

CIS 014 – C++ Programming

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REFERENCES

Optional Textbook:

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PDF:

<http://www.cplusplus.com/files/tutorial.pdf>

Online:

<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/>

The C++ Programming Language, 4th ed.

B. Stroustrup, Addison-Wesley, 2013

C++ How to Program, 10th ed

Deitel & Deitel, Pearson Hall, 2016

C++ Primer, 5th ed

S. Lippman, J. Lajoie, and B. Moo, Addison-Wesley, 2012

READING ASSIGNMENTS

ONLINE

- [Classes and Structs \(C++\)](#)
- [Dynamic Memory](#)

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<http://www.cplusplus.com/files/tutorial.pdf> (pages 1-99)

<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/>

- ✓ Program Structure
 - Complete all chapters
- ✓ Compound Data Types
- ✓ Classes
 - Classes I, Classes II

TODAY

- Review: Constructor & Destructor
- Struct
 - Definition
 - Declaration
 - Pointers
 - Arrays
 - Examples
- Class vs. Struct
- Class:
 - Pointers: Examples
 - Accessors: Examples
 - The **this** Pointer
- Dynamic Deallocation

CLASS: CONSTRUCTOR

- Using the `CRectangle` class example.
- At run time you can create an object of class type `CRectangle` via either of the following statements:

```
// Stack allocation  
CRectangle rect;
```

```
// Dynamic allocation on heap  
CRectangle* rect = new CRectangle();
```

- The 2nd statement above invokes `CRectangle`'s default constructor:

```
CRectangle();
```

CLASS: CONSTRUCTOR EXAMPLE

```
class CRectangle {
    int width, height;
    Public:
        CRectangle();           // default constructor
        CRectangle(int,int);    // user-defined constructor
        ~CRectangle();          // default destructor
        int area() {return (width*height);}
};

// overwrite the default constructor with specific user-
// defined implementation
CRectangle::CRectangle() {
    width = 5;
    height = 5;
}

// user-defined constructor implementation
CRectangle::CRectangle(int a, int b) {
    width = a;
    height = b;
}
```

CLASS: DESTRUCTOR

- `CRectangle()` default constructor is provided by the compiler if you don't create your own constructor.
- `CRectangle` also has a destructor, which performs the opposite of what a constructor does.
- By default that destructor is

```
~CRectangle();
```

- Note the `~` sign on a destructor, which has the same name as the class name.
- Cannot be declared `static` or `const`.
- **Destructor is where all of your dynamic variables are de-allocated**

CLASS: DESTRUCTOR EXAMPLE

- Should be declared in public section of class.
- No return type.
- Automatically invoked when object goes out of scope:
 - Function ends
 - Program ends
 - Delete is called on object
 - Block containing local vars ends

```
class CRectangle {  
  
    public:  
        CRectangle();    // default constructor  
        ~CRectangle();  // default destructor  
};  
  
CRectangle::~~ CRectangle() {  
    // dynamically deallocate vars if needed  
}
```


STRUCT: WHAT IS IT?

- Classes can also be defined with the keyword, `struct`
- A way to group member data elements of similar or different types together

```
struct structure_name {  
    member_type1 member_name1;  
    member_type2 member_name2;  
    ...  
} object_names;
```

Example:

```
struct product {  
    int weight;  
    float price;  
} apple, banana, melon;
```

STRUCT: WHAT IS IT?

- Used by C, a procedural language before the concept of class arrived
- Very similar to class, grouping both member variables and functions together
- But missing a lot of Object-Oriented Programming traits such as inheritance and polymorphism
- Also missing certain functional attributes such as private and protected access in data encapsulation
- Lastly, you cannot declare C++ functions inside a `struct`. Instead you have to use function pointers:

```
struct sample {  
    int (*test) (char*);  
};  
int test(char* c) {...}
```

STRUCT: EXAMPLE

Example:

```
struct product {  
    int weight;  
    float price;  
} apple, banana, melon;
```

- `product` is the structure type
- `apple`, `banana`, and `melon` are instances of this type
- At run time members of the `struct` can be accessed via the `.` (dot) operator:

```
apple.weight  
banana.price  
melon.price  
...
```

STRUCT: ARRAY

- Can also create an array of elements of type `struct`

Example:

```
const int NUM_FRUITS = 3;
```

```
struct product {  
    int weight;  
    float price;  
} fruits [NUM_FRUITS];
```

- At run time members of the `struct` can be accessed via the (dot) operator, '.', and array index:

```
fruits[0].weight  
fruits[1].price
```

STRUCT: POINTERS

- Structure can have pointer pointing to it

Example:

```
const int NUM_FRUITS = 3;
```

```
struct product {  
    int weight;  
    float price;  
};
```

```
product apple;  
product* pFruit = &apple;
```

- At run time members of the `struct` can be accessed via the arrow operator (`->`):

```
pFruit->weight  
pFruit->price
```

CLASS VS. STRUCT

- In C++, a struct is actually a class
 - Difference being that default member and base class access specifiers for struct is PUBLIC, for class is PRIVATE
- In C, a struct **cannot** have **static member variables** and **static member functions**
 - C struct encapsulates data but does NOT implement behaviors
 - C struct can't provide OOP (inheritance, polymorphism)

CLASS: POINTERS

```
class Fruit {...};
```

```
class FruitBasket {  
    Fruit mFruits[10];  
public:  
    FruitBasket();  
    ~FruitBasket();  
    void showFruits();  
    void addFruit(Fruit*);  
    void removeFruit(Fruit*);  
};
```

```
int main() {  
  
    FruitBasket* pBasket;  
  
    pBasket = new FruitBasket();  
  
    ...  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

CLASS: POINTERS

- Declaring a pointer to the class, `FruitBasket`:

```
FruitBasket* pBasket;
```

- Dynamically allocating memory for `FruitBasket` on the heap:

```
new FruitBasket();
```

The above creates an instance of `FruitBasket`, calls its constructor, and returns a reference to the memory

- Assigning the memory reference to `pBasket`:

```
pBasket = new FruitBasket();
```


CLASS: POINTERS

- Accessing FruitBasket's constructor:

```
FruitBasket* pBasket = new FruitBasket();
```

- Accessing FruitBasket's FruitBasket(int, int) constructor:

```
FruitBasket* pBasket = new FruitBasket(1, 2);
```

- Accessing FruitBasket's public method, void showFruits():

```
pBasket -> showFruits();
```

- Accessing FruitBasket's **private** variable, mFruits:

```
pBasket -> mFruits;           // ERROR!
```

CLASS: POINTERS

- To access FruitBasket's private variable mFruits, we can create a **public** accessor method called getFruits():

```
Class FruitBasket {  
    ...  
    public:  
        Fruit* getFruits();  
    ...  
};  
  
Fruit* FruitBasket::getFruits() {  
    return mFruits;  
}
```

Then we may:

```
pBasket -> getFruits();
```

CLASS: ACCESS EXAMPLES

- Assigning a reference to the `FruitBasket` instance in memory to another pointer:

```
FruitBasket a;
```

```
FruitBasket** b;
```

```
FruitBasket* pBasket = new FruitBasket();
```

```
b = &pBasket;
```

```
// accessing the public method in the pBasket instance  
(*b) -> getFruits();
```

```
// same as above  
pBasket -> getFruits();
```

```
// accessing the public method in the a instance  
a.getFruits();
```

CLASS: ACCESS EXAMPLES

- Dynamically allocating an array of 10 `FruitBasket*` instances:

```
FruitBasket** pBaskets = new FruitBasket*[10];
```

```
// accessing the pBaskets[0]'s getFruits() method  
pBaskets[0] -> getFruits();
```

```
// accessing the pBaskets[1]'s getFruits() method  
pBaskets[1] -> getFruits();
```

- Dynamically de-allocating the `pBaskets` array:

```
// de-allocating the pBaskets  
delete [] pBaskets;  
pBaskets = NULL;
```

CLASS: **this** OPERATOR

- **this** refers to the instantiated object itself
- **this** is a pointer
- **this** is an implicit pointer to all member functions and variables inside the class it belongs to:

```
void FruitBasket::getFruits() {  
    //which also works without this ->  
    this->mFruits;  
}
```

Versus:

```
void FruitBasket::getFruits() {  
    mFruits;  
}
```

DYNAMIC DEALLOCATION

- Track your pointer to dynamically allocated space

```
// somewhere in your code block  
char* p = new char(4);
```

- You may pass `p` around, from functions to functions

```
char* func(char* p) {  
    ...  
}
```

- You may deallocate that allocated space anywhere, perhaps in another function:

```
char* another_func(char* p) {  
    delete p;  
    p = nullptr;  
}
```

DYNAMIC DEALLOCATION

- Dynamically allocating an array of 4 integers:

```
// this creates spaces for each element in the array, namely p[0],  
// p[1], p[2], p[3], and p[4] – in array's lifetime order:  
int* p = new int[5];
```

- Dynamically de-allocating p with approach (1) or approach (2) below:

(1)

```
// this only deletes p[0], leaving p[1], p[2], p[3], p[4] as-is  
delete p;
```

(2)

```
// this deletes p[4], p[3], p[2], p[1], p[0] in array's lifetime order  
delete [] p;
```

DYNAMIC DEALLOCATION

If you have to use dynamic memory allocation in your code:

- It is **IMPORTANT** that you track the lifetime of any pointer, beginning with where it points to (dynamically or statically allocated memory block), where it gets used, and to where it gets de-allocated eventually.
- If not deallocated, deallocate it!
- Any dangling pointers pointing to any previously allocated space left at the execution end of your program will result in **MEMORY LEAKS!**