

# User-Defined Data Types



CS 150 – C++ Programming I  
Lecture 15



# Stream Review—Star Maps

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- **Exercise:** read and process a star catalog `starcats.cpp`
  - **Open** and **read** the input file (see `stars.txt`)
  - Here are the specs for the file
    - `x, y, z`: - location
    - Draper number—a catalog identifier
    - Magnitude
    - Harvard Revised number—another identifier
    - Name (optional, may include secondary)
  - **Print** named stars: name, `x`, `y`, magnitude
- **Exercise:** finish `starcats()` and run tests



# Heterogeneous Data Structures

- Each line in *stars.txt* consist of **related information**
  - Each portion contains information about a particular star
  - Simple variables aren't really flexible enough for such data
- We need a way to **package up** all of the parts into some kind of more complex, **structured data** of different types

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# Records or Structures

- The **generic CS term** used for these are **records**
  - In C++, such records are called **structures** or **struct**
  - A user-defined collection of accessible **heterogeneous** data
- Here's the syntax for creating a structure **definition**

```
– struct Person  
{
```

Structure Tag

```
    long long pID;           // named members  
    std::string name;        // fully-qualified  
    Date dob;                // other structure types
```

```
};
```

Don't Forget!!



# The Structure Definition

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- Structures are a **new user-defined data type**
  - Place the **definition** in a header file
  - It is an **error** if the definition is **seen twice**
  - Use **header guards** to prevent this
- **Exercise:** add your structure definition to **stars.h**
  - **struct Star**

```
{  
    double x, y, z, magnitude;  
    int draper, harvard;  
    string name1, name2;  
};
```



# Structure Variables

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- Use the structure definition to create **structure variables**
  - Like primitive types, such variables are **uninitialized**
  - `Star a, b; // two uninitialized stars`
- You may **initialize Star** variables in several ways
  - `Star d{}; // default initialize (all 0s)`
  - `Star c = {.873, .032, .486, 2.07, 358, 15, "Rigel", "Beta"}; // aggregate initialize`
  - `Star e(c); // copy initialize`



# Nested Structures

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- Structures can **contain others**; given these ...
  - `struct Point3D { double x, y, z; };`  
`struct Names { string name1, name2; };`  
`struct Catalogs { int draper, harvard; };`
- ...we can define the **Star** like this:
  - `struct Star {`  
`Point3D location;`  
`double magnitude;`  
`Catalogs cats;`  
`Names names;`  
`};`



# Structure Access & Operations

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- Directly **access** individual structure members using the **member access** operator (or dot) like this:
  - `cin >> a.name1 >> a.name2`
  - `cout << c.name1 << endl;`
- For a **nested structure**, just keep adding dots
  - `cout << s.location.x << endl;`
- You may also **assign** and **copy** entire structure variables
  - `a = b;` *// copies all members from b to a*
- **Exercise:** modify *starcat* to use your structure



# Structures and Functions

- In the C language, structures are known as 2<sup>nd</sup> class types
  - Do not always act in the same way as the built-in types
  - `if (a == b) ...` Illegal if `a` and `b` are structured types
  - Fix by writing functions to supply the missing operations
- You can pass structure variables to functions
  - A function can also return a structure
  - Use the same rules for variable passing as for string
  - Pass by reference or const reference, never by value
  - `bool equal(const Star& a, const Star& b);`



# Your Turn: Structure I/O

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- Let's write some functions to print and read `Star` objects
  - `ostream& print(ostream& out, const Star& s);`
  - `istream& read(istream& in, Star& s);`
- Functions **return** the **modified** stream so it can be tested
  - `ifstream in("stars.txt");`  
`Star s;`  
`while (read(in, s)) . . .`
- **Exercise:** prototype & implement (`stars.h` & `stars.cpp`)
  - Uncomment first section of `run()` and `make run`



# Overloaded Operators

- For any **user-defined** type you can **overload** most of the **C++ operators** to work with that type
  - **Syntax** for a **binary** operator (+, ==, >, etc)
    - **ret-type operator?(const Obj& lhs, const Obj& rhs)**
    - *lhs* means left-hand-side, *rhs* is right-hand-side
  - Replace **?** with the operator symbol
- **Example:** compare **Star** variables by magnitude
  - **bool operator<(const Star& lhs, const Star& rhs) {  
    return lhs.magnitude < rhs.magnitude;  
}**



# Overloaded I/O Operators

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- Overloaded **I/O operators** look like this:
  - `ostream& operator<<(ostream& out, const Star& s)`
  - `istream& operator>>(istream& in, Star& s)`
- Almost **same signatures** as `print()` and `read()` functions, but with **different names**
  - You can use `read()` and `print()` to implement them
- **Exercise:** complete stars with `make test`



# Enumerated Types



- User-defined **scalar** types are called **enumerated types**
  - Scalar meaning **single value**, vs. **structured** types
  - We can **enumerate** (list or count) each value
    - **Example**: the weekdays are Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri
- Can be written two ways:
  - **enum class** **Weekday** { };      *// newer (scoped)*
  - **enum** **Weekday** { };      *// older plain*
  - Scoped enumerations have less opportunity for errors



# Defining an Enumerated Type

- A set of **related named integer** values which act like a type
  - You provide a **name** for each value
- **Example:** `Suit` values for a deck of cards (French deck)
  - `enum class Suit {  
 Clubs, Spades, Diamonds, Hearts  
};`
  - Names separated by commas, with no ending semicolon
  - Use lowercase or proper case. Avoid UPPER\_CASE





# Using Scoped Enumerations

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- Here are some of the things you can do

```
- Suit s;           // an enum variable
- s = Suit::Hearts; // initializing
- s == Suit::Clubs; // compare with != and ==
- switch(s) {       // use as a switch selector
    case Suit::Clubs: return "Clubs";
    case Suit::Hearts: return "Hearts";
    case Suit::Diamonds: return "Diamonds";
    case Suit::Spades: return "Spades";
    default: return "ERROR"; // or throw
}
```



# Why Use Enumerated Types?



- Consider a **playing card** structure with a **suit** and **rank**
  - What happens in each of these cases?

```
– struct Card {  
    std::string rank, suit;  
};
```

```
– struct Card {  
    int rank, suit;  
};
```

```
– struct Card {  
    Rank rank;  
    Suit suit;  
};
```

```
– Card a{"Ace", "Cubs"};
```

- Not caught by compiler

```
– const int Ace = 101;  
  const int Clubs = 1001;  
  Card b{Clubs, Ace};
```

- Not caught by compiler

```
– Card c{Rank::Ace, Rank::Clubs};
```



# Using the Enumerated Type

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- There is **no built-in input/output** with enumerated types
  - You may to **string** for output with a function
  - **string to\_string(Rank r) {**  
    **switch (r) {**  
        **case Rank::Ace: return "Ace";**  
        **case Rank::Two: return "2";**  
        **case Rank::Three: return "3";**  
        **..**  
    **}**  
    **}**
- **Exercise:** complete **to\_string()** for the **Coin** type



# Card I/O Operators

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```
- ostream& operator<<(ostream& out, const Card& c) {  
    // Use out like you would cout  
    return out;  
}
```

- You'll need to use the `to_string()` for `Rank`, `Suit`

```
- istream& operator>>(istream& in, Card& s) {  
    // Use in like you would cin  
    return in;  
}
```

- Use input in the form: `as`, `th`, `jc`

- **Exercise** - Write the `Card` I/O operators