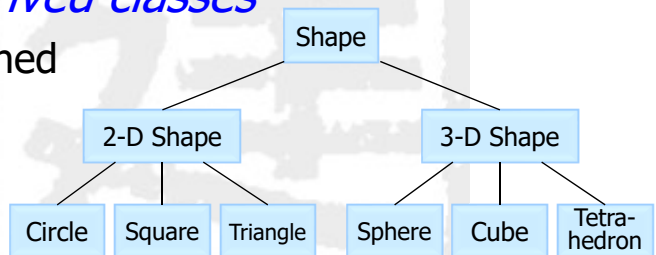
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Inheritance

- Inheritance refers to *derived classes*
 - Derived classes are obtained from another class by **adding features**
 - Ex: Shape hierarchy
- A derived class inherits the member functions and data members from its parent class
 - No need to re-write them again → **reduce reuse efforts**
- Example in Ch6
 - The class of input-file streams is derived from the class of all input streams
 - File streams add member functions such as open/close

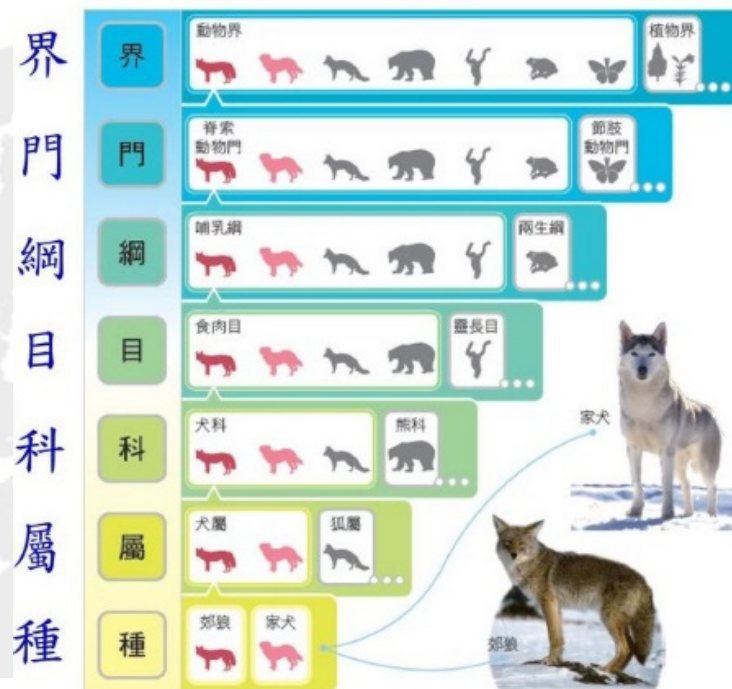


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Another Example: Biology

- No need to redefine all features at each hierarchy



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第二冊第四章, 翰林
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Inheritance Relationships

- The more specific class is a **derived** or **child** class
- The more general class is the **base**, **super**, or **parent** class
- If class B is derived from class A
 - Class B is a derived class of class A
 - Class B is a child of class A
 - Class A is the parent of class B
 - Class B inherits the member functions and variables of class A
- Child classes can **add its own data and functions**
 - Cannot** be accessed by its parent class



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Defining Derived Classes

- Give the class name as normal, but add a **colon (:)** and then the name of the base class

```
class SavingsAccount : public BankAccount
{
    ...
}
```



- **Public inheritance**: child class gets all data members and member functions from its parent class
- Objects of type **SavingsAccount** can access members in SavingsAccount or BankAccount
 - No need to redefine previous functions again
- More details of inheritance are discussed in Ch15



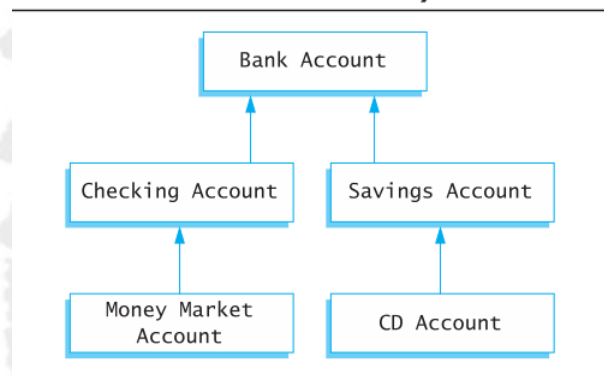
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Inheritance Example

- Natural hierarchy of bank accounts
- Most general: A **Bank Account** stores a balance
- A **Checking Account** "IS A" Bank Account that allows customers to write checks
- A **Savings Account** "IS A" Bank Account without checks but higher interest

A Class Hierarchy



Accounts are more specific as we go down the hierarchy

Each box can be a class



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Code for Account Inheritance (1/2)

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

class BankAccount
{
public:
    BankAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    BankAccount(int usd, double rate);
    BankAccount( );
    void set(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    void set(int usd, double rate);
    void update( );
    double getBalance( );
    double getRate( );
    void output(ostream& outs);
private:
    double balance;
    double interestRate;
    double fraction(double percent);
};
```

// the implementation of BankAccount are
// omitted because they are basically the same
// as in previous examples

class SavingsAccount : public BankAccount

```
{
public:
    SavingsAccount(int usd, int cent, double rate);
    void deposit(int usd, int cent);
    void withdraw(int usd, int cent);
private:
    // inherit data members from parents
};
```

new functions
in child class

```
SavingsAccount::SavingsAccount(int usd, int cent,
    double rate): BankAccount(usd, cent, rate)
{
    // deliberately empty, use the ctor of parents
}
```

construct



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Code for Account Inheritance (2/2)

```
void SavingsAccount::deposit(int usd, int cent)
{
    double balance = getBalance();
    balance += usd;
    balance += (static_cast<double>(cent) / 100);
    int newDollars = static_cast<int>(balance);
    int newCents = static_cast<int>((balance -
        newDollars)*100);
    set(newDollars, newCents, getRate());
}

void SavingsAccount::withdraw(int usd, int cent)
{
    double balance = getBalance();
    balance -= usd;
    balance -= (static_cast<double>(cent) / 100);
    int newDollars = static_cast<int>(balance);
    int newCents = static_cast<int>((balance -
        newDollars)*100);
    set(newDollars, newCents, getRate());
}
```

```
int main( )
{
```

```
    SavingsAccount account(100, 50, 5.5);
    account.output(cout);
```

```
    cout << endl;
```

```
    cout << "Depositing $10.25." << endl;
```

```
    account.deposit(10,25); //new function
    account.output(cout); //parent function
```

```
    cout << endl;
```

```
    cout << "Withdrawing $11.80." << endl;
```

```
    account.withdraw(11,80); //new function
    account.output(cout); //parent function
```

```
    cout << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
Account balance $100.50
Interest rate 5.50%
Depositing $10.25.
Account balance $110.75
Interest rate 5.50%
Withdrawing $11.80.
Account balance $98.95
Interest rate 5.50%
```



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