

C++ Foundations

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A Few More Notes on Types

Boolean Type - new to C++

- keywords **true** and **false**
- int to bool conversions: true = 1, false = 0
- treats integer of 0 as false , all non-zero integers as true

Compound Types

- composed of other types
- **struct** or **class**

Auto Type

- allows to be determined base on type of initializing expression

Boolean Example

Declarations vs Definitions

- **declaration** , associates an entity with a type
- **definition**, declaration that binds meaning to an identifier
 - definitions can only occur once per block

```
struct Transaction; // declaration  
  
// definition - binds Transaction to a struct  
struct Transaction {  
    int acct;  
    char type;  
    double amount;  
}
```

Declaration Example

Scope

- portion of program where identifier is visible
 - **global** visible to entire program
 - **block** visible only within a code block

```
int someFunction() {  
    ...  
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {  
        int j = 0;  
        ... // some code  
        j = 18; // ok: j is in scope  
    }  
    j = 12; // error: j is out of scope  
}
```

Shadowing

- scopes can be nested
- inner scope declarations take priority over outer ones
 - **global** visible to entire program
 - **block** visible only within a code block

```
int someFunction() {  
    int j = 5  
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {  
        int j = 0;  
        ... // some code  
        j = 18; // "inner j" is used  
    }  
    j = 12; // "outer j" is used  
}
```

Shadowing Example

Functions

Function Prototypes are required

- function's return type, its identifier and all of its parameter types.
- classification

```
// what does printf mean  
int main() {  
    printf("Hello_C++\n");  
}
```

```
#include <cstdio>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main() {  
    printf("Hello_C++\n");  
}
```

Function Overloading

A function identifiers can have multiple meanings

- are distinguished by the **number** and **type** of arguments

```
void display(int x) {  
    cout << x << endl;  
}  
  
void display(int* x, int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        cout << x[i] << ' ';  
    cout << endl;  
}
```

Function Overloading Example

Defining Default Arguments For Functions

type identifier(type[, ...], type = value)

- require that default parameters are the **right-most** ones

```
void display(int a, int b = 5, int c = 0);
```

Passing Arguments To Functions

type identifier(type[, ...], type = value)

- **pass-by-value**, argument is a **copy** of the variable
- **pass-by-address**, argument is a pointer to variable
- **pass-by-reference**, argument is an **alias** of the variable

```
// pass-by-value
void swap ( char a, char b );

// pass-by-address
void swap ( char *a, char *b );

// pass-by-reference
void swap ( char &a, char &b );
```

Member Functions

*"...recall that a structure (or class) is composed of **data** and **member functions** used to modify it..."*

```
class Box {  
    double length;  
    double breadth;  
    double height;  
    double volume;  
  
    double getVolume();  
    double setHeight(double h);  
  
};
```

More on Member Functions

Member Function Classifications

- **accessor** methods, answer question about object state without modifying it
- **mutator** methods, they modify object state
- **special**, create, assign and destroy objects

```
// declaration usually put in the header file  
class Box {  
    double length;  
    double breadth;  
    double height;  
    double volume;  
  
    double getVolume() const;      // accessor  
    double setHeight(double h);  // mutator  
};
```

Privacy

Accessibility Labels

- **private**: - prevents external access by clients
- **public**: - allows client access

```
struct Student {  
    int no;  
    char grade[14];  
    void display() const;  
};  
  
class Student {  
    int no;  
    char grade[14];  
    void display() const;  
};
```

- **struct** makes members **public** by default
- **class** makes members **private** by default

More Privacy

- labels set viability until another label changes it

```
struct Student {  
    private:  
        int no;  
        char grade[14];  
    public:  
        void display() const;  
};  
...  
int main() {  
    Student st;  
    st.display()    // ok  
    st.no;          //error, cannot access  
}
```