

Hang onto this worksheet. It will be due no later than October 30, on paper, either in class or under my door.

November 2 - Exam 2

**Identifier** - a name for a variable, a constant, a function, or a class

**Scope** - the portion of a program in which an identifier can be used.

- 1) file scope - applied to global variables and constants, also to function names. The identifier is in scope from its declaration until the end of the file.
- 2) block scope - an identifier that is in scope from its declaration until the end of the block

Includes:

- local variables inside functions
- parameters of functions
- variables declared inside loops or other structures

A block is a portion of code enclosed in { }

- 3) function prototype scope - applies only to the names of parameters listed in a prototype

```
void printSomething ( int n, int x );
```

n and x are only in scope for this one line of code

- 4) In C++ we have class scope. Applies to the data members and member functions of a class.

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The class definition goes into a file with .h extension.

```
class Student {  
    public:  
        Student( );  
        Student( string, string, int );  
        string getFirstName( ) const;  
        string getLastName( ) const;  
        int getIdNumber( ) const;  
        void setFirstName( string );  
        void setLastName( string );  
        void setIdNumber( int );  
  
    // const after the parameter list prevents the  
    // function from modifying the data members  
    // of the calling object  
  
    private:  
        string firstName;  
        string lastName;  
        int idNumber;  
};
```

By convention we would store this in a file called Student.h or student.h

In another file, typically Student.cpp, we write the function definitions.

```
#include "Student.h"

// constructors
Student::Student( ) {
    lastName = "";
    firstName = "";
    idNumber = 0;
}

Student::Student( string ln, string fn, int id ) {

    // we are overloading the constructor function
    // writing two or more versions with the same
    // name but different parameters

    // function signature = function name + parameter list

    lastName = ln;
    firstName = fn;
    idNumber = id;
}

// this is not the best idea...

Student::Student ( string lastName, string firstName, int idNumber ) {

    // the 3 parameters have block scope

    // parameters have precedence over the
    // the data members. Parameters occlude
    // the data members.

    // in C++ this is a pointer to the calling object

    this -> lastName = lastName;
    this -> firstName = firstName;
    this -> idNumber = idNumber;
}

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// test the Student class

#include "Student.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
int main( ) {

    // instantiate a Student object using the
    // the default constructor
    Student john;

    // instantiate a Student object using the
    // other constructor
    Student max( "Power", "Max", 8245 );

    max.setFirstName( "Maxwell" );

}
```

C++ has destructors. A destructor is called automatically when an object goes out of scope.

The compiler provides a default destructor for you.

The name is ~ClassName. ~ is called tilde

A destructor has no parameters, and no return type, not even void.

We need to write a destructor if the data members include some kind of dynamically allocated memory. (for example... you've used malloc)

Prototype for Student destructor.

```
~Student();
```

Function definition for Student destructor.

```
Student::~~Student( ) {  
    // whatever we want the destructor to do  
    // print the memory address of the object that  
    // is going out of scope  
  
    cout << "Destroying object at " << this << endl;  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
```

```
    // i has block scope
```

```
} // end for
```

```
// i is out of scope
```