
CPT113 – Programming Methodology & Data Structure
Tutorial Week 7
Pointers and Dynamic Variables

Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the use of pointers and dynamic variables in class

1. Refer to the given source code, compile and run the program. Follow the instructions in the comments and observe the effect of modifying the code on the output of the program.

/* This program demonstrates deep and shallow copy for objects

Instructions:

1. Remove comment for **CopyConstructor**, then compile and run the program. Observe the output. Relate the code with the output. Discuss your findings.
2. Comment out **CopyConstructor**, then compile and run the program. Observe the output.
3. Relate with the code and output. Discuss it.

*/

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

```
class ShalloC
{
private:
    int * x;
public:
    ShalloC(int m)
    {
        x = new int;
        *x = m;
    }

    //CopyConstructor
    /*ShalloC(const ShalloC& obj)
    {
        x = new int;
        *x = obj.GetX();
    } */

    int GetX() const
    {
        return *x;
    }
}
```

```

    }

    void SetX(int m)
    {
        *x = m;
    }

    void PrintX()
    {
        cout << "Int X=" << *x << endl;
    }

    ~ShalloC()
    {
        delete x;
    }
};

int main()
{
    ShalloC ob1(10);
    ShalloC ob2 = ob1 ;
    ob1.PrintX();
    ob2.PrintX();
    ob1.SetX(12);
    ob1.PrintX();
    ob2.PrintX();
}

```

2. Refer to the given source code, compile & run a program. Follow the instructions in the comments and observe the effect of modifying the code on the output of the program. Explain what has happened.

/* This program demonstrates how assignment operators work with/without dynamic array
Instructions:

1. Uncomment **Method 1**, then compile and run the program. Observe the output and relate it with the code. Discuss it.
2. Comment out **Method 1**. Then uncomment **Method 2**.
3. Compile and run the program. Observe the output and relate it with the code. Discuss it.

*/

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

```

```

class cwork
{
    private:
        int matric;
        int *p;
    public:
        void createDynamicArray(int size)
        {
            p=new int [size];
        }
}

```

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        void setData(int m,int t1,int t2)
        {
            matric=m;
            p[0]=t1;
            p[1]=t2;
        }

        cwork()
        {
            matric=0;
            p=NULL;
        }

        ~cwork() { }

//Method 1
/* overloading of assignment operator
void operator = (const cwork &cw){
    matric = cw.matric;
    p=cw.p;
} */

//Method 2
/* const cwork operator=(const cwork& rightObject)
{
    if(this != &rightObject) //avoid self-assignment
    {
        delete [ ] p;
        matric = rightObject.matric;
        p=new int [2];
        for (int i=0;i<2;i++)
            p[i]=rightObject.p[i];
    }

    //return the object assigned
    return *this;
} */

void display()
{
    cout <<"\t" << matric <<": " ; cout <<"\t" << "Test 1 & Test 2:
" << p[0] << "\t" << p[1] << endl;
}

void del()
{
    delete [ ] p;
}

};

int main()
{
    cwork student1,student2;
    student1.createDynamicArray(2);
    student1.setData(27913, 75,80);
    cout <<"Display data in object student1: \n";
    student1.display();

```

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        //copy data from object student1 into object student2
        student2=student1; student1.del(); //object student1 delete dynamic array
        cout <<"Display data in object student2: \n";
        student2.display();
    }

```

3. Construct a class named `Health` which consists of two data members: `passportNum` with type `int` and a pointer named `ptr` with type `float`. Create a dynamic array using pointer `ptr` to store body temperature and age. You should define appropriate methods (including copy constructors, overloading of assignment operator, destructors to properly handle dynamic arrays) to complete the class definition. Then write `main()` function to test your program. ******(let student try on their own and submit their answers)

True/False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

- _____ 4. A pointer variable is a variable whose content is a memory address.
- _____ 5. In C++, no name is associated with the pointer data type.
- _____ 6. In the statement


```
int* p, q;
```

`p` and `q` are pointer variables.
- _____ 7. The *address operator* is a unary operator that returns the address of its operand.
- _____ 8. In C++, the asterisk character is only used as the binary multiplication operator.
- _____ 9. In C++, `&p`, `p`, and `*p` all have the same meaning.
- _____ 10. In C++, the dot operator has a lower precedence than the dereferencing operator.
- _____ 11. Variables that are created during program execution are called `static` variables.
- _____ 12. In C++, `new` is a reserved word; however, `delete` is not a reserved word.
- _____ 13. A memory leak is an unused memory space that cannot be allocated.
- _____ 14. The statement `delete p;` deallocates the dynamic variable pointed to by `p`.
- _____ 15. Two pointer variables of the same type can be compared for equality.
- _____ 16. If `p` is a pointer variable, the statement `p = p * 2;` is valid in C++.
- _____ 17. If `p` is a pointer variable, the statement `p = p + 1;` is valid in C++.

___ 18. Pointer arithmetic is the same as ordinary arithmetic.

___ 19. Given the declarations

```
int list[10];  
int *p;
```

the statement

```
p = list;
```

is valid in C++.

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

___ 20. In C++, you declare a pointer variable by using the ___ symbol.

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|------|------|
| a. * | c. # |
| b. & | d. @ |

___ 21. The code `int *p;` declares p to be a(n) ___ variable.

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|--------|------------|
| a. new | c. pointer |
| b. num | d. address |

___ 22. In C++, ___ is called the address of operator.

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|------|-------|
| a. & | c. # |
| b. * | d. -> |

___ 23. Which of the following correctly declares a pointer variable p?

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. <code>int *p;</code> | c. <code>int p; q*;</code> |
| b. <code>int* q, p;</code> | d. <code>*int p;</code> |

___ 24. What is the value of x after the following statements execute?

```
int x = 25;  
int *p;  
p = &x;  
*p = 46;
```

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|---------|-------|
| a. NULL | c. 25 |
| b. 0 | d. 46 |

___ 25. What is the output of the following statements?

```
int x = 33;  
int *q;  
q = &x;  
cout << *q << endl;
```

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|---------|-------|
| a. NULL | c. 3 |
| b. 0 | d. 33 |

____ 26. What is the output of the following code?

```
int *p;
int x;
x = 76;
p = &x;
*p = 43;
cout << x << ", " << *p << endl;
```

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|-----------|-----------|
| a. 76, 76 | c. 43, 76 |
| b. 76, 43 | d. 43, 43 |

____ 27. What is the output of the following code?

```
int *p;
int x;
x = 12;
p = &x;
cout << x << ", ";
*p = 81;
cout << *p << endl;
```

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|-----------|-----------|
| a. 12, 12 | c. 81, 12 |
| b. 12, 81 | d. 81, 81 |

____ 28. The only number that can be directly assigned to a pointer variable is ____.

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|-------|------|
| a. -1 | c. 1 |
| b. 0 | d. 2 |

____ 29. Which of the following can be used to initialize a pointer variable?

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|---------|--------|
| a. 1 | c. "0" |
| b. NULL | d. '0' |

____ 30. The C++ operator ____ is used to create dynamic variables.

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|------------|------------------|
| a. dynamic | c. virtual |
| b. new | d. dereferencing |

____ 31. The C++ operator ____ is used to destroy dynamic variables.

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|------------|------|
| a. destroy | c. * |
| b. delete | d. ~ |

____ 32. Which of the following operations is allowed on pointer variables?

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|--------|-------|
| a. exp | c. == |
| b. % | d. / |

____ 33. Which of the following arithmetic operations is allowed on pointer variables?

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| a. Increment | c. Multiplication |
| b. Modulus | d. Division |

____ 34. Given the statement `double *p;`, the statement `p++;` will increment the value of `p` by ____ bytes.

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|--------|----------|
| a. one | c. four |
| b. two | d. eight |

- ____ 35. Given the declaration `int *a;`, the statement `a = new int[50];` dynamically allocates an array of 50 components of the type ____.
- a. `int`
 - b. `int*`
 - c. `pointer`
 - d. `address`
- ____ 36. An array created during the execution of a program is called a(n) ____ array.
- a. `list`
 - b. `static`
 - c. `execution`
 - d. `dynamic`
- ____ 37. In a ____ copy, two or more pointers of the same type point to the same memory.
- a. `static`
 - b. `shallow`
 - c. `dynamic`
 - d. `deep`
- ____ 38. In a(n) ____ copy, two or more pointers have their own data.
- a. `shallow`
 - b. `deep`
 - c. `static`
 - d. `dynamic`
- ____ 39. A class ____ automatically executes whenever a class object goes out of scope.
- a. `constructor`
 - b. `destructor`
 - c. `pointer`
 - d. `exception`
- ____ 40. The default member-wise initialization is due to the constructor, called the ____ constructor.
- a. `init`
 - b. `new`
 - c. `copy`
 - d. `pointer`
- ____ 41. The ____ constructor is called when an object is passed as a (value) parameter to a function.
- a. `default`
 - b. `copy`
 - c. `struct`
 - d. `class`
- ____ 42. In C++, virtual functions are declared using the reserved word ____.
- a. `virtual`
 - b. `private`
 - c. `public`
 - d. `struct`
- ____ 43. In ____ binding, the necessary code to call a specific function is generated by the compiler.
- a. `static`
 - b. `dynamic`
 - c. `shallow`
 - d. `deep`
- ____ 44. Run-time binding is also known as ____ binding.
- a. `static`
 - b. `shallow`
 - c. `dynamic`
 - d. `deep`