Chapter 6

Objective

- ➤ Operator Overloading
- ➤ Overloading Binary Operators
- ➤ Overloading an Operator Relative To A Class
- ➤ Using Friend Operator Functions
- ➤ Overloading the Relation and Logical Operators
- ➤ Overloading assignment operator
- ➤ Overloading A Unary Operator
- ➤ Function Pointer
- ➤ Function Pointer as a Parameter
- ➤ Custom Manipulators

Operator Overloading

- •Built-in operators are used for the function names.
- •Operator functions extend the meaning by overloading the built-in operators.
- •Operator functions have same syntax as regular C/C++ functions.
- •Operator in an expression calls the corresponding operator function.
- •Multiple operator functions can be defined for a single operator (overloading)

Restrictions on Operator Functions

- •New operator symbols cannot be defined.
- •Operators cannot be combined to create new operators.
- •The precedence of an operator cannot be changed.

Operators That Cannot Be Overloaded

- Member selection
- .* Pointer-to-member selection
- :: Scope resolution
- **:>** Base operator
- **?:** Conditional
- # Preprocessor symbol
- ## Preprocessor symbol

Overloading Binary Operators

•For class member binary operator function left operand must always be an object.

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-1
1
   using namespace std;
3
    class CScreen {
4
        public:
            CScreen() { m_nRow = 0; m_nColumn = 0; }
6
            CScreen(int r, int c) { m_nRow = r; m_nColumn = c; }
            void GetPosition(int &r, int &c);
8
9
            CScreen operator+(CScreen win2);
         private:
10
11
             int m_nRow, m_nColumn; // coordinate values
12
     };
13
```

```
14
     // Overload plus (+) relative to CScreen class object.
15
     CScreen CScreen::operator+(CScreen win2)
16
17
         CScreen temp;
18
     // the left operand is passed implicitly to the function
19
         temp.m nRow = m nRow + win2.m nRow;
20
21
     // The right operand is passed as an argument
22
         temp.m_nColumn = m_nColumn + win2.m_nColumn;
23
         return(temp);
24
25
     void CScreen:: GetPosition(int &r, int &c)
26
27
28
        r = m nRow;
29
        c = m nColumn;
30
31
```

```
int main()
32
33
         CScreen w1(10, 10), w2(5, 3), w3;
34
35
         int x, y;
36
     // add two objects, this calls operator+()
37
                           // w3 = w1.operator+(w2);
38
         w3 = w1 + w2;
39
         w3.GetPosition(x, y);
         cout << "(w1+w2) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
40
41
OUTPUT: (w1+w2) X: 15, Y: 13
```

Operator Overloading to Support Built-in Data Type

•The operand on the right side of binary operator is a built-in type, instead of a class object

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-2
1
    using namespace std;
3
    class CScreen {
4
5
        public:
                          \{ m \ nRow = 0; m \ nColumn = 0; \}
6
            CScreen()
            CScreen(int r, int c) { m_nRow = r; m_nColumn = c; }
            void GetPosition(int &r, int &c) { r = m_nRow; c = m_nColumn;}
8
9
             CScreen operator+(CScreen &win2); // winObj1 + winObj2
10
11
             CScreen operator+(int i);
                                            // winObj + integer
12
         private:
13
             int m_nRow, m_nColumn;
                                         // coordinate values
14
     };
15
```

```
16
     // Overload "+" that is objOne + objTwo
    CScreen CScreen::operator+(CScreen &win2)
17
18
19
         CScreen temp;
20
         temp.m nRow = m nRow + win2.m nRow;
21
         temp.m_nColumn = m_nColumn + win2.m nColumn;
22
         return(temp);
23
24
25
     // Overload "+" that is object + integer
    CScreen CScreen::operator+(int i)
26
27
28
         CScreen temp;
29
      // built-in type must be on the right side of the operator
30
         temp.m nRow = m nRow + i;
31
      // object on the left that generates the call to the operator function
32
         temp.m nColumn = m nColumn + i;
33
         return(temp);
34
35
```

```
36
37
38
      int main()
39
         CScreen w1(10, 10), w2(5, 3),
40
41
         int x, y;
42
         // add two objects - this calls operator+(CScreen)
43
44
         w3 = w1 + w2;
                           // w3 = w1.operator+(w2);
45
         w3.GetPosition(x,y);
         cout << "(w1+w2) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
46
47
         // add object + int this calls operator+(int)
48
         w3 = w1 + 100; // w3 = w1.operator+(100);
49
         cout << "(w1+100) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
50
51
52
OUTPUT:
         (w1+w2) X: 15, Y: 13
         (w1+100) X: 15, Y: 13
```

Using Friend Operator Functions

- •For non-member binary operator function at least one operand must be an object.
- Overload the plus "+" operator relative to CScreen class using a friend.

```
#include <iostream>
                           // Example 6-3
   using namespace std;
3
    class CScreen {
4
5
        public:
            CScreen() { m_nRow = 0; m_nColumn =0; }
6
            CScreen(int r, int c) { m_nRow = r; m_nColumn = c; }
            void GetPosition(int &r, int &c) { r = m_nRow; c = m_nColumn; }
8
9
11
             friend CScreen operator+(CScreen &win1, CScreen &win2);
             friend CScreen operator+(CScreen &win1, int i);
10
11
12
            // Using friend Operator Function to add Flexibility
             friend CScreen operator+(int i, CScreen &win1);
13
         private:
14
             int m_nRow, m_nColumn;
15
16
     };
```

Overload + using a friend.

```
CScreen operator+(CScreen &win1, CScreen &win2)
{
CScreen temp;
temp.m_nRow = win1.m_nRow + win2.m_nRow;
temp.m_nColumn = win1.m_nColumn + win2.m_nColumn;

return(temp);
}
```

```
26
     // Overload for object + int.
27
     CScreen operator+(CScreen &win1, int i)
28
29
         CScreen temp;
30
31
         temp.m nRow = win1.m nRow + i;
         temp.m nColumn = win1.m nColumn +
32
33
34
         return(temp);
35
36
37
     // Overload for int + object.
     CScreen operator+(int i, CScreen &win1)
38
39
40
         CScreen temp;
         temp.m_nRow = win1.m nRow + i;
41
         temp.m nColumn = win1.m nColumn + i;
42
43
         return(temp);
44
45
```

```
46
     int main()
47
48
49
         CScreen w1(10,10), w2(5,3), w3;;
                                                       OUTPUT:
50
         int x, y;
                                                       (w1+w2) X: 15, Y: 13
51
         // add two objects - this calls operator+()
                          // w3 = operator+(w1,w2)
52
         w3 = w1 + w2;
         w3.GetPosition(x,y);
53
         cout << "(w1+w2) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
54
55
                           // object + integer
56
         w1 = w1 + 10;
57
         w1.GetPosition(x,y);
         cout << "w1+10) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
58
59
60
         w1 = 99 + w1;
                          // integer + object
61
         w1.GetPosition(x,y);
62
         cout << "(99+w1) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
63
64
```

Overloading the Relation and Logical Operators

- •Operator function returns an integer indicating true or false
- •Allows the operators to be integrated into larger relational and logical expressions

```
// Overload the == and && relative to CScreen class
1
    #include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-4
   using namespace std;
4
    class CScreen {
5
        public:
6
            CScreen() {m_nRow = 0; m_nColumn = 0; }
            CScreen(int r, int c) { m nRow = r; m nColumn = c; }
8
            int operator==(CScreen &win2);
9
             int operator&&(CScreen &win2);
10
11
         private:
             int m_nRow, m_nColumn;
12
13
     };
14
```

```
15
     // Overload the == operator for CScreen.
16
     int CScreen::operator==(CScreen &win2)
17
       if (m nRow == win2.m nRow && m nColumn == win2.m nColumn) return(1);
18
19
       else return(0);
20
21
22
     // Overload the && operator for CScreen.
23
     int CScreen::operator&&(CScreen &win2)
24
         return((m_nRow && win2.m_nRow) && (m_nColumn && win2.m_nColumn));
25
26
27
```

```
28
     int main()
29
30
          CScreen w1(10,10), w2(5, 3), w3(10,10), w4(0,0);
31
32
     // (w1.operator==(w2))
33
          if (w1 == w2)
                             cout << "w1 same as w2\n";</pre>
          else cout << "w1 and w2 differ\n";</pre>
34
35
36
          if (w1 == w3)
                             cout << "w1 same as w3\n";</pre>
37
                   cout << "w1 and w3 differ\n";</pre>
          else
38
                            cout << "w1 && w2 is true\n";</pre>
39
          if (w1 && w2)
40
          else
                   cout << "w1 && w2 is false\n";</pre>
41
          if (w1 && w4)
42
                             cout << "w1 && w4 is true\n";</pre>
                    cout << "w1 && w4 is false\n";</pre>
43
          else
44
45
```

Overloading assignment operator

```
// Overload the = relative to CScreen class
1
    #include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-5
    using namespace std;
4
    class CScreen {
5
        public:
6
            CScreen() { m_nRow = 0; m_nColumn = 0; }
            CScreen(int r, int c) { m_nRow = r; m_nColumn = c; }
8
            void GetPosition(int &r, int &c) { r =m_nRow; c = m_nColumn; }
9
             CScreen operator = (CScreen &win2);
10
         private:
11
             int m nRow, m nColumn;
12
13
     };
14
```

```
15
     // Overload = relative to CScreen.
     CScreen CScreen::operator=(CScreen &win2)
16
17
18
         m nRow = win2.m nRow;
19
         m nColumn = win2.m nColumn;
20
                            // return the object that is assigned
21
         return(*this);
22
23
24
     int main()
25
         CScreen w1(10,10), w2;
26
27
         int x, y;
28
                     // assign an object
29
         w2 = w1:
                                                   OUTPUT:
         w2.GetPosition(x,y);
30
                                                   (w2 = w1) X: 10, Y: 10
31
32
         cout << "(w2 = w1) X: " << x << ", Y: " << y << "\n";
33
34
```

Overloading A Unary Operator

• The unary operators operate on a single operand.

```
// Overload ++ relative to CClock class
1
    #include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-6
    #include <iomanip>
3
4
    using namespace std;
5
    class CClock {
6
        public:
            CClock();
8
            CClock Tick();
9
             void PrintTime();
10
             CClock operator++();
11
             CClock operator++(int);
12
         private:
13
14
             int m Hour;
             int m Minutes;
15
             int m TimeType;
16
     };
17
18
```

```
19
     CClock::CClock()
20
21
         m Hour = 12;
22
         m Minutes = 0;
23
         m TimeType = 0;
24}
25
26
     CClock CClock::Tick()
27
28
         ++m Minutes;
         if (m Minutes == 60)
29
30
             m_Hour++;
             m Minutes = 0;
31
32
         if (m Hour == 13)
33
34
             m Hour = 1;
35
         if (m Hour == 12 && m Minutes == 0)
36
37
             m_TimeType = !m_TimeType;
38
         return *this;
39
```

```
40
      CClock CClock::operator++()
41
         return Tick();
42
43
44
45
     CClock CClock::operator++(int)
46
         CClock c = *this;
47
48
         Tick();
49
50
         return c;
51
52
     void CClock::PrintTime()
53
54
         cout << setfill('0') << setw(2) << m_Hour;</pre>
55
56
         cout << ':' << setw(2) << m Minutes << setfill(' ');</pre>
57
58
         cout << (m_TimeType ?</pre>
                                    PM" : " AM") << endl;
59
```

```
int main()
60
61
          CClock clkObj1, clkObj2;
62
63
          clkObj1 = clkObj2++;
64
65
          cout << "Clock clkObj1</pre>
66
67
          clkObj1.PrintTime();
68
          cout << "Clock clkObj2</pre>
69
          clkObj2.PrintTime();
70
71
72
OutPut:
          Clock clkobj1 = 12:00 AM
          Clock\ clkobj2 = 12:01\ AM
```

Overloading [] **Operator**

```
#include <iostream>
                             // Example 6-
1
    using namespace std;
3
    class CVector {
4
        public:
5
            CVector(int n);
6
             ~CVector();
             int &operator[](int i)
8
9
         private:
10
              int *m_Data;
11
12
              int m_Size;
     };
13
14
15
     CVector::CVector(int n)
16
17
         m Data = new int[n];
18
         m Size = n;
19
```

```
20
     CVector::~CVector()
21
22
         delete [] m_Data;
23
24
25
     int& CVector::operator[](int i)
26
27
         return m_Data[i];
28
29
30
     int main()
31
         CVector Obj(8);
                                integer array
32
33
34
         for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
                                         Obj[i] = i * 3;
35
              // OR Obj.operator[](i) = i * 3;
36
37
        for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
                                       cout << Obj[i] << ' ';
            // OR cout << Obj.operator[](i) << ' ';
38
         cout << '\n';
39
40
```

Overloading Function Call () Operator

• Function call operator supports multiple parameter in its parameter list.

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-9
1
2
    using namespace std;
3
    class CMatrix {
4
        public:
5
            CMatrix(unsigned int row, unsigned int col);
6
            ~CMatrix() { delete [] m pData; }
7
            int& operator()(unsigned int row, unsigned int col);
8
        private:
9
             unsigned int m_nRows, m_nCols;
10
11
             int *m pData;
12
     };
13
14
     CMatrix::CMatrix(unsigned int row, unsigned int col)
15
16
         m nRows = row;
17
         m nCols = col;
         m_pData = new int [row * col];
18
19
```

```
int& CMatrix::operator ()(unsigned int row, unsigned int col)
20
21
22
         return m_pData[m_nCols * row + col];
23
24
25
     int main()
26
         CMatrix Array(10,10);
27
         for (int i=0, r = 0; r < 10; r++)
28
             for (int c=0; c < 10; c++) {
29
                 Array(r,c) = i++;
                                       // Array.operator()(r,c).
30
31
32
         for (r = 0; r < 10; r++)
33
34
             for (int c = 0; c < 10; c++) {
35
                 if(c == 9)
                                 cout << "\n";
36
                 else cout << " " << Array(r,c) << " ";
37
38
39
40
```

Function Pointer

```
// Example 6-10
    #include <iostream>
    using namespace std;
    int square(int x);
4
5
    int cube(int x);
    int main()
8
        int y, x = 5;
9
         int (*func)(int x); /* pointer to function */
10
11
                                 not a call to square */
12
         func = square;
                                 indirect call on squre */
13
         y = func(x);
         cout << "Square of " << x << " is " << y << "\n";
14
15
16
         func = cube;
         y = func(x);
17
         cout << "Cube of " << x << " is " << y << "\n";
18
19
         return 0;
20
21
```

Function Pointer

```
22  int square(int x)
23  {
24     return(x * x);
25  }
26
27  int cube(int x)
28  {
29     return(x * x * x);
30  }
```

Function Pointer as a Parameter

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 6-11
    using namespace std;
3
    double square(double y);
4
5
    void tabulate(
6
              double (*func)(double y),
                                             function address
               double lower,
8
               double upper,
9
               double increment);
10
11
     int main()
12
13
         tabulate(square, 0.0, 2.0, 0.1);
14
15
16
         return 0;
17
```

Function Pointer as a Parameter

```
void tabulate(double (*func)(double y),
18
19
                    double lower,
20
                    double upper,
21
                    double increment)
22
         double x;
23
24
25
         for (x = lower;
26
         x <= upper + 0.5 * increment;
27
         x += increment)
             cout << x << " " << func(x)</pre>
28
           // end of for loop
29
30
31
     double square(double y
32
33
34
         return(y
35
36
```

Custom Manipulators

- Custom manipulators must have a parameter of type ostream&.
- Return value of the custom manipulator must be ostream reference type
- Ostream class has an overloaded operator << function whose parameter is of a pointer to a function type.

Definition of overloaded operator<< function:

```
ostream& operator<<(ostream& (*func)(ostream& str))
{
  return ((*func)(*this));
}</pre>
```

```
// Example 6-12
   #include <iostream>
1
   #include <iomanip>
   using namespace std;
3
4
5
   ostream &Space(ostream& Obj)
6
         Obj << " ";
7
8
         return Obj;
9
10
11
    // Doller:
    ostream &Dollar(ostream& Obj)
12
13
         Obj << "$";
14
         return Obj;
15
16
```

```
17
    //At:
18
    ostream &At(ostream& Obj)
19
20
          Obj << "@";
         return Obj;
21
22
23
24
    int main()
25
26
        cout << "Quantity:";</pre>
27
        cout << 120;
28
        cout << Space;</pre>
29
         cout << At;
30
         cout << Space;
         cout << Dollar;</pre>
31
32
         cout << 90;
33
```