C++

程式語言 (二)

Introduction to Programming (II)

Friend Functions & Friend Classes

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Platform/IDE



OnlineGDB (https://www.onlinegdb.com/)



• Real-Time Collaborative Online IDE

(https://ide.usaco.guide/)

Textbooks (We focusing on C++11)

- Learn C++ Programming by Refactoring (由重構學習 C++ 程式設計). Pang-Feng Liu (劉邦鋒). NTU Press. 2023.
- C++ Primer. 5th Edition. Stanley B. Lippman, Josée Lajoie, Barbara E. Moo. 2019.
- *Effective C++*. Scott Meyers. O'Reilly. 2016.
- *Thinking in C++*. *Vol. 1: Introducing to Standard C++*. 2nd Edition. Bruce Eckel. Prentice Hall PTR. 2000.

Useful Resources

- Tutorialspoint
 - https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/index.htm
 - Online C++ Compiler
- Programiz
 - https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming
- LEARN C++
 - https://www.learncpp.com/
- MIT OpenCourseWare Introduction to C++
 - https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/6-096-introduction-to-c-january-iap-2011/pages/lecture-notes/
- Learning C++ Programming
 - https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming
- GeeksforGeeks
 - https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/c-plus-plus/

Friend Functions

Friend Functions

Refer to the material at https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming/friend-function-class

- A friend function can access the private and protected data of a class.
- We declare a friend function using the **friend** keyword **inside** the body of the class.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Distance {
   private:
        int meter;

        // friend function
        friend int addFive(Distance);

   public:
        Distance() : meter(0) {}

};
```

```
// friend function definition
int addFive(Distance d) {

   //accessing private members from the friend function
   d.meter += 5;
   return d.meter;
}

int main() {
   Distance D;
   cout << "Distance: " << addFive(D);
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Exercise

https://onlinegdb.com/wvkTzVLw5

- Try to make the friend function be "protected" or "public".
- See what we will get.

Another Example (Accessing two classes)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// forward declaration
class ClassB:
class ClassA {
public:
     // constructor to initialize numA to 12
     ClassA() : numA(12) {}
private:
     int numA;
     // friend function declaration
     friend int add(ClassA, ClassB);
};
```

```
class ClassB {
public:
     // constructor to initialize numB to 1
     ClassB() : numB(1) {}
private:
     int numB;
     // friend function declaration
     friend int add(ClassA, ClassB);
};
// access members of both classes
int add(ClassA objectA, ClassB objectB) {
    return (objectA.numA + objectB.numB);
int main() {
    ClassA objectA;
    ClassB objectB;
    cout << "Sum: " << add(objectA, objectB);</pre>
    return 0:
```

Friend Classes

Friend Classes

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Take a whole class as a friend.

```
class ClassB;
class ClassA {
   // ClassB is a friend class of ClassA
   friend class ClassB;
class ClassB {
```

• When a class is declared a friend class, all the member functions of the friend class become friend functions.

Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// forward declaration
class ClassB:
class ClassA {
private:
    int numA;
    // friend class declaration
    friend class ClassB:
public:
    // constructor to initialize numA to 12
    ClassA() : numA(12) {}
};
```

```
class ClassB {
private:
    int numB;
public:
    // constructor to initialize numB to 1
    ClassB() : numB(1) \{ \}
    // member function to add numA
    // from ClassA and numB from ClassB
    int add() {
        ClassA objectA;
        return objectA.numA + numB;
};
```

```
int main() {
   ClassB objectB;
   cout << "Sum: " << objectB.add();
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Another Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Box {
   double width:
  public:
      friend void printWidth (Box box);
      void setWidth( double wid );
};
// Member function definition
void Box::setWidth( double wid ) {
   width = wid;
```

```
void printWidth( Box box ) {
   cout << "Width of box : " << box.width</pre>
        <<endl:
// Main function for the program
int main() {
   Box box;
   box.setWidth(10.0);
   // Use friend function to print the width.
   printWidth(box);
   return 0;
```

An Example for Book Sales

https://onlinegdb.com/PSz0YMg0R

```
#include <iostream>
//using namespace std;
// Below we define the base class
class Quote {
    friend bool book compare(Quote &item1, Quote &item2);
public:
    Ouote() = default:
    Quote(const std::string &book, double sales_price):
        bookNo(book), price(sales price) { }
    std::string isbn() const { return bookNo; }
    //returns the total sales price for the specified number of items
    virtual double net price(std::size t n)
        { return n * price; }
    virtual ~Quote() = default; // dynamic binding for the destructor
private:
   std::string bookNo;
protected:
    double price = 0.0;
};
//Below we define a class derived from the base class Quote
class Bulk_quote : public Quote {
public:
    Bulk quote() = default;
    Bulk quote(const std::string &book, double p, std::size t qty, double disc):
        Quote(book, p), min_qty(qty), discount(disc) { }
    double net price(std::size t) override;
private:
    std::size t min qty = 0; // minimum purchase for the discount to apply
    double discount = 0.0; // the discount to apply
    //std::size t total = 0; // a acount for the total sold volumes
```

```
double Bulk quote::net price(size t cnt) {
    if (cnt >= min qty)
         return cnt * (1-discount) * price;
     else
         return cnt * price;
bool book compare(Quote &item1, Quote &item2) {
    return item1.price > item2.price:
int main()
    Quote item("NTOU is Love", 100.0);
    std::cout << "BOOK: " << item.isbn();</pre>
    std::cout << ", total cost: " << item.net price(10) << std::endl;</pre>
    Bulk quote bulk("NTOU Forever", 100.0, 5, 0.2);
    std::cout << "BOOK: " << bulk.isbn();</pre>
    std::cout << ", total cost: " << bulk.net_price(10) << std::endl;</pre>
   if (book compare(item, bulk))
        std::cout << bulk.isbn() << " is cheaper!" << std::endl;</pre>
    else
        std::cout << bulk.isbn() << " is cheaper!" << std::endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

Friend Function Can NOT be Inherited

https://onlinegdb.com/SzMrngR-02

```
#include <iostream>
                                  void display() {
using namespace std;
                                     MyDerivedClass derived;
class MyBaseClass {
   protected:
      int. x:
   public:
      MyBaseClass() {
         x = 20:
      friend void display();
};
class MyDerivedClass : public MyBaseClass {
   private:
      int v;
   public:
      MyDerivedClass() {
         x = 40;
};
```

```
int main() {
   display();
   return 0;
}
```

Exercise

```
class rectangle {
  public:
    typedef double unit;
    unit area();
    void set(unit wd, unit ht);
  private:
    unit width;
    unit height;
};

class triangle
  public:
    typedef in
    unit area(
        void set(unit area());
    void area();
    void set(unit area());
    vo
```

```
class triangle {
  public:
     typedef int unit;
     unit area();
     void set(unit wd, unit ht);
  private:
     unit width;
     unit height;
};
```

```
int main() {// DO NOT modify main()
    rectangle::unit x1, y1;
    rectangle obj1;
    cin >> x1 >> y1;
    triangle::unit x2, y2;
    triangle obj2;
    cin >> x2 >> y2;
    obj1.set(x1,y1);
    obj2.set(x2,y2);
    cout << area_sum(obj1, obj2) << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Sample input: 2 5 3 6
```

```
Sample output: 19
```

Supplementary:

Can a constructor be "private"?

Create an object using a private constructor...

```
class MyClass {
  private:
    MyClass() {}  // private constructor
};

// In main():
MyClass obj; // Error: 'MyClass::MyClass()' is private
```

Scenarios (some design patterns)

- Singleton pattern
 - Ensure only one object is created.
- Static-only utility class
 - Prevent anyone from creating an instance.

```
class MathUtils {
  private:
     MathUtils() {} // Prevent instantiation
  public:
     static int square(int x) { return x * x; }
};
```

- Base class constructor as protected.
 - So that only the derived classes can call it.

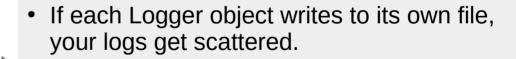
Motivation for "Singleton"

- Multiple components of the system need access to the same instance.
- We don't want multiple copies, because that would lead to inconsistencies or waste of resources.
 - Logging to a file
 - Database connections
 - **-** ...

```
class Logger {
public:
    void log(string msg) { /* write to a log file */
}
};
```

```
Logger log1;
Logger log2;

log1.log("System started");
log2.log("User logged in");
```





```
class Logger {
private:
    // Private constructor
    Logger() {
        cout << "[Logger created]" << endl;</pre>
    // Private copy constructor and
    // assignment operator
    Logger(const Logger&) {
        cout << "[Copy constructor called]"</pre>
             << endl:
    Logger& operator=(const Logger&) {
        cout << "[Assignment operator called]"</pre>
             << endl:
        return *this;
    // Static instance pointer
    static Logger* instance;
```

```
public:
    // Public method to access the
    // instance
    static Logger* getInstance() {
        if (instance == nullptr) {
            instance = new Logger();
        return instance;
    void log(const string& message) {
        cout << "[LOG]: " << message</pre>
             << endl;
// Remember to define the static member
// outside the class
Logger* Logger::instance = nullptr;
```

[Logger created]
[LOG]: System started
[LOG]: User logged in
logger1 and logger2 are the same instance.

```
int main() {
    Logger* logger1 = Logger::getInstance();
    logger1->log("System started");
    Logger* logger2 = Logger::getInstance();
    logger2->log("User logged in");
    // Check if logger1 and logger2 are the same object
    if (logger1 == logger2) {
        cout << "logger1 and logger2 are the same instance."</pre>
             << endl;
```

• Effect achieved:

Prevent external creation	\Longrightarrow	private constructor
Ensure only one instance	\Longrightarrow	static pointer Logger::instance
Controlled access	\Longrightarrow	getInstance returns that one object
Safe from accidental copies	\Rightarrow	delete (or private) copy constructor & assignment

Compile-time errors:

```
Logger x = *Logger::getInstance(); // copy
Logger y; // direct constructor
```

Discussions & Questions