## **Pointers to the Rescue**

One solution is to create a vector<Person\*> v or an array Person\* a[2]. Here's a short example that places two different kinds of Person pointers in a vector and prints them. Each person responds appropriately. Go ahead and add this code to main(). Include the <vector> header.

```
int main()
{
    vector<Person*> people;
    people.push_back(new Student("Sam", 201795));
    people.push_back(new Person("Pam B."));

    for (auto p : people) {cout << p->toString() << endl;}
    for (auto p : people) delete p;
}</pre>
```

Since two of these objects are created on the heap, it is up to you to reclaim their memory before the **vector** goes out of scope and it is lost. The **vector** cannot do it because it does not know if the pointers it contains point to objects on the heap or objects on the stack. If you add a stack-based pointer to this program, it crashes.



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