

3.

Operators

in

C++

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Q.1 Answer the following questions:

1. Define operator overloading.

→ Operator overloading is a feature in C++ that allows developer to redefine the behaviour of operators (such as +, -, \*, etc.). for user define classes of these operators enables the use in a way that is natural and intuitive, making code more readable and expressive.

2. Which operators cannot be overloaded?  
→ Certain operators cannot be overloaded. This include :

- i) Scope resolution operators (::)
- ii) Member selection operator (.)
- iii) Member selection through a pointer to a member (\*).
- iv) Conditional (ternary) operator (?:).

3. Which operator cannot be used with friend function?

→ The assignment operator (=), function call operator (), subscript operator [], and arrow operator (→) must be overloaded as member functions, not as friend function. This is because they need direct access to the objects internals.

which member function provide.

4. Define Type Conversion.

→ Type Conversion is the process of converting a value from one data type to another. In C++, type conversion can be implicit (automatic) or explicit (forced by programmer), allowing compatibility and flexibility between different data types during computations or assignments.



## Q.2. Answer the following Questions:

(I) Describe member Dereferencing operators.  
→ Member dereferencing operators are used to access members (data or function) of an object in C++. They allow interaction with member of an object or class, especially when dealing with Pointers. The primary members member dereferencing operators are:

- Dot Operator (`.`) :-

Used to access members of an object directly.  
ex:- "object.member" is used to access the member of object.

- Arrow operator (`->`) :-

Used to access member of an object when you have a Pointer to the object.  
ex:- if "ptr" is a Pointer to an object "ptr->member" is used to access member.

- Dereference operator (`*`) :-

Used to access the object that a Pointer points to.

ex:- if `Vehicle *ptr = &car` then "`*ptr`" gives the actual car object, and `(*ptr).speed` access speed.





## 2. Explain type Cast operator.

→ The type Cast operator in C++ is used to convert a value from one data type to another.

Here, four main types of casting in C++ :-

### (i) Static Cast :-

It is used for standard conversion.

like : `f = static_cast<float>(10);`

### (ii) Dynamic Cast :-

used in inheritance for safe casting mainly with pointers or references.

ex: `Derived* d = dynamic_cast<Derived*>(baseptr);`

### (iii) Const Cast :-

used to add or remove const from a variable.

ex: `int* p = const_cast<int*>(constPtr);`

### (iv) Reinterpret Cast :-

Used for low level casting, like converting one pointer to another.

ex: `int* p = reinterpret_cast<int*>(ptr);`

These operators help in converting types safely and efficiently in oop.



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Q. Explain operator overloading rules.

→ Here, some rules for operator overloading :-

(i) Operator Precedence Can not be changed :-  
You can not changed the default precedence or associativity of operators.

(ii) Certain Condition Can not be overloaded :-  
Operators like `::`, `.`, `?:`, and `sizeof` Can not be overloaded.

(iii) At list one operand must be a user define type :-

✓ The operator should involve at least one object of a custom (user-defined type).

(iv) Number of operands Cannots be changed :-  
You cannot alter the number of operand the operator takes.

ex: `+` will always take two operands.

(v) Define Clearly as member or Non-member function :-

~~overloaded~~ operator must be defined as either a member function or a non member function.



Q.3 Answer the following Questions:-

(i) Explain "operator overloading" with example.

→ Operator overloading allows you to define custom behaviour for operators (like  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ , etc.) when they are used to with objects of user-defined classes.

• Example:

Overloading the  $+$  operator for a Complex number class.

Let's create a "Complex" class that represents complex numbers, and overloading the  $+$  operator to add two complex numbers.

• Steps:

(i) Define the class:

Define a class that has real and imaginary parts as its data members.

(ii) Overload the  $+$  operator:

Define a member function or non-member function to overload the  $+$  operator.

This will allow to overload add two complex numbers using the  $+$  operator.

→ Code:

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

```
class Rectangle {
public:
    int length, width;
```

```
    Rectangle (int l, int w) : length(l), width(w) {}
```

```
    int operator + (const Rectangle & other) {
        return (length * width) + (other.length * other.width);
```

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 2 & 3 & + & 4 & * & 5 \\ \hline 6 & 12 & 20 & 15 \end{array}$$

```
    };
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Rectangle rect1 (4,5);
```

```
    Rectangle rect2 (3,6);
```

```
    int totalArea = rect1 + rect2;
```

```
    cout << "Total Area : " << totalArea << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Output:

Total area : 38



② Explain type Conversion with an example.

→ Type Conversion in C++ refers to changing a variable from one data type to another.

In OOP, type Conversion can happen between built-in types (like int to float) or between user-defined type.

There are two main types of type Conversion in C++:

(i) Implicit type Conversion (Automatic):

This type of Conversion is automatically done by compiler when you mix different data types in expression.

ex: if you add an int and float, the int will automatically be converted to float.

→ Code:

```
int a = 5;
```

```
float b = 10.5;
```

```
float result = a + b;
```

```
cout << "Result:" << result << endl;
```

→ output:

Result: 15.5

(ii) Explicit type Conversion (user-defined):

In some case you need to define how object of a class can be converted to another type.



This is called explicit type conversion and is done by defining a type conversion operator or a type constructor

→ Code:

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

```
Class Centimeter {
```

```
    Public :
```

```
    int cm;
```

```
    Centimeter (int c) : cm(c) {}
```

```
    Operator float ()
```

```
    {
```

```
        return cm / 100.00;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Centimeter dist (250);
```

```
    float meters = dist;
```

```
    cout << "Distance in meters : " << meter << "meters";
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

→ OUTPUT:

Distance in meters : 2.5 meters.

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