

CSCI 2270

Data Structures and Algorithms

Lecture 6—Classes part 2

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Administrivia

- HW1 posted
 - It will be due Sunday, Feb. 2nd
 - We'll cover function parameters and classes Friday
- Read pp.31-46 on C++ classes
- Did you get email from me at about 12:40 today?
- Clicker scores have posted for Wednesday
 - Make sure to set the room frequency (AB)
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Function parameters

```
void fun1(int bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
void fun2(int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
void fun3(const int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }

int main()
{
    int homeslice = 6;
    fun1(homeslice);
    cout << homeslice << endl;    // no change
}
```

Function parameters by value

```
void fun1(int bobo) { bobo *= 2; }

int main()
{
    int homeslice = 6;
    fun1(homeslice); // homeslice is copied to fun1
                    // copied homeslice doubles
    cout << homeslice << endl;
                    // original homeslice abides...
}
```

Function parameters by value

```
void fun1(int bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
void fun2(int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
void fun3(const int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }

int main()
{
    int homeslice = 6;
    fun2(homeslice);
    cout << homeslice << endl;    // changes
}
```

Function parameters by reference

```
void fun2(int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
int main()
{
    int homeslice = 6;
    fun2(homeslice); // address of homeslice is
                    //    passed to fun2 and
                    //    value at this address
                    //    doubles
    cout << homeslice << endl;
                    // homeslice is now doubled
}
```

Function parameters by constant reference

Passing in an address to a variable can be faster than passing in a copy. But passing in an address also risks exposing the variable to changes. If we pass the address in as a constant reference, we get the speed and the protection for our variable:

```
void fun3(const int& bobo) { bobo *= 2; }
```

The compiler will actually refuse to build this code at all, because it's breaking the promise (that we made with the `const int&`) to keep bobo the same.

Function parameters by constant reference

As long as our `fun3` code does not change bobo, it will compile and run just fine. Like this:

```
void fun3(const int& bobo) { cout << bobo << endl; }
```

Our Bag functions make use of this const reference trick.

Back to classes, via single variables, arrays, and structs

We talked about how data types can be:

- single variables,

- arrays of variables,

- structs (a bunch of different variables, stuck together to make a new data type),

- or classes (again with different variables, but now with member functions to change them in proper ways).

Types and instances

We also talked about the relationship between types and instances. The type of a variable determines the set of values that each variable instance can have.

Below, the types are double and bool, and the instances are n1 and done.

- `double n1 = 1/3.0; // 0.3333... is allowed`

- `bool done = false; // only 2 values allowed here`

Both C++ and Java are fairly strict about types, especially when assigning or converting between types

- Exception is generic data type (ItemType)

Classes and objects

When we make a variable whose type is a class, like

```
ArrayBag<string> papas_brand_new_bag;
```

we can still think of the class `ArrayBag` as being a type, and the variable `papas_brand_new_bag` as being an instance of the `ArrayBag` class.

But convention dictates that we usually call the variable an *object* if its type is a class.

So types define instances and classes define objects.

It's the same relationship, with different names.

Bag class constructor

Makes a new empty bag, initializes it

Check `ArrayBag.h` and notice that the item array is built automatically for this first bag:

```
// defines a size for all ArrayBags (static variable)
static const int DEFAULT_CAPACITY = 25;
// builds an array of items
ItemType items[DEFAULT_CAPACITY];
```

(For hw2, with a resizable bag, we can't rely on this mechanism.)

Bag class constructor

Makes a new empty bag, initializes it

Check ArrayBag.h and notice that the itemCount is defined as a member variable:

```
int itemCount;
```

In ArrayBag.cxx, we just set

```
itemCount = 0;
```

(Why can't we say

```
int itemCount = 0;
```

?)

Bag size functions

getCapacity: returns the current capacity of the Bag

getCurrentSize: returns the current number of items in the Bag

isEmpty:

```
if (itemCount == 0) return true;
```

```
else return false;
```

Or...

```
return (itemCount == 0);
```