



CS590/CPE590

C++ Review

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Outline

C++ Review:

- Token
- Variables
- Arrays
- Strings
- Command-line Arguments
- Functions
- Pointers
- Class



Tokens

- **Tokens** are the minimal chunk of program that have meaning to the compiler – the smallest meaningful symbols in the language.
- Let's see different kinds of tokens

Token Types	Description/Purpose	Examples
Keywords	Words with special meaning to the compiler	int, class
Identifiers	Name of things that are not built into the language	cout, std, variable-names
Literals	Basic constant values whose value is specified directly in the source code	"Hello World"
Operators	Mathematical or logical operations	+, and/or
Punctuation/Separators	Punctuation defining the structure of a program	{ }, ;
Whitespace	Spaces of various sorts; ignored by the compiler	space, tab, newline, comment



Basic Language Features

Values and Statements

- A **statement** is a unit of code that does something – a basic building block of a program.
- An **expression** is a statement that has a value – for instance, a number, a string, the sum of two numbers, etc.
- **Not** every statement is an expression. E.g., **#include** statement.

Operators

- Operators act on expressions to form a new expression.
 - Mathematical: +, -, *, /, %
 - Logical: and, or, etc.
 - Bitwise: manipulates the binary representation of numbers, e.g., |, ^, <<, etc.



Basic Language Features

Data Types

- Every expression has a type – integer, floating-point, string
- Data of different types take a different amounts of memory to store.
- An operation can be performed on compatible types and normally produces a value of the same type as its

Type Names	Description	Size (byte)	Range
char	Single text character or small integer. Indicated with single quotes ('a', '3').	1	signed: -128 to 127 unsigned: 0 to 255
int	Integer	4	signed: -2147483648 to 2147483647 unsigned: 0 to 4294967295
bool	Boolean (true/false). Indicated with the keywords true and false.	1	Just true (1) or false (0).
double	“Doubly” precise floating-point number.	8	+/- 1.7e +/- 308 (15 digits)

- A *signed* integer is one that can represent a negative number; an *unsigned* integer will never be interpreted as negative.
- There are 3 integer types: short, int, and long, in non-decreasing order of size.
 - memory usage or huge numbers.
- The sizes/ranges for each type are not fully standardized; those shown above are the ones used on most 32-bit computers.

Variable



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

int main () {
    int x ;
    x = 4 + 2;
    cout << x / 3 << ' ' << x * 2;
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main () {
    int x = 4 + 2;
    cout << x / 3 << ' ' << x * 2;
    return 0;
}
```

- Use *variables* to give a value a name so we can refer to it later.
- The name of a variable is an *identifier token*. Identifiers may contain numbers, letters, and underscores (`_`), and *may not start with a number*.
- The **declaration** of the variable `x` – must tell the compiler what type `x` will be so that it knows how much memory to reserve for it and what kinds of operations may be performed on it.
- The **initialization** of `x` – specify an initial value for it. This introduces a new operator: `=`, the assignment operator.
- A single statement does both declaration and initialization.



Arrays

- An array is a fixed number of elements of the same type stored sequentially in memory.
 `type arrayName[dimension];`
- The elements of an array can be accessed by using an index into the array.
- Arrays in C++ are **zero-indexed**, so the first element has an index of 0.
- Like normal variables, the elements of an array must be initialized before they can be used.
- The array be multidimensional array.
 `type arrayName[dimension1][dimension2];`
- Dimensions must always be provided when initializing multidimensional arrays.
- Multidimensional arrays are merely an abstraction for programmers, as all of the elements in the array are sequential in memory.

```
int arr[4];  
  
arr[0] = 6;  
arr[1] = 0;  
arr[2] = 9;  
arr[3] = 6;  
  
int arr[4] = {6, 0, 9, 6};  
  
int arr[] = {6, 0, 9, 6};
```

```
int twoDimArray[2][4] = { 6, 0, 9, 6, 2, 0, 1, 1 };  
int twoDimArray[2][4] = { { 6, 0, 9, 6 } , { 2, 0, 1, 1 } };
```



Strings

- String literals such as “Hello, world!” are represented by C++ as a sequence of characters in memory. In other words, a string is simply a character array and can be manipulated as such.

```
char helloworld[] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ',', ' ', 'w', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd', '!', '\0' };
```

- The character array helloworld ends with a special character, ‘\0’, known as the **null** character.
- Character arrays can also be initialized using string literals.

```
char helloworld[] = "Hello, world!"
```

- The individual characters in a string can be manipulated either directly by the programmer or by using special functions provided by the C/C++ libraries. These can be included in a program using the **#include** directive:
 - cctype (ctype.h): character handling
 - cstdio (stdio.h): input/output operations
 - cstdlib (stdlib.h): general utilities
 - cstring (string.h): string manipulation

Strings



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

int main() {
    char messyString[] = "t6H0I9s6.iS.999a9.STRING";
    char current = messyString[0];
    for(int i = 0; current != '\0'; current = messyString[++i]) {
        if(isalpha(current))
            cout << (char)(isupper(current) ? tolower(current) : current);
        else if(ispunct(current))
            cout << ' ';
    }
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- The *isalpha* functions check whether a given character is an **alphabetic character**, an **uppercase letter**, or a **punctuation character**, respectively.
- These functions return a *Boolean* value of either true or false.
- The *tolower* function converts a given character to lowercase.
- The for loop takes each successive character from messyString until it reaches the *null* character.

Strings Functions



- `strcpy()`: copies one string into another
- `strcat()`: concatenates two functions
- `strlen()`: returns the length of a function
- `strcmp()`: compares two strings

Command Line Arguments

Let's look at the main function:

It contains parameters now!

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

/*
 * Computes the max of two integers m and n.
 */
int max(int m, int n) {
    return m > n ? m : n;
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int m, n;
    stringstream iss; // input string stream variable

    if(argc != 3) {
        cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <integer m> <integer n>" << endl;
        return 1;
    }
    iss.str(argv[1]);
    if(!(iss >> m)) { // Read one integer from iss and check for failure too.
        cerr << "Error: the first argument is not a valid integer" << endl;
        return 1;
    }
    iss.clear(); // Remember to clear iss before using it with another string!
    iss.str(argv[2]);
    if(!(iss >> n)) {
        cerr << "Error: the second argument is not a valid integer" << endl;
        return 1;
    }
    cout << "m is: " << m << endl;
    cout << "n is: " << n << endl;
    cout << "max(" << m << ", " << n << ") is: " << max(m, n) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

What is `#include <sstream>` ?

- **sstream**: stands for string stream in C++; it associates a string object with a string
-- using this we can read from string as if it were a stream like **cin**
- **sstream** class is extremely useful in parsing input
- Basic Methods:
 - **clear()** : clear the stream
 - **str()** : get and set string object whose content is present in the stream
 - **operator <<** : add a string to the stringstream object
 - **operator >>** : read something from the stringstream object.

What is `argc` and `argv` ?

- Command-line arguments are provided after the name of the program in command-line shell of OS
- Passing command line arguments
 - define **`main(int argc, char *argv[])`** with two arguments:
 1. the number of command line arguments
 2. the list of command-line arguments
- **`argc`** (ARGument Count): stores number of command-line arguments passed by the user including the name of the program
- **`argv`**(ARGument Vector) is array of character pointers listing all the arguments

argc and argv

argv is an array of pointers to strings:

```

+-----+
|      |      +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
argv[0] | ----->| m | a | x | t | w | o | \0|
|      |      +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
+-----+
|      |      +---+---+---+
argv[1] | ----->| 2 | 3 | \0|
|      |      +---+---+---+
+-----+
|      |      +---+---+---+
argv[2] | ----->| 5 | 7 | \0|
|      |      +---+---+---+
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```

argc is equal to 3: 1 for the program name and 2 arguments given to the program on the comand line.

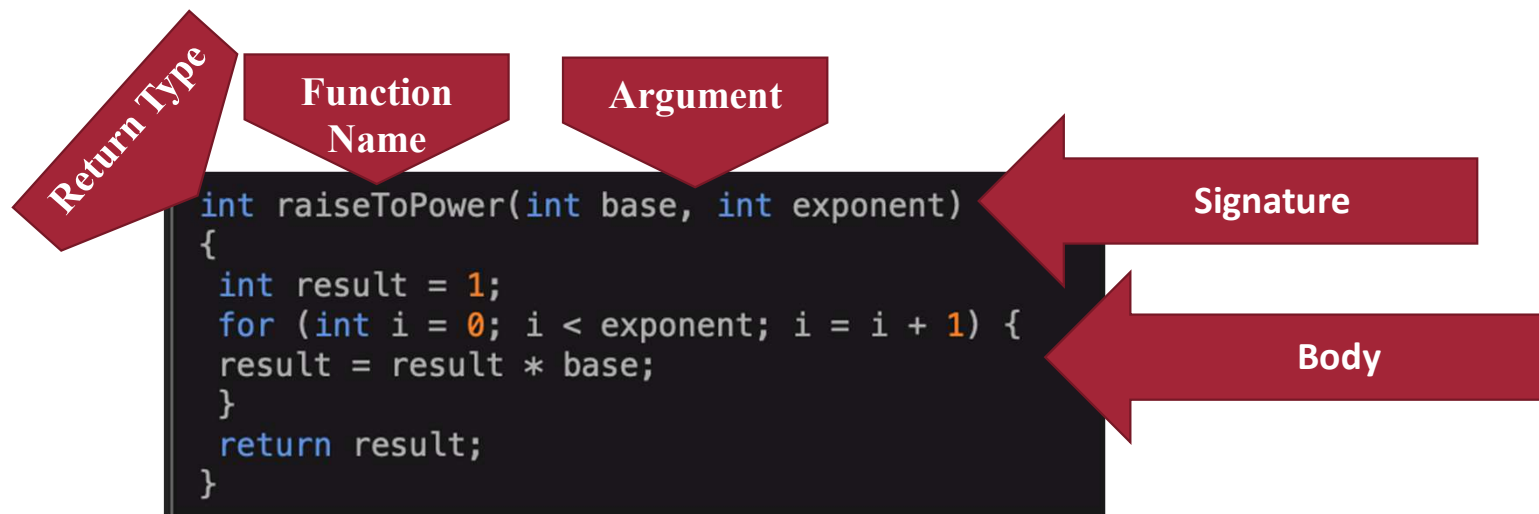


Functions

Advantages

- Readability: `sqrt(5)` is clearer than copy-pasting in an algorithm to compute the square root, e.g., $5^{(0.5)}$.
- Maintainability: To change the algorithm, just change the function (vs changing it everywhere you ever used it).
- Code reuse: Lets other people use algorithms you've implemented.

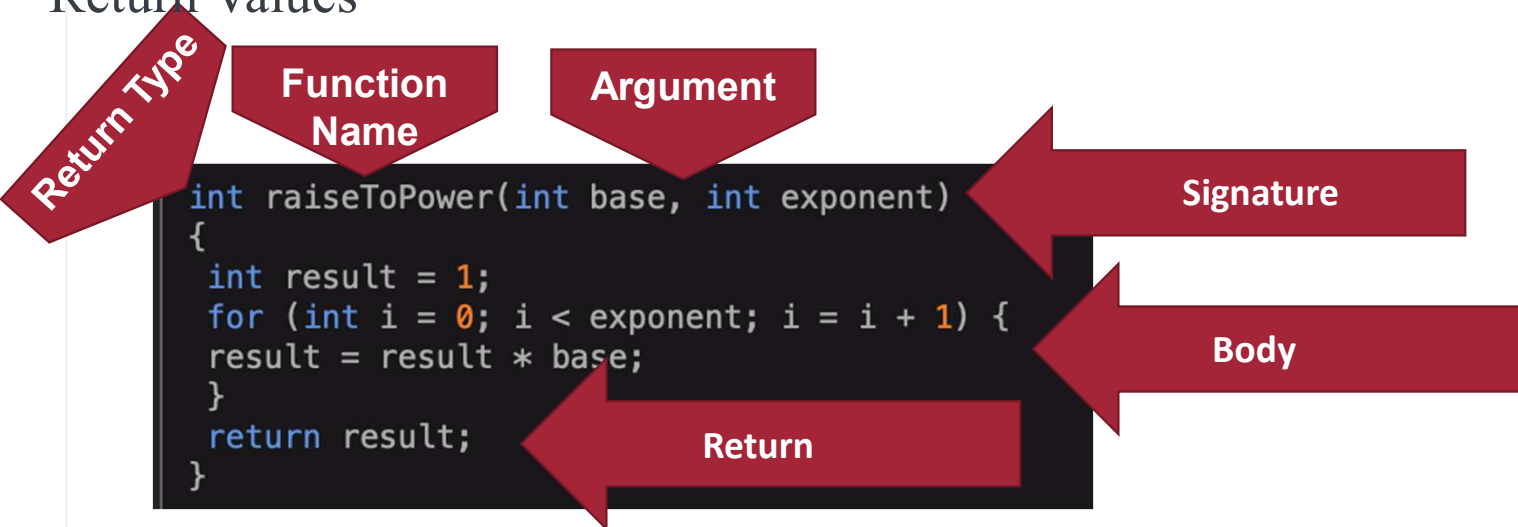
Function Declaration Syntax





Functions

Return Values



- Up to one value may be returned; **it must be the same type as the return type.**
- If no values are returned, give the function a **void** return type
 - Note that you cannot declare a variable of type void
- Return statements don't necessarily need to be at the end.
- Function returns as soon as a return statement is executed.

```
void printNumberIfEven(int num) {
    if (num % 2 == 1) {
        cout << "odd number" << endl;
        return;
    }
    cout << "even number; number is " << num << endl;
}
```


Functions



```
int foo() {  
    return bar()*2  
}
```

```
int bar() {  
    return 3;  
}
```

```
int square(int z);  
int cube(int x){  
    return x*square(x);  
}  
int square(int x){  
    return x*x  
}
```

- Function declarations need to occur **before invocations**.
 - Solution 1: reorder function declarations
 - Solution 2: use a function **prototype** to inform the compiler that you'll implement it later
- Function prototypes should match the signature of the method, though argument names don't matter
- Function prototypes are generally put into separate header files
 - Separates specification of the function from its implementation

Functions

Recursion



```
int fibonacci(int n){  
    if (n==0 || n == 1){  
        return 1;  
    } else {  
        return fibonacci(n-2) + fibonacci(n-1)  
    }  
}
```

- Functions can call themselves.
- $Fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)$ can be easily expressed via a recursive implementation.



Functions

Scope

- the extent up to which something can be worked with.
 - Where a variable was declared, determines where it can be accessed from
 - **numCalls** has global scope – can be accessed from any function
 - **result** has function scope – each function can have its own separate variable named **result**

```
int raiseToPower(int base, int exponent){
    numCalls = numCalls + 1;
    int result = 1;
    for (int i = 0; i < exponent; i = i + 1) {
        result = result * base;
    }
    return result;
}

int max(int num1, int num2){
    numCalls = numCalls + 1;
    int result;
    if (num1 > num2) {
        result = num1;
    }
    else {
        result = num2;
    }
    return result;
}
```

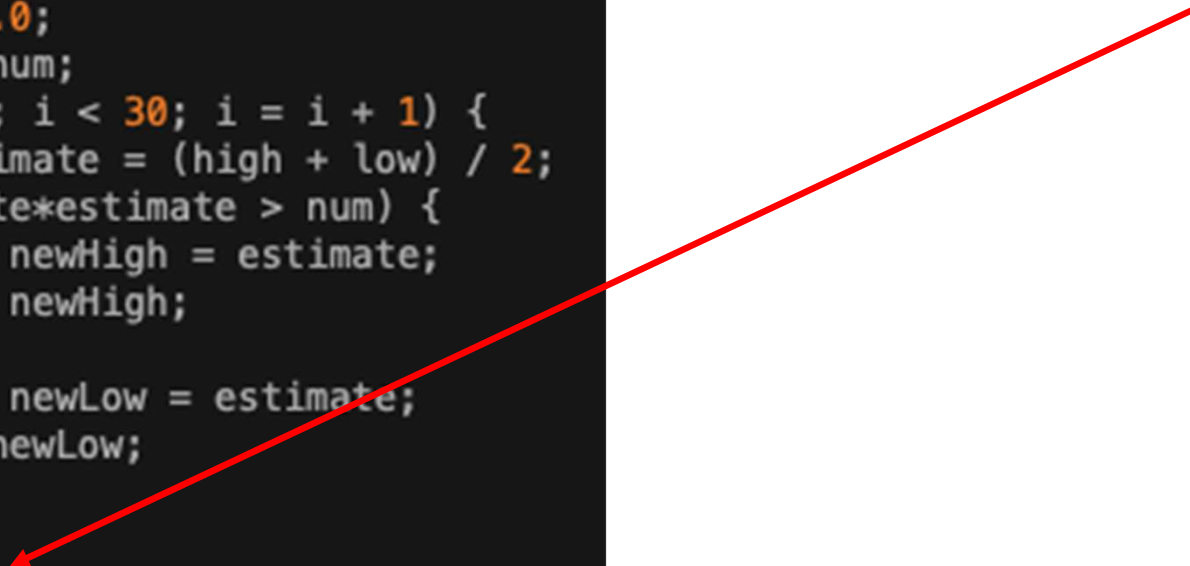
Functions

Scope



```
double squareRoot(double num) {  
    double low = 1.0;  
    double high = num;  
    for (int i = 0; i < 30; i = i + 1) {  
        double estimate = (high + low) / 2;  
        if (estimate*estimate > num) {  
            double newHigh = estimate;  
            high = newHigh;  
        } else {  
            double newLow = estimate;  
            low = newLow;  
        }  
    }  
    return estimate;  
}
```

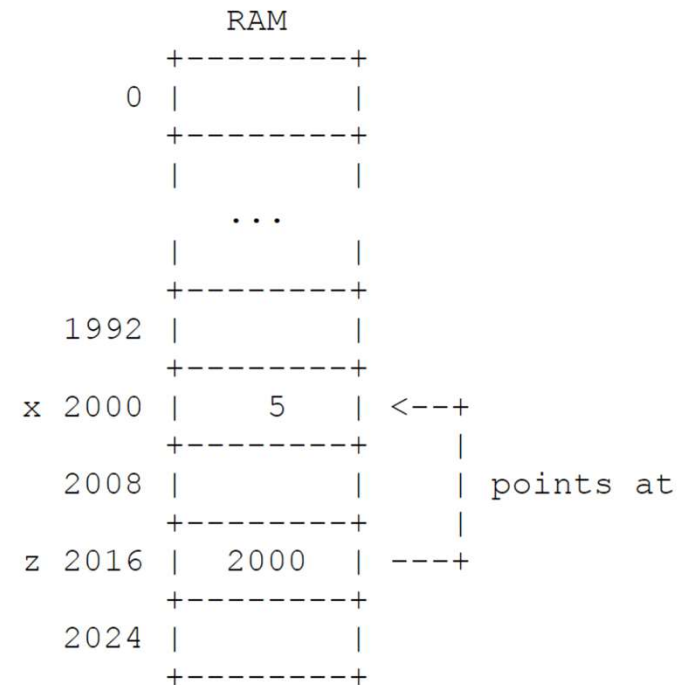
Cannot access variables that are out of scope



C++ Pointers

- Every memory cell has a value (the content of the cell) and an address (a location in memory)
- Since humans are not good at remembering numerical addresses, we prefer to use variable names instead
- **A pointer is a variable that stores as its value the address of another variable**

```
int x = 5;  
int *z;  
z = &x;
```



Distinguish among

-- pass by value

-- pass by reference

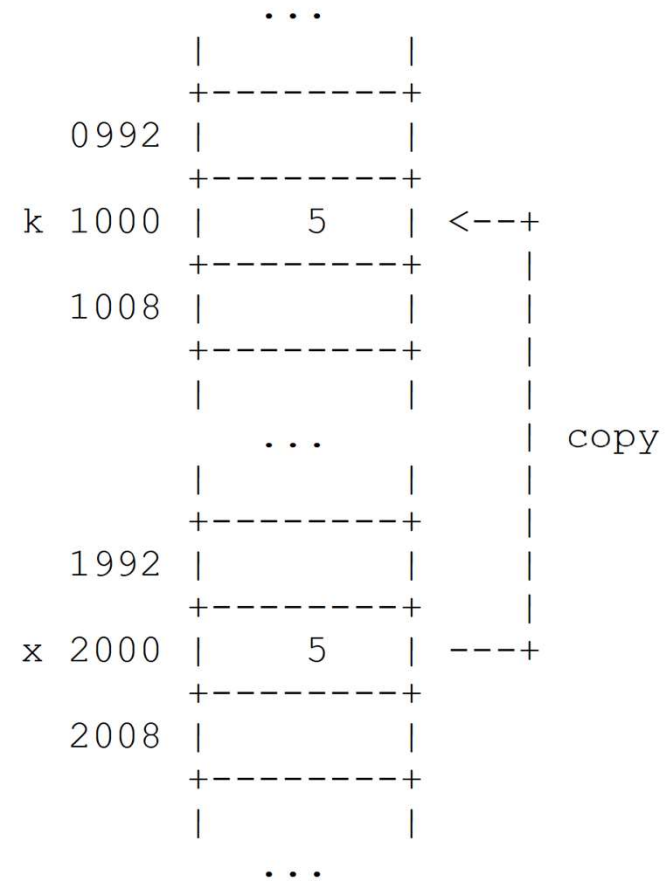
-- pass by pointer

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void pass_by_value(int k) {
    k = 10;
}
void pass_by_pointer(int *k) {
    *k = 10;
}
// & is not the "address of" operator here, it is just a notation
// to indicate that k is passed by reference.
void pass_by_reference(int &k) {
    k = 10;
}

int main() {
    int x; // Type: integer
    x = 5; // Store the integer 5 into x.
    int *z; // Type: pointer to integer
    z = &x; // Store the address of integer x into z.
    cout << x << " " << &x << " " << z << " " << &z << endl;
    cout << "*z is: " << *z << endl;
    *z = 7; // Same as: x = 7
    cout << x << " " << &x << " " << z << " " << &z << endl;
    cout << "*z is: " << *z << endl;
    x = 5;
    pass_by_value(x);
    cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
    pass_by_pointer(&x);
    cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
    x = 5;
    pass_by_reference(x);
    cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

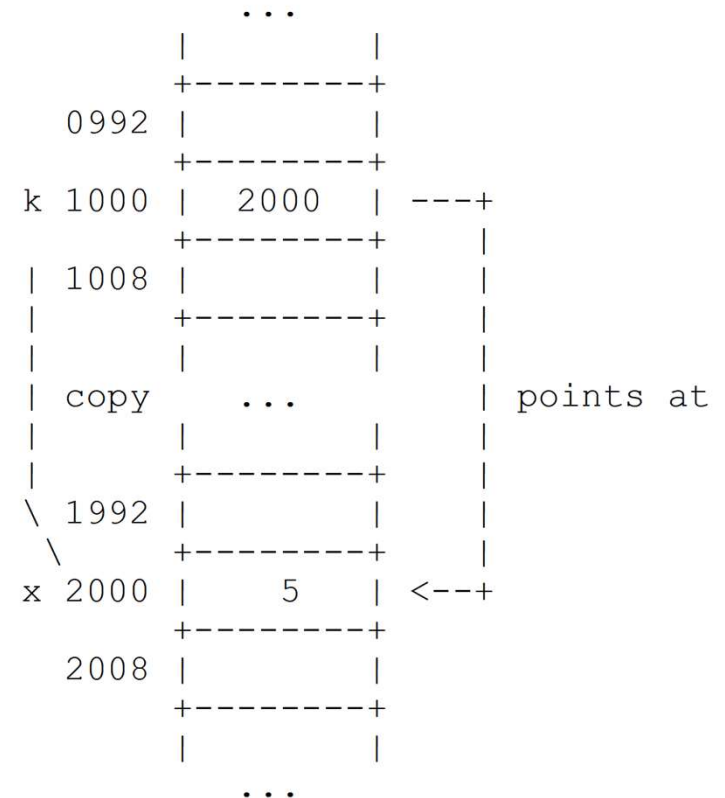
Pass by Value

- In Pass By Value, the value of the **integer x** given as argument to the function call is copied into the **integer k** at the start of the function call. After that **x** and **k** are independent of each other so **modifying k does not modify x**.



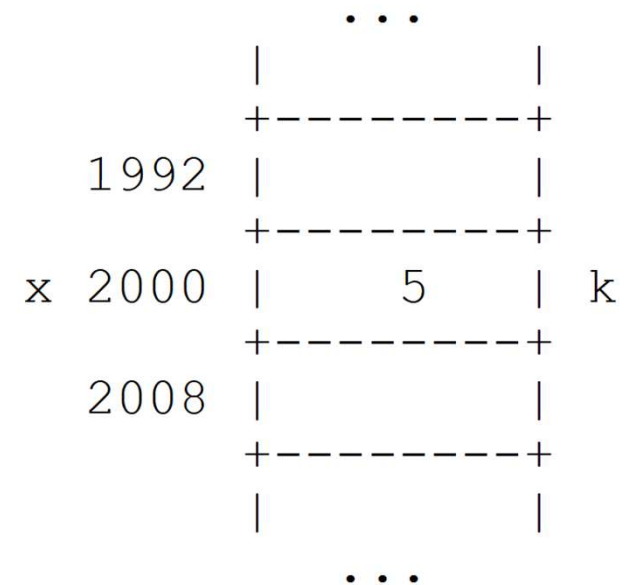
Pass by Pointer

- In Pass By Pointer, the **address of integer x** given as argument to the function call is copied into the pointer k at the start of the function call. Since k points **at x** (k contains the address of x), *k is then the same as x itself, so changing *k changes x, **even though x and k are defined in different functions.**
- **Modifying a variable defined in a different function** is one of the two main reasons why pointers are very useful.



Pass by Reference

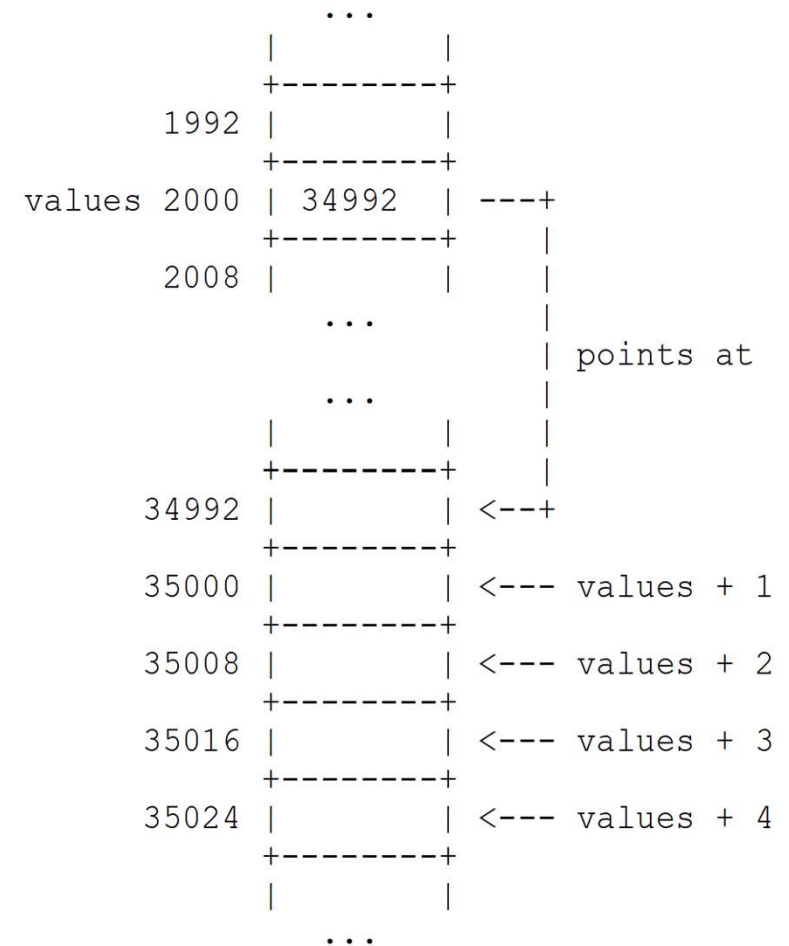
- In Pass By Reference, the **variable x given as argument to the function call is aliased with the new name k** at the start of the function call. Since **k is just another name for x**, changing k changes x, even though x and k are defined in different functions.
- Internally, the C++ compiler implements Pass By Reference by automatically rewriting your code to use Pass By Pointer, so Pass By Reference is just a nice notation provided to you by C++ for your convenience.



Dynamic Memory

- The values pointer points at the first element of an array of integers which is dynamically allocated from using the "new" operator:

```
int *values = new int[x];
```



```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// The array parameter is in fact a pointer but we can use it
// as if it were the name of the array itself.
void display_array(int array[], int length) {
    for(int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        cout << array[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}
// The array parameter is a pointer and we use pointer arithmetic.
void display_array_ptr(int *array, int length) {
    for(int *p = array; p < array + length; p++) {
        cout << *p << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}

```

```

int main() {
    int x;
    x = 15;
    // Pointer to an anonymous variable-length array which is dynamically allocated
    int *values = new int[x];
    for(int i = 0; i < x; i++) {
        // Using the pointer as if it were the name of the array:
        values[i] = i;
        // or using pointer arithmetic (which is what the CPU really does):
        *(values + i) = i;
    }
    // Using the pointer as if it were the name of the array:
    display_array(values, x);
    display_array_ptr(values, x);
    // Deleting the array (the pointer is not modified):
    delete [] values;
    return 0;
}

```

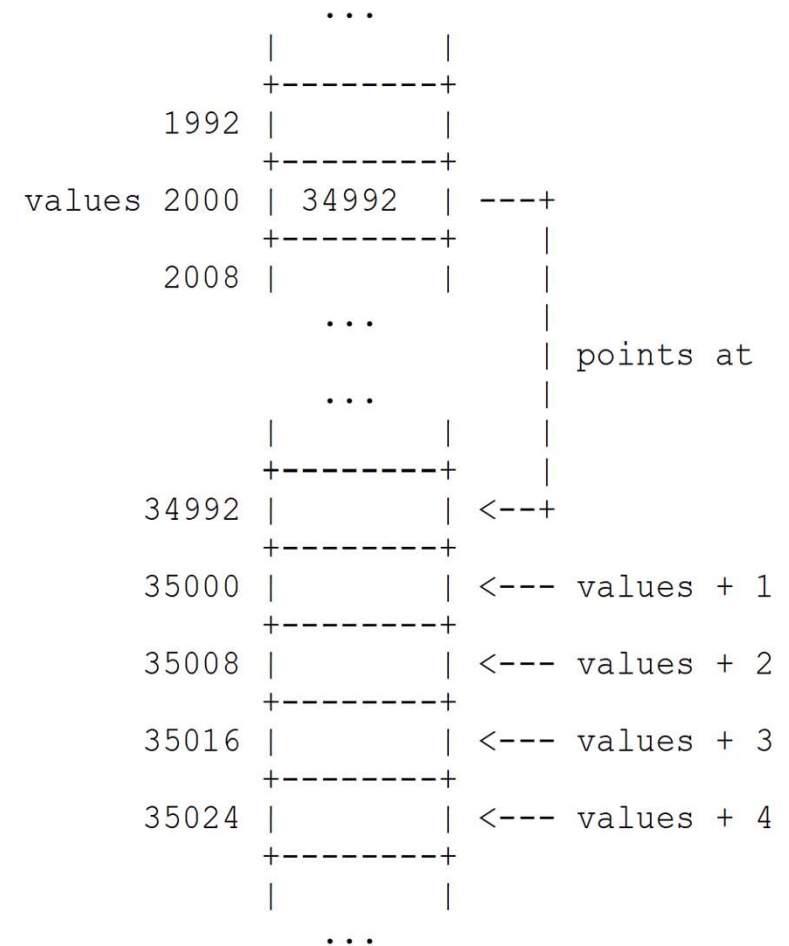
Dynamic Memory

- The array itself has no name so its elements can only be accessed through the values pointer. The array elements can then be accessed in two different (and equivalent) ways:

1) either by using the values pointer as if it were the name of the array itself, plus using the usual array notation: **values[0]**, **values[1]**, **values[2]**, etc.

2) by using pointer arithmetic: **values**, **values + 1**, **values + 2**, etc., are pointers pointing at the different elements of the array, and therefore ***values**, ***(values + 1)**, ***(values + 2)**, etc., are the array elements themselves.

- In fact, internally the C++ compiler automatically transforms **values[i]** into ***(values + i)** which is what the computer's CPU then uses to access the array elements in memory.
- Accessing dynamically allocated memory** is the other one of the two main reasons why pointers are very useful.



Class



A **user-defined datatype** which groups together related pieces of information.

```
class Employee {  
    int id;  
    string name;  
    float salary;  
};
```

Fields indicate what related pieces of information our datatype consists of – Another word for field is members.

Fields can have different types.

Access Modifier:

- Private: can be accessed within the class (default)
- Public: can be accessed from anywhere

Class Definition

As a rule of thumb, data members should be declared **private**. Member functions should be declared **public**.

```
class class_name {  
    private:  
        // data members  
    public:  
        // constructor and destructor  
        // member functions  
};
```

Objects

- Class definition and declaration
 - Once a class has been defined, it can be used as a type in object, array and pointer declarations
 - Example:

```
class Employee {  
    int id;  
    string name;  
    float salary;  
};
```

```
Employee e1; //creating an object of Employee  
Employee e2;
```

Constructors

- **Constructor:**— a function used to initialize the data of an object of a class
 - Same name as class itself
 - Cannot return anything, not even **void**
 - A class may define more than one *constructor*
 - With different parameter lists
 - Default constructor has no parameters
- **Called automatically**
 - When class object is declared as automatic variable
 - By **new** operator

Compiler provides one, if you do not!

Compiler's default simply calls constructors of data members of the class

Destructors

- *Destructor*:— a function used to clean up an object of a class prior to deleting that object
 - Class name preceded by '~'
 - No parameters, no result
- Called automatically
 - When function exits scope of automatic class object

Compiler provides one if you do not!

Compiler's default simply calls destructors of data members of the class.

Constructors and Destructors

- Constructors – Similar to Java
- Destructors – No counterpart in Java
- Purpose of Destructors
 - Free dynamic storage pointed to only by members of object
 - Reduce reference count when object disappears
 - Safely close things – e.g., files

Constructor Overloading (**Polymorphism**)

- Special case of function overloading
- Function overloading
 - functions can have the same name but differ in number/type of arguments

```
void sum(int a, int b)
{
    cout << "Result = " << (a + b);
}

void sum(double a, double b)
{
    cout << endl << "Result = " << (a + b);
}

void sum(int a, int b, int c)
{
    cout << endl << "Result = " << (a + b + c);
}

// main function
int main()
{
    sum(10, 2);
    sum(5.3, 6.2);
    sum(1, 2, 3);

    return 0;
}
```

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

```
class Point {
private:
    int x_, y_;
    float z_;
```

```
public:
```

```
    Point(){
        x_ = 0;
        y_ = 0;
        z_ = 0.1;
    }
```

//Constructor that uses initializer list (constructor overload

```
Point(int x, int y, float z){
    x_ = x;
    y_ = y;
    z_ = z;
}
```

//Method that do not modify member variables

```
void print_coords() const{
    cout << "(x,y,z)=" << x_ << ", " << y_ << ", " << z_ << ")" << endl;
}
```

//Mutator

```
void set_x(int x){
    x_ = x;
}
```

```
void set_y(int y){
    y_ = y;
}
```

```
void set_z(float z){
    z_ = z;
}
```

//Accessor

```
int get_x() const {
    return x_;
}
```

```
int get_y() const {
    return y_;
}
```

```
float get_z() const {
    return z_;
}
```

```
};
```

```
int main(){
    Point point1(5,7, 1.985);
    Point point2(1,2,3);
    Point point3;

    point2.set_x(10);
    point3.set_x(15);

    point1.print_coords();
    point2.print_coords();
    point3.print_coords();

    return 0;
}
```

Class



Line1

start

x= 3

y= 4

end

x= 5

y= 7

Line2

start

x= 5

y= 7

end

x= 8

y= 9

Practice:

- A point consists of an x and y coordinate
- A line consists of 2 points: a start and a finish
- Assigning instances for fields



Class

```
class Point{
    public:
        double x, y;
};

class Line{
    public:
        Point start, end;
};

int main(){
    Line l1, l2;
    l1.start.x = 3.0;
    l1.start.y = 4.0;
    l1.end.x = 5.0;
    l1.end.y = 7.0;
    l2.start = l1.end;
    l2.end.x = 8.0;
    l2.end.y = 9.0;
    return 0;
}
```





Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) and Inheritance

Classic “procedural” programming languages before C++ structure programs as

1. Split it up into a set of tasks and subtasks
2. Make functions for the tasks
3. Instruct the computer to perform them in sequence

With large amounts of data and/or large numbers of tasks, this makes for complex and unmaintainable programs

OOP allows programmers to pack away details into neat, self-contained boxes (objects) so that they can think of the objects more abstractly and focus on the interactions between them.

- **Encapsulation:** grouping related data and functions together as objects and defining an interface to those objects
- **Inheritance:** allowing code to be reused between related types
- **Polymorphism:** allowing a value to be one of several types, and determining at runtime which functions to call on it based on its type



Conclusion

C++ Review

- A good starting point if you did not have exposure to C++ before.

Math Review

- Knowing general properties of series, summations, exponents, and logarithms will be helpful.

Next Week

- Sorting and Complexity
- First Homework/Programming Assignment

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