Agenda

- const_cast
- Exception Handling
- Templates
- Friend Function and class

const_cast operator

- Using constant object, we can call only constant member function.
- Using non constant object, we can call constant as well as non constant member function.
- If we want convert pointer to constant object into pointer to non constant object or reference to constant object into reference to non constant object then we should use const_cast operator.
- Used to remove the const, volatile, and __unaligned attributes.
- const_cast<class *> (this)->membername = value;

Exception Handling

- Following are the operating system resources that we can use in application development
    1. Memory
    2. File
    3. Thread
    4. Socket
    5. Network connection
    6. IO Devices etc.
- Since OS resources are limited, we should use it carefully.
- If we make syntactical mistake in a program then compiler generates error.
- Without definition, if we try to access any member then linker generates error.
- Logical error / syntacticaly valid but logicaly invalid statements represents bug.
- If we give wrong input to the application then it generates runtime error/exception.
- Exception is an object, which is used to send notification to the end user of the system if any exceptional situation occurs in the program.
- If we want to manage OS resources carefully then we should use exception handling mechanism.
- Need of exception Handling:
    1. To avoid resource leakage.
    2. To handle all the runtime errors(exeption) centrally.
- If we want to handle exception then we should use 3 keywords:
    1. try
    2. catch
    3. throw

1. try:

- try is keyword in C++.
- If we want to inspect exception then we should put statements inside try block/handler.
- try block must have at least one catch block/handler

2. throw:

- throw is keyword in C++.
- If we want to generate exception explicitly then we should use throw keyword.
- "throw statement" is a jump statement.

3. catch:

- If we want to handle exception then we should use catch block/handler.
- Single try block may have multiple catch block.
- Catch block can handle exception thrown from try block only.
- With the help of function, we can throw exception from outside try block.
- For thrown exception, if we do not provide matching catch block then C++ runtime gives call the std::terminate function which implicitly give call the std::abort function.
- A catch block, which can handle any type of exception is called generic catch block / catch-all handler.
- Generic catch block must appear after all specific catch block.

```
try
{
}
catch(...)
{
}
```

Exception Specification List

- Note : Dynamic Exception Specification List Depricated in c++ 11 and removed in c++ 17

```
int calculate( int num1, int num2 )throw( ArithmeticException )
{
    if( num2 == 0 )
    throw ArithmeticException("Divide by zero exception");
    return num1 / num2;
}
```

- If an function fails to perform operation then it can throw exception. To maintain documentation of exception thrown by the function we should use exception specification list.
- To define exception specification list, we should use throw keyword.
- If exception specification list do not contain type of thrown exception then during failure it doesnt execute catch block rather C++ runtime give call to std::unexpected function which implicitly gives call to the std::terminate function.

Nested Exception Handling

- We can write try catch block inside another try block as well as catch block. It is called nested try catch block.

- Outer catch block can handle excpetion's thrown from inner try block.
- Inner catch block, cannot handle exception thrown from outer try block.
- If information, that is required to handle exception is incomplete inside inner catch block then we can rethrow that exception to the outer catch block.

```
class ArithmeticException{
private:
    string message;
public:

    ArithmeticException( string message ) : message( message ){}
    void printStackTrace( void )const{
        cout<<this->message<<endl;
    }
};
int main( void ){
    try{
        try{
            throw ArithmeticException("/ by zero");
        }
        catch( ArithmeticException &ex)
        {
            cout<<"Inside inner catch"<<endl;
            throw; //throw ex;
        }
    }
    catch( ArithmeticException &ex){
       cout<<"Inside outer catch"<<endl;
    }
    catch(...){
        cout<<"Inside generic catch block"<<endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Stack Unwinding

- During execution of function if any exception occurs then process of destroying FAR and returning control back to the calling function is called stack unwinding.
- During stack unwinding, destructor gets called on local objects(not on dynamic objects).

Template

- If we want to write generic program in C++ then we should use template.
- Using template we can not reduce code size or execution time but we can reduce developers effort.
- It is designed for implementing generic data structure and algorithms
- Types of template:
    1. Function Template
    2. Class Template

1. Function Template

```
//template<typename T>//T : Type Parameter
template<class T> //T : Type Parameter
void swap_number( T &o1, T &o2 )
{
    T temp = o1;
    o1 = o2;
    o2 = temp;
}
int main( void )
{
    int num1 = 10;
    int num2 = 20;
    swap_number<int>( num1, num2 );
    //Here int is type argument
    cout<<"Num1 : "<<num1<<endl;
    cout<<"Num2 : "<<num2<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- Type inference : It is ability of compiler to detect type of argument at compile time and passing it as a argument to the function.

```
template<class X, class Y>
void swap_number( X &o1, Y &o2 )
{
    X temp = o1;
    o1 = o2;
    o2 = temp;
}
int main( void )
{
    float num1 = 10.5f;
    double num2 = 20.5;
    swap_number<float, double>(num1,num2 );
    cout<<"Num1 : "<<num1<<endl;
    cout<<"Num2 : "<<num2<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- We can pass multiple type arguments to the function.
- Using template argument list, we can pass data type as a argument to the function.
- Using template we can write type safe generic code.

2. Class Template

- In C++, by passing data type as a argument, we can write generic code hence parameterized type is called template.

```
template<class T>
class Array // Parameterized type
{
    private:
    int size;
    T *arr;
    public:
    Array( void ) : size( 0 ), arr( NULL )
    {
    }
    Array( int size )
    {
    this->size = size;
    this->arr = new T[ this->size ];
    }
    void acceptRecord( void ){
    }
    void printRecord( void ){
    }
    ~Array( void ){ }
};
int main( void )
{
    Array<char> a1( 3 );
    a1.acceptRecord();
    a1.printRecord();
    return 0;
}
```


Friend function & class

- If we want to access private members inside derived class
- Either we should use member function(getter/setter).
- Or we should declare a facilitator function as a friend function.
- Or we should declare derived class as a friend inside base class.
- Friend function is non-member function of the class, that can access/modify the private members of the class.
- It can be a global function.
- Or member function of another class.
- Friend functions are mostly used in operator overloading.
- If class C1 is declared as friend of class C2, all members of class C1 can access private members of C2.
- Friend classes are mostly used to implement data struct like linked lists.