



Object-Oriented Programming

**What do you think makes a good, well-designed
abstraction?**

(put your answers the chat)



Roadmap

C++ basics

User/client

vectors + grids

stacks + queues

sets + maps

Core
Tools

testing

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Implementation

arrays

**dynamic memory
management**

linked data structures

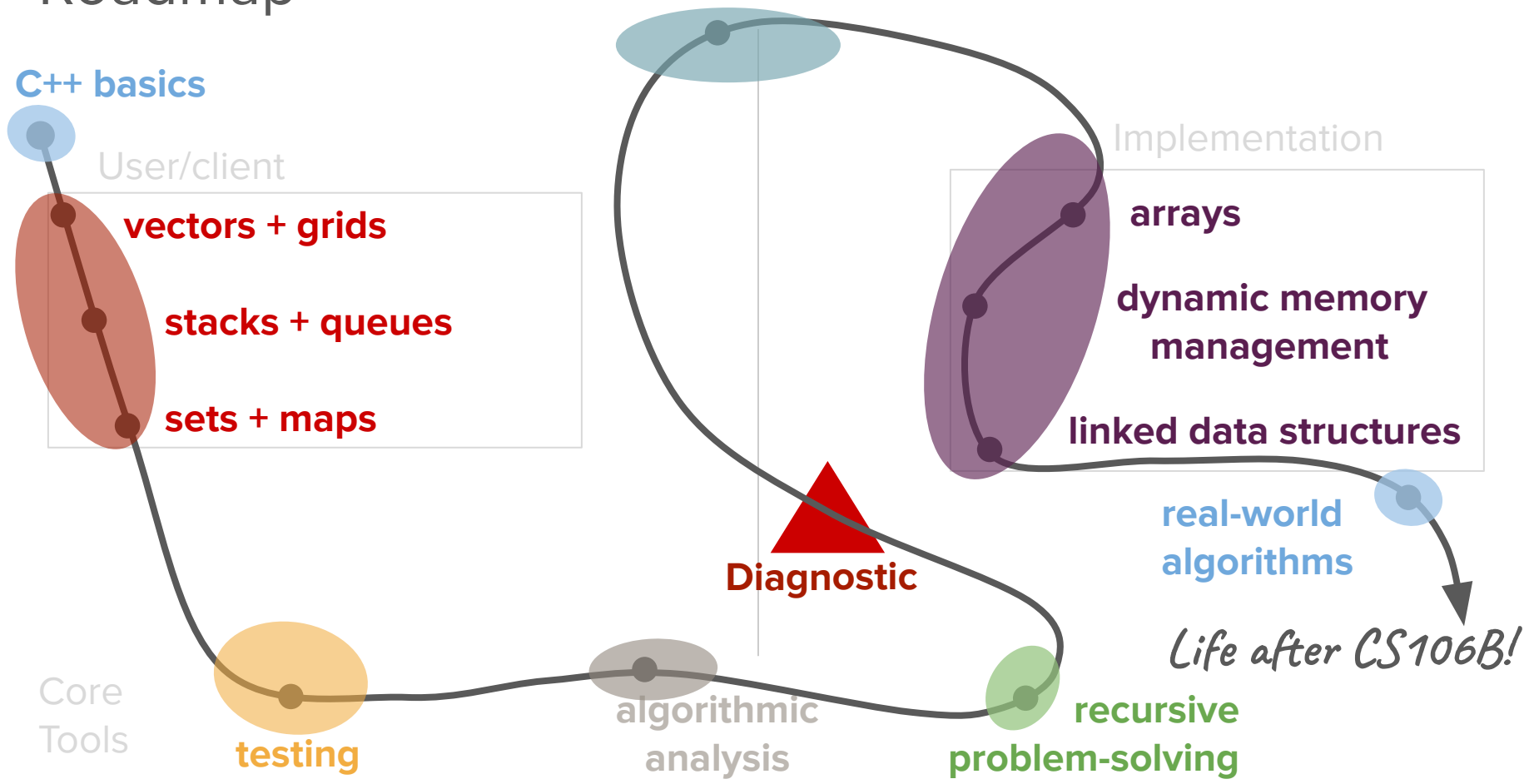
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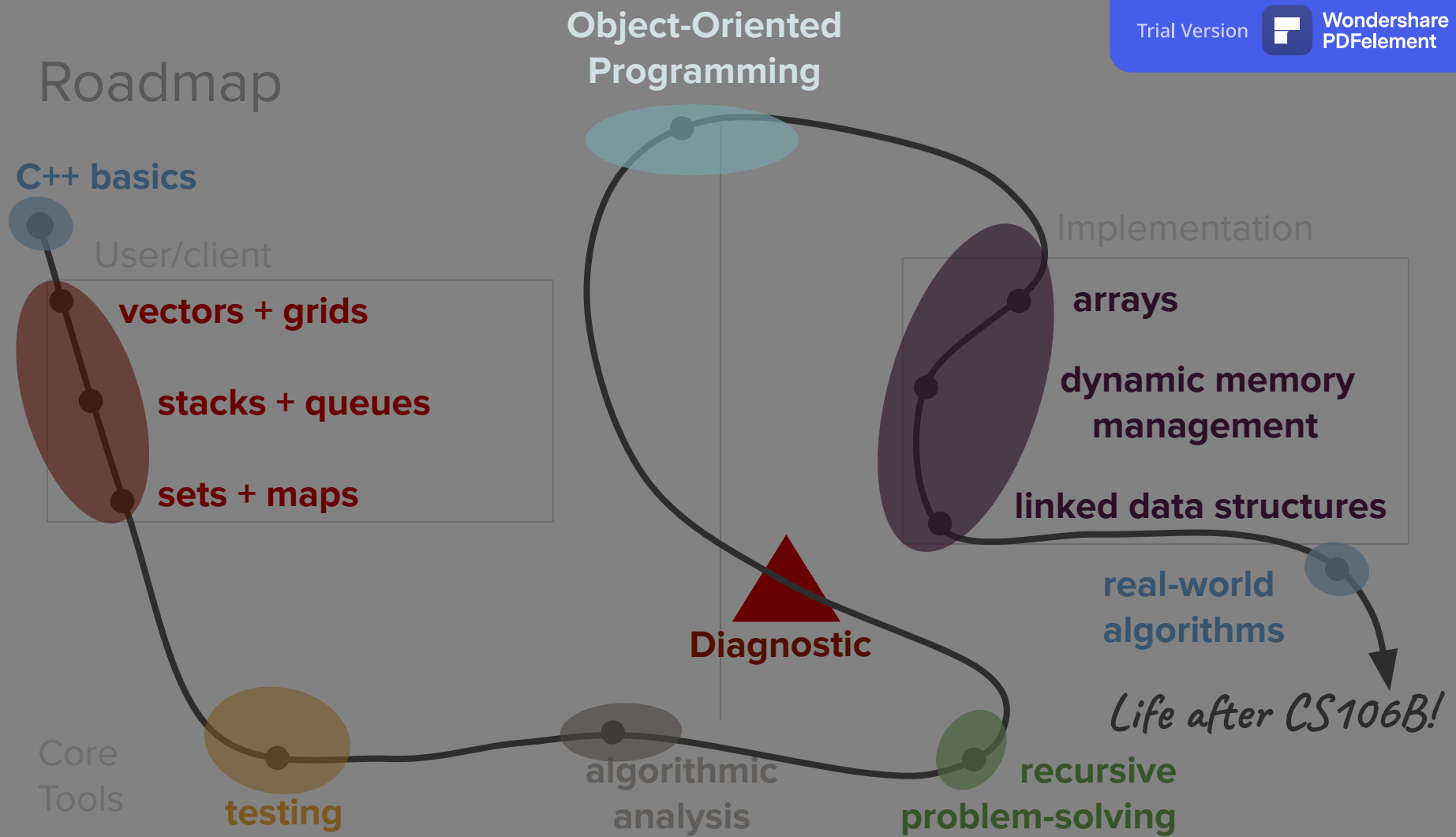
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analysis**

**recursive
problem-solving**



Roadmap





Today's question

How do we design and
define our own
abstractions?



Today's topics

1. Review
2. What is a class?
3. Designing C++ classes
4. Writing classes in C++



Review



Two types of recursion

Basic recursion

- One repeated task that builds up a solution as you come back up the call stack
- The final base case defines the initial seed of the solution and each call contributes a little bit to the solution
- Initial call to recursive function produces final solution

Backtracking recursion

- Build up many possible solutions through multiple recursive calls at each step
- Seed the initial recursive call with an “empty” solution
- At each base case, you have a potential solution



Backtracking recursion: **Exploring many possible solutions**

Overall paradigm: choose/explore/unchoose

Two ways of doing it

- **Choose explore undo**
 - Uses pass by reference; usually with large data structures
 - Explicit unchoose step by "undoing" prior modifications to structure
 - E.g. Generating subsets (one set passed around by reference to track subsets)
- **Copy edit explore**
 - Pass by value; usually when memory constraints aren't an issue
 - Implicit unchoose step by virtue of making edits to copy
 - E.g. Building up a string over time

Three use cases for backtracking

1. Generate/count all solutions (enumeration)
2. Find one solution (or prove existence)
3. Pick one best solution

General examples of things you can do:

- Permutations
- Subsets
- Combinations
- etc.

We've seen lots of different backtracking strategies...

Questions to ask yourself when planning your strategy:

- What does my decision tree look like? (decisions, options, what to keep track of)
- What are our base and recursive cases?
- What's the provided function prototype and requirements? Do we need a helper function?
- Do we care about returning or keeping track of the path we took to get to our solution?
- Which of our three use cases does our problem fall into? (generate/count all solutions, find one solution/prove its existence, pick one best solution)
- What are we returning as our solution? (a boolean, a final value, a set of results, etc.)
- What are we building up as our “many possibilities” in order to find our solution? (subsets, permutations, combinations, or something else)



Where are we now?

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object-oriented programming

abstract data structures
(vectors, maps, etc.)



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classes object-oriented programming

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Revisiting abstraction

ab·strac·tion

[...]

freedom from
representational
qualities in art

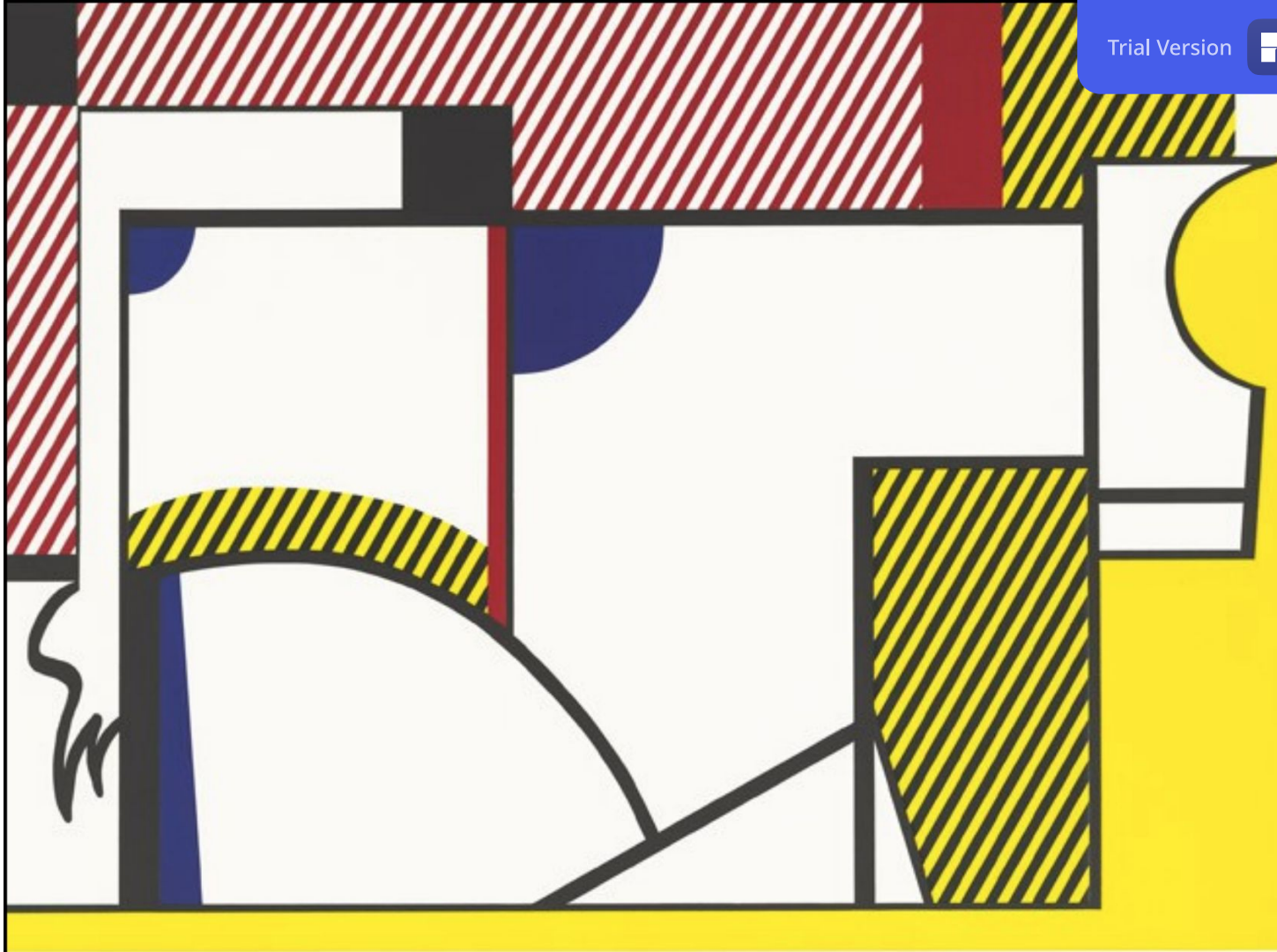
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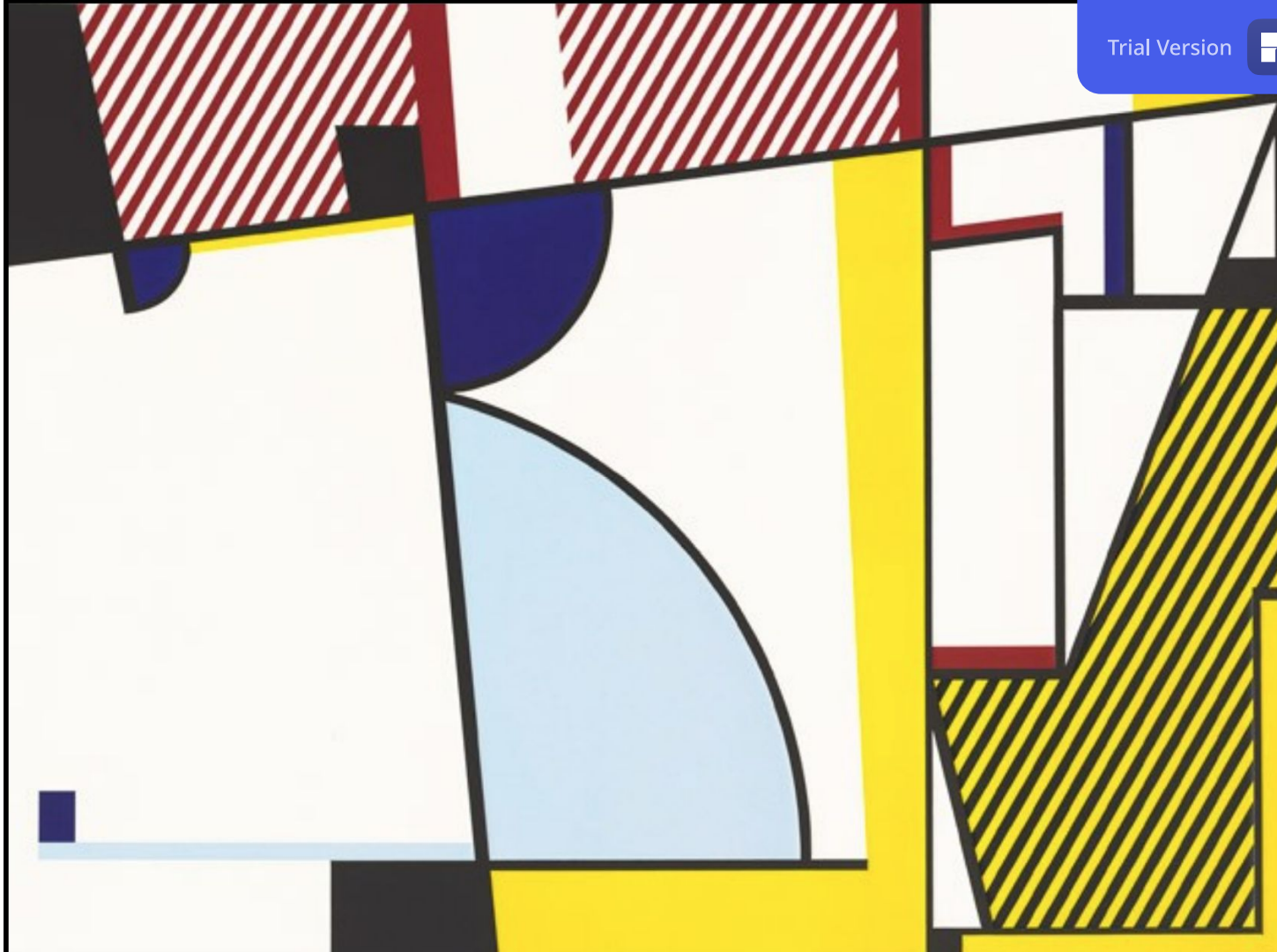
*Example
demonstration
borrowed from Keith
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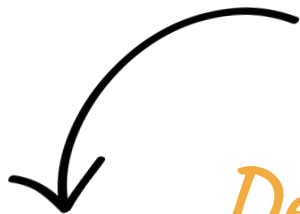








*How do we accomplish this in
C++? With **classes**!*



Definition

abstraction

Design that hides the details of how something works while still allowing the user to access complex functionality



What is a class?

Definition

class

A class defines a new data type for our programs to use.

This sounds familiar...

Remember structs?

```
struct BackpackItem {  
    int survivalValue;  
    int weight;  
};
```

```
struct Juror {  
    string name;  
    int bias;  
};
```

Definition

struct

A way to bundle different types of information in C++ – like creating a custom data structure.

Then what's the difference between a class and a struct?



Remember structs?

struct

```
GridLocation chosen;
```

```
cout << chosen.row << endl;
```

```
cout << chosen.col << endl;
```

```
chosen.row = 3;
```

```
chosen.col = 4;
```

class

```
GPoint origin(0, 0);
```

```
cout << origin.getX() << endl;
```

```
cout << origin.getY() << endl;
```

```
origin.x = 3;
```

```
origin.y = 4;
```

What's the difference in how you use a GridLocation vs. a GPoint?

Remember structs?

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GridLocation chosen;  
cout << chosen.row << endl;  
cout << chosen.col << endl;
```

```
chosen.row = 3;  
chosen.col = 4;
```

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GPoint origin(0, 0);  
cout << origin.getX() << endl;  
cout << origin.getY() << endl;
```

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origin.x = 3;  
origin.y = 4;
```



We don't have direct access to GPoint's x and y coordinates!



What is a class?

- Examples of classes we've already seen: **Vectors**, **Maps**, **Stacks**, **Queues**
- Every class has two parts:
 - an **interface** specifying what operations can be performed on instances of the class (this defines the abstraction boundary)
 - 接口
 - 特定的
 - 履行
 - an **implementation** specifying how those operations are to be performed
 - 实施
- The only difference between structs + classes are the **encapsulation** defaults.
 - A struct defaults to **public** members (accessible outside the class itself).
 - 封装
 - 可在类本身之外访问
 - A class defaults to **private** members (accessible only inside the class implementation).

Definition

encapsulation

The process of grouping related information and relevant functions into one unit and defining where that information is accessible

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Definition

instance

When we create an object that is our new type, we call this creating an instance of our class.

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```
Vector<int> vec;
```

*Creates an instance of the Vector class
(i.e. an object of the type Vector)*



How do we design C++ classes?



Three main parts

- Member variables
 - These are the variables stored within the class
 - Usually not accessible outside the class implementation
- Member functions (methods)
 - Functions you can call on the object
 - E.g. **`vec.add()`**, **`vec.size()`**, **`vec.remove()`**, etc.
- Constructor
 - Gets called when you create the object
 - E.g. **`Vector<int> vec;`**

How do we design a class?

We must specify the 3 parts:

1. Member variables: *What subvariables make up this new variable type?*
2. Member functions: *What functions can you call on a variable of this type?*
3. Constructor: *What happens when you make a new instance of this type?*

In general, classes are useful in helping us with complex programs where information can be grouped into objects.



Breakout design activity



How would you design a class for...

- A bank account that enables transferring funds between accounts
- A Spotify (or other music platform) playlist

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Announcements



Announcements

- The mid-quarter diagnostic is coming soon! Make sure to read through the information on the linked page if you haven't yet.
 - The link to access your personalized diagnostic access portal will be posted on the homepage of the website at 12:01am PDT Friday and will remain up until 11:59pm PDT Sunday.
- Assignment 3 is due tomorrow, **Thursday, July 16 at 11:59pm.**
- There will be a diagnostic review session hosted by Trip tomorrow night, from 7-8:30pm. The session will be recorded and made available on Canvas shortly afterwards.



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Thursday 5 PT on Twitch

**Demo and Recursion Info Session: Come
with all your recursion related questions!**

<https://www.twitch.tv/sourcegraph>



How do we write classes in C++?



Random Bags



Random Bags

- A **random bag** is a data structure similar to a stack or queue. It supports two operations:
 - **add**, which puts an element into the random bag, and
 - **remove random**, which returns and removes a random element from the bag.
- Random bags have a number of applications:
 - Simpler: Shuffling a deck of cards. 刷一副牌
 - More advanced: Generating artwork, designing mazes, and training self-driving cars to park and change lanes.
- Let's go create our own custom **RandomBag** type!



Creating our own class

Classes in C++

- Defining a class in C++ (typically) requires two steps:
 - Create a **header file** (typically suffixed with **.h**) describing what operations the class can perform and what internal state it needs.
 - Create an **implementation file** (typically suffixed with **.cpp**) that contains the implementation of the class.
- Clients of the class can then include (using the **#include** directive) the header file to use the class.



Header files

What's in a header?

```
#pragma once
```

```
class RandomBag {
```

```
};
```

*This is a **class definition**. We're creating a new class called **RandomBag**. Like a **struct**, this defines the name of a new type that we can use in our programs.*

What's in a header?

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};
```

Don't forget to add the semicolon!

You'll run into some scary compiler errors if you leave it out!

What's in a header?

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public:
```

```
private:
```

```
};
```

Interface
(What it looks like)

Implementation
(How it works)

What's in a header?

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class RandomBag {  
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```

```
private:
```

```
};
```

The **public interface** specifies what functions you can call on objects of this type.

Think things like the `vector` `.add()` function or the `string`'s `.find()`.

The **private implementation** contains information that objects of this class type will need in order to do their job properly. This is invisible to people using the class.

What's in a header?

```
#pragma once

class RandomBag {
public:
    void add(int value);
    int removeRandom();

private:

};
```

These are *member functions* of the RandomBag class. They're functions you can call on objects of type RandomBag.

All member functions must be defined in the class definition. We'll implement these functions in the C++ file.

What's in a header?

```
#pragma once
#include "vector.h"
class RandomBag {
public:
    void add(int value);
    int removeRandom();

private:
    Vector<int> elems;
};
```

This is a *data member* of the class. This tells us how the class is implemented. Internally, we're going to store a `Vector<int>` holding all the elements. The only code that can access or touch this Vector is the RandomBag implementation.

Header summary

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Class definition and name

Methods

Member variable



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Implementation files

`RandomBag.cpp`

```
#include "RandomBag.h"
```



If we're going to implement the RandomBag type, the .cpp file needs to have the class definition available. All implementation files need to include the relevant headers.

```
#pragma once
#include "vector.h"
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    void add(int value);
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private:
    Vector<int> elems;
};
```



```
#include "RandomBag.h"
```

```
void RandomBag::add(int value){  
    elems.add(value);  
}
```

The syntax `RandomBag::add` means "the `add` function defined inside of `RandomBag`." The `::` operator is called the scope resolution operator ^{解析} in C++ and is used to say where to look for things.

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};
```



```
#include "RandomBag.h"
```

```
void RandomBag::add(int value) {  
    elems.add(value);  
}
```

If we had written something like this instead, then the compiler would think we were just making a free function named `add` that has nothing to do with `RandomBag`'s version of `add`. That's an easy mistake to make!

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```
#include "RandomBag.h"
```

```
void RandomBag::add(int value) {  
    elems.add(value);  
}
```

We don't need to specify where elems is. The compiler knows that we're inside RandomBag, and so it knows that this means "the current RandomBag's collection of elements."

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```
#include "RandomBag.h"
```

```
void RandomBag::add(int value) {  
    elems.add(value);  
}
```

```
int RandomBag::removeRandom() {  
    if (elems.isEmpty()) {  
        error("Aaaaahhh!");  
    }  
    random library in c++  
    int index = randomInteger(0, elems.size() - 1);  
    int result = elems[index];  
    elems.remove(index);  
    return result;  
}
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    elems.remove(index);  
    return result;  
}
```

```
int RandomBag::size() {  
    return elems.size();  
}
```

```
bool RandomBag::isEmpty() {  
    return size() == 0;  
}
```

This code calls our own size() function. The class implementation can use the public interface.

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*What a good idea!
Let's use it up here
as well.*

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```

This function is not
going to edit any of
my private number
variables.

*This use of the const keyword
means "I promise that this
function doesn't change the
state of the object."*

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    int ind = elems.size() - 1;  
    int res = elems[ind];  
    elems.remove(ind);  
    return res;  
}
```

We have to remember to add it into the implementation as well!

```
int RandomBag::size() const {  
    return elems.size();  
}
```

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bool RandomBag::isEmpty() const {  
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Using a custom class

[Qt Creator demo]



Takeaways

- Public member variables declared in the header file are automatically accessible in the **.cpp** file
- As a best practice, member variables should be private, and you can create public member functions to allow users to edit them
- Member functions have an ^{隐藏的}implicit parameter that allows them to know what object they're operating on
- When you don't have a constructor, there's a default 0 argument constructor that instantiates all private member variables
 - (We'll see an explicit constructor tomorrow!)



An example:

Structs vs. classes

[time-permitting]



Summary



Object-Oriented Programming

- We create our own abstractions for defining data types using classes. Classes allow us to encapsulate information in a structured way.
- Classes have three main parts to keep in mind when designing them:
 - Member variables → these are always private
 - Member functions (methods)
 - Constructor → this is created by default if you don't define one
- Writing classes requires the creation of a header (**.h**) file for the interface and an implementation (**.cpp**) file.



What's next?

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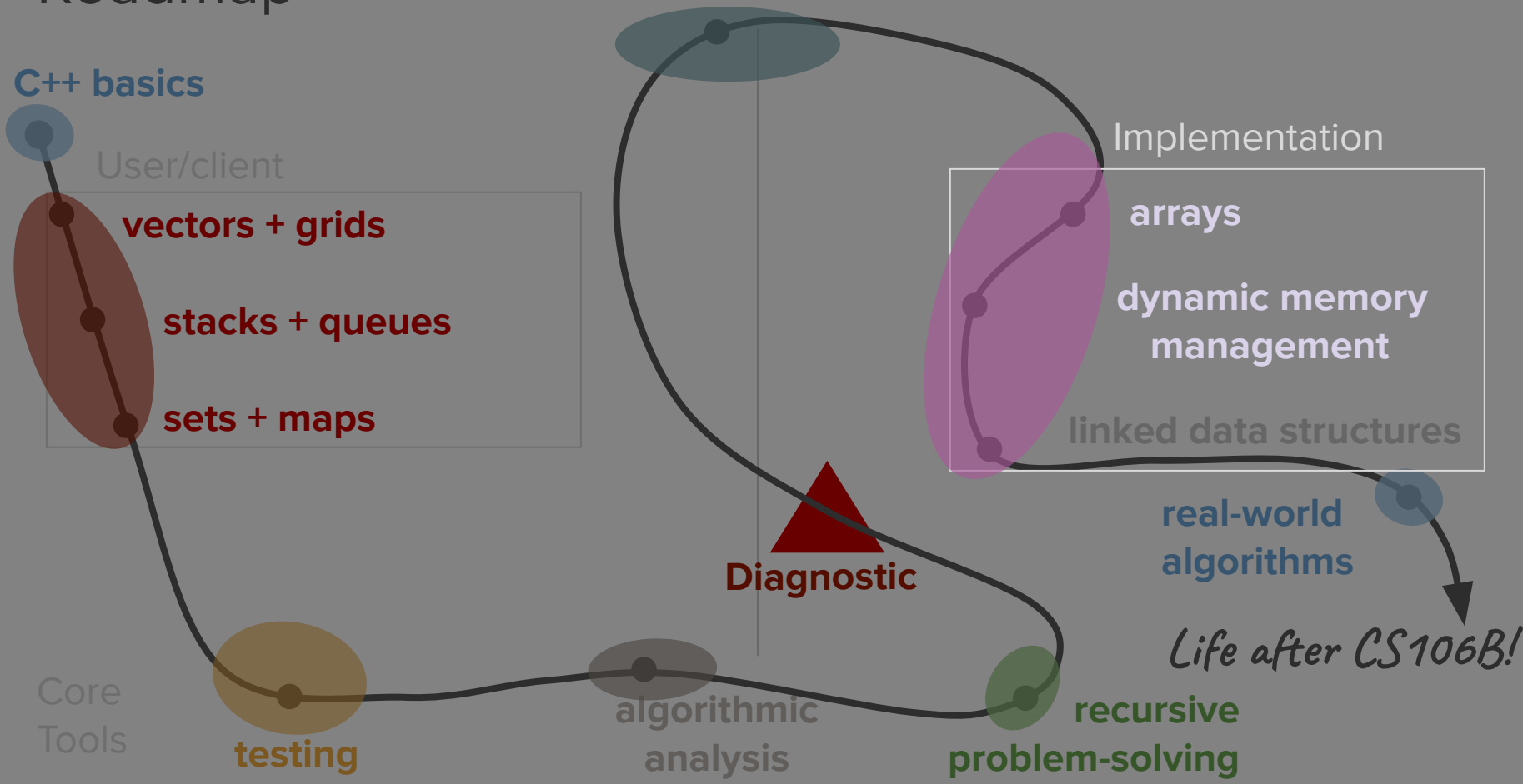
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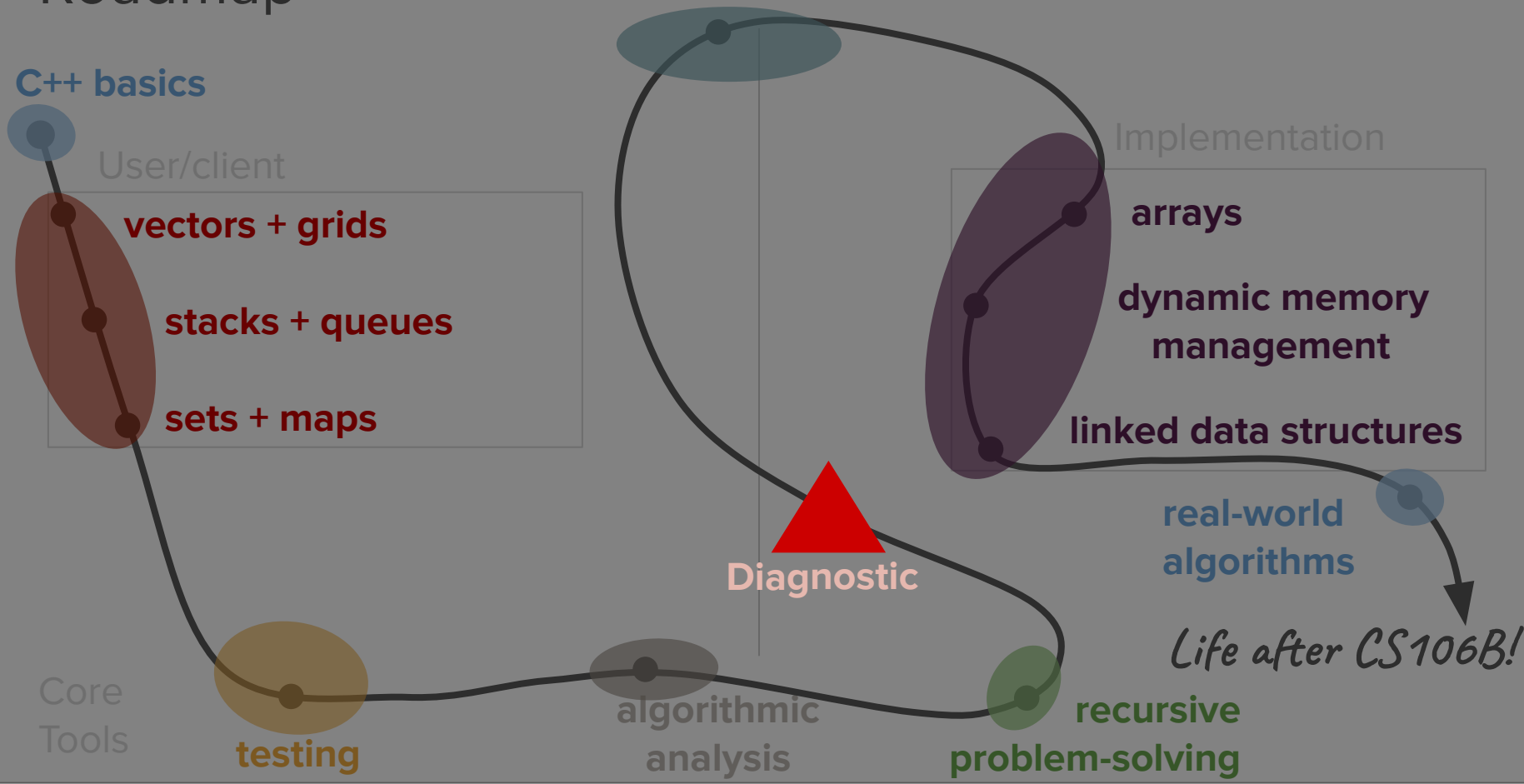
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