

## Chapter 2

### Classes & Objects in OOP



# Class in OOP

## What is a class?

- A class is an entity that determines how an object will behave and what the object will contain.
  - In other words, it is a blueprint or a set of instruction to build a specific type of object.
  - The **classes** and objects are the most important features of c++.
  - A class is similar to structure but it provides more advanced feature.
- When you define a **class** you define a blueprint for a data type.
  - This doesn't actually define any data but it does define what the **class** name means that is what an object of the class will consist of and what operations can be performed on such an object.
  - A class definition starts with the keyword **class** followed by the class name and the class body, enclosed by a pair of curly braces.
  - A **class** definition must be followed either by a semicolon or a list of declarations.

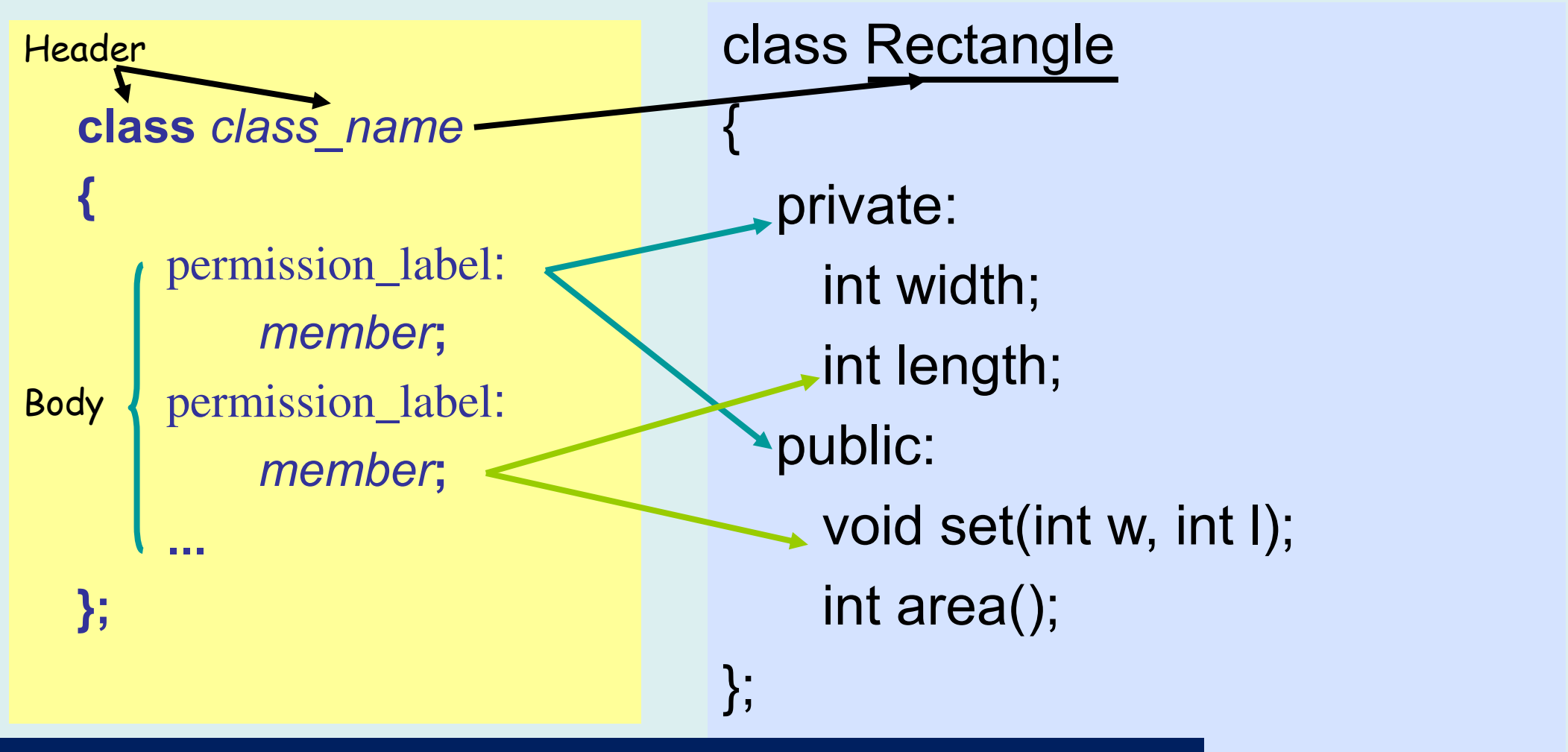
- Fruit -> is a class
- **Apple ->is object**
- **Mango -> is object**
- **Orange -> is object**

Vehicle -> is a class  
Car -> is object  
bus -> is object  
Truck -> is object

University -> is a class  
RUET -> is object  
BUET -> is object  
Cambridge -> is object



# Define a Class Type



**public** - members are accessible from outside the class.

**private** - members cannot be accessed (or viewed) from outside the class.

# Class in OOP: C++ example

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

class Rectangle{
private:
    int height;
    int width;
public:
    void SetData(int h,int w){
        height=h;
        width=w;
    }
    void Display(){
        cout<<"Height="<<height<<" Weight="<<width;
    }
};

int main()
{
    Rectangle r1,r2;
    r1.SetData(3,4);
    r1.Display();
    return 0;
}
```

## Question:

1. What happens if private keyword is replaced by public?
2. What happens if public keyword is replaced by private?

## Data & Member Functions

- Access specifier label **public** and **private**
- Function are public and data is private
- Data is hidden so that it can be safe from accidental manipulation
- Functions operates on data are public so they can be accessed from outside the class



# Class in OOP: Data & Member Function

## Data & Member Functions

- Member functions are the functions that operate on the data encapsulated in the class
- Public member functions are the interface to the class
- Define member function inside the class definition

OR

- Define member function outside the class definition

## Example

- Define a class of student that has a roll number. This class should have a function that can be used to set the roll number

```
class Student{
    int rollNo;
public:
    void Show(int aRollNo){
        rollNo = aRollNo;
    }
};
```

## Member Functions inside the Class

```
class ClassName {
    ...
public:
    ReturnType FunctionName() {
        ...
    }
};
```

```
class ClassName{
    ...
public:
    ReturnType FunctionName();
};
ReturnType
ClassName::FunctionName()
{
    ...
}
```



# Class in OOP: Data & Member Function

## Member Functions outside the Class

```
class ClassName{  
    ...  
    public:  
    Return Type FunctionName();  
};  
Return Type  
    ClassName::FunctionName()  
{  
    ...  
}
```

Scope resolution operator

## Example

```
class Student{  
    ...  
    int rollNo;  
    public:  
    void Show(int aRollNo);  
};  
void Student::Show(int aRollNo){  
    ...  
    rollNo = aRollNo;  
}
```



# Class in OOP: **Setters & Getters**

- **Setters** allow for a private variable to be modified.
- **Getters** give public access to private data.

## Example: **setters()**

```
//setters
void setHeight(int h)
{
    height = h;
}
void setWidth(int w)
{
    width = w;
}
```

## Example: **getters()**

```
//getters
int getHeight()
{
    return height;
}
int getWidth()
{
    return width;
}
```

Write a complete C++ program using these setters and getters





# Class in OOP: Access Control

## Access Specifiers

- Access specifiers in C++ class defines the access control rules.
- C++ has 3 new keywords introduced, namely,
  1. **Public**
  2. **Private**
  3. **Protected**
- These access specifiers are used to set boundaries for availability of members of class be it data members or member functions
- Access specifiers in the program, are followed by a colon.
- You can use either one, two or all 3 specifiers in the same class to set different boundaries for different class members.
- They change the boundary for all the declarations that follow them.

## public specifier

- **Public**, means all the class members declared under **public** will be available to everyone.
- The data members and member functions declared **public** can be accessed by other classes too.
- Hence there are chances that they might change them.
- So the key members must not be declared **public**.

## public specifier: Example

```
Class PublicAccess
{
    public: // public access specifier
    int x;      // Data Member Declaration
    void display();
    // Member Function declaration
}
```





# Class in OOP: Access Control

## private specifier

- **Private** keyword, means that no one can access the class members declared **private** outside that class.
- If someone tries to **access** the **private** member, they will get a compile time error.
- By default class variables and member functions are **private**.

## private specifier: Example

```
class PrivateAccess
{
    private: // private access specifier
    int x; // Data Member Declaration
    void display(); // Member Function declaration
}
```

## protected specifier

- **Protected**, is the last access specifier, and it is similar to **private**, it makes class member inaccessible outside the class.
- But they can be accessed by any subclass of that class. (If class A is inherited by class B, then class B is subclass of class A. We will learn this later in **inheritance** Topic.)

## protected specifier: Example

```
class ProtectedAccess
{
    protected: // protected access specifier
    int x; // Data Member Declaration
    void display(); // Member Function declaration
}
```



# Class in OOP: Constructors

## What is a constructor?

- C++ requires a construct call for each object it has created
- **Constructors** are special class functions which performs initialization of every object.
- The Compiler calls the **Constructor** whenever an object is created.
- If there is no **constructor**, the compiler provides a **default constructor** that is, a **constructor** with no parameters
- Name of **constructor** function is same as name of class
- **constructor** has no return type

## Example

```
Class Test{  
    Private:  
        int n;  
    Public:  
        Test(){  
            n = 0;  
        }  
};
```

## Constructor: Initialization

- One of the most common tasks a constructor carries out is initializing data members
- In the Test class the constructor must initialize the **n** member to 0
- The initialization takes place following the member function declarator but before the function body.
- Initialization in constructor's function body

```
Test()  
{ n = 0; }
```

- It's preceded by a colon. The value is placed in parentheses following the member data.

```
Test() : n(0)  
{ }
```

- If multiple members must be initialized, they're separated by commas.
  - Test() : n1(7), n2(8), n3(4) ← **initializer list** { }

# Class in OOP: Destructors

## What is a destructor?

- Destructor is a function called implicitly when an object is destroyed
- The name of the destructor for a class is the **tilde character (~)** followed by the class name
- No arguments and no return type for a destructor
- The most common use of destructors is to deallocate memory that was allocated for the object by the constructor

## Example

```
Class Test{  
    Private:  
        int n;  
    Public:  
        Test(){  
            n = 0;  
        }  
        ~Test(){  
        }  
};
```

## Destructor: C++ Program

```
class Test{  
    public:  
        Test(){  
            cout<<"Constructor is called"<<endl;  
        }  
        ~Test(){  
            cout<<"Destructor is called"<<endl;  
        }  
};  
void CreateObj(){  
    Test t1,t2;  
    cout<<"Inside the CreateObj()"<<endl;  
}  
int main()  
{  
    CreateObj();  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Class in OOP: Class in Different File

## What is a destructor?

```
#include <iostream>
#include "reg.h"

using namespace std;

int main(){
    Circle c1;
    c1.SetRadius(3);
    cout<<c1.GetArea();
}
```

## reg.h

```
class Circle{
private:
    int r;
public:
    void SetRadius(int x){
        r=x;
    }
    float GetArea(){
        return(3.14*r*r);
    }
};
```



# Class in OOP: static Data Member

## What is a static data member?

Static data members are class members that are declared using static keywords. A static member has certain special characteristics which are as follows:

- Only one copy of that member is created for the entire class and is shared by all the objects of that class, no matter how many objects are created.
- It is initialized before any object of this class is created, even before the main starts.
- It is visible only within the class, but its lifetime is the entire program.
- The value must be initialized outside the class
- The getter function must be static

Syntax:

```
static data_type data_member_name;
```

```
// This program counts no. of objects
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Base{
    int x;
    static int y;
public:
    Base(int X){
        x=X;
        y++;
    }
    static int getY(){ return y;}
};
int Base::y=0;
int main()
{
    Base c1(10),c2(20);
    cout<<Base::getY();
    return 0;
}
```

# Class in OOP: Passing Object as Parameter

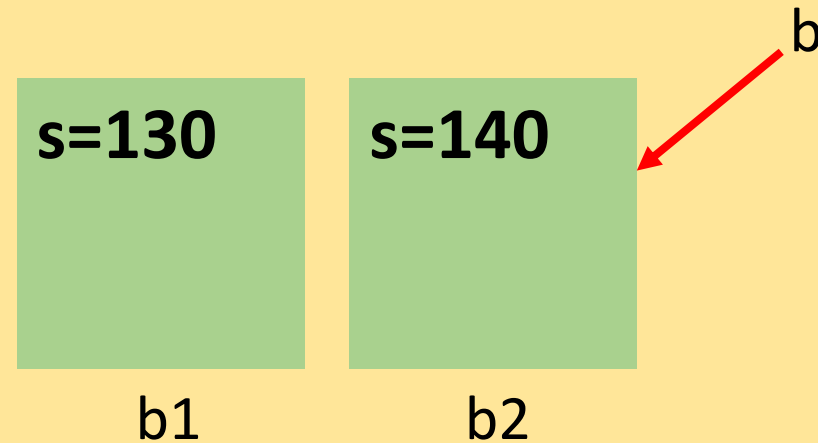
## Example

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

class Ball{
private:
int s;
public:
    Ball(){}
    Ball(int x){
        s=x;
    }
    void AvgSpeed(Ball *b){
        cout<<(s+b->s)/2;
    }
};
```

## Contd..

```
int main()
{
    Ball b1(130),b2(140);
    b1.AvgSpeed(&b2);
    return 0;
}
```



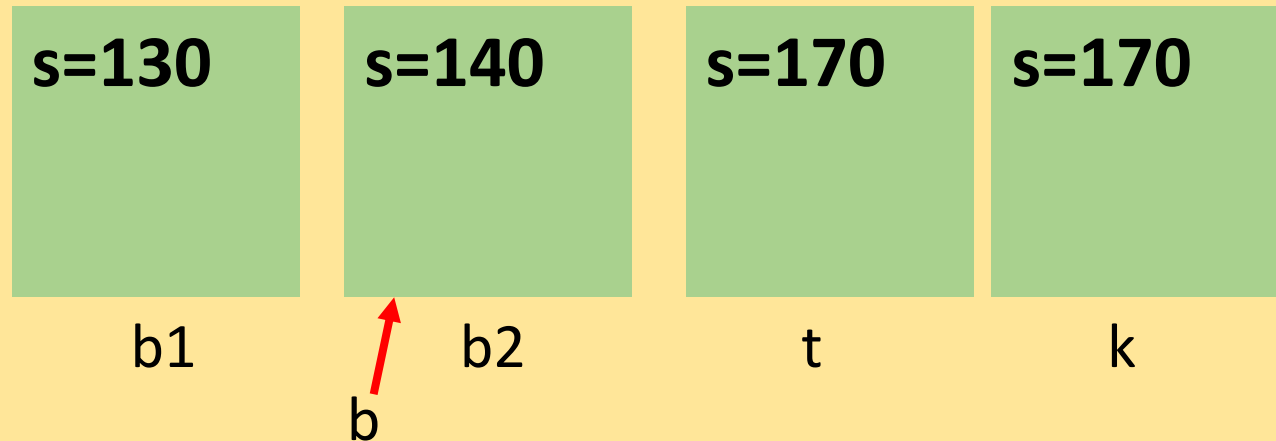
# Class in OOP: Object as Function Return

## Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Ball{
private:
float s;
public:
Ball(){}
Ball(int x){
s=x;
}
float GetSpeed (){
return s;
}
Ball AvgSpeed(Ball *b){
Ball t;
t.s=s+b->s;
return(t);
}
};
```

## Contd..

```
int main()
{
Ball b1(130),b2(140);
Ball k;
k=b1.AvgSpeed(&b2);
cout<<k.GetSpeed()/2;
return 0;
}
```





# Class in OOP: Copy Constructor

## What is a Copy Constructor?

A **copy constructor** is a member function that initializes an object using another object of the same class. In simple terms, a constructor which creates an object by initializing it with an object of the same class, which has been created previously is known as a **copy constructor**.

Copy constructor is used to initialize the members of a newly created object by copying the members of an already existing object.

Copy constructor takes a reference to an object of the same class as an argument.

```
Sample(Sample &t) {  
    id=t.id;  
}
```

In Sample class

```
int main() {  
    Sample s1(100);  
    Sample s2(s1);  
}
```

In main()

```
int id
```

Sample Class



# Class in OOP: Copy Constructor Example

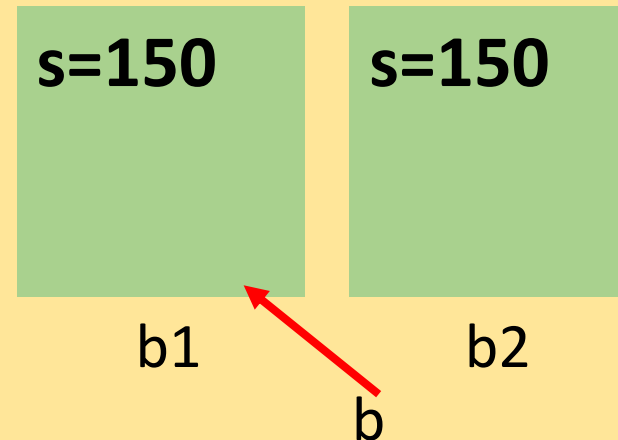
## Example

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

class Ball{
private:
float s;
public:
    Ball(){}
    Ball(int x){
        s=x;
    }
    Ball(Ball &b){ ← Copy constructor
        s=b.s;
    }
    float GetSpeed (){
        return s;
    }
};
```

## Contd..

```
int main()
{
    Ball b1(150);
    Ball b2(b1); ← Copy constructor
    cout<<b2.GetSpeed();
    return 0;
}
```



# Class in OOP: **const Member Function**

## **const member function**

### declaration

*return\_type func\_name (para\_list) const;*

### definition

*return\_type func\_name (para\_list) const { ... }*

*return\_type class\_name :: func\_name (para\_list) const { ... }*

- Makes no modification about the data members (safe function)
- It is illegal for a const member function to modify a class data member



# Class in OOP: **const Member Function**

```
class Base{  
    mutable int x;  
    public:  
        void setX(int a){ x=a;}  
        int getX()const {  
            x++;  
            return x;}  
};
```

function declaration

Data Member can't be changed

To make const function executable → making data member mutable



# Class in OOP: static Member Function

- **static member function**
  - Static member function can contain only static data member
  - Non-static Static member function can contain both static and non-static data member
  - Static function can run using  
`<classname>::<static function()>`



# Class in OOP: static Member Function

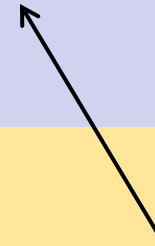
```
class Base{
    int x;
    static int y;
public:
    Base(int X){
        x=X;
        y++;
    }
    static int getY(){ return y;}
};

int Base::y=0;
```

```
int main()
{
    Base c1(10),c2(20);

    cout<<Base::getY();
    return 0;
}
```

Static method can be called  
by class name with scope  
resolution



# Class in OOP: friend Member Function

- A **friend** function of a class is defined outside that class' scope but it has the right to access all **private** and **protected** members of the class.
- Even though the prototypes for **friend** functions appear in the class definition, **friends** are not member functions.
- A **friend** can be a function, function template, or member function, or a class or class template, in which case the entire class and all of its members are friends.
- To declare a function as a friend of a class, precede the function prototype in the class definition with keyword **friend** as follows:





# Class in OOP: friend Function Example\_01

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

class Test{
private:
    int n;
public:
    Test(int x){
        n=x;
    }
    friend void show(Test t);
};

void show(Test t){
    cout<<"n="<<t.n;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    Test p(10);
    show(p);
    return 0;
}
```



# Class in OOP: friend Function Example\_02

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

class B; //forwrad declaration
class A{
private:
    int n;
public:
    A(int x){
        n=x;
    }
    friend void Add(A,B);
};
```

```
class B{
private:
    int n;
public:
    B(int x){
        n=x;
    }
    friend void Add(A,B);
};

void Add(A a,B b){
    cout<<"Sum="<<a.n+b.n;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    A oa(10);
    B ob(20);
    Add(oa,ob);
    return 0;
}
```

Here private members of different classes are added using friend function



# Introduction to OOP

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