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# 6.096 Lecture 8: Memory Management

Clean up after your pet program

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#### **Review: Constructors**



Method that is called when an instance is created

```
class Integer {
public:
    int val;
    Integer() {
       val = 0; cout << "default constructor" << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Integer i;
}</pre>
Output:
default constructor
```

 When making an array of objects, default constructor is invoked on each

```
class Integer {
public:
  int val;
  Integer() {
    val = 0; cout << "default constructor" << endl;</pre>
int main()
  Integer arr[3];
```

#### **Output:**

default constructor default constructor default constructor

 When making a class instance, the default constructor of its fields are invoked

```
class Integer {
public:
  int val;
  Integer() {
    val = 0; cout << "Integer default constructor" << endl;</pre>
class IntegerWrapper {
public:
  Integer val;
  IntegerWrapper() {
    cout << "IntegerWrapper default constructor" << endl;</pre>
};
                                 Output:
int main() {
                                 Integer default constructor
  IntegerWrapper_q;
                                 IntegerWrapper default constructor
```

Constructors can accept parameters

```
class Integer {
public:
    int val;
    Integer(int v) {
       val = v; cout << "constructor with arg " << v << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Integer i(3);
}

Output:
    constructor with arg 3</pre>
```

- Constructors can accept parameters
  - Can invoke single-parameter constructor via assignment to the appropriate type

```
class Integer {
public:
  int val;
  Integer(int v) {
    val = v; cout << "constructor with arg " << v << endl;</pre>
                                            two ways of doing
int main()_{
  Integer i(3);
                                   Output:
  Integer j = 5;
                                   constructor with arg 3
                                   constructor with arg 5
```

• If a constructor with parameters is defined, the default constructor is no longer available

```
class Integer {
public:
    int val;
    Integer(int v) {
      val = v;
    }
};
int main() {
    Integer i(3); // ok
    Integer j;
}
Error: No default constructor available for Integer
```

- If a constructor with parameters is defined,
   the default constructor is no longer available
- Without a default constructor, can't declare arrays without initializing

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   the default constructor is no longer available
  - Can create a separate 0-argument constructor

```
class Integer {
public:
  int val;
  Integer() {
    val = 0;
  Integer(int v) {
    val = v;
int main() {
  Integer i; // ok
  Integer j(3); // ok
```

- If a constructor with parameters is defined,
   the default constructor is no longer available
  - Can create a separate 0-argument constructor
  - Or, use default arguments

```
class Integer {
                                                           when nothing is
                                                           passed v is
public:
                                                           initialized a 0.
  int val;
  Integer(int v = 0) {
     val = v;
                                                            when a value is
int main()
                                                            passed the zero
                                                            intialisation is
  Integer
                      ok
                                                            bypassed.
  Integer/
                          ok
```

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- this: a pointer to the current instance

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```
class Integer {
public:
    int val;
    Integer(int val = 0) {
        this->val = val;
    }
    void setVal(int val) {
        this->val = val;
    }
    inside a function if i have to use a field variable of class may be later if i do manipulation inside the function , it wont effect the field variable of class
};
```

- Whenever we declare a new variable (int x), memory is allocated
- When can this memory be freed up (so it can be used to store other variables)?
  - When the variable goes out of scope

 When a variable goes out of scope, that memory is no longer guaranteed to store the variable's value

```
int main() {
  if (true) {
    int x = 5;
  }
  // x now out of scope, memory it used to occupy can be reused
}
```

 When a variable goes out of scope, that memory is no longer guaranteed to store the variable's value

```
int main() {
  int *p;
  if (true) {
    int x = 5;
    p = &x;
  }
  cout << *p << endl; // ???
}</pre>
```

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    p = &x;
  }
  cout << *p << endl; // ???
}</pre>
```

int \*p

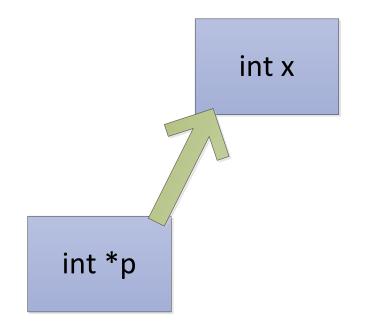
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int x

int \*p

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      p = &x;
   }
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}</pre>
```



- When a variable goes out of scope, that memory is no longer guaranteed to store the variable's value
  - Here, p has become a dangling pointer (points to memory whose contents are undefined)

```
int main() {
  int *p;
  if (true) {
    int x = 5;
    p = &x;
}
  cout << *p << endl; // ???
  here
}

need clarity

even if 'if (true)' is removed and only with curly brackets . definition goes out of scope.

here

int *p</pre>
```

#### A Problematic Task

- Implement a function which returns a pointer to some memory containing the integer 5
- Incorrect implementation:

```
int* getPtrToFive() {
  int x = 5;
  return &v;
}
```

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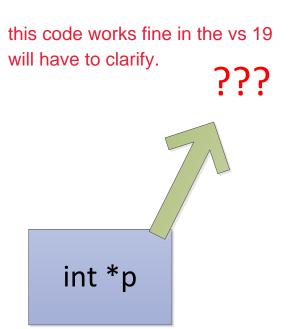
int main() {
  int *p = getPtrToFive();
  cout << *p << endl; // ???</pre>
```

int x

- Implement a function which returns a pointer to some memory containing the integer 5
- Incorrect implementation:
  - x is declared in the function scope
  - As getPtrToFive() returns, x goes out of scope. So a dangling pointer is returned

```
int* getPtrToFive() {
  int x = 5;
  return &x;
  here
}

int main() {
  int *p = getPtrToFive();
  cout << *p << endl; // ???
}</pre>
```



# The **new** operator

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Type parameter needed to determine how much memory to allocate

#### The **new** operator

- Another way to allocate memory, where the memory will remain allocated until you manually de-allocate it
- Returns a pointer to the newly allocated memory
- Terminology note:
  - If using int x; the allocation occurs on a region of memory called the stack
  - If using new int; the allocation occurs on a region of memory called the heap

#### The **delete** operator

- De-allocates memory that was previously allocated using new
- Takes a pointer to the memory location

```
int *x = new int;
// use memory allocated by new
delete x;
```

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  - Allocate memory using **new** to ensure it remains allocated

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  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
}
```

- Implement a function which returns a pointer to some memory containing the integer 5
  - Allocate memory using **new** to ensure it remains allocated.
  - When done, de-allocate the memory using delete

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
                                                this code is working fine without using
  return x;
                                                new int
                                                variables declared inside the curly
                                                brackets not accessible even after
                                                using new int
int main() {
  int *p = getPtrToFive();
  cout << *p << endl; // 5
  delete p;
                                                            important to think
                                                            about data transfer
                                                           lin pointers here
```

#### Delete Memory When Done Using It

 If you don't use de-allocate memory using delete, your application will waste memory

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
```

incorrect

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  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
```

int \*p

 If you don't use de-allocate memory using delete, your application will waste memory

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                        The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                           5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
                               1<sup>st</sup> iteration
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
                                                    int *p
```

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```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                     The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                       5
                                                5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
                                                int *p
```

- If you don't use de-allocate memory using delete, your application will waste memory
- When your program allocates memory but is unable to de-allocate it, this is a memory leak

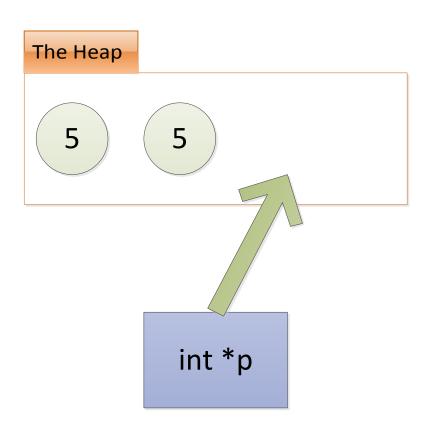
```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                     The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                       5
                                                        5
                                                5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
```

 Does adding a delete after the loop fix this memory leak?

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
 int *x = new int;
                              The Heap
 *x = 5;
 return x;
                                 5
                                        5
                                               5
int main() {
 int *p;
 for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
   cout << *p << endl;</pre>
                                        int *p
 delete p;
```

- Does adding a delete after the loop fix this memory leak?
  - No; only the memory that was allocated on the last iteration gets de-allocated

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
  delete p;
```



To fix the memory leak, de-allocate memory within the loop

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
```

int \*p

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int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                       The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                          5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
                               1<sup>st</sup> iteration
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                    int *p
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                    The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                int *p
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                       The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                                   5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
                               2<sup>nd</sup> iteration
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                    int *p
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                    The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                int *p
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                       The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
                                                            5
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
                            3<sup>rd</sup> iteration
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                   int *p
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
                                    The Heap
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *p;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    p = getPtrToFive();
    cout << *p << endl;</pre>
    delete p;
                                                int *p
```

### Don't Use Memory After Deletion

incorrect

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
}

int main() {
  int *x = getPtrToFive();
  delete x;
  cout << *x << endl; // ???
}</pre>
```

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correct

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   return x;
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int main() {
   int *x = getPtrToFive();
   delete x;
   cout << *x << endl; // ???
}</pre>
```

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
   int *x = new int;
   *x = 5;
   return x;
}

int main() {
   int *x = getPtrToFive();
   cout << *x << endl; // 5
   delete x;
}</pre>
```

### Don't delete memory twice

#### incorrect

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
  int *x = new int;
  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *x = getPtrToFive();
  cout << *x << endl; // 5
  delete x;
  delete x;
```

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  *x = 5;
  return x;
int main() {
  int *x = getPtrToFive();
  cout << *x << endl; // 5
  delete x;
  delete x;
```

correct

```
int *getPtrToFive() {
   int *x = new int;
   *x = 5;
   return x;
}

int main() {
   int *x = getPtrToFive();
   cout << *x << endl; // 5
   delete x;
}</pre>
```

# Only **delete** if memory was allocated by **new**

incorrect

```
int main() {
  int x = 5;
  int *xPtr = &x;
  cout << *xPtr << endl;
  delete xPtr;
}</pre>
```

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correct

```
int main() {
  int x = 5;
  int *xPtr = &x;
  cout << *xPtr << endl;
  delete xPtr;
}</pre>
```

```
int main() {
   int x = 5;
   int *xPtr = &x;
   cout << *xPtr << endl;
}</pre>
```

 When allocating arrays on the stack (using "int arr[SIZE]"), size must be a constant

```
int numItems;
cout << "how many items?";
cin >> numItems;
int arr[numItems]; // not allowed
```

 If we use new[] to allocate arrays, they can have variable size

```
int numItems;
cout << "how many items?";
cin >> numItems;
int *arr = new int[numItems];

Type of items
in array
```

 If we use new[] to allocate arrays, they can have variable size

```
int numItems;
cout << "how many items?";
cin >> numItems;
int *arr = new int[numItems];

Number of items
to allocate
```

- If we use new[] to allocate arrays, they can have variable size
- De-allocate arrays with delete[]

```
int numItems;
  cout << "how many items?";
  cin >> numItems;
  int *arr = new int[numItems];
  delete[] arr;
```

### Ex: Storing values input by the user

```
int main() {
  int numItems;
  cout << "how many items? ";</pre>
  cin >> numItems;
  int *arr = new int[numItems];
  for (int i = 0; i < numItems; ++i) {</pre>
    cout << "enter item " << i << ": ";</pre>
    cin >> arr[i];
  for (int i = 0; i < numItems; ++i) {</pre>
    cout << arr[i] << endl;</pre>
  delete[] arr;
```

```
how many items? 3
enter item 0: 7
enter item 1: 4
enter item 2: 9
7
4
9
```

#### Allocating Class Instances using new

new can also be used to allocate a class instance

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

int main() {
   Point *p = new Point;
   delete p;
}
```

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```
class Point {
public:
  int x, y;
  Point(int nx, int ny) {
    x = ny; x = ny; cout << "2-arg constructor" << endl;</pre>
int main() {
                                             Output:
  Point *p = new Point(2, 4);
                                             2-arg constructor
  delete p;
```

#### Destructor

Destructor is called when the class instance gets de-allocated

```
class Point {
public:
   int x, y;
   Point() {
      cout << "constructor invoked" << endl;
   }
   ~Point() {
      cout << "destructor invoked" << endl;
   }
}</pre>
```

- Destructor is called when the class instance gets de-allocated
  - If allocated with **new**, when **delete** is called

```
class Point {
public:
  int x, y;
  Point() {
    cout << "constructor invoked" << endl;</pre>
  ~Point() {
    cout << "destructor invoked" << endl;</pre>
};
int main() {
                                            Output:
  Point *p = new Point;
                                            constructor invoked
  delete p;
                                            destructor invoked
```

- Destructor is called when the class instance gets de-allocated
  - If allocated with new, when delete is called
  - If stack-allocated, when it goes out of scope

```
class Point {
public:
                                         not clear
  int x, y;
  Point() {
    cout << "constructor invoked" << endl;</pre>
  ~Point() {
    cout << "destructor invoked" << endl;</pre>
};
int main() {
  if (true) {
    Point p;
  cout << "p out of scope" << endl;</pre>
```

#### **Output:**

constructor invoked destructor invoked p out of scope

#### Representing an Array of Integers

- When representing an array, often pass around both the pointer to the first element and the number of elements
  - Let's make them fields in a class

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
   int *data;
   int size;
};
```

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  - Let's make them fields in a class

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
   int *data;
   int size;   Number of elements in the array
};
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
                                             similar to *x =
};
                                             values
int main() {
  IntegerArray arr;
  arr.size = 2;
  arr.data = new int[arr.size];
  arr.data[0] = 4; arr.data[1] = 5;
  delete[] a.data;
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
};
int main() {
  IntegerArray arr;
  arr.size = 2;
                                      Can move this into a constructor
  arr.data = new int[arr.size];
  arr.data[0] = 4; arr.data[1] = 5;
  delete[] a.data;
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
                                                why to do it like
    data = new int[size];
                                                this?
    this->size = size; 

};
int main() {
                                                   say arrays
  IntegerArray arr(2);
                                                  brr(4),krr(6),mrr(9)
                                                  are defined having
  arr.data[0] = 4; arr.data[1] = 5;
                                                  deferent sizes.
  delete[] arr.data;
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
};
int main() {
  IntegerArray arr(2);
  arr.data[0] = 4; arr.data[1] = 5;
 delete[] arr.data;
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
  ~IntegerArray () {
    delete[] data;
                        De-allocate memory used by fields in destructor
};
int main() {
  IntegerArray arr(2);
  arr.data[0] = 4; arr.data[1] = 5;
```

## incorrect

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
int main() {
  IntegerArray a(2);
  a.data[0] = 4; a.data[1] = 2;
  if (true) {
    IntegerArray b = a;
  cout << a.data[0] << endl; // not 4!</pre>
```

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
                              a (IntA ayWrapper)
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
                                  data
int main() {
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    IntegerArray b = a;
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```

#### Default copy constructor copies fields

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
                              a (IntA ayWrapper)
                                                      b (IntArrayWrapper)
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
                                  data
                                                           data
int main() {
  IntegerArray a(2);
  a.data[0] = 4; a.data[1] = 2;
  if (true) {
    IntegerArray b = a;
  cout << a.data[0] << endl; // not 4!</pre>
```

• When b goes out of scope, destructor is called (deallocates array), a.data now a dangling pointer

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
                                 (Deleted)
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
                              a (IntA ayWrapper)
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
                                  data
int main() {
  IntegerArray a(2);
  a.data[0] = 4; a.data[1] = 2;
  if (true) {
    IntegerArray b = a;
  cout << a.data[0] << endl; // not 4!</pre>
```

 2<sup>nd</sup> bug: when a goes out of scope, its destructor tries to delete the (already-deleted) array

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
                                  (Deleted)
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
                              a (IntA ayWrapper)
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
                                   data
int main() {
  IntegerArray a(2);
  a.data[0] = 4; a.data[1] = 2;
  if (true) {
    IntegerArray b = a;
  cout << a.data[0] << endl; // not 4!</pre>
          Program crashes as it terminates
```

Write your own a copy constructor to fix these bugs

```
class IntegerArray {
public:
  int *data;
  int size;
  IntegerArray(int size) {
    data = new int[size];
    this->size = size;
  IntegerArray(IntegerArray &o) {
    data = new int[o.size];
    size = o.size;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)</pre>
      data[i] = o.data[i];
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
```

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                                      a (IntA ayWrapper)
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    data = new int[o.size];
                                      a (IntA ayWrapper)
                                                           b (IntA rayWrapper)
    size = o.size;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)</pre>
      data[i] = o.data[i];
                                          data
                                                               data
  ~IntegerArray() {
    delete[] data;
int main() {
  IntegerArray a(2);
  a.data[0] = 4; a.data[1] = 2;
  if (true) {
    IntegerArray b = a;
                                          Copy constructor invoked
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