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Overloading the << Operator

Here is an example:

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#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
class Person; // forward declaration
// operator declaration / prototype
ostream& operator << (ostream& stream, const Person& obj);</pre>
class Person {
private:
    string name;
    int age;
public:
    Person (string n, int a) {name = n; age = a;}
    // friend functions have access to private members of a
class.
    friend ostream& operator << (ostream& stream, const Person&
obj);
} ;
// operator definition
ostream& operator << (ostream& stream, const Person& obj) {
    stream << obj.name << " " << obj.age;</pre>
    return stream;
}
int main () {
    Person p("Ambrosio", 13);
    cout << p; // prints: Ambrosio 13</pre>
    return 0;
}
```