

# Operator Overloading

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# This Week

## ■ Operator Overloading Basics

- Globally overloaded "+" and "=="
- Unary operators
- As member functions

## ■ More Overloading

- Operators: << and >>
- Operators: =
- Operators: ++, --
- Operators: []

# **OPERATOR OVERLOADING BASICS**

# Operator Overloading Introduction

- Operators +, -, %, ==, etc.
  - are really just functions!
- Simply "called" with different syntax:  $x + 7$ 
  - "+" is binary operator with x and 7 as operands
  - Human-friendly notations
- Function-like notation:  $+(x, 7)$ 
  - "+" is the function name (later, we call "operator+")
  - x, 7 are the arguments
  - Function "+" returns "sum" of it's arguments

# Operator Overloading Perspective

## ■ Built-in operators

- `+, -, =, %, ==, /, *, ...`
- Already work for C++ built-in types
- In standard "binary" notation with two operands

## ■ We can overload them!

- To work with OUR types!
- To add "Chair types" or "Money types"
  - As appropriate for our needs

## ■ Always overload with similar "actions" (meaning)!

- An entire different meaning can lead to confusion for users.

# Overloading Basics

## ■ Overloading operators

- VERY similar to overloading functions
- Operator itself is "name" of function

## ■ Example Declaration:

```
const Money operator+(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
```

- Overloads + for operands of type Money
- Uses constant reference parameters for efficiency
- Returned value is type Money
  - Allows addition of "Money" objects

# (global) Overloaded "+"

- Given previous example:
  - Note: overloaded "+" NOT member function
  - Definition is "more involved" than simple "add"
    - Requires issues of money type addition
    - Must handle negative/positive values
- Operator overload definitions generally very simple
  - Just perform "addition" particular to "your" type

# Overloaded "+" for Money

## ■ In Display 8.1 Operator Overloading

```
const Money operator+(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
{
    int allCents1 = amount1.getCents( ) + amount1.getDollars( )*100;
    int allCents2 = amount2.getCents( ) + amount2.getDollars( )*100;
    int sumAllCents = allCents1 + allCents2;
    int absAllCents = abs(sumAllCents); //Money can be negative.
    int finalDollars = absAllCents / 100;
    int finalCents = absAllCents % 100;
    if (sumAllCents < 0)
    {
        finalDollars = -finalDollars;
        finalCents = -finalCents;
    }
    return Money(finalDollars, finalCents);
}
```

The return statements puzzle you.  
A Constructor can Return an Object.



# (global) Overloaded "=="

- Equality operator, ==

- Enables comparison of Money objects
- Declaration:

```
bool operator==(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
```

- Returns bool type for true/false equality
- Again, it's a non-member function (like "+" overload)

# Overloaded "==" for Money

## ■ In Display 8.1 Operator Overloading

```
bool operator==(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2)
{
    return ((amount1.getDollars() == amount2.getDollars()) &&
            (amount1.getCents() == amount2.getCents()));
}
```

# Constructors Returning Objects

## ■ Recall return statement in "+" overload for Money type

- Returns an "invocation" of Money class!
- So constructor actually "returns" an object!
- Remind the "**anonymous object**". *익명객체 : 한번 쓰고 cut!*

`cout << 1 + 2 << endl; // 3 is placed in an anonymous object.`

```
return Money(finalDollars, finalCents);
```

# Returning by const Value

- Consider "+" operator overload again:

```
const Money operator+(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
```

*Handwritten notes:*  
- Arrow from "+" to "반환되는 값" (value being returned)  
- Arrow from "const Money" to "B+C의 값" (value of B+C)  
- Arrow from "const" to "const : B+C의 값" (value of B+C)

- Returns a "constant object"? Why?
- Consider impact of returning "non-const" object.
  - Consider "no const" in declaration:

```
Money operator+(const Money& amount1, const Money& amount2);
```

- Consider expression that calls:

```
m1 + m2
```

- Object returned is Money object
- We can "do things" with objects! Like call member functions...

# What to do with Non-const Object

- Can call member functions:

- We could invoke member functions on object returned by expression `m1+m2`:

```
(m1+m2).output(); // Legal, right?
```

- Not a problem: doesn't change anything

```
(m1+m2).input(); // Legal!
```

- PROBLEM! // Legal, but MODIFIES!
- Allows modification of "anonymous" object!
- Can't allow that here!

- So we define the return object as const

# Overloading Unary Operators

단항 연산자

- C++ has unary operators:
  - Defined as taking one operand
  - e.g., - (negation)
    - `x = -y; // Sets x equal to negative of y`
  - Other unary operators:
    - ++, --
- Unary operators can also be overloaded

# Overload "-" for Money

## ■ Overloaded "-" function declaration

- Placed outside class definition:

```
const Money operator-(const Money& amount);
```

- Notice: only one argument: since only 1 operand (unary)

## ■ "-" operator is overloaded twice!

- For one operand/argument (**unary**)
- For two operands/arguments (**binary**)
- Definitions can exist for both

단일 연산자 (unary)      이진 연산자 (binary)

# Overloaded "-" Definition

- Overloaded "-" function definition:

```
const Money operator-( const Money& amount )  
{  
    return Money(-amount.getDollars(), -amount.getCents());  
}
```

- Applies "-" unary operator to built-in type
  - Operation is "known" for built-in types
- Returns anonymous object again



# Overloaded "-" Usage

## ■ Consider:

```
Money amount1(10), amount2(6), amount3;  
amount3 = amount1 - amount2;  
//Calls binary "-" overload  
amount3.output(); //Displays $4.00  
amount3 = -amount1;  
//Calls unary "-" overload  
amount3.output(); //Displays -$10.00
```

## ■ Overloading Basics (1\_basic\_oper\_over.cpp, 1\_int~.cpp)



- We will add unary operator -.
- Error case: operator overloading with primitive types

```
class Money
```

```
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
        ...
```

```
    private:
```

```
        int dollars;
```

```
        int cents;
```

```
};
```

→  $amount + 3 = -amount + 1$ . 아! - 빼지!.

```
const Money operator-(const Money& amount)
```

```
{
```

```
    return Money(-amount.getDollars(), -amount.getCents());
```

```
}
```

```
// What happens with the following code?
```

```
const int operator+(const int num1, const int num2)
```

아! \* ~

```
{
```

```
    return num1 * num2;
```

```
}
```

# **OVERLOADING AS MEMBER FUNCTIONS**

# Overloading as Member Functions

- Previous examples: standalone global functions
  - Defined outside a class
- Can overload as "member operator"
  - Considered "member function" like others
- When operator is member function:
  - Only ONE parameter, not two!
  - Calling object serves as the first parameter
    - `*this` is the first parameter implicitly.

멤버 함수로 정의

필요한 경우!

이렇게 하면 할 수 있는 것

# Member Operator in Action

## ■ Consider:

```
Money cost(1, 50), tax(0, 15), total;  
total = cost + tax;
```

- If "+" overloaded as member operator:
  - Object "cost" is calling object
  - Object "tax" is single argument
- Think of as: `total = cost.+(tax);`
  - Actually, `total = cost.operator+(tax)`

## ■ Declaration of "+" in class definition:

```
const Money operator+(const Money& amount);
```

- Notice only ONE argument

# Overloading Operators: Which Method?

- Object-Oriented-Programming
  - Principles suggest member operators
  - Many agree to maintain "spirit" of OOP
- Member operators more efficient
  - No need to call accessor & mutator functions

# Overloading Function Application ()

## ■ Function call operator: ( )

- Must be overloaded as member function *멤버함수로重载!*
- Allows use of class object like a function
- Can overload for all possible numbers of arguments

## ■ Example:

```
class anObject;  
anObject(42);
```

- If ( ) overloaded → calls overload

## ■ 2. Overloading as Member Functions (2\_member, 2\_paren)



- We will move unary operator- from global to member.
- We will add the function call operator ().

```
class Money {  
    public:  
        const Money operator-();  
        void operator()(int theDollars);  
        void operator()(int theDollars, int theCents);  
    private:  
        int dollars;  
        int cents;  
};
```

member func. 호출

$\text{amount3} = \text{amount}.\text{operator-}(\text{amount2});$

```
const Money Money::operator-(const Money& amount) {  
    return Money(-amount.getDollars(), -amount.getCents());  
}
```

```
void Money::operator()(int theDollars) { dollars = theDollars; }
```

```
void Money::operator()(int theDollars, int theCents) {  
    dollars = theDollars; cents = theCents;  
}
```

함수 호출.

$\text{amount3}(100, 99);$  호출  
아무리 간단 ×!



**MORE OVERLOADING**

# Overloading << and >>

- Enables input and output of our objects

입출력 가능

- Similar to other operator overloads

- Improves readability

- Like all operator overloads do
- Enables:

```
std::cout << myObject;  
std::cin >> myObject;
```

- Instead of need for: `myObject.output(); ...`

# Overloading <<

## ■ Insertion operator, <<

- Used with cout
- A binary operator

## ■ Example:

```
std::cout << "Hello";
```

- Operator is <<
- 1st operand is predefined object cout *표준 라이브러리의 cout*
  - From library <iostream>
  - It makes operator<< **not** to be a member of a class.
- 2nd operand is literal string "Hello"

*class 멤버  
아님!*

# Overloading <<

- Recall Money class

- Used member function output()
- Nicer if we can use << operator:

```
Money amount(100);  
cout << "I have " << amount << endl;
```

- // instead of:

```
cout << "I have ";  
amount.output()
```

# Overloaded << and >> Example (3\_io~)



## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (1 of 7)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
//Class for amounts of money in U.S. currency
class Money
{
public:
    Money( );
    Money(double amount);
    Money(int theDollars, int theCents);
    Money(int theDollars);
    double getAmount( ) const;
    int getDollars( ) const;
    int getCents( ) const;
```

# Overloaded << and >> Example

## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (2 of 7)

```
friend const Money operator+( const Money& amount1,  
                             const Money& amount2);  
friend const Money operator-( const Money& amount1,  
                             const Money& amount2);  
friend bool operator==( const Money& amount1,  
                        const Money& amount2);  
friend const Money operator-(const Money& amount);  
friend ostream& operator<<(ostream& outputStream,  
                          const Money& amount);  
friend istream& operator>>(istream& inputStream,  
                          Money& amount);
```

# Overloaded << and >> Example

## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (3 of 7)

```
private:
    //A negative amount is represented as negative dollars
    //and negative cents. Negative $4.50 is represented as
    //-4 and -50.
    int dollars, cents;
    int dollarsPart(double amount) const;
    int centsPart(double amount) const;
    int round(double number) const;
};

int main()
{
    Money yourAmount, myAmount(10, 9);
    cout << "Enter an amount of money: ";
```

# Overloaded << and >> Example

## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (4 of 7)

```
cin >> yourAmount;
cout << "Your amount is " << yourAmount << endl;
cout << "My amount is " << myAmount << endl;
if (yourAmount == myAmount)
    cout << "We have the same amounts.\n";
else cout << "One of us is richer.\n";

Money ourAmount = yourAmount + myAmount;
cout << yourAmount << " + " << myAmount
    << " equals " << ourAmount << endl;

Money diffAmount = yourAmount - myAmount;
cout << yourAmount << " - " << myAmount
    << " equals " << diffAmount << endl;
return 0;
}
```



# Overloaded << and >> Example

## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (5 of 7)

```
ostream& operator<< (ostream& outputStream, const Money& amount)
{
    int absDollars = abs(amount.dollars);
    int absCents = abs(amount.cents);
    if (amount.dollars < 0 || amount.cents < 0)
        //accounts for dollars == 0 or cents == 0
    outputStream << "$-";
    else outputStream << '$';
    outputStream << absDollars;
    if (absCents >= 10)
        outputStream << '.' << absCents;
    else outputStream << '.' << '0' << absCents;

    return outputStream;
}
```

In the main function,  
cout is plugged  
in for outputStream.

Returns a reference

# Overloaded << and >> Example

## ■ Display 8.5 Overloading << and >> (7 of 7)

Enter an amount of money: **\$123.45**

Your amount is \$123.45

My amount is \$10.09.

One of us is richer.

\$123.45 + \$10.09 equals \$133.54

\$123.45 - \$10.09 equals \$113.36

# Assignment Operator: =

- Must be overloaded as member operator 멤버로 오버로드
  - Simultaneously with copy constructor
- Automatically overloaded
  - Default assignment operator:
    - Member-wise copy (i.e., shallow copy)
    - Member variables from one object → corresponding member variables from other
- Default is OK for simple classes
  - But with pointers → must write our own!
  - Implement deep copy (allocating new memory and copying the content)

## ■ Overloading = (4\_assign~.cpp)



```
class Money {  
    public:  
        const Money& operator=(const Money& theMoney);  
        Money operator++(); // prefix  
    // Make members public just for the example  
    //private:  
        int dollars;  
        int cents;  
};
```

```
const Money& Money::operator=(const Money& theMoney) {  
    // Just for example  
    dollars = theMoney.getDollars() - 1;  
    return *this; // Why should we return *this?  
}
```

← Money a1(10), a2(2);  
a2 = a1;  
클래스변 10, 9 4/5.

# Increment and Decrement

- Each operator has two versions

- Prefix notation: ++x;
- Postfix notation: x++;

- Must distinguish in overload

- Standard overload method → Prefix
- Add the second parameter of (dummy) type int → Postfix
  - Just a marker for compiler! It's dummy.
  - Specifies postfix is allowed

포전방행 → 전위

int 인스 리터 → 후위

```
Money& operator++(){ ... }    // prefix
Money operator++(int){ ... }  // postfix
```

## ■ Overloading ++ (5\_increment~.cpp)



```
// Postfix version, not a member
```

```
Money operator++(Money& theMoney, int ignoreMe) {  
    // We need range checks for cents. This is just for an example.  
    int dollars = theMoney.dollars++, cents = theMoney.cents++;  
    return Money(dollars, cents);  
}
```

```
Money Money::operator++() {  
    // We need range checks for cents. This is just for an example.  
    return Money(++dollars, ++cents); (X) → ++dollars ; ++cents ; return *this ;  
}
```

```
int main()  
{  
    Money amount(10);  
    Money a = amount++;  
    a.output(); amount.output();  
  
    amount = Money(10);  
    a = ++amount;  
    a.output(); amount.output();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```