



C++ - Module 06

C++ casts

Summary:

This document contains the exercises for Module 06 of the C++ modules.

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Chapter I

Introduction

C++ is a general-purpose programming language created by Bjarne Stroustrup as an extension of the C programming language, often referred to as "C with Classes" (source: [Wikipedia](#)).

The goal of these modules is to introduce you to **Object-Oriented Programming**. This will be the starting point of your C++ journey. Many languages are recommended for learning OOP, but we chose C++ since it is derived from your old friend, C. As C++ is a complex language, your code will adhere to the C++98 standard to keep things simple.

We acknowledge that modern C++ differs significantly in many aspects. If you want to become a proficient C++ developer, it will be up to you to explore further beyond the 42 Common Core!

Chapter II

General rules

Compiling

- Compile your code with `c++` and the flags `-Wall -Wextra -Werror`
- Your code should still compile if you add the flag `-std=c++98`

Formatting and naming conventions

- The exercise directories will be named this way: `ex00`, `ex01`, ..., `exn`
- Name your files, classes, functions, member functions and attributes as required in the guidelines.
- Write class names in **UpperCamelCase** format. Files containing class code will always be named according to the class name. For instance: `ClassName.hpp/ClassName.h`, `ClassName.cpp`, or `ClassName.hpp`. Then, if you have a header file containing the definition of a class "BrickWall" standing for a brick wall, its name will be `BrickWall.hpp`.
- Unless specified otherwise, every output message must end with a newline character and be displayed to the standard output.
- *Goodbye Norminette!* No coding style is enforced in the C++ modules. You can follow your favorite one. But keep in mind that code your peer evaluators can't understand is code they can't grade. Do your best to write clean and readable code.

Allowed/Forbidden

You are not coding in C anymore. Time to C++! Therefore:

- You are allowed to use almost everything from the standard library. Thus, instead of sticking to what you already know, it would be smart to use the C++-ish versions of the C functions you are used to as much as possible.
- However, you can't use any other external library. It means C++11 (and derived forms) and **Boost** libraries are forbidden. The following functions are forbidden too: `*printf()`, `*alloc()` and `free()`. If you use them, your grade will be 0 and that's it.

- Note that unless explicitly stated otherwise, the `using namespace <ns_name>` and `friend` keywords are forbidden. Otherwise, your grade will be -42.
- **You are allowed to use the STL only in Modules 08 and 09.** That means: no **Containers** (vector/list/map, and so forth) and no **Algorithms** (anything that requires including the `<algorithm>` header) until then. Otherwise, your grade will be -42.

A few design requirements

- Memory leakage occurs in C++ too. When you allocate memory (by using the `new` keyword), you must avoid **memory leaks**.
- From Module 02 to Module 09, your classes must be designed in the **Orthodox Canonical Form, except when explicitly stated otherwise**.
- Any function implementation put in a header file (except for function templates) means 0 to the exercise.
- You should be able to use each of your headers independently from others. Thus, they must include all the dependencies they need. However, you must avoid the problem of double inclusion by adding **include guards**. Otherwise, your grade will be 0.

Read me

- You can add some additional files if you need to (i.e., to split your code). As these assignments are not verified by a program, feel free to do so as long as you turn in the mandatory files.
- Sometimes, the guidelines of an exercise look short but the examples can show requirements that are not explicitly written in the instructions.
- Read each module completely before starting! Really, do it.
- By Odin, by Thor! Use your brain!!!



Regarding the Makefile for C++ projects, the same rules as in C apply (see the Norm chapter about the Makefile).



You will have to implement a lot of classes. This can seem tedious, unless you're able to script your favorite text editor.



You are given a certain amount of freedom to complete the exercises. However, follow the mandatory rules and don't be lazy. You would miss a lot of useful information! Do not hesitate to read about theoretical concepts.

Chapter III


Additional Rule

The following rule applies to the entire module and is mandatory.

For each exercise, type conversion must be handled using a specific type of casting. Your choice will be reviewed during the defense.

Chapter IV

Exercise 00: Conversion of scalar types

	Exercise 00
Conversion of scalar types	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex00/</i>	
Files to turn in : Makefile, *.cpp, *.h, hpp	
Allowed functions : Any function to convert from a string to an int, a float, or a double. This will help, but won't do the whole job.	

Write a class `ScalarConverter` that will contain only one `static` method "convert" that will take as a parameter a string representation of a C++ `literal` in its most common form and output its value in the following series of scalar types:

- char
- int
- float
- double

As this class doesn't need to store anything at all, it must not be instantiable by users. Except for char parameters, only the decimal notation will be used.

Examples of char literals: `'c'`, `'a'`, ...

To make things simple, please note that non-displayable characters shouldn't be used as inputs. If a conversion to char is not displayable, `print an informative message`.

Examples of int literals: `0`, `-42`, `42...`

Examples of float literals: `0.0f`, `-4.2f`, `4.2f...`

You have to handle these pseudo-literals as well (you know, for science): `-inff`, `+inff`, and `nanf`.

Examples of double literals: 0.0, -4.2, 4.2...

You have to handle these pseudo-literals as well (you know, for fun): `-inf`, `+inf`, and `nan`.

Write a program to test that your class works as expected.


You have to first detect the type of the literal passed as a parameter, convert it from string to its actual type, then convert it **explicitly** to the three other data types. Lastly, display the results as shown below.

If a conversion does not make any sense or overflows, display a message to inform the user that the type conversion is impossible. Include any header you need in order to handle numeric limits and special values.

```
./convert 0
char: Non displayable
int: 0
float: 0.0f
double: 0.0
./convert nan
char: impossible
int: impossible
float: nanf
double: nan
./convert 42.0f
char: '*'
int: 42
float: 42.0f
double: 42.0
```

Chapter V

Exercise 01: Serialization

	Exercise : 01
Serialization	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex01/</i>	
Files to turn in : Makefile , *.cpp, *.h, hpp	
Forbidden functions : None	

Implement a class `Serializer`, which will not be initializable by the user in any way, with the following **static** methods:

```
uintptr_t serialize(Data* ptr);
```

It takes a pointer and converts it to the unsigned integer type `uintptr_t`.

```
Data* deserialize(uintptr_t raw);
```

It takes an unsigned integer parameter and converts it to a pointer to `Data`.

Write a program to test that your class works as expected.


You must create a non-empty (meaning it has data members) `Data` structure.

Use `serialize()` on the address of the `Data` object and pass its return value to `deserialize()`. Then, ensure the return value of `deserialize()` compares equal to the original pointer.

Do not forget to turn in the files of your `Data` structure.

Chapter VI

Exercise 02: Identify real type

	Exercise : 02
Identify real type	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex02/</i>	
Files to turn in : <code>Makefile</code> , <code>*.cpp</code> , <code>*.h</code> , <code>hpp</code>	
Forbidden functions : <code>std::typeinfo</code>	

Implement a **Base** class that has a public virtual destructor only. Create three empty classes **A**, **B**, and **C**, that publicly inherit from **Base**.



These four classes don't have to be designed in the Orthodox Canonical Form.

Implement the following functions:

```
Base * generate(void);
```

It randomly instantiates **A**, **B**, or **C** and returns the instance as a **Base** pointer. Feel free to use anything you like for the random choice implementation.

```
void identify(Base* p);
```

It prints the actual type of the object pointed to by `p`: "A", "B", or "C".

```
void identify(Base& p);
```

It prints the actual type of the object referenced by `p`: "A", "B", or "C". Using a pointer inside this function is forbidden.

Including the `typeinfo` header is forbidden.

Write a program to test that everything works as expected.

Chapter VII

Submission and Peer Evaluation

Submit your assignment to your `Git` repository as usual. Only the work inside your repository will be evaluated during the defense. Don't hesitate to double-check the names of your folders and files to ensure they are correct.



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