

Lecture 3a: Const and References

CS 70: Data Structures and Program Development

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Learning Targets

1. I can use references in my code
2. I can visualize references in the CS70 memory model
3. I know what the const keyword means
4. I can use the const keyword in my programs
5. I can track which variables are constant in the memory model

References

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```

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VS.

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              //      that refers to the variable a
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```
int& b = a;
```

```
int& d = b;
```

```
d = 20;
```

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What does this code print?

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void spotTransplant(Cow donor, Cow recipient) {
    size_t donorSpots = donor.getNumSpots();
    size_t recipientSpots = recipient.getNumSpots();

    recipient.setNumSpots(donorSpots + recipientSpots);
    donor.setNumSpots(0);
}

int main() {
    Cow buttercup{5, 3};
    Cow flopsy{3, 13};
    spotTransplant(flopsy, buttercup);

    cout << "Buttercup: " << buttercup.getNumSpots() << " spots." << endl;
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- When the referent is in a different stack frame, note that on the right side of the diagram.

Your Turn...

```
void div(int a, int b, int& quo, int& rem) {
    rem = a;
    quo = 0;
    while(rem >= b) {
        rem = rem - b;
        ++quo;
    }
}

int main() {
    int x = 24;
    int y = 7;
    int quotient;
    int remainder;
    div(x, y, quotient, remainder);
    cout << "x = " << x << ", y = " << y;
    cout << " quotient = " << quotient << ", remainder = " << remainder << endl;
}
```

Warning: C++ References aren't Java References

A C++ reference is never “null”

A C++ reference cannot be “moved” or “redirected”

Const

Defining Constants

```
const int PENNIES_PER_DOLLAR = 100;  
const string WELCOME_MSG = "Greetings!";  
const double SQRT2 = sqrt(2);
```

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- Draw a padlock on names that are labeled as `const` (can't use this name to change this value).

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```
const int c = 3;
```

```
int& d = c; //Causes a compiler error!
```

```
// (not on worksheet)
```

How many errors in this code?

```
int a = 3;  
const int b = a;  
int& c = a;  
const int& d = a;  
int& e = b;
```

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++a;  
++b;  
++c;  
++d;
```


Easy way to make the function more efficient?

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    return v.size();  
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Static Const Class Members

- We can declare a member of a class as `static const`.
- No matter how many objects of the class are created, there is only one copy of the `static const` member.
- A `static const` member is shared by all objects of the class.

In `cow.hpp`:

```
class Cow{  
    ...  
    static const string TAXONOMIC_FAMILY = "bovidae";  
    ...  
};
```

In `main.cpp`:

```
cout << Cow::TAXONOMIC_FAMILY << endl;
```

Makefiles

A helpful tool to automate compiling

- **Makefile rules**

```
target: dependency_1 dependency_2 ...  
<tab>  commands_to_run
```

- **Example**

Suppose `farm.cpp` includes `cow.hpp`. We can write a make rule:

```
farm.o: farm.cpp cow.hpp  
    clang++ -o farm.o -c farm.cpp
```

The program `make` detects if `farm.cpp` or `cow.hpp` have changed since the last time `farm.o` was generated, and then (re)compiles into `farm.o` if necessary.