CSE 1325: Object-Oriented Programming Lecture 05 – Chapter 8

Eclectic Topics

Declarations vs Definitions, Header Files, Static Class Members, Delegated Constructors, References, Namespaces, and Makefiles (Again)

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Lecture #4 Quick Review

- Common types of errors include which of the following: b, c, d, and e

 - (a) Edit-time errors (b) Compile-time errors

 - (c) Link-time errors (d) Run-time errors
 - (e) Logic errors
- (f) Math errors
- To handle bad assumptions, a method should usually <u>c</u>
 - (a) Document the assumptions and expect callers to comply
 - (b) Force compliant types on parameters so the compiler can detect
 - (c) Detect the invalid input and throw an exception
- What are the pros and cons of each strategy for handling errors?
 - (a) Return an error code Easy to implement hard to manage unique error codes, caller may not check, checking return code obscures the program's logic
 - (b) Set a global error variable **Can check after several operations, but** otherwise same cons as (a)
 - (c) Throw an exception **Handler code can be centralized, if not handled** exception propagates, fits well in the object-oriented paradigm

Lecture #4 Quick Review

- Why should error messages be printed to cerr instead of cout?
 They will be mixed with data if sent to cout
- When should assert be used instead of throwing an exception?
 <u>Use assert for interface errors</u>, and exceptions for potentially recoverable errors.
- Match the name to the associated type of testing
 - Interactive testing (c)

- (a) Write numerous automated unit tests
- Regression testing (a)

- (b) Write the test before writing the code
- Test-driven development (b) (c) Run the program like a "nightmare user"
- What are some common useful debugger capabilities?
 Breakpoints and watchpoints, single step over or into method calls, view (and change) variable values and raw memory, view the assembly code

Overview



- Declarations
 - Definitions
 - Headers and the preprocessor
 - Scope
- Functions
 - Declarations and definitions
 - Arguments
 - Call by value, reference, and const reference
- Namespaces
 - "Using" declarations
- Makefiles



Pre-C++ 11 Initialization

- Prior to C++ 11, 4 different initializers were used
 - int n=0; // but not for fields! Only initialization lists for those
 - int n(0); // equivalent to =, but parentheses were confusing
 - class1 c("hello", 3); // call a constructor
- Some initializations weren't possible w/o executing code
 - class C {int x[100]; public: C(); /* can't directly initialize x */ };
 - char *buff=new char[1024]; // can't directly initialize the buffer
 - vector <string> v; // can't directly initialize the vector

C++ 11 Initialization

- With C++ 11, <u>all</u> initialization (not assignment) can be accomplished consistently with { }
 - int a{0};
 - string s{"hello"};
 - string s2{s}; //copy constructor s2 contains a copy of s
 - vector <string> vs{"alpha", "beta", "gamma"};
 - map<string, string> stars

```
{ "Superman", "+1 (212) 545-7890"}, 
{"Batman", "+1 (212) 545-0987"}};
```

- double *pd= new double[3] {0.5, 1.2, 12.99};
- class C {int x[4]; C(): $x\{0,1,2,3\}\{\}$;

In CSE1325, <u>always</u> use C++ 11 style initialization

C++ Declarations

- A declaration introduces a name into a scope.
- A declaration also specifies a type for the named object.
- Sometimes a declaration includes an initializer.
- A name must be declared before it can be used.

Declaration – A statement that introduces a name with an associated type into a scope



C++ Declarations

- Declarations are frequently introduced into a C++ (and C) program through "headers"
 - A header is a file containing declarations providing an interface to other parts of a program
- This allows for abstraction you don't have to know the details of a function you (or someone else) wrote in order to use it. When you add #include "my_header.h"

to your code, the declarations in the file my_header.h in the local directory become available

- #include "my_header.h" checks the local directory first for my_header.h, then the system directories
- #include <my_header.h> checks only the system directories

Define your own functions and variables

```
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/07$ g++ -w decl_correct.cpp
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/07$ ./a.out
49 __
```

C++ Definitions

Definition – A declaration that (also) fully specifies the entity declared



Examples of definitions

Examples of declarations that are <u>not</u> definitions

```
double sqrt(double); // function body missing (define it later)
class Point; // class members specified elsewhere
extern int a; // extern means "defined in another file"
// "extern" is archaic; we will rarely use it
```

Memory is allocated when a variable is **defined**, not when it is **declared**!

C++ Declarations and Definitions

- You can't define something twice
 - A definition says what something is
 - Examples

```
int a;  // definition
int a;  // error: double definition
double sqrt(double d) { ... }  // definition
double sqrt(double d) { ... }  // error: double definition
```

- You can declare something twice
 - A declaration says how something <u>can be used</u>
 - That is, its <u>interface</u> perfect for a header file!

Why both declarations and definitions?

- To refer to something, we need (only) its declaration
- Often we want the definition "elsewhere"
 - Later in a file
 - In another file
 - Preferably written by someone else
- Declarations are used to specify interfaces
 - To your own code
 - To libraries: Libraries are key!
 - We can't write everything ourselves
 - We don't want to write everything ourselves!
- In larger programs
 - Place all declarations in header files to ease sharing and save compilation time

Key Point!

Kinds of Declarations

- The most interesting are
 - Variables
 - int x;
 - vector<int> vi2 {1,2,3,4};
 - Constants
 - void f(const X&);
 - constexpr int = isqrt(2);
 - Functions
 - double sqrt(double d) { /* ... */ }
 - Types (classes and enumerations)
 - class Foo {public: Foo(int x); int get_x();}
 - enum Animal {cat, dog, squirrel, duck, snake};
 - Namespaces (which we'll cover this lecture)
 - Templates (such as vector we'll cover in a later lecture)

Classes

- A class encapsulates data and associated code
 - A class directly represents a concept in a program
 - If you can think of "it" as a separate entity, it is plausible that it could be a class or an object of a class
 - Examples: vector, matrix, input stream, string, FFT, valve controller, robot arm, device driver, picture on screen, dialog box, graph, window, temperature reading, clock
 - A class is a (user-defined) type that specifies how objects of its type can be created and used
 - In C++ (as in most modern languages), a class is the key building block for large programs
 - And very useful for small ones, too!
 - The concept was originally introduced in Simula67
 - The classes public methods and variables are it's interface

Class Interfaces

- What makes a good class interface?
 - Minimal
 - As small as possible
 - Simple and easy to use or better, hard to <u>misuse!</u>
 - Complete
 - And no smaller
 - Type safe
 - Beware of confusing argument orders
 - Beware of over-general types (e.g., int to represent a month)

Header Files as Class Interface Definitions

- Until now, we have simply included (#include) the .cpp files that we need
- This is a Very Bad Idea
 - Your implementation is compiled as part of a different file
 - If a .cpp file is included twice, you'll get redefinition errors –
 making it difficult to determine a valid compilation order
- All the including file needs is the interface definition
 - The header file is that interface definition!

Source files

Interface / Declarations complex.h: class Complex { int _x, _y; public: Complex(int x, int y); double magnitude(); **Defines Uses }**; complex.cpp: #include "complex.h" use cpp: //definitions: #include "complex.h" Complex::Complex(int x, int y) $: _x\{x\}, _y\{y\} \{ \}$ Complex c{3.0, 4.0}; double Complex::magnitude() { Cout << /* ... */

- A header file (here, **complex.h**) defines an interface between user code and implementation code (usually in a library)
- The same **#include** declarations in both **.cpp** files (definitions and uses) ease consistency checking

Header Files

- An interface can be specified in a header file
 - The header file / interface Specify the function's interface, but not it's implementation

```
int select_floor(Elevator elevator, vector<int> request);
```

The cpp file / implementation

Class Header Files

Class methods are specified w/o implementation

```
#ifndef ELEVATOR H
                                   These statements ensure we don't redefine anything
#define
          ELEVATOR H
                                   if the header file is included in more than one file*
class Elevator {
  public:
    Elevator(): top_floor{9} {} The constructors - one default and one non-default
    Elevator(int max_floors) : top_floor{max_floors} {}
    class Invalid_floor: global exception {}; // Exception
    void goto_floor(int floor);
    void move();
                                 The methods declared here must be defined.
                                 somewhere – typically in the associated
    int get_current_floor();
    int get desired floor();
                                 implementation (.cpp) file
    bool is_going_up();
    bool has_arrived();
    bool is_idle();
                                 The private data for this class
  private:
    int top_floor;
    int current floor = 1;
                                 Including a header is exactly equivalent to including
    int desired floor = 1;
                                 the text of the header file into the file that includes it,
    bool going_up = true;
                                 at the point of the #include
    bool idle = false;
                                             * "#pragma once" is also often used for this purpose,
#endif
                                              but it is NOT part of the C++ standard
```

Class Implementation Files

 If methods are define in a header, the method bodies are implemented separately in the .cpp

```
Include the associated header so the compiler can
#include "elevator.h"
                                  verify consistency
void Elevator::goto_floor(int floor) {
   // Your code here
                                   Elevator::goto_floor means the method goto_floor
                                   in the class Elevator
void Elevator::move() {
  // Your code here
                                   This file is compiled separately into a .o file for linking
int Elevator::get_current_floor() { (use g++ -c to avoid an error for a missing main())
   // Your code here
int Elevator::get desired floor() {
   // Your code here
bool Elevator::is_going_up() {
   // Your code here
bool Elevator::has arrived() {
```

Constructors

- A constructor is a special kind of member function that initializes an instance of its class
 - Initialize private variables, allocate memory, update static variables, etc.
- A constructor has the same name as the class and no return value
 - Constructors are usually the first methods in the public section
- A constructor can have any number of parameters
 - The default constructor has zero parameters
 - If no constructor is specified, the compiler defines the default constructor that just initializes the object based on the class definition
 - If only non-default constructors are specified, the compiler will NOT provide a default constructor
- A class may have any number of constructors
 - Each must have a unique parameter signature the number of parameters, and the type of each

Initialization Lists

- C++ allows specification of private variable values as part of the constructor declaration
 - This avoids invoking the default constructor for the class' private variables, and then overwriting the default variable in the constructor body

```
class Elevator {
   public:
        Elevator() : top_floor{9} {}
        Elevator(int max_floors) \( \): top_floor{max_floors} {}

   private:
        int top_floor;
};

Note the curly braces (not parentheses)
```

Delegated Constructors

- Sometimes called "constructor chaining", a similar syntax permits one constructor to rely on another in the same class
 - This avoids code duplication

```
class Elevator {
   public:
        Elevator() : Elevator{9} {}
        Elevator(int max_floors) : top_floor{max_floors} {}

   private:
        int top_floor;
};

        Delegate to the 1 int parameter constructor
        Elevator to the parameter value
        int top_floor;
};
```

Static Class Members

- A static method or variable exists as part of the class, shared among all objects
 - A static method may be called without instancing an object
 - A static variable <u>must</u> be defined outside the class

```
class Elevator {
   public:
        Elevator();
        void move(int target_floor); // Unique to each object
        static int get_floors_traversed(); // Declaration (at class level) only
   private:
        int current_floor;
        static int floors_traversed; // declaration (at class level) only
};

Elevator::Elevator() : current_floor{1} { }
int Elevator::floors_traversed = 0;
void Elevator::move(int target_floor) {
        floors_traversed += abs(target_floor - current_floor);
        current_floor = target_floor;
}
int Elevator::get_floors_traversed() {return floors_traversed;}
```

Static Class Members

```
class Elevator {
   public:
     Elevator();
     void move(int target floor); // Unique to each object
     static int get_floors_traversed(); // Declaration (at class level) only
   private:
     int current floor;
     static int floors traversed; // declaration (at class level) only
};
                                                ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201801/05$ make static
                                                g++ --std=c++14 -o static static.cpp
Elevator::Elevator() : current_floor{1} { }
                                                ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201801/05$ ./static
int Elevator::floors traversed = 0;
                                                40 floors traversed
void Elevator::move(int target_floor) {
    floors traversed += abs(target floor - current floor);
    current floor = target floor;
int Elevator::get floors traversed() {return floors traversed;}
int main() {
    Elevator a, b, c; // 3 elevators
    vector<int> requests = {3,2,9,1,11,5,1,1,1}; // Must be multiple of 3!
    for (int i; i < requests.size() ; i += 3) {</pre>
        a.move(requests[i]);
        b.move(requests[i+1]);
        c.move(requests[i+2]);
    cout << Elevator::get_floors_traversed() << " floors traversed" << endl;</pre>
```

Scope

- A scope is a region of program text
 - Global scope (outside any language construct)
 - Class scope (within a class)
 - Local scope (between any { ... } braces)
 - Statement scope (unique to the 3-term for statement)



- A name in a scope can be seen from within its scope and within scopes nested within that scope
 - Only <u>after</u> the declaration of the name ("can't look ahead" rule)
 - However, class members can be used within the class before they are declared
- A scope keeps "things" local
 - Prevents my variables, functions, etc., from interfering with yours
 - Remember: real programs have many thousands of entities
 - Locality is good!

Keep names as local as possible

Scope Example

Nested Scopes

The code attached to these slides prints the various x values throughout the program

Shadowing – A variable declared in a narrower scope than that of a variable of the same name declared in a broader scope



Functions: Call by Value

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

// call-by-value (send the function a copy of the argument's value)
int f(int a) { a = a+1; return a; }

int main() {
    int xx = 0;
    cout << f(xx) << '\n'; // writes 1
    cout << xx << '\n'; // writes 0; f() doesn't change xx
    int yy = 7;
    cout << f(yy) << '\n'; // writes 8;
    cout << yy << '\n'; // writes 7; f() doesn't change yy
}</pre>
```

```
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$ g++ -std=c++11 call_by_value.cpp
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$ ./a.out
1
0
8
7
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$
```

Functions: Call by Reference

```
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$ g++ -std=c++11 call_by_reference.cpp
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$ ./a.out
1
1
8
8
ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201701/05$
```

Call by value/by reference/by const-reference

```
void f(int a, int& r, const int& cr) { ++a; ++r; ++cr; } // error: cr is const
void g(int a, int& r, const int& cr) \{ ++a; ++r; int x = cr; ++x; \} II ok
int main()
   int x = 0;
   int y = 0;
   int z = 0;
   g(x,y,z);
                || x==0; y==1; z==0
   g(1,2,3);
                 Il error: reference argument r needs a variable to refer to
                 Il ok: since cr is const we can pass "a temporary"
   g(1,y,3);
```

Il const references are very useful for passing large objects

Function / Method Arguments

- Avoid (non-const) reference arguments if possible
 - They can lead to obscure bugs when you forget which arguments can be changed

```
int incr1(int a) { return a+1; }
void incr2(int& a) { ++a; }
int x = 7;
x = incr1(x); // pretty obvious
incr2(x); // pretty obscure
```

- So why have reference arguments?
 - Occasionally, they are essential
 - *E.g.*, for changing several values
 - For manipulating large containers (e.g., vector)
 - const reference arguments are very often useful

References

- "Reference" is a general concept
 - Not just for call-by-reference

- You can think of a reference as an alternative name for an object
- You can't modify an object through a const reference
- You can't make a reference refer to another object after the reference variable is initialized (unlike pointers)
 - Thus, references are never "dangling"

Copy vs Reference

- We said earlier that a For Each loop can be very inefficient for vectors of large objects
 - Because it copies each object to the loop variable
 - Now we see how to access very large vector members efficiently – using references!

Compile-time functions

- You can define functions that can be evaluated at compile time: constexpr functions
 - A definition usually results in memory allocation
 - A constexpr does not the compiler simply substitutes the value of the expression as a constant wherever referenced

Guidance for Passing Variables

- Use call-by-value for very small objects
- Use call-by-const-reference for large objects
- Use call-by-reference only when absolutely necessary
- Return a result rather than modify an object through a reference argument if practical – experience will help
- For example

Namespaces

Consider this code from two programmers Jack and Jill

```
jack.h
class Glob { /*...*/ }; // in Jack's header file jack.h
class Widget { /*...*/ };
jill.h
class Blob { /*...*/ }; // in Jill's header file jill.h
class Widget { /*...*/ };
awesome app.h
#include "jack.h";
                           // this is in your code
#include "jill.h";
void my_func(Widget p) { // oops! - error: multiple definitions of Widget
    // ...
```

Namespaces

- The compiler will not compile multiple definitions; such clashes can occur from multiple headers.
- One way to prevent this problem is with namespaces: jack.h

```
namespace Jack {
  class Glob { /*...*/ }; // in Jack's header file jack.h
  class Widget { /*...*/ };
jill.h
Namespace Jill {
  class Blob { /*...*/ }; // in Jill's header file jill.h
  class Widget { /*...*/ };
awesome app.h
#include "jack.h";
                           // this is in your code
#include "jill.h";
void my_func(Jack::Widget p) { // No collision!
    // ...
```

Namespaces

- A namespace is simply a named scope
- The :: operator is used to specify which namespace you are using and which (of many possible) objects of the same name to which you are referring
- For example, since cout is in namespace std, you could write:
 std::cout << "Please enter stuff... \n";
- In fact, you would have to if you didn't specify that you are "using namespace std;"!

Namespace – a named scope



using Declarations and Directives

To avoid the tedium of

```
std::cout << "Please enter stuff... \n";
```

you could write a "using declaration"

```
using std::cout; // "when I say cout, I mean std::cout" cout << "Please enter stuff... \n"; // std::cout is also fine cin >> x; // error: cin not in scope
```

or you could write a "using directive"

```
using namespace std; // "make all names from std available" cout << "Please enter stuff... \n"; // std::cout is also fine cin >> x; // std::cin is also fine
```

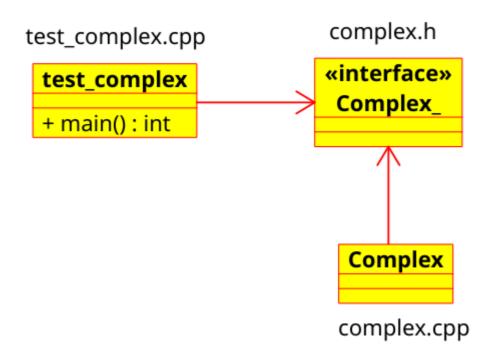
Using Using Well

- "using namespace std;" puts EVERYTHING from std into our current namespace
 - This is a <u>lot</u> of declarations, which may collide with our own declarations accidentally (remember std::to_string for double?)
 - This is sometimes called "namespace pollution"
- You can "using namespace" for multiple namespaces, but that increases the chances for collisions
 - This is (ahem) namespace mega-pollution!*
- But it's better to "using namespace::member" rather than the entire namespace
 - Explicit *using* places only the specific members you want into your namespace, and also makes clear to which namespace member belongs
 - But you're still permitted to "using namespace std;" as you like

Writing a New Makefile

http://www.cprogramming.com/tutorial/makefiles.html

Write a Makefile for this program



#1: Define your C++ version

Makefile for Complex

CXXFLAGS += --std=c++14

```
test_complex.cpp complex.h

test_complex
+ main(): int

Complex

complex.cpp
```

The CXX variable is usually pre-defined as your default compiler ("g++") The CXXFLAGS variable contains flags for all invocations of \$(CXX)

#2: Define your link rule

Makefile for Complex

CXXFLAGS += --std=c++14

```
test_complex
+ main(): int

Complex

complex

complex
```

test_complex.cpp

complex.h

Usually the rule name matches the executable name that you're building. The dependencies are also the object files on the linker line.

\$(CXX) simply recalls ("dereferences") the value of the CXX variable

#3: Define your object rules

```
test_complex
+ main(): int

Complex

complex

complex
```

test_complex.cpp

complex.h

You need one rule, named for a .o file, for each .cpp file.

The .o dependency is the .cpp file of the same name, and all headers (*.h)

The command simply compiles the .cpp file with the -c option

#4: Define the clean, debug, rebuild, and other miscellaneous rules

```
test_complex.cpp complex.h

test_complex
+ main(): int

Complex

Complex

Complex
```

complex.cpp

```
# Makefile for Complex
CXXFLAGS += --std=c++14
```

all: complex

debug: CXXFLAGS += -g
debug: complex

rebuild: clean complex

The first rule will be default, so jump to your link rule. Debug builds for the debugger (-g option). Rebuild is a convenience rule to recompile everything. Clean deletes all build products to force a full rebuild.

- *.o are built from *.cpp; *.gch are from *.h (sometimes)
- *~ are backup files produced by some editors (Emacs)
- Also include the executable name(s), e.g., complex

-rm -f *.o *.gch *~ complex

Maintaining a Makefile

- Adding an #include "..." or .h file
 - No change as long as your rules include a *.h dependency
- Adding a .cpp
 - Add a new .o rule to compile it
 - Add the .o to the linker rule dependency and linker command
- Adding an executable, e.g., regression test
 - Add a completely new linker rule to link it
 - Add the executable name to the rm command in the clean rule
- Remember: Your Makefile must be managed in git!
 - It evolves along with your program code

Quick Review

- A statement that introduces a name with an associated type into a scope is a _____.
 - A statement that also fully specifies that entity is a ______.
- Why should programs #include header files instead of cpp files?
- True or False: Memory is allocated for a variable when it is declared.
- True or False: It is an error to include the same file in both the header and the body of a class file.
- What is the purpose of "#ifndef ___FILE_H" and "#define ___FILE_H" at the top of a header file?

Quick Review

A special kind of member function that initializes an instance of its class is a is a shortcut to assign a value to a class's private variables in a constructor. implements one constructor by calling another. True or False: A default constructor with no parameters is always provided. To modify a parameter, the parameter must be passed by _____ otherwise, the method only has a copy of the parameter. A reference cannot modify the parameter even though it references to the original data. Constexpr specifies that a variable can be evaluated at is a named scope, which can be accessed via the keyword or the ____ operator. A builds a C++ program optimally with a simple "make" command.

For Next Class

- (Optional) Review chapter 8 (some of today's material is found there)
 - Do the drills!
- Skim chapter 9
 - Enum classes
 - Operator overloading
 - Simple inheritance

Homework #2 Questions?

- Create an OO-based program that accepts a student's name and exam grades, and outputs their semester average.
 - Bonus: Also include homework grades in their semester average.
 - from a file, and write the same file in the same format but with additional information added.
- · As always, details are on Blackboard.
 - Requirements are in a ZIP archive along with test data

Requirements are in a Zir archive along with test data

- student_name : string - exam_sum : double - exam_num_grades : double + Student(name : string) + name() : string + exam(grade : double)

make clean rm -f *.o main test_student ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201708/P2/fc\$ make q++ -std=c++11 -o main main.cpp Enter student's name: Fred Enter next grade: 100 Enter next grade: 87 Enter next grade: 98 Enter next grade: 93 Enter next grade: 97 Enter next grade: -1 Fred has a 95 average. ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201708/P2/fc\$./main Enter student's name: Ruth Enter next grade: -1 Ruth has a 100 average. ricegf@pluto:~/dev/cpp/201708/P2/fc\$

"Now is the time for all good persons to come to the aid of their final average."

— Patrick Henry*