

C++ Programming (HCAC-154)

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Unit 2

Classes and Objects

(10 hrs.)

- Objects & Classes: Classes & Objects, Class Declaration, Class member; Default Constructor, Parameterized Constructor and Copy Constructor, Destructors, Member functions, Class member visibility, private, public, protected.
- The scope of the class objects constructions, Overloaded constructor, Objects as arguments returning objects from functions, class conversion, manipulation private Data members. Destructors classes, object & memory, arrays as class member data: Array of objects, Pointer to Objects and Member Access, this pointer, string as class member.

- C++ incorporates all these extensions in another user-defined type known as class.
- The only difference between a structure and a class in C++ is that,
 - By default, the **members of a class** are private.
 - By default, the members of a structure are public.



Specifying a Class

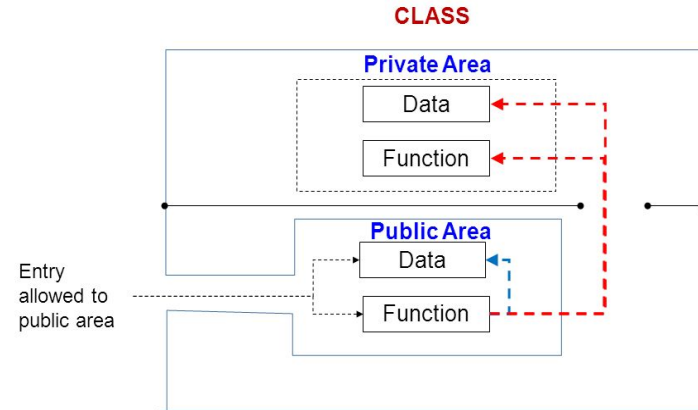
- A class is a way to bind the data and its associated functions together(encapsulation).
- Class is a combination of data members and member function collectively called as members of the class. Class is an example of encapsulation.
- It allows the data(and function) to be hidden, if necessary, from external use.
- A class specification has two parts:
 - Class declaration
 - Class function definitions

Class declaration

Syntax:

```
class class_name{  
    private:  
        variable declarations;  
        function declarations;  
    public:  
        variable declarations;  
        function declarations;  
};
```

Data hiding in classes



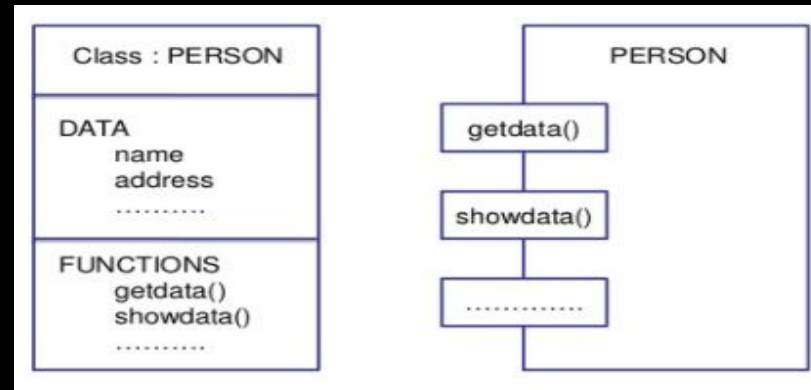


Class declaration

Example:

```
class person
{
    char name[20];    //Variables declaration
    char address[25]; //private by default
public:
    void getdata();   //function declaration
    void showdata();
};
```

Representation of a class



Access Specifiers

Access Specifiers:

Keywords **public**, **private** and **protected** are known as access specifiers or sometimes they are called as visibility modes in C++.

These access specifiers define how the members of the class can be accessed.

- **public:** The members declared as public are accessible from outside the class through an object of the class.

- **private:** These members are accessible from within the class. No outside access is allowed. Keyword private is optional.
- **protected:** The members declared as protected are accessible from outside the class **BUT** only in a class derived from it.

(**Note:** protected and private access specifiers have the same effect in the class. However their difference is seen in the case of inheritance. That is to say protected information can be inherited but the private information cannot be inherited in C++.)

WAP in C++ to create a class Student with data members name and age. Use a member function to input and display the data.

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

class Student {
    string name;
    int age;
public:
    void getData() {
        cout << "Enter name: ";
        cin >> name;
        cout << "Enter age: ";
        cin >> age;
    }
}
```

WAP in C++ to create a class Student with data members name and age. Use a member function to input and display the data.

```
void displayData() {  
    cout << "Name: " << name << endl;  
    cout << "Age: " << age << endl;  
}  
};  
  
int main() {  
    Student s;  
  
    s.getData();          // Call member function to take input  
    s.displayData();      // Call member function to display output  
    return 0;  
}
```

Data Members

- The variables which are declared in any class by using any fundamental data types (like int, char, float etc.) or derived data type (like class, structure, pointer etc.) are known as **Data Members**.
- There are two **types of data members/member functions in C++**:
 1. Private members
 2. Public members

Private members

- The members which are declared in private section of the class (using private access modifier) are known as private members.
- Private members can be accessible within the same class in which they are declared.

Public members

- The members which are declared in public section of the class (using public access modifier) are known as public members.
- Public members can access within the class and outside of the class by using the object name of the class in which they are declared.



Creating Objects

Once a class has been declared, we can *create variables(objects) of that type by using the class name*(like any other built-in type variable)

```
person x; //memory for x is created

person x,y,z;

class person
{
    .....
    .....
}x,y,z;
```

Accessing Class Members

Syntax: `object-name.function-name(actual-arguments);`

Example:

```
x.getdata();  
x.showdata();
```

```
getdata(); //Error  
x.name;    //Error
```

```
class xyz  
{  
    int x;  
    int y;  
public:  
    int z;  
};  
  
int main()  
{  
    xyz p;  
    p.x=0; //error, x is private  
    p.z=10; //OK, z is public  
}
```


- A member function of a class is a function that has its definition or its prototype within the class definition like any other variable.
- It operates on any object of the class of which it is a member, and has access to all the members of a class for that object
- Member functions are created and stored in memory only once when a class specification is declared
- All of the objects of that class have access to the same area in the memory where the member functions are stored.
- **Member functions can be defined in two places:**
 - **Outside the class definition**
 - **Inside the class definition**

Outside the class definition

Syntax:

```
return-type class-name::function-name(argument declaration)
{
    //Function body
}
```

- The membership label (**class-name::**) tells the compiler that the function function-name belongs to the class class-name.
- That is, the **scope** of the function is **restricted to the class-name** specified in the header line.

Example:

```
void person::getdata()
{
    .....
}
```

```
void person::showdata()
{
    .....
}
```

Outside the class definition

Characteristics of Member Function:

- Several different classes can use the same function name. The '**membership label**' will resolve their scope.
- Member functions can access the **private** data of the class. A non-member function cannot do so.(However, an exception to this rule is a *friend function*)
- A member function can **call another member function** directly, without using the dot operator.



Inside the class definition

- Replace the function declaration by the actual function definition inside the class.

```
class person
{
    char name[20];
    char address[25];
public:
    void getdata() //inline function
    {
        .....
    }
    void showdata() //inline function
    {
        .....
    }
};
```

NOTE:

- Function defined inside a class is treated as an **inline function**.
- All restrictions that apply to an inline function are also applicable here.
- Normally, only **small functions** are defined inside the class definition.

Example of inside and outside class definition

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

```
class item {
    int number;          // private by default
    float cost;          // private by default

public:
    void getdata(int a, float b); // function declaration
    void putdata() {               // inline function definition
        cout << "number: " << number << endl;
        cout << "cost: " << cost << endl;
    }
};
```

In C++, endl is a stream manipulator used with cout to:

- Insert a newline character (\n)
- Flush the output buffer

```
// Member function definition outside the class  
void item::getdata(int a, float b) {  
    number = a;  
    cost = b;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    item i1;                // Create object  
    i1.getdata(101, 55.5);  // Set data  
    i1.putdata();           // Display data  
    return 0;  
}
```

- Create a C++ Class **Weight** having private data members: float **kg**, **grams**. A member function **getvalue ()** should enter their values from the user. Another member function **putvalue ()** should display their values. Define both functions **inside the class**. Member function defined inside the class behaves like an inline function.

Code Solution:

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

class Weight {
private:
    float kg;
    float grams;

public:
    void getvalue() {
        cout << "Enter weight in kilograms: ";
        cin >> kg;
        cout << "Enter weight in grams: ";
        cin >> grams;
    }

    void putvalue() {
        cout << "Weight = " << kg << " KILO AND " << grams << " GRAMS" << endl;
    }
};
```

Code Solution:

```
int main() {  
    Weight w;  
  
    w.getvalue();    // input weight  
    w.putvalue();    // display weight  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

- Create a C++ class Student having private data members: string name, int rollNo, and float marks. A member function getData() should take input for these values from the user. Another member function putData() should display the values. Define both functions inside the class.

Example of class and multiple objects:

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

class student
{
    char name[20];
    int roll_no;
    float marks[5];

public:
    void input( );
    void display( )
    {
        cout<<"The name of the student="<<name<<endl;
        cout<<"The roll number of the student="<<roll_no<<endl;
        cout<<"The marks of the five subjects are:"<<endl;
        for(int i=0;i<5;i++)
        {
            cout<<marks[i]<<endl;
        }
    }
};
```



Example of class and multiple objects:

```
void student :: input( )
{
    cout<<"Enter the name of the student:"<<endl;
    cin>>name;
    cout<<"Enter the roll of the student:"<<endl;
    cin>>roll_no;
    cout<<"Enter the marks obtained in five subjects:"<<endl;
    for(int i=0;i<5;i++)
    {
        cin>>marks[i];
    }
}

int main( )
{
    student s1,s2;
    s1.input( );
    s2.input( );
    s1.display( );
    s2.display( );
    return 0;
}
```

WAP in C++ to add two time objects using a member function.

- Define a *class time* with data members: hr, min, and sec.
- Create three member functions:
 - *get()* to input time,
 - *disp()* to display time in [hr:min:sec] format,
 - *sum(time, time)* to add two time objects and store the result in the current object.
- Perform proper adjustment for minutes and seconds (i.e., 60 seconds = 1 minute, 60 minutes = 1 hour).



WAP in C++ to add two time objects using a member function. **AMBITION GURU**

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

class time {
    int hr, min, sec;

public:
    void get() {
        cout << "Enter Hour :: ";
        cin >> hr;
        cout << "Enter Minutes :: ";
        cin >> min;
        cout << "Enter Seconds :: ";
        cin >> sec;
    }

    void disp() {
        cout << "[ " << hr << ":" << min << ":" << sec << " ]\n";
    }
}
```

Part 1



WAP in C++ to add two time objects using a member function.

```
void sum(time t1, time t2) {  
    sec = t1.sec + t2.sec;  
    min = sec / 60;  
    sec = sec % 60;  
  
    min = min + t1.min + t2.min;  
    hr = min / 60;  
    min = min % 60;  
  
    hr = hr + t1.hr + t2.hr;  
}  
};
```

Part 2



WAP in C++ to add two time objects using a member function.

```
int main() {  
    time t1, t2, t3;  
    cout << "Enter first time:\n";  
    t1.get();  
  
    cout << "\nEnter second time:\n";  
    t2.get();  
  
    t3.sum(t1, t2);  
  
    cout << "\nFirst Time: ";  
    t1.disp();  
    cout << "Second Time: ";  
    t2.disp();  
    cout << "Sum of Time: ";  
    t3.disp();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Part 3



WAP in C++ to add two time objects using a member function.

Output

```
Enter first time:  
Enter Hour :: 1  
Enter Minutes :: 45  
Enter Seconds :: 50
```

```
Enter second time:  
Enter Hour :: 2  
Enter Minutes :: 30  
Enter Seconds :: 30
```

```
First Time: [ 1:45:50 ]  
Second Time: [ 2:30:30 ]  
Sum of Time: [ 4:16:20 ]
```

Scope of Class Object Construction

- Class objects can be created globally, locally, or dynamically.
- **Global scope**: Created outside any function; exists throughout the program.
- **Local scope**: Created inside a function; destroyed when function ends.
- **Dynamic scope**: Created using new; must be explicitly deleted.

Scope of Class Object Construction

```
class A {  
public:  
    A()  
    {  
        cout << "Constructor called\n";  
    }  
};
```

```
A obj1; // Global  
  
int main() {  
    A obj2; // Local  
    A* obj3 = new A(); // Dynamic  
    delete obj3;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Constructors and destructors, types of constructor (default, parameterized), Dynamic constructor, copy constructor, constructor overloading, manipulating private data members

Initialization of Class Object

Constructor

- A constructor is a special member function of a class *whose task is to initialize the data members of the class.*
- It is called special member function of a class because *its name is same as that of the class name.*

Syntax:

```
class class_name
{
    //private data_members;
    public:
    class_name(argument(s) or no argument)    //constructor
    {
        //body of the constructor;
    }
};
```

Characteristics of a constructor:

- Constructor should be declared or defined in the public section of the class.
- It is invoked automatically whenever the object of its associated class is created.
- Constructor do not have return type not even void.
- Constructor do not get inherited.
- Like other C++ functions they can have default argument(s).

Need of constructors in C++:

- Constructors initialize object variables to avoid garbage values.
- They are automatically called when an object is created.
- They prevent errors from forgetting to manually initialize variables.
- They make code cleaner and easier to maintain.
- They ensure safe object use by all programmers.
- Constructor overloading allows flexible object creation.
- They reduce the need for extra initialization functions.
- They support advanced OOP features like inheritance and object copying.

Types of constructor:

1. Default Constructor
2. Parameterized constructor
3. Copy constructor

Types of constructor:

Default Constructor

- A constructor that takes no argument is called a default constructor. The task of the default constructor is to initialize the data members of a class i.e. the different objects of the class will always be initialized with same value.
- A default constructor is automatically called when no arguments are supplied while creating objects as:

```
class_name object_name;
```

Write a C++ program to define a class triangle with three sides as data members. *Use a default constructor to initialize the sides with some default values.* Include member functions to display the side lengths and to calculate and display the perimeter of the triangle. Create two objects of the class and show the output for both.



```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class triangle
{
    float side1,side2,side3;
public:
    triangle( ) //default constructor
    {
        side1=6.5;
        side2=7.5;
        side3=8.5;
    }

    void display( )
    {
        cout<<"Side1="<<side1<<endl;
        cout<<"Side2="<<side2<<endl;
        cout<<"Side3="<<side3<<endl;
    }

    void perimeter( )
    {
        float p=side1+side2+side3;
        cout<<"\nThe perimeter of the triangle="<<p;
    }
};
```



```
int main( )
{
    triangle t1,t2;
    //default constructor is invoked for t1 and t2
    t1.display( );
    t2.display( );
    t1.perimeter( );
    t2.perimeter( );
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

Side1=6.5
Side2=7.5
Side3=8.5
Side1=6.5
Side2=7.5
Side3=8.5

The perimeter of the triangle=22.5
The perimeter of the triangle=22.5

Parameterized constructor:

- It is seen that the default constructor always initializes the objects with the same value every time they are created.
- Sometimes it is necessary to *create objects with different initial values*.
- So we can make constructor that takes arguments and initializes the data members from the values in the argument list.
- The constructors that takes parameter(s) are called parameterized constructor.
- To invoke parameterized constructor the argument(s) or parameter(s) should be passed in parenthesis during object declaration.

```
class_name object_name(parameter(s));
```

OR

```
class_name object_name; /*default constructor is called and object_name is  
initialized with particular values*/
```

```
object_name=class_name(parameter(s)); /*parameterized constructor is called and first  
nameless object is initialized with the parameter(s) and then it is assigned to  
object_name*/
```

OR

```
class_name object_name=class_name(parameters(s));
```

(Note: It is better to have default constructor when we have parameterized constructor in a class because if we create just a object of a class without passing any arguments in the parenthesis in main function then in such a case compiler searches for default constructor so it should be explicitly defined by the programmer i.e. if we called parameterized constructor in the second way as mentioned above)



Example:

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

class triangle
{
float side1,side2,side3;

public:
triangle( )
{
    side1=0.0;
    side2=0.0;
    side3=0.0;
}

triangle(float a, float b, float c)
//parameterized constructor
{
    side1=a;
    side2=b;
    side3=c;
}
```

```
void display( )
{
    cout<<"Side1="<<side1<<endl;
    cout<<"Side2="<<side2<<endl;
    cout<<"Side3="<<side3<<endl;
}

void perimeter( )
{
    float p=side1+side2+side3;
    cout<<"\nThe perimeter of thetriangle="<<p;
}
};
```



```
int main( )
{
triangle t1(5.5,6.5,7.5); //parameterized constructor is invoked and t1 is initialized
triangle t2(3.5,4.5,5.5); //parameterized constructor is invoked and t2 is initialized
t1.display( );
t2.display( );
t1.perimeter( );
t2.perimeter( );
// OR
//triangle t1; default constructor is called and t1 is initialized
// t1=triangle(5.5,6.5,7.5); parameterized constructor is called and first nameless object is
initialized //and then it is assigned to t1.
//triangle t2; default constructor is called and t2 is initialized.
//t2=triangle(3.5,4.5,5.5); parameterized constructor is called and first nameless object is
initialized //and then it is assigned to t2.
//t1.display( );
//t2.display( );
//t1.perimeter( );
//t2.perimeter( );
return 0;
}
```



Output:

Side1=5.5

Side2=6.5

Side3=7.5

Side1=3.5

Side2=4.5

Side3=5.5

The perimeter of the triangle=19.5

The perimeter of the triangle=13.5

Copy constructor:

- A constructor *that takes reference object as an argument of the same class* is called copy constructor.
- The task of copy constructor *is to initialize the object by copying the value of the object of its own type from the argument.*
- We must use a reference to the argument to the copy constructor because when an argument is passed by value, a copy of it is constructed and it calls itself over and over until the compiler runs out of memory.
- So in the copy constructor, the argument must be passed by reference, which creates no copies.

Example:

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class triangle
{
float side1,side2,side3;
public:
triangle( )
{
    side1=0.0;
    side2=0.0;
    side3=0.0;
}

triangle( float a, float b, float c)
{
    side1=a;
    side2=b;
    side3=c;
}

triangle(triangle &t ) //copy constructor
{
    side1=t.side1;
    side2=t.side2;
    side3=t.side3;
}
```





```
void display( )
{
    cout<<"Side1="<<side1<<endl;
    cout<<"Side2="<<side2<<endl;
    cout<<"Side3="<<side3<<endl;
}

void perimeter( )
{
    float p=side1+side2+side3;
    cout<<"\nThe perimeter of the triangle="<<p;
}
};
```



```
int main( )
{
triangle t1(5.5,6.5,7.5); //Parameterized constructor is called
triangle t2(t1); //copy constructor is called and content of t1 is copied to t2;
//or
//triangle t2=t1; copy constructor is called and content of t1 is copied to t2;

triangle t3; //default constructor is called
t3=t1; // no copy constructor is called just content of t1 is copied to t3;
t1.display( );
t2.display( );
t3.display( );
t1.perimeter( );
t2.perimeter( );
t3.perimeter( );
return 0;
}
```



Output:

Side1=5.5

Side2=6.5

Side3=7.5

Side1=5.5

Side2=6.5

Side3=7.5

Side1=5.5

Side2=6.5

Side3=7.5

The perimeter of the triangle=19.5

The perimeter of the triangle=19.5

The perimeter of the triangle=19.5

Destroyers:

- A destroyer, as name implies, is used to destroy the objects that have been created by the constructor.
- Like a constructor, *destroyer is a function appeared in public section of a class preceded by the tilde(~) sign.*
- The destroyer never takes any argument nor has a return type not even void.
- The constructor is always called to reserve the memory for the instantiated object however the role of the destroyer is to remove the object from the memory created by the constructor.
- Cannot be declared as const, volatile, or static. However, they can be invoked for the destruction of objects declared as const, volatile, or static.
- The objects are destroyed in reverse order of creation by the destroyer.

Syntax:

```
class class_name
{
    //private data members;
    public:
    //other public member functions;
    ~class_name( )//destructor
    {
        //Body of destructor.
    }
};
```



```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int count=0;

class Department
{
    int DepartmentId;
    char DepartmentName[30];

public:
    Department(char DN[30], int DI)
    {
        count ++;
        cout<<"No. of object created="<<count<<endl;
        for(int i=0;i<30;i++)
            DepartmentName[i]=DN[i];
            DepartmentId=DI;
    }

void display( )
{
    cout<<"Department Name="<<DepartmentName<<endl;
    cout<<"Department Id="<<DepartmentId<<endl;
}
```



```
~Department( )//destructor
{
    cout<<"Number of object destroyed:" <<count<<endl;
    count --;
}
};

int main( )
{
{
    Department D1("Electronics",3);
    Department D2("Computer",5);
    Department D3("Civil",7);
    D1.display( );
    D2.display( );
    D3.display( );
}

    cout<<"End of main";
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
No. of object created=1
No. of object created=2
No. of object created=3
Department Name=Electronics
Department Id=3
Department Name=Computer
Department Id=5
Department Name=Civil
Department Id=7
Number of object destroyed:3
Number of object destroyed:2
Number of object destroyed:1
End of main
```

Overloading Constructors

- A constructor can also be overloaded with more than one function that have the same name but different types or number of parameters.
- Remember that for overloaded functions the compiler will call the one whose parameters match the arguments used in the function call. In the case of constructors, which are automatically called.
- When an object is created, the one executed is the one that matches the arguments passed on the object declaration.

Overloading Constructors

Part 1

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

class CRectangle
{
    int width, height;

public:
    CRectangle ();
    CRectangle (int,int);
    int area()
    {
        return (width*height);
    }
};
```

Overloading Constructors

```
CRectangle::CRectangle()  
{  
    width = 5;  
    height = 5;  
}
```

Part 2

```
CRectangle::CRectangle(int a, int b)  
{  
    width = a;  
    height = b;  
}
```


Overloading Constructors

```
int main ()  
{  
    CRectangle rect(3,4);  
    CRectangle rectb;  
    cout << "rect area: " << rect.area() << endl;  
    cout << "rectb area: " << rectb.area() << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Part 3

Output:

```
rect area: 12  
rectb area: 25
```

Questions

1. WAP in C++ to create a class Student with data members name, rollno, faculty and age. Use a member function to input and display the data.
2. WAP in C++ to create a class Rectangle with data members length and breadth. Use member functions to input the values and display the area.
3. Define constructor. Explain how constructor can be overloaded with an example.
4. What is constructor? Why is constructor needed in a class? Illustrate the types of constructor with an example.
5. What is destructor? Write a program to show the destructor call such that it prints the message “memory is released”.

Questions

6. What are the advantages of constructors. With the help of an example explain default and parametrized constructor in brief.
7. Define class and object with suitable example. How members of class can be accessed?
8. Create two classes Celsius and Fahrenheit to represent temperatures in Celsius and Fahrenheit respectively. Write conversion functions to convert from Celsius to Fahrenheit and vice versa. Assume the formulas: $F = (C \times 9/5) + 32$ and $C = (F - 32) \times 5/9$. Write a main program that allows the user to input temperature in one unit and converts it to the other.
9. Create two classes Kilometer and Mile to represent distances. Write conversion functions to convert between kilometers and miles, assuming 1 mile = 1.60934 kilometers. Allow the user to enter a distance in either kilometers or miles and convert it to the other using appropriate class conversion. Display the result.

THANK YOU
Any Queries ?