

Lecture 5.1 – Data Structures

Static & Run time Stacks

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Abstract Data Type (ADT)

Abstract data types (ADT) - declaration of data; declaration of operations. Users of ADT are not concerned how a task is done, but what the ADT can do.

ADT includes set of definitions allowing the programmers to use the functions while *hiding the implementation*.

Types

What is a type?

- 1. Set of possible values.
- 2. Operations on those values.
- 3. Properties.

Example: Integer (int) type

Values : -2147483648 to 2147483647

Operations: +, -, *, /, ++, --, etc.

Properties: Closed under +, -, *, /, ++, -- (i.e., 3 + 5 = 8)

2147483647 + 1 == -2147483648

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Abstract Data Type

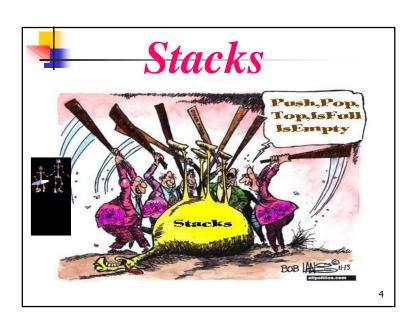
A behavior-level description of the operations on and properties of some data/values.

Values (or data): Instance(s) of some type/class.

Operations: Services provided by the ADT on the data.

Properties: What is known about the data.

• As the definition indicates, an ADT is mainly concerned with behavior (i.e., operations/services).

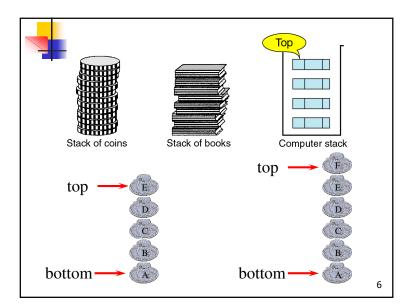




Stacks

- Specifies a LIFO (Last-In, First-Out) interface.
- Sometimes called a "Push-down" stack:
 - Similar in concept to the spring-loaded, push-down stack of plates at a buffet-style restaurant.
 - A plate is added to the stack by placing it on top (pushing down the other plates).
 - A plate is removed from the stack by taking it off the stack (and the plates underneath it pop up one position).

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Abstract Data Type (ADT)

A *stack* is a sequence of elements in which the only element that can be removed or accessed/modified is the element that was most recently inserted.

Objects can be inserted at any time, but only the last (the most-recently inserted) object can be removed.

Inserting an item is known as "pushing" onto the stack. "Popping" off the stack is synonymous with removing an item.

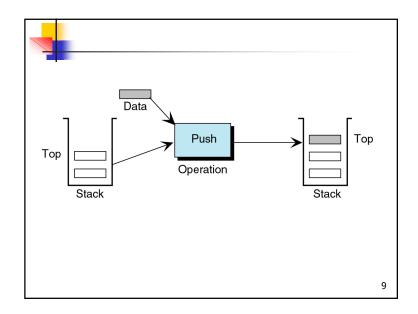
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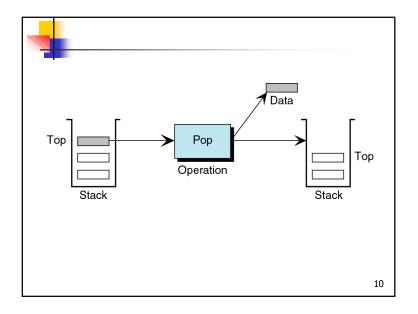


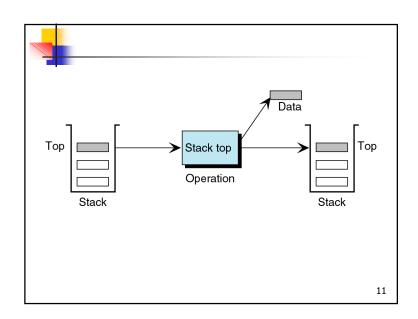
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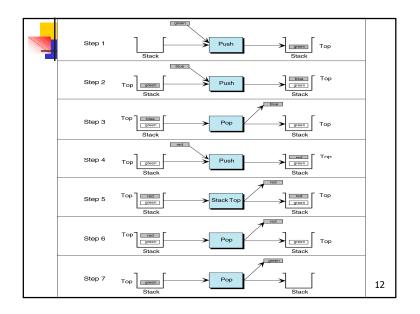


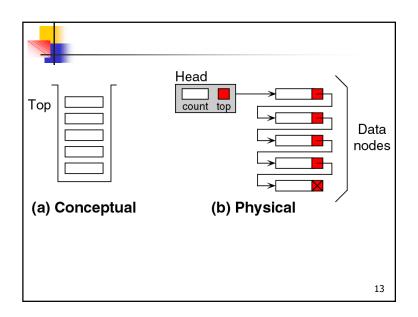
- A stack is an abstract data type (ADT) that supports two main methods:
 - push(o): Inserts object o onto top of stack
 - pop(): Removes the top object of stack and returns it; if the stack is empty, an error occurs
- The following support methods should also be defined:
 - size(): Returns the number of objects in stack
 - isEmpty(): Return a boolean indicating if stack is empty.
 - top(): Return the top object of the stack, without removing it; if the stack is empty, an error occurs.













<u>Definition of a stack as an ADT (abstract data type):</u>

A stack is an *ordered collection of data items* in which *access* is possible only at one end, called the *top* of the stack.

So, we can begin the declaration of our class by selecting *data members*:

- Provide an array data member to hold the stack elements.
- Provide a *constant data* member to refer to the *capacity* of the array.
- Provide an integer data member to indicate the top of the stack.

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Problems:

- We need an array declaration of the form ArrayElementType myArray[ARRAYCAPACITY];
- What type should be used?

Solution (for now): Use the **typedef** mechanism:

typedef int StackElement;

// put this before the class declaration. *StackElement* is now a *synonym* for *int*.

What about the capacity?

const int STACK_CAPACITY = 128;

// put this before the class declaration so it is easy to change when necessary

Then declare the array as a data member in the private section:
 StackElement myArray[STACK_CAPACITY];



Notes:

The typedef makes StackElement a synonym for int. Putting it outside the class makes it accessible throughout the class and in any file that #includes "Stack.h". If in the future we want a stack of reals, or characters, or . . . , we need only change the typedef:

typedef double StackElement;

or

typedef char StackElement;

or . . .

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 When the class library is recompiled, the type of the array's elements will be double or char or . . .

Example 1: Class Stack

/* Stack.h provides a Stack class.

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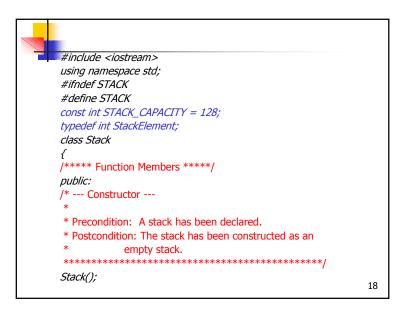
* Basic operations:

- * Constructor: Constructs an empty stack
- * *empty:* Checks if a stack is empty
- * push: Modifies a stack by adding a value at the top
- * top: Accesses the top stack value; leaves stack unchanged
- * pop: Modifies a stack by removing the value at the top
- * *display:* Displays all the stack elements

* Class Invariant:

- * 1. The stack elements (if any) are stored in positions
- * 0, 1, . . ., myTop of myArray.
- * **2.** -1 <= myTop <= STACK_CAPACITY -1

-----*/



```
/* --- Is the Stack empty? ---
* Receive: Stack containing this function (implicitly)
* Returns: True if the Stack containing this function is empty
bool empty() const;
/* --- Add a value to the stack ---
* Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)
      A value to be added to a Stack
* Return: The Stack (implicitly), with value added at its
      top, provided there's space
* Output: "Stack full" message if no space for value
void push(const StackElement & value);
/* --- Display values stored in the stack ---
* Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)
      The ostream out
* Output: The Stack's contents, from top down, to out
void display(ostream & out) const;
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```

```
/***** Data Members *****/

private:

StackElement myArray[STACK_CAPACITY];

int myTop;

}; // end of class declaration

//--- Definition of Class Constructor

inline Stack::Stack()
{ myTop = -1; }

//--- Definition of empty

inline bool Stack::empty() const
{ return (myTop == -1); }

#endif
```

```
{ return (myTop == -1); }
#endif

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//--- Definition of display()
void Stack::display(ostream & out) const
{
for (int i = myTop; i >= 0; i--)
out << myArray[i] << endl;
}
//--- Definition of top()
StackElement Stack::top() const
{
if (myTop >= 0)
return (myArray[myTop]);
cerr << "*** Stack is empty -- returning 'garbage value' ***|n";
return myArray[STACK_CAPACITY -1];
}
//--- Definition of pop()
void Stack::pop()
```

if (myTop >= 0) // Preserve stack invariant

cerr << "*** Stack is empty -- can't remove a value *** |n";

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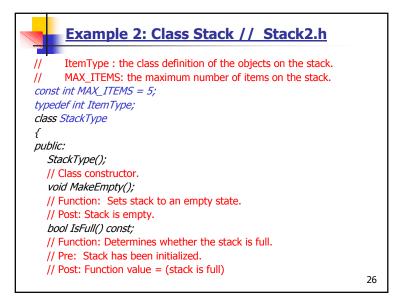
myTop--; else

```
Example 1: Implementation of Class Stack

/* Stack.cpp -- implementation file for Stack.h */
#include "Stack.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
//--- Definition of push()
void Stack::push(const StackElement & value)
{
    if (myTop < STACK_CAPACITY - 1) // Preserve stack invariant
    {
        ++myTop;
        myArray[myTop] = value;
    }
        // or simply, myArray[++myTop] = value;
else
    cerr << "*** Stack is full -- can't add new value ***|n"
        < "Must Increase value of STACK_CAPACITY in Stack.h|n";
}
```

```
* Stack tester 2
 ***************
 include "Stack h"
                       // our own -- <stack> for STL version
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
  Stack s;
 cout << "s empty?" << s.empty() << endl;</pre>
 for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) s.push(2*i);
 cout << "Stack contents:\n";
 s.display(cout);
 cout << "s empty?" << s.empty() << endl;</pre>
 cout << "Top value: " << s.top() << endl;</pre>
 while (!s.empty())
   cout << "Popping " << s.top() << endl;</pre>
  s.pop();
 cout << "s empty? " << s.empty() << endl;</pre>
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```

```
bool IsEmpty() const;
  // Function: Determines whether the stack is empty.
  // Pre: Stack has been initialized.
  // Post: Function value = (stack is empty)
  void Push(ItemType item);
  // Function: Adds newItem to the top of the stack.
  // Pre: Stack has been initialized and is not full.
  // Post: newItem is at the top of the stack.
  void Pop(ItemType& item);
  // Function: Removes top item from the stack and returns it in item.
  // Pre: Stack has been initialized and is not empty.
  // Post: Top element has been removed from stack.
         item is a copy of the removed item.
private:
  int top;
  ItemType items[MAX_ITEMS]; // items is a pointer to an item
};
```





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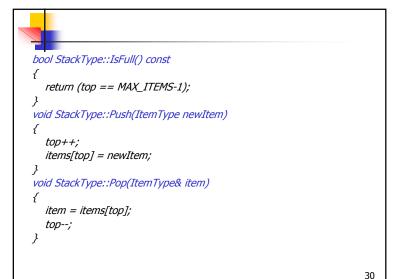
Definitions of Stack Operations

- MakeEmpty and the class constructor should set top to -1.
- IsEmpty should compare top to −1.
- IsFull should compare top with MAX_ITEM 1.



Example 2: Implementation of Class Stack

```
// The function definitions for the non-templated, non-dynamic storage-
// allocation version of class StackType.
#include "Stack2.h"
StackType::StackType()
{
    top = -1;
}
void StackType::MakeEmpty()
{
    top = -1;
}
bool StackType::IsEmpty() const
{
    return (top == -1);
}
```





Before we call Push, we must make sure that the stack is not full. if (!stack.IsFull())

```
stack.Push(item);
```

- If the stack is full when we invoke Push, the resulting condition is stack
 overflow. Error checking for overflow conditions may be handled in a
 number of different ways.
- We could check for overflow inside *Push* (instead of making the calling program do the test). We would need to tell the caller whether or not the *Push was possible*, which we could do by adding a *bool* variable *overFlow* to the *parameter list*. Here is the revised algorithm.
- Push (Checks for Overflow)

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IF stack is full
Set overFlow to true

ELSE
Set overFlow to false
Increment top
Set items[top] to newItem
```

- Which version of *Push* to use in a program depends on the *specifications*.
- Our Stack ADT specification uses the first version because the precondition for Push states that the stack is not full.



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- Stack Overflow The condition resulting from trying to push an element onto a full stack.
- To invoke *Pop* as implemented here, the caller must first test for an empty stack:

```
if (!stack.IsEmpty ( ) )
      stack.Pop(item) ;
```

- If the stack is empty when we try to pop it, the resulting condition is called stack underflow. Just as we can test for overflow within the Push operation, we could test for underflow inside the Pop function. The algorithm for Pop would have to be modified slightly to return a bool value underflow in addition to the popped item.
- Stack Underflow The condition resulting from trying to pop an empty stack.



Function Template

Forms:

template < typename TypeParam > Function

or

template < class TypeParam > Function

More General Form:

template < specifier TypeParam1, ..., specifier TypeParamn > Function

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Notes:

- The word *template* is a C++ keyword specifying that what follows is a *pattern* for a function.
- The keyword typename and class may be used interchangeably in a type-parameter list.
- Unlike regular functions, a function template cannot be split across files, that is, we cannot put its prototype in a header file and its definition in an implementation file. It all goes in the header file.
- In the general form, each of the type parameters must appear at least once in the parameter list of the function. The reason for this is that the compiler uses only the types of the arguments in a function call to determine what types to bind to the type parameters.
- The process of constructing a function is called instantiation. In each instantiation, the type parameter is said to be bound to the actual type passed to it.

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Instantiation of a function template is carried out using the following *algorithm*:

- Search the parameter list of the template function for type parameters.
- If a type parameter is found, determine the type of the corresponding argument.
- Bind these two types together.

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Example 3: Displaying an Array // Function Template

/* This program illustrates the use of a function template to

- * display an array with elements of any type for which << is
- * defined.

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

- /* Function template to display elements of any type
- * (for which the output operator is defined) stored
- * in an array.
- * Receive: Type parameter ElementType
 - Array of elements of type ElementType
- numElements, number of elements to be displayed

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```
template <class ElementType>
void Display(ElementType array[], int numElements)
{
for (int i = 0; i < numElements; i++)
    cout << array[i] << " ";
    cout << endl;
}
int main ()
{
    double x[10] = {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
    Display(x, 5);
    int num[20] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
    Display (num, 4);
}

Problem: implement swap using templates
```

```
Class Templates
Example 4: Class Stack Template // StackT.h
/* StackT.h provides a Stack template.
* Receives: Type parameter StackElement
* Basic operations:
   Constructor: Constructs an empty stack
   empty: Checks if a stack is empty
   push: Modifies a stack by adding a value at the top
   top: Accesses the top stack value; leaves stack unchanged
  pop: Modifies a stack by removing the value at the top
  display: Displays all the stack elements
* Class Invariant:
* 1. The stack elements (if any) are stored in positions
* 0, 1, . . ., myTop of myArray.
* 2. -1 <= myTop <= STACK_CAPACITY -1
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```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#ifndef STACKT
#define STACKT
const int STACK_CAPACITY = 128;
template <class StackElement>
class Stack
/***** Function Members *****/
public.
/* --- Constructor ---
* Precondition: A stack has been declared.
* Postcondition: The stack has been constructed as an
           empty stack.
Stack();
/* --- Is the Stack empty? ---
* Receive: Stack containing this function (implicitly)
* Returns: True if the Stack containing this function is empty
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bool empty( ) const;
```

```
/* --- Add a value to the stack ---
  Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)
* A value to be added to a Stack
* Return: The Stack (implicitly), with value added at its
      top, provided there's space
void push(const StackElement & value);
/* --- Display values stored in the stack ---
* Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)
      The ostream out
* Output: The Stack's contents, from top down, to out
void display(ostream & out) const;
/* --- Return value at top of the stack ---
* Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)
* Return: The value at the top of the Stack, if nonempty;
     else a "garbage value<sup>i</sup>"
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StackElement top( ) const;
```

```
/* --- Remove value at top of the stack ---

* Receive: The Stack containing this function (implicitly)

* Return: The Stack containing this function with its top

* value (if any) removed

* Output: "Stack-empty" message if stack is empty.

*********************

*void pop();

/***** Data Members *****/

private:

StackElement myArray[STACK_CAPACITY];

int myTop;

}; // end of class declaration
```

```
//--- Definition of Class Constructor
template <class StackElement>
inline Stack<StackElement>::Stack( )
\{ myTop = -1; \}
//--- Definition of empty
template <class StackElement>
inline bool Stack<StackElement>::empty() const
{ return (myTop == -1); }
//--- Definition of push()
template <class StackElement>
void Stack<StackElement>::push(const StackElement & value)
 if (myTop < STACK_CAPACITY - 1) // Preserve stack invariant</pre>
   ++myTop;
  myArray[myTop] = value;
                 // or simply, myArray[++myTop] = value;
   cerr << "*** Stack is full -- can't add new value ***\n"
      << "Must Increase value of STACK_CAPACITY in Stack.h\n";
```

```
    Definition of display()

template <class StackElement>
void Stack<StackElement>::display(ostream & out) const
 for (int i = myTop; i \ge 0; i--)
  out << myArray[i] << endl;
//--- Definition of top()
template <class StackElement>
StackElement Stack<StackElement>::top() const
 if (myTop >= 0)
  return (myArray[myTop]);
 return (myariay[injy]);
cerr << "*** Stack is empty -- returning 'garbage value' ***|n";
return myArray[STACK_CAPACITY -1];</pre>
//--- Definition of pop()
template <class StackElement>
void Stack<StackElement>::pop()
 if (myTop >= 0) // Preserve stack invariant
  myTop--;
 else
  cerr << "*** Stack is empty -- can't remove a value *** \n";
#endif
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```

```
Driver program for Stack class Template
#include "StackT.h"
 #include <iostream>
 using namespace std;
int main()
  Stack<int> intSt;
                               // stack of ints
                               // stack of chars
  Stack<char> charSt;
  int i:
  for (i = 1; i \le 4; i++)
   intSt.push(i);
  while (!intSt.empty())
   i = intSt.top(); intSt.pop();
   cout << i << endl;
  for (char ch = 'A'; ch <= 'D'; ch++)
   charSt.push(ch);
  charSt.display(cout);
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```

```
Example 5: // Stack2T.h
#ifndef Stack2T H
#define StackT H
const int MAX_ITEMS = 5;
template < class ItemType>
class StackType
public:
   StackType();
   void MakeEmpty();
   bool IsEmpty() const;
  bool IsFull() const;
   void Push(ItemType item);
   void Pop(ItemType& item);
  int top;
  ItemType items[MAX_ITEMS];
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```

```
template < class ItemType >
  void StackType < ItemType > ::Push(ItemType newItem)
{
    top++;
    items[top] = newItem;
}
template < class ItemType >
  void StackType < ItemType > ::Pop(ItemType& item)
{
    item = items[top];
    top--;
}
#endif
```

```
// The function definitions for class StackType in file Stack2.h.

template<class ItemType>
StackType<ItemType>::StackType()
{
    top = -1;
}
template<class ItemType>
void StackType<ItemType>::MakeEmpty()
{
    top = -1;
}
template<class ItemType>
bool StackType<ItemType>::IsEmpty() const
{
    return (top == -1);
}
template<class ItemType>
bool StackType<ItemType>::IsFull() const
{
    return (top == MAX_ITEMS - 1);
}
```

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Class Templates

What is wrong with typedef

- Problem 1: Since changing the typedef is a change to the header file, any program or library that uses the class must be recompiled.
- Problem 2: Suppose we need a Stack of reals and a Stack of characters (two different containers with different types of values). A name declared using typedef can have only one meaning at a time. We need to create two different container classes with two different names.
- **Definition 1: Generic Data Type** A type for which the *operations* are defined but the *types of the items* being manipulated are *not*.
- Definition 2: Template A C++ language construct that allows the compiler to generate multiple versions of a class type or a function by allowing parameterized types.
- Definition 3: Container or Collection Type
 is designed to hold other objects.



Class Template Declaration Forms:

- Each specifier is the keyword *typename* or *class*.
- TypeParam, TypeParam1 ... are generic type parameters naming types of data to be stored in the container class.



Three Important Rules for Building Class Templates:

- All operations defined outside of the class declaration must be template functions.
- Any use of the name of a template class as a type must be parameterized.
- Operations on a template class should be defined in the same file as the class declaration.

A Stack Class Template

 If we define the functions Stack(), empty(), push(), display(), top(), and pop() outside the class declarations, the above three rules must be followed:





Notes:

- The keyword *template* specifies that what follows is a pattern for a class, not an actual class declaration.
- The keyword typename and class may be changed interchangeably in a type-parameter list.
- Unlike regular classes, a class template cannot be split across files, that
 is, we cannot put prototypes of functions in the header file and their
 definitions in an implementation file. It all goes in the header file.
- A class template is only a pattern that describes how individual classes can be constructed from given actual types. This process of creating a class is called *instantiation*. This is accomplished by attaching the actual type to the class name in the definition of an object:

SomeClass < Actual_Type > object ;

For example, we could instantiate our Stack class template with the definitions

Stack<char> charStack; Stack<double> dubStack;

When the compiler process these declarations, the compiler will generate two distinct Stack classes – two instances – one with StackElement replaced by char and the other with StackElement replaced by double. The constructor in the first class will construct charStack as an empty stack of characters and the constructor in the second class will construct dubStack as an empty stack of doubles.



Rule 1: They must be defined as function templates.

This means that these definitions must each be preceded by a template

declaration; for example,

template <class StackElement>

// definition of constructor

template <class StackElement>

// definition of empty()

```
Rule 2: The class name Stack preceding the scope operator (::)
in the function definitions is used as the name of a type and
must therefore be parameterized.

template <class StackElement>
inline void Stack<StackElement> :: Stack()

{
    // body of constructor
}

template <class StackElement>
inline bool Stack<StackElement> :: empty()

{
    // body of empty
}
```

```
/* Stack.h provides a Stack template
  Receives: Type parameter StackElement
      Integer myCapacity
  Basic Operation:
#include <iostream.h>
#ifndef STACKT
#define STACKT
template <class StackElement, int myCapacity>
class Stack
/***** Function Members *****/
public.
// --- Prototypes of member and friend functions
/**** Data Members ****/
private:
 StackElement myArray[myCapacity];
 int myTop;
// Definitions of member and friend functions
#endif
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```



Rule 3: These definitions should be placed within the same file StackT.h

An Alternative Version of the Stack Class Template

Templates may have more than one type parameter and also ordinary value parameters. So the capacity of the myArray in the stack declaration may be passed into the Stack class template as an ordinary int parameter along with the stack element type in the template declaration:

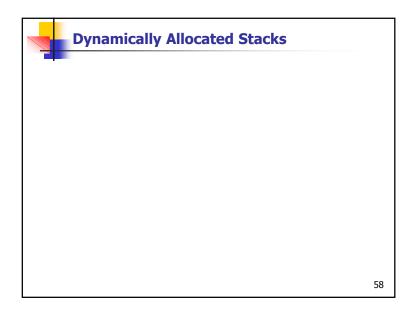
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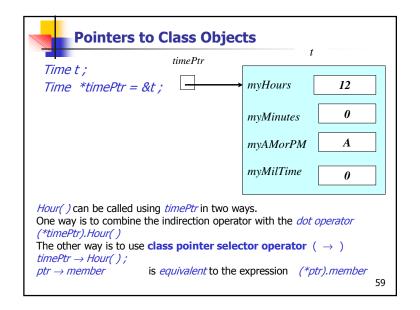
 This will allow the definitions of stacks like in the following in client programs:

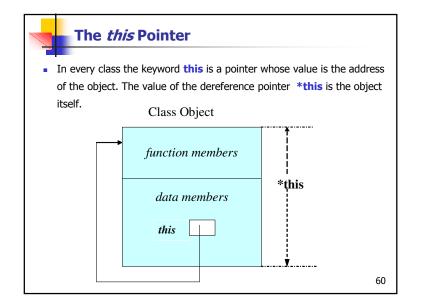
```
Stack<int, 10> intSt; // stack of at most 10 ints
Stack<string, 3> strSt; // stack of at most 3 strings
```

- At <u>compile time</u>, the compiler generates (instantiates) two distinct class types by substituting the actual parameter for the formal parameter throughout the class template. The actual parameter can be the name of any data type, built-in or user-defined, not a variable name.
- Note that passing a parameter to a template has an effect at compile time, whereas passing a parameter to a function has an effect at a run time.
- The compiler cannot instantiate a function template unless it knows the actual parameter to the template, and this actual parameter is found in the client code. Different compilers use different mechanisms to solve this problem.
- One general solution is to compile the client code and the member functions at the same time. A common technique is to place both the class definition and the member function definitions into the same file of type .h file.
- Another technique is to give the include directive for the implementation of the file at the end of the header file.

```
// File "stack2.h" contains the class definition for the Stack ADT.
// The class is templated; the array of values is statically allocated.
#ifndef Stack2_H
#define Stack2 H
const int MAX_ITEMS = 5;
template < class ItemType>
class StackType
public:
   StackType();
                                                               Example:
   void MakeEmpty( );
   bool IsEmpty() const;
   bool IsFull( ) const;
   void Push(ItemType item);
   void Pop(ItemType& item);
   int myTop;
   ItemType items[MAX_ITEMS];
#include "stack2.cpp"
#endif
Note: Either way, when the client code specifies #include
"StackType.h", the compiler has all the source code – both the member functions and the client code – available to it at once.
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```









To return the object we can use

```
return *this;
```

Normally, a return statement in a function

```
return object;
```

- first uses the copy constructor to built in a copy of object, and then returns this copy.
- We can force it to return object itself by making the function's returntype a reference:

```
ReturnType& functionName(parameters);
```

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Example:

Time& Time : : setTime( int h, int m, int s)
{

    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;

    minute = (m >= 0 && m < 60) ? m : 0;

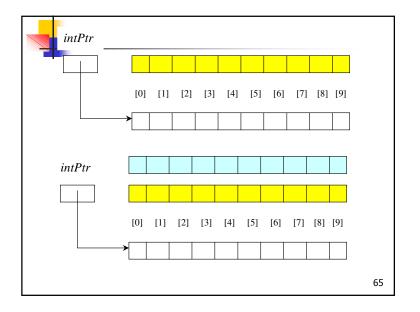
    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;

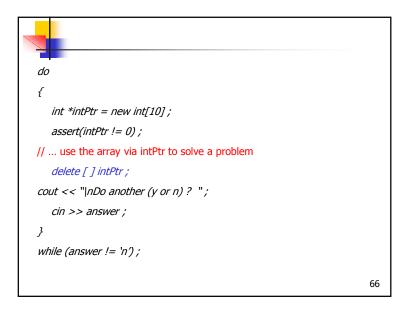
    return *this;
}

    t.setTime(11, 59, 12).display(cout)
is evaluated as

    (t.setTime(11, 59, 12)).display(cout)
```

```
Deallocating a Run-Time Array
We can use the delete operation in a statement of the form
     delete pointerVariable;
     delete[] arrayPtr;
  For example:
     int *intPtr = new int ;
     delete intPtr;
  Good programming practice:
     delete intPtr;
     intPtr = 0;
  Similarly:
     cin >> numValues ;
     double *dPtr = new double[numValues];
     delete [ ] dPtr;
     dPtr = 0;
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```





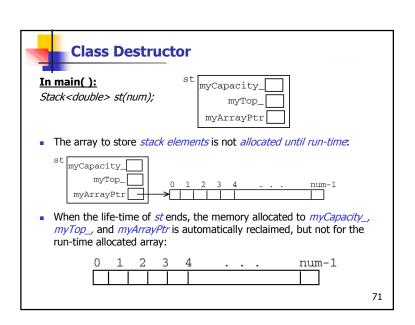
```
1. Destructors: To deallocate the memory.

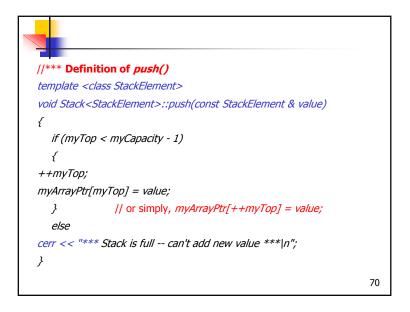
2. Copy constructors: To make copies of objects (e.g., value parameters)

3. Assignment: To assign one storage structure to another.
```

```
//***** RTStack.h *****
#ifndef RTSTACK
#define RTSTACK
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
template <class StackElement>
class Stack
/**** Function Members *****/
public:
/**** Data Members****/
private:
StackElement * myArrayPtr;
                             // run-time allocated array
                             // capacity of stack
int myCapacity,
                             // top of stack
myTop;
// Definitions of member (and friend) functions
#endif
                                                            68
```

```
/* --- Class constructor ---
Precondition: A stack has been defined.
Receive: Integer numElements > 0; (default = 128)
Postcondition: The stack has been constructed with capacity
  numElements.
                                            In main()
Stack(int numElements = 128);
                                            cin >> num:
//*** Definition of class constructor
                                             Stack<double> s1, s2(num);
template <class StackElement>
Stack < Stack Element > :: Stack (int num Elements)
  assert (numElements > 0);
                                              // check precondition
  myCapacity = numElements;
                                              // set stack capacity
  // allocate array of this capacity
  myArrayPtr = new StackElement[myCapacity];
  if (myArrayPtr == 0)
                                     // check if memory available
       cerr << "*** Inadequate memory to allocate stack *** |n";
       exit(-1);
               // or assert(myArrayPtr!= 0);
  myTop = -1;
```







We must add a **destructor** to the class to *avoid the memory leak*.

- Destructor's role: Deallocate memory allocated at run-time (the opposite of the constructor's role).
- At any point in a program where an object goes out of scope, the compiler inserts a call to this destructor. That is:

When an object's lifetime is over, its destructor is called first.

Form of destructor:

- Name is the class name preceded by a tilde (~).
- It has no arguments or return type
 ~ClassName()

```
//***** RTStack.h *****

...

/* --- Class destructor ---

Precondition: The lifetime of the Stack containing this function ends.

Postcondition: The run-time array in the Stack has been deallocated.

-----*/

~Stack();

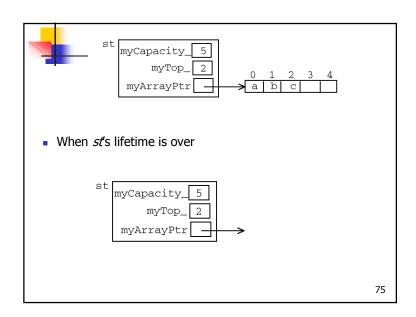
// Definition of destructor

template <class StackElement>

Stack<StackElement>::~Stack()

{
    delete[] myArrayPtr;
}

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```





Purpose:

The compiler calls this function to destroy objects of type *ClassName* whenever such objects should no longer exist:

- At the end of the main function for class ClassName objects that are defined within main() as static or global objects.
- At the end of each block in which a nonstatic ClassName object is defined.
- At the end of each function having a *ClassName* parameter.
- When a ClassName object allocated at run time is destroyed using delete.
- When an object containing a *ClassName* data member is destroyed.
- When an object whose type is derived from type ClassName is destroyed
- When a compiler-generated ClassName copy (made by the copy constructor) is no longer needed.

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Copy constructor

Is needed whenever a copy of a class object must be built, which occurs:

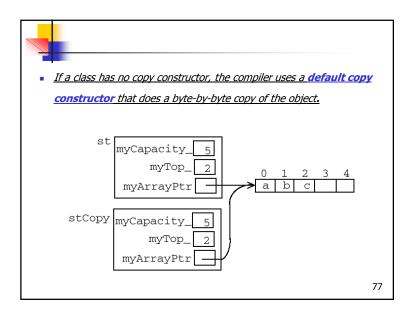
- When a class object is passed as a value parameter
- When a *function returns a class object*
- If temporary storage of a class object is needed
- In *initializations of the form*

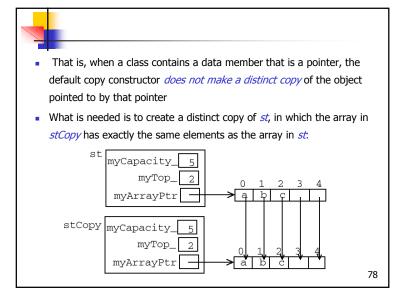
Type obj = initial_value ;

or

Type obj (initial_value);

the compiler must make a copy of initial_value.







Form of copy constructor:

- It <u>is a constructor</u> so it must be a member function, its name is the class name, and it has no return type.
- It needs <u>a single parameter whose type is the class</u>; this must be a reference parameter and should be const

// end of class declaration // Definition of copy constructor template <class StackElement> Stack<StackElement>::Stack(const Stack<StackElement> & original) myCapacity_ = original.myCapacity_; // copy myCapacity_ member myTop_ = original.myTop_ ; // copy myTop_ member myArrayPtr = new StackElement[myCapacity_]; // allocate array in copy if (myArrayPtr == 0) // check if memory available cout << "*** Inadequate memory to allocate stack *** |n"; exit(-1); //or assert(myArrayPtr != 0) for (int pos = 0; pos < myCapacity_; pos++)</pre> // copy array member myArrayPtr[pos] = original.myArrayPtr[pos];

* *Receive:* The stack to be copied (as a const * reference parameter)

* Postcondition: A copy of original has been constructed.

/* --- Copy Constructor ---

* Precondition: A copy of a stack is needed

Stack(const Stack<StackElement> & original);



Assignment

- The default assignment operation does byte-by-byte copying.
 s2Copy = s2;
- This means that we must overload the assignment operator
 (operator= ()) to create a distinct copy of the stack being assigned.

Form:

```
ClassName &ClassName : : operator=(const ClassName &original)
{
    // ... make a copy of the original
    return *this;
}
```

where

- ClassName is the name of the class containing this function; and original is a reference to the object being copied.
- Note that the assignment operator must be a member function.

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assignment operator vs copy constructor - three main differences

First difference

is that whereas the copy constructor builds and returns a new object, the assignment operator must assign this object to an existing object that already has a value. <u>Usually, it must destroy the old value, deallocating its memory to avoid a memory leak, and then replace it with the new value.</u>

The second difference

 is that the copy constructor need not to be concerned with selfassignments

 But the assignment operator must. If it did not, destroying the old value of object on the left-hand side will also destroy the value of the object on the right-hand side, so there is nothing left to assign.

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The third difference

 the copy constructor returns no value and thus has no return type, but the assignment operator should return the object on the left hand side of the assignment to support chained assignments. That is, an assignment like

$$st3 = st2 = st1$$
;

will be processed as

st3.operator= (st2.operator=(st1));

This can be accomplished by making the return type of operator= () a
reference to type Stack and having it return *this.

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Prototype:

- /* --- Assignment Operator ---
- * *Receive: Stack stRight* (the right side of the assignment operator)
- * object containing this member function
- * Return (implicit parameter): The Stack containing this function which will be a copy of stRight
- * Return (function): A reference to the Stack containing this function

Stack < Stack Element > & operator = (const Stack < Stack Element > & original);

```
template <class StackElement>
Stack < Stack Element > & Stack < Stack Element > :: operator = (const
   Stack<StackElement> & original)
   if (this != &original)
                                       // check that not st = st
   delete[] myArrayPtr;
                               // destroy previous array
   myCapacity_ = original.myCapacity_;
   // copy myCapacity member
   myTop_ = original.myTop_ ; // copy myTop_ member
   myArrayPtr = new StackElement[myCapacity_];
   // allocate array in copy
   if (myArrayPtr == 0)
                                       // check if memory available
       cerr << "* Inadequate memory to allocate stack *|n";
       exit(-1);
  for (int pos = 0; pos < myCapacity_; pos++)</pre>
        // copy array member
       myArrayPtr[pos] = original.myArrayPtr[pos];
   return *this;
                               // return reference to this object
```

```
//**** Test Driver ****************
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#include "RTStack.h"
Print (Stack<int> st)
st.display(cout);
int main()
int Size;
cout << "Enter stack size: ";</pre>
cin >> Size;
Stack<int> S(Size);
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
S.push(i)
Stack<int> T = S;
cout << T << endl;
                              // Print(T);
                                                              86
```

```
Sample Runs:
Enter stack capacity: 5
5
4
3
2
Enter stack capacity: 3
*** Stack is full -- can't add new value ***
*** Stack is full -- can't add new value ***
3
2
1
Enter stack capacity: 0
StackRT.cc:12: failed assertion `NumElements > 0'
Abort
                                                                    87
```

```
Test driver with statements in the constructor, copy constructor,
        and destructor to trace when they are invoked
//**** Test Driver *****
                                             Enter stack capacity: 5
                                             **A**
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                                            CONSTRUCTOR
                                             **B**
#include "StackRTemp1"
                                             **C**
                                             **C**
                                             **C**
Print (Stack<int> st)
                                             **C**
                                             **C**
st.display(cout);
                                             **D**
                                            COPY CONSTRUCTOR
                                                                     88
```

```
int main( )
                                                         COPY CONSTRUCTOR
int numElements;
cout << "Enter stack capacity: ";
cin >> numElements:
cout << "**A**|n";
Stack<int> s(numElements);
cout << "**B**|n";
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
                                                         DESTRUCTOR
                                                         CONSTRUCTOR
cout << "**C**|n":
                                                         ASSIGNMENT OPERATOR
s.push(i);
                                                         COPY CONSTRUCTOR
cout << "**D**|n";
Stack<int> t = s;
cout << "**E**|n";
Print(t);
cout << "**F**|n";
Stack<int> u;
cout << "**G**|n";
                                                         DESTRUCTOR
u = t;
                                                         DESTRUCTOR
cout << "**H**\n":
                                                        DESTRUCTOR
DESTRUCTOR
Print(u);
cout << "**I**|n";
```



Note:

 The assert macro tests a condition for correctness, and terminates the program if the test fails. It is used for diagnostics.

void assert(bool expression);

 <cstdlib> contains function prototypes for conversions of numbers to text and text to numbers, for memory allocation, random numbers and other utility functions.

void exit(int status);

 Terminates the program execution and returns control to the operating system if the status is different than 0. Status = 0 signals successful termination and any nonzero value signals unsuccessful termination.

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Note:

The following **is a general rule** to remember when designing a class:

- If a class allocates memory at a run time using new, then it should provide
 - A *copy constructor* that the compiler can use to make distinct copies
 - An assignment operator that a programmer can use to make distinct copies
 - A destructor that releases the run-time allocated memory to the heap
 - The class constructors, destructor, and a copy constructor are called automatically by the compiler when a class is used.