



Introduction to Classes

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Why Objects?



At the end of the day...

computers just manipulate 0's and 1's

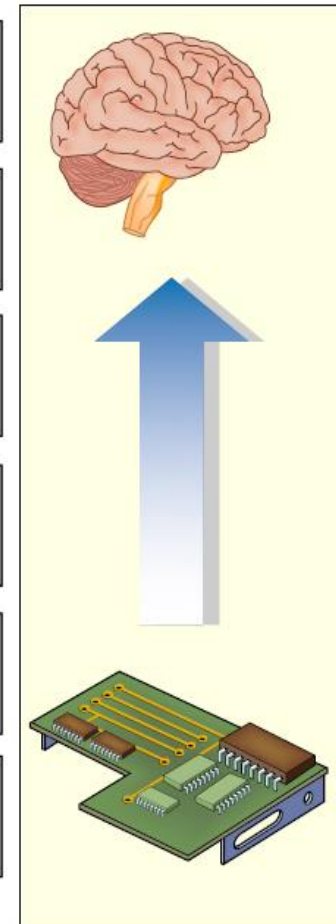
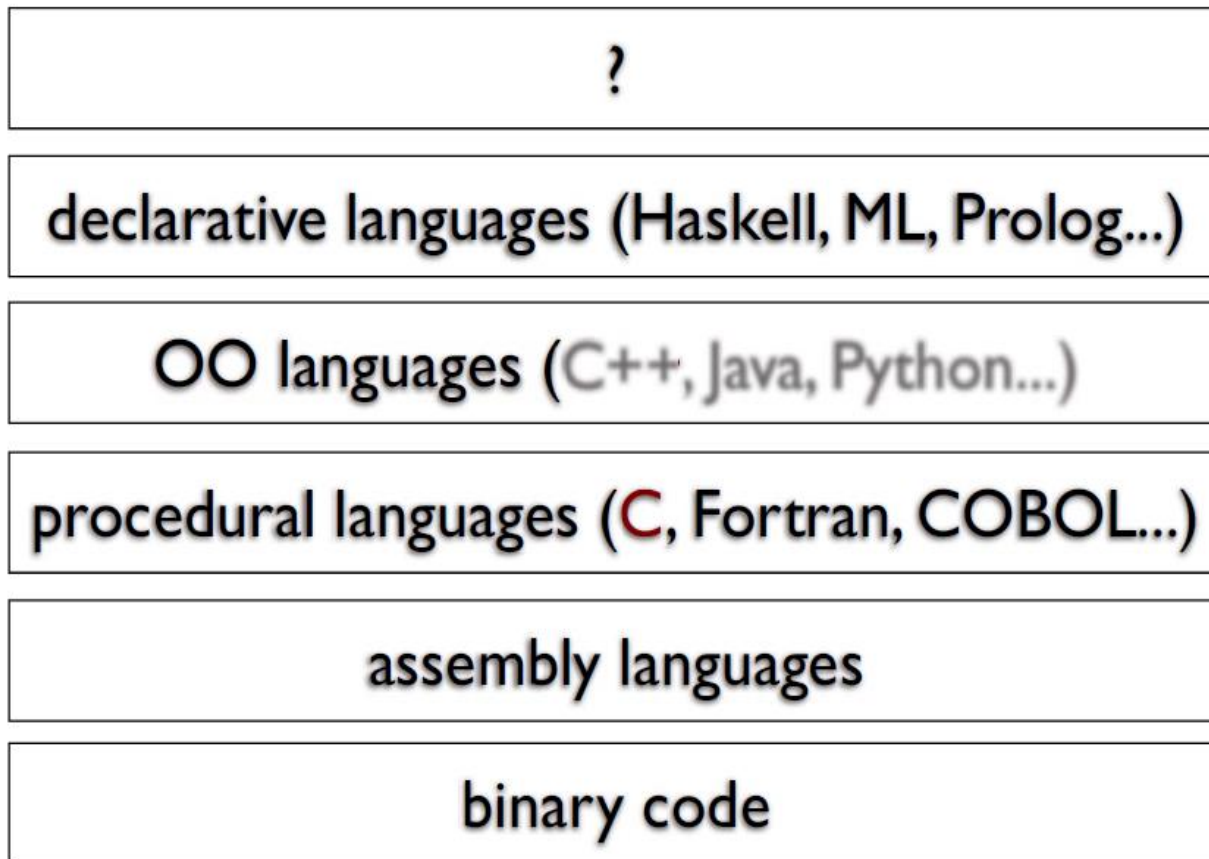


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*But **binary is hard (for humans)** to work with...*

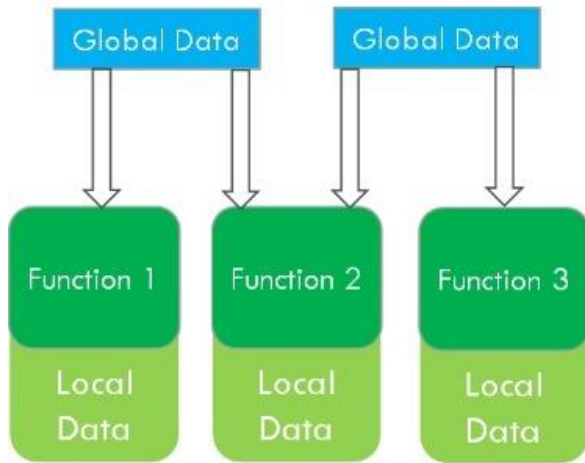


Towards a higher level of abstraction

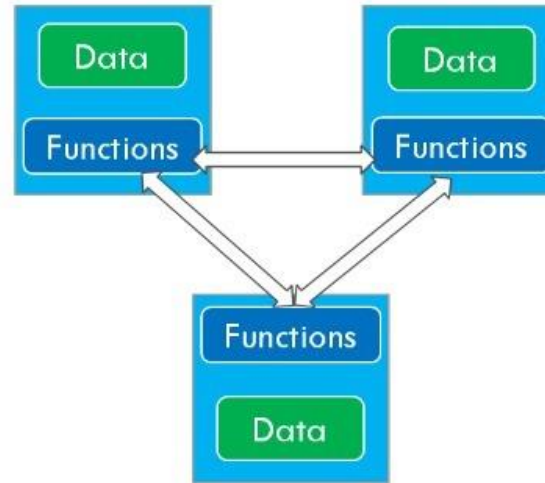


Procedural VS. Object-Oriented Programming

Procedural Oriented Programming



Object Oriented Programming



Procedural:

- Top down design
- Limited code reuse
- Complex code
- Global data focused

Object-Oriented:

- Object focused design
- Code reuse
- Complex design
- Protected data

VS.



Object-oriented Programming (OOP)

- **Object-oriented programming** approach organizes programs in a way that *mirrors the real world*, in which all **objects** are associated with both attributes and behaviors
- Object-oriented programming involves **thinking** in terms of **objects**
- An **OOP** program can be viewed as a collection of cooperating objects



Classes

A class is like a cookie cutter; it defines the shape of objects

Objects are like cookies; they are **instances** of the class



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Classes in OOP

- Classes are constructs/templates that define objects of the same type.
- A **class** uses **Variables** (data fields) to define state
- A **class** uses **Functions** to define behaviors.
- Additionally, *a class provides a special type of function*, known as constructors:
 - Invoked to **construct objects** from the class.

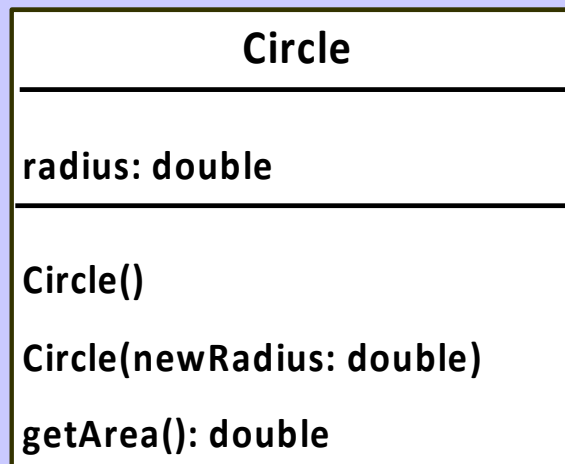


Objects in OOP

- An **object** has a **unique identity**, **state**, and **behaviors**.
- The **state** of an **object** consists of *a set of data fields* (also known as **properties**) with their current values.
- The **behavior** of an **object** is defined by **a set of functions**.



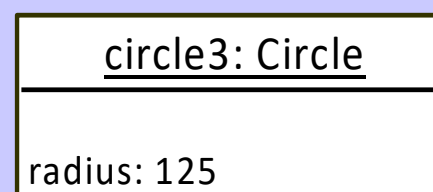
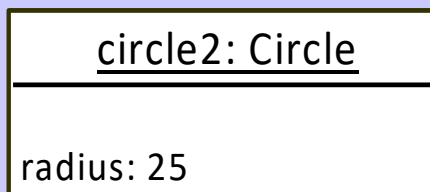
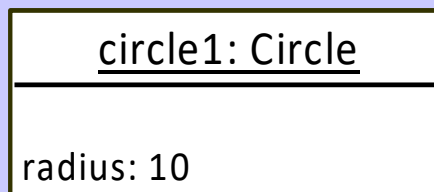
UML Diagram for Class and Object



Class name

Data fields

Constructors and Methods





Class in C++ - Example

```
class foo
{
    private: _____ Keyword private and colon
        int data; _____ Private functions and data
    public: _____ Keyword public and colon
        void memfunc (int d) } Public functions and data
        { data = d; }
};
_____ Semicolon
```

Braces



Class in C++ - Example

```
class Circle
{
public:
    // The radius of this circle
    double radius;

    // Construct a circle object
    Circle()
    {
        radius = 1;
    }

    // Construct a circle object
    Circle(double newRadius)
    {
        radius = newRadius;
    }

    // Return the area of this circle
    double getArea()
    {
        return radius * radius * 3.14159;
    }
};
```

Data field

Constructors

Function

Note:

the **special syntax**
for **constructor**
(no return type!)

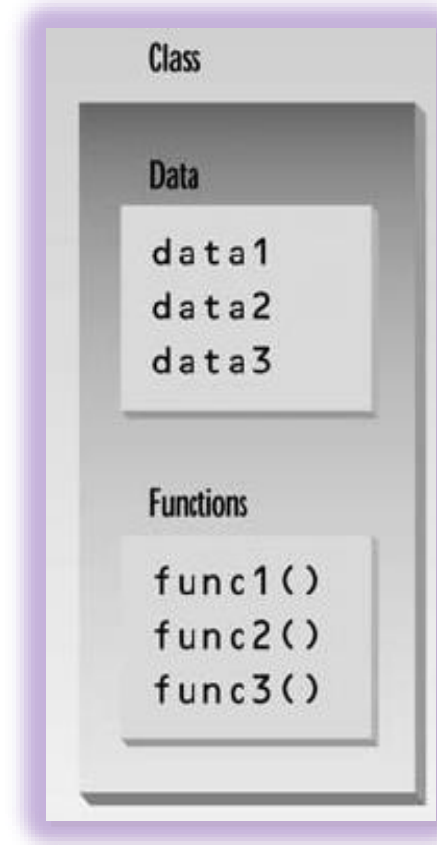


Class is a Type

- You can use **primitive data types** to **define variables**.
- You can also use **class names** to **declare object names**.
- *In this sense, a class is an abstract data-type or user-defined data type.*

Class Data Members and Member Functions

- The **data items** within a **class** are called **data members** or **data fields** or **instance variables**
- **Member functions** are **functions** that are **included** within a **class**. Also known as **instance functions**.





Object Creation - Instantiation

- In C++, you can **assign a name** when **creating an object**.
- A **constructor is invoked** when an **object is created**.
- The syntax to **create** an **object** using the ***no-arg constructor*** is:

ClassName **objectName**;

- Defining **objects** in this way means ***creating them***. This is also called ***instantiating them***.



Object Member Access Operator

- After **object creation**, its **data** and **functions** can be **accessed** (invoked) using:
 - The **.** **operator**, also known as the ***object member access operator***.
- ***objectName.dataField*** references a **data field** in the object
- ***objectName.function()*** invokes a **function** on the object



A Simple Program – *Object* Creation

```
class Circle
```

```
{
```

```
    private:
```

```
        double radius;
```

```
    public:
```

```
        Circle()
```

```
        { radius = 5.0; }
```

```
        double getArea( )
```

```
        { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
```

```
};
```

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Circle C1;
```

```
    //C1.radius = 10;    can't access private member outside the class
```

```
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea( );
```

```
}
```

C1 Object Instance



: C1

radius: 5.0

Allocate memory
for radius



Local Classes

- **Local classes:** A local **class** is declared **within a function definition**.
- Scope is within the function
- Functions of local class must be inline
- A **local class cannot have static data members but can have static function.**
- Methods of local class can only access static members of the enclosing function.



Inline/Out-of-Line Member Functions

- **Inline functions:**
 - are defined within the body of the class definition.
- **Out-of-line functions:**
 - are declared within the body of the class definition and defined outside.



Inline/Out-of-Line Member Functions

- If a **member function** is **defined outside the class**
 - **Scope resolution operator** (::) and **class name** are needed
 - Defining a **function outside a class** **does not change** it being **public** or **private**
- **Binary scope resolution operator** (::)
 - **Combines** the **class name** with the **member function name**
 - **Different classes** can have **member functions** with the **same name**

```
returnType ClassName::MemberFunctionName( ){  
    ...  
}
```



Member Functions

Separating Declaration from Implementation

```
class Circle
{
    private:
        double radius;

    public:
        Circle(double radius)
        {    this->radius = radius;    }
        double getArea( ); // Not implemented yet
};
```

Class must define a
no-argument
constructor too....

```
double Circle::getArea()
{ return this->radius * radius * 3.14159; }
```

```
void main()
{
    Circle    C1(99.0);
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
}
```

```

1 // Fig. 6.3: fig06_03.cpp
2 // Time class.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 // Time abstract data type (ADT) definition
9 class Time {
10 public:
11     Time(); // constructor
12     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
13     void printMilitary(); // print military time format
14     void printStandard(); // print standard time format
15 private:
16     int hour; // 0 - 23
17     int minute; // 0 - 59
18     int second; // 0 - 59
19 };
20
21 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero.
22 // Ensures all Time objects start in a consistent state.
23 Time::Time() { hour = minute = second = 0; }
24
25 // Set a new Time value using military time. Perform validity
26 // checks on the data values. Set invalid values to zero.
27 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
28 {
29     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0;
30     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0;
31     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0;
32 }

```

Note the :: preceding the function names.


```
33
34 // Print Time in military format
35 void Time::printMilitary()
36 {
37     cout << ( hour < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << hour << ":"
38         << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute;
39 }
40
41 // Print Time in standard format
42 void Time::printStandard()
43 {
44     cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
45         << ":" << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute
46         << ":" << ( second < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << second
47         << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
48 }
49
```



Private Member Functions

- **Private Member Functions:**
 - Only **accessible** (callable) from **member functions** of the **class**
 - **No direct access possible** (with object instance of the class)
 - Can be: **inline** / **out-of-line**

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Circle {
private:
    double radius, area;
    void DisplayArea(); // decleration

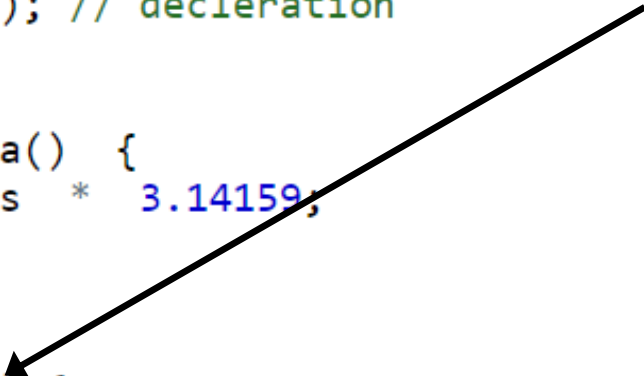
public:
    Circle(double radius) {
        this->radius = radius; area=0.0;
    }
    void CalculatetArea( ); // decleration
};

void Circle::CalculatetArea() {
    area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
    DisplayArea();
}

void Circle::DisplayArea( ) {
    cout<<"\n Area of circle:"<< area;
}

int main()
{
    Circle C1(5.0);
    C1.CalculatetArea();
    return 0;
}
```

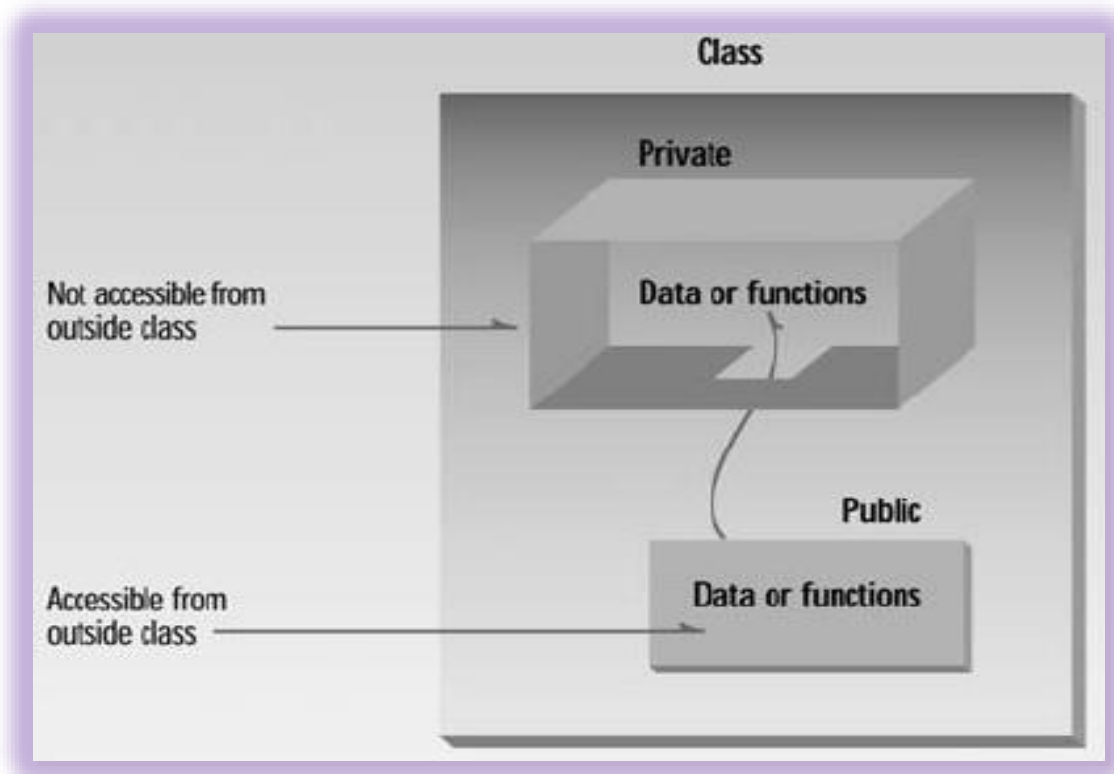
**Private Member
Functions
(out-of-line)**





Access Modifiers/Specifier

- Access modifiers are used to set access levels for *variables, methods, and constructors*
- **private**, **public**, and **protected**
- In C++, *default accessibility is private*



- The **default constructor** (provided by compiler) is always public.
- Programmer can specify a constructor to be private (no use) or public
 - **public**
 - Presents clients with a view of the **services the class provides** (i.e., **interface**)
 - **Data** and **member functions** are **accessible** (outside class)
 - **private**
 - Default access mode
 - **Data** only accessible to **member functions** and **friends**
 - **private** members only accessible through the **public** class interface using **public member functions**



Data Hiding - Data Field Encapsulation

- A **key feature** of **OOP** is **data hiding**
 - data is concealed within a class so that it cannot be accessed mistakenly by functions outside the class.
- To prevent direct modification of class attributes (outside the class), the **primary mechanism for hiding data** is to **put** it in a class and make it private using **private** keyword. **This is also known as data field encapsulation.**



Hidden from Whom?

- *Data hiding means hiding data from parts of the program that don't need to access it.* More specifically, one class's data is hidden from other classes.
- **Data hiding** is designed to protect well-intentioned programmers from mistakes.



A Simple Program – Accessing *Member Function*

```
class Circle
```

```
{
```

```
    private:
```

```
        double radius;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    Circle()
```

```
    {    radius = 5.0;    }
```

```
    double getArea()
```

```
    { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
```

```
};
```

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Circle    C1;
```

```
    //C1.radius = 10;    can't access private member outside the class
```

```
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
```

```
}
```

C1 Object Instance

: C1

radius: 5.0

Allocate memory
for radius



A Simple Program – *Default Constructor*

```
class Circle
```

```
{
```

```
    private:
```

```
        double radius;
```

```
    public:
```

```
        //Default Constructor
```

```
        Circle()
```

```
        { // No Constructor Here }
```

```
        double getArea()
```

```
        { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
```

```
};
```

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Circle C1;
```

```
    //C1.radius = 10;    can't access private member outside the class
```

```
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
```

```
}
```

C1 Object Instance

: C1

radius: Any Value

Allocate memory
for radius



Object Construction with Arguments

- The syntax to declare **an object using a constructor with arguments** is:

ClassName objectName(arguments);

- For example, the **following declaration creates an object named *circle1* by invoking the *Circle* class's constructor with a specified radius *5.5*.**

Circle circle1(5.5);

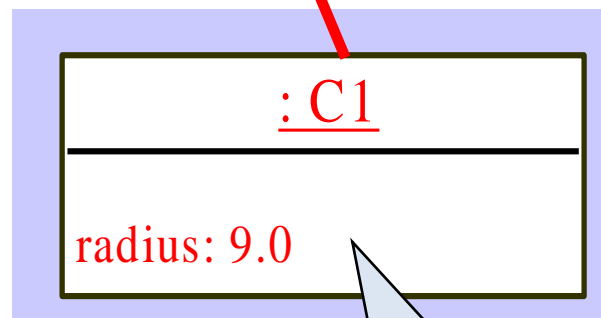


A Simple Program – *Constructor with Arguments*

```
class Circle
{
    private:
        double radius;
    public:
        Circle( ) {}
        Circle(double rad)
        { radius = rad; }
        double getArea()
        { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
};
```

```
void main()
{
    Circle C1(9.0);
    //C1.radius = 10;    can't access private member outside the class
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
}
```

C1 Object Instance



Allocate memory
for radius



Output of the following Program?

```
class Circle
{
    private:
        double radius;

    public:
        //Circle( ) { }

        Circle(double rad)
        {    radius = rad;    }
        double getArea()
        { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
};
```

```
void main()
{
    Circle C1;
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
}
```



const Member Functions

- **const Member Functions:** Read-only functions cannot modify object's data members

```
unsigned long getNr()    const { return nr; }  
double        getState() const { return state; }
```



Constant Functions

```
class Circle
{
    private:
        double radius;
    public:
        Circle ()
        {   radius = 1;   }
        Circle(double rad)
        {   radius = rad; }
        double getArea() const
        { return radius * radius * 3.14159; }
};
```

const member
function **cannot**
update/change
object's data

```
void main()
{
    Circle    C2(8.0);
    Circle    C1;
    cout<<"Area of circle = "<<C1.getArea();
}
```


Accessors and Mutators(Getters & Setters)

- **Accessors:** member function only **reads/gets value** from a **class's member variable** but **does not change it.**
- **Mutators:** member function that **stores a value** in **member variable**

```
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        double width;
    public:
        void setWidth(double);
        void setLength(double);
        double getWidth() const;
        double getLength() const;
        double getArea() const;
    private:
        double length;
};
```



const Objects

- **const Object: Read-only** objects
 - Object data members can only be read, **NO write/update of data member allowed**
 - **Requires** all member functions be **const** (except constructors and destructors)
 - **const object must be initialized** (using constructors) at **the time of object creation**

```
const Account inv("YMCA, FL", 5555, 5000.0);
```



const Objects

- **const** **property** of an **object** goes into effect after the constructor finishes executing and ends before the class's destructor executes
 - So the constructor and destructor *can modify the object*



Pointers to Objects

- You can also **define pointers to class objects**

```
Rectangle myRectangle;           // A Rectangle object
Rectangle *rectPtr = nullptr;    // A Rectangle pointer
rectPtr = &myRectangle;         // rectPtr now points to myRectangle
```

- You can use ***** and **.** operators OR **->** to access members:

```
rectPtr->setWidth(12.5);
rectPtr->setLength(4.8);
```



Pointers to Objects

- Dynamic Object Creation

```
1  // Define a Rectangle pointer.
2  Rectangle *rectPtr = nullptr;
3
4  // Dynamically allocate a Rectangle object.
5  rectPtr = new Rectangle;
6
7  // Store values in the object's width and length.
8  rectPtr->setWidth(10.0);
9  rectPtr->setLength(15.0);
10
11 // Delete the object from memory.
12 delete rectPtr;
13 rectPtr = nullptr;
```



Reference to Objects

- Reference is an **alias** to an **existing object**

```
6 // class Count definition
7 class Count
8 {
9     public: // public data is dangerous
10         // sets the value of private data member x
11         void setX( int value )
12         {
13             x = value;
14         } // end function setX
15
16         // prints the value of private data member x
17         void print()
18         {
19             cout << x << endl;
20         } // end function print
21
22     private:
23         int x;
24 }; // end class Count
```



Reference to Objects

```
26 int main()
27 {
28     Count counter; // create counter object
29     Count *counterPtr = &counter; // create pointer to counter
30     Count &counterRef = counter; // create reference to counter
31
32     cout << "Set x to 1 and print using the object's name: ";
33     counter.setX( 1 ); // set data member x to 1
34     counter.print(); // call member function print
35
36     cout << "Set x to 2 and print using a reference to an object: ";
37     counterRef.setX( 2 ); // set data member x to 2
38     counterRef.print(); // call member function print
39
40     cout << "Set x to 3 and print using a pointer to an object: ";
41     counterPtr->setX( 3 ); // set data member x to 3
42     counterPtr->print(); // call member function print
43 } // end main
```

```
Set x to 1 and print using the object's name: 1
Set x to 2 and print using a reference to an object: 2
Set x to 3 and print using a pointer to an object: 3
```



Reference and Pointers to Objects

```
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        int w; int h;

    public:
        Rectangle () {}
        void SetWidth(int ww) { w=ww; }
        void SetHeight(int hh) { h=hh;}
        int getArea() { return w*h; }
};

int main() {
    Rectangle r1;
    Rectangle *ptr = &r1;
    Rectangle &ref = r1;
    Rectangle* &ref2 = ptr;

    r1.SetHeight(5);
    r1.SetWidth(4);
    cout<<"\n Area (object) = "<<r1.getArea();
    cout<<"\n Area (pointer) = "<<ptr->getArea();
    cout<<"\n Area (reference to obj) = "<<ref.getArea();
    cout<<"\n Area (reference to pointer) = "<<ref2->getArea();
    return 0;
}
```

```
Area (object) = 20
Area (pointer) = 20
Area (reference to obj) = 20
Area (reference to pointer) = 20

...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console. □
```




Constructors and Destructors



Constructors

- A **constructor is a special function used to create an object.** Constructor has **exactly** the **same name** as the **defining class**
- **Constructors** can be **overloaded** (i.e., multiple constructors with **different signatures**) [**Purpose: making it easy to construct objects with different initial data values**).
- A **class** may be **declared without constructors**. In this case, a **no-argument constructor with an empty body** is **implicitly declared** in the class known as **default constructor**
- **Note: Default constructor is provided automatically *only if no constructors are explicitly declared* in the class.**



Constructors' Properties

- *must have the same name as the class* itself.
- *do not have a return type*—*not even void*.
- *play the role of initializing objects*.



Constructors and Destructors

- **Constructor** is a function in every class which is **called** when **class creates its object**
 - Basically it **helps in** initializing data members of the class
 - A class may have multiple constructors
- **Destructors** is a **function in every class** which is **called** when the **object of a class is destroyed**
 - The main purpose of destructor is to **remove dynamic memories etc.**

Initializing Objects

Notice that **default settings** for the three member variables are set in constructor prototype. **No names are needed**; the defaults are applied in the order the variables are declared.

```
10 // Time abstract data type definition
11 class Time {
12 public:
13     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor
14     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
15     void printMilitary();           // print military time format
16     void printStandard();           // print standard time format
17 private:
18     int hour;           // 0 - 23
19     int minute;         // 0 - 59
20     int second;         // 0 - 59
21 };
22
23 #endif
```

Default Parameters in Constructor

Same constructor, used in overloaded style

```
70
71 int main()
72 {
73     Time t1,           // all arguments defaulted
74         t2(2),         // minute and second defaulted
75         t3(21, 34),    // second defaulted
76         t4(12, 25, 42), // all values specified
77         t5(27, 74, 99); // all bad values specified
78
79     cout << "Constructed with:\n"
80         << "all arguments defaulted:\n    ";
81     t1.printMilitary();
82     cout << "\n    ";
83     t1.printStandard();
84
85     cout << "\nhour specified; minute and second defaulted:"
86         << "\n    ";
87     t2.printMilitary();
88     cout << "\n    ";
89     t2.printStandard();
90
91     cout << "\nhour and minute specified; second defaulted:"
92         << "\n    ";
93     t3.printMilitary();
```

```

94     cout << "\n    ";
95     t3.printStandard();
96
97     cout << "\nhour, minute, and second specified:"
98         << "\n    ";
99     t4.printMilitary();
100    cout << "\n    ";
101    t4.printStandard();
102
103    cout << "\nall invalid values specified:"
104        << "\n    ";
105    t5.printMilitary();
106    cout << "\n    ";
107    t5.printStandard();
108    cout << endl;
109
110    return 0;
111 }

```

OUTPUT

Constructed with:
all arguments defaulted:
00:00
12:00:00 AM

hour specified; minute and second defaulted:
02:00
2:00:00 AM

hour and minute specified; second defaulted:
21:34
9:34:00 PM

hour, minute, and second specified:
12:25
12:25:42 PM

all invalid values specified:
00:00
12:00:00 AM

When only **hour** is specified, **minute** and **second** are set to their default values of 0.



Using Destructors

- **Destructors**
 - Are **member function** of class
 - **Perform termination housekeeping** before the system reclaims the object's memory
 - Name is **tilde (~)** followed by the class name (i.e., **~Time**)
 - Receives **no parameters**, returns no value
 - **One destructor per class** (no overloading)
 - Destructors **cannot be declared** **const**, **static**
 - A **destructor** can be declared **virtual** or **pure virtual**

When Constructors and Destructors Are Called

Constructors and destructors called automatically

- Order depends on scope of objects

1. Global scope objects

- Constructors called before any other function (including `main`)
- Destructors called when `main` terminates (or *`exit` function called*)
- Destructors not called if program terminates with `abort`

2. Automatic local objects

- Constructors called when objects are defined
- Destructors called when objects leave scope
- Destructors not called if the program ends with `exit` or `abort`

```
7 class CreateAndDestroy {
8 public:
9     CreateAndDestroy( int ); // constructor
10    ~CreateAndDestroy();      // destructor
11 private:
12    int data;
13 };
14
15 #endif
```

24

25 CreateAndDestroy::CreateAndDestroy(int value)

26 {

27 data = value;

28 cout << "Object " << data << " constructor";

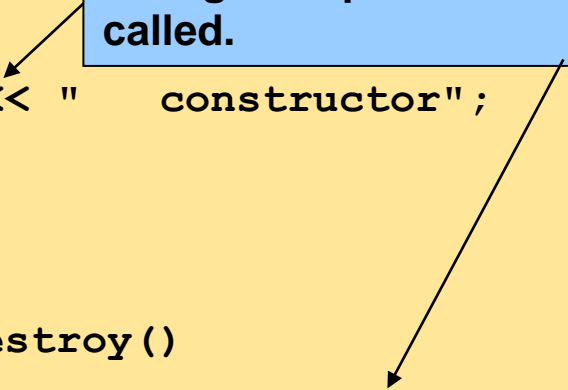
29 }

30

31 CreateAndDestroy::~~CreateAndDestroy()

32 { cout << "Object " << data << " destructor " << endl; }

**Constructor and Destructor
changed to print when they are
called.**

A blue rectangular box with a black border contains the text "Constructor and Destructor changed to print when they are called." Two black arrows originate from the box: one points to the constructor code line (line 28) and the other points to the destructor code line (line 32).

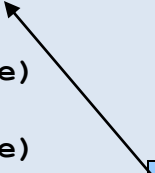
```

42
43 void create( void );    // prototype
44
45 CreateAndDestroy first( 1 ); // global object
46
47 int main()
48 {
49     cout << "    (global created before main)" << endl;
50
51     CreateAndDestroy second( 2 );    // local object
52     cout << "    (local automatic in main)" << endl;
53
54     static CreateAndDestroy third( 3 ); // local object
55     cout << "    (local static in main)" << endl;
56
57     create(); // call function to create objects
58
59     CreateAndDestroy fourth( 4 );    // local object
60     cout << "    (local automatic in main)" << endl;
61     return 0;
62 }
63
64 // Function to create objects
65 void create( void )
66 {
67     CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5 );
68     cout << "    (local automatic in create)" << endl;
69
70     static CreateAndDestroy sixth( 6 );
71     cout << "    (local static in create)" << endl;
72
73     CreateAndDestroy seventh( 7 );
74     cout << "    (local automatic in create)" << endl;
75 }

```

OUTPUT

Object 1	constructor	(global created before main)
Object 2	constructor	(local automatic in main)
Object 3	constructor	(local static in main)
Object 5	constructor	(local automatic in create)
Object 6	constructor	(local static in create)
Object 7	constructor	(local automatic in create)
Object 7	destructor	
Object 5	destructor	
Object 4	constructor	(local automatic in main)
Object 4	destructor	
Object 2	destructor	
Object 6	destructor	
Object 3	destructor	
Object 1	destructor	



Notice how the order of the constructor and destructor call depends on the types of variables (automatic, global and static) they are associated with.



Destructor Example

```
void f1()  
{  
    Employee *c = new Employee[3];  
    c[0].var1 = 322;  
    c[1].var1 = 5  
    c[2].var1 = 9;  
}
```



When do Constructors Get Called?

- Class **object creation time**
- **Dynamically allocated object**
- Class **argument passed by value**
- Class **object returned by value**
- **Object Array element (created)**



What Constructors Do

- **Help in initializing:** class data members

```
Employee( ) { id = 0; }
```

- **Allocate memory** for **dynamic members**

```
Employee() { char* nameptr = new char[20]; }
```

- **Allocate** any **needed resources**
 - Such as to open files, etc.



Constructing Arrays of Objects

```
Complex c_arr[10];
```

```
Date date_arr[20];
```

Issue: There is no way to call argument-based constructors (non-default) for array members



Arrays of Objects and Non-Default Constructors

- **Trick:** declare an **array** of pointer to objects
- **Allocate** and **initialize each object in a loop**

```
Date *dates[31];
```

```
for (int day = 0; day < 31; ++day)
{
    dates[day] = new Date(3, day, 2020);
}
```



Default Member-wise Assignment

- **Assignment operator (=)** can be used **to assign** an **object** to **another object** of the **same type**.
- **Member-wise assignment**: each **data member** of the **object** on the **right of the assignment** operator is **assigned individually** to the *same* data member in the **object** on the left



```
class Date
{
public:
    Date( int = 1, int = 1, int = 2000 ); // default constructor
    void print();
private:
    int month;
    int day;
    int year;
}; // end class Date

#endif
```

```
// Date constructor (should do range checking)
Date::Date( int m, int d, int y )
{
    month = m;
    day = d;
    year = y;
} // end constructor Date

// print Date in the format mm/dd/yyyy
void Date::print()
{
    cout << month << '/' << day << '/' << year;
} // end function print
```

```
int main()
{
    Date date1( 7, 4, 2004 );
    Date date2; // date2 defaults to 1/1/2000

    cout << "date1 = ";
    date1.print();
    cout << "\ndate2 = ";
    date2.print();

    date2 = date1; // default memberwise assignment

    cout << "\n\nAfter default memberwise assignment, date2 = ";
    date2.print();
    cout << endl;
} // end main
```

```
date1 = 7/4/2004
date2 = 1/1/2000
```

```
After default memberwise assignment, date2 = 7/4/2004
```



Default copy constructor

- A type of **constructor** that is used to **initialize an object with another object of the same type** is known as **default copy constructor**.
- It is **by default available in all classes**
- syntax is **ClassName(ClassName &Variable)**



Copy Constructor for Class Date

```
Date::Date(Date &date)
{
    // no need to check passed date arg
    month = date.month;
    day   = date.day;
    year  = date.year;
}
```



Uses of the Copy Constructor

- **Implicitly called in 3 situations:**
 1. **defining a new object** from an **existing object**
 2. **passing an object by value**
 3. **returning an object by value**

Copy Constructor: Defining a New Object

```
Date d1(02,28,2020);
```

```
// init 2 local objects from d1
```

```
Date d2(d1); // pass by value
```

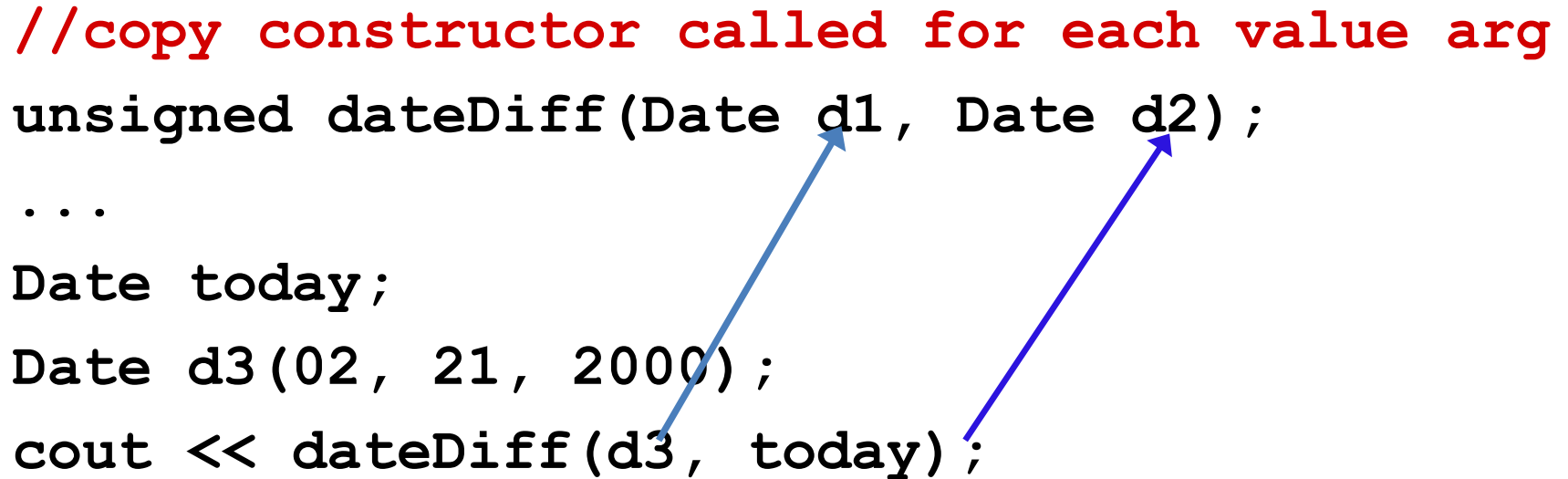
```
Date d3 = d1; // return value
```

```
// init a dynamic object from d1
```

```
Date* pdate = new Date(d1);
```

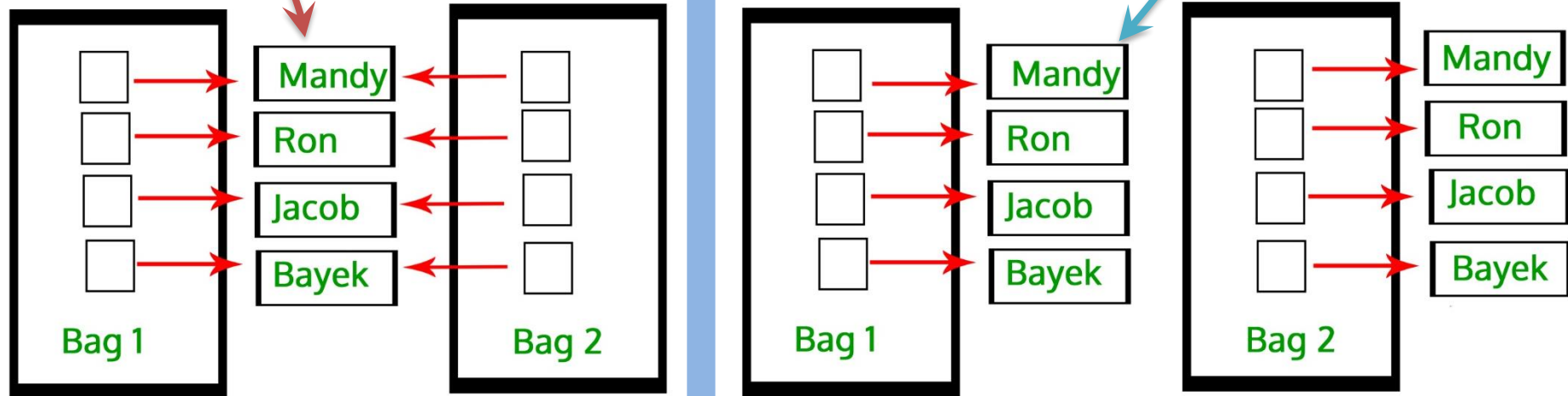
Copy Constructor: Passing Objects by Value

```
//copy constructor called for each value arg
unsigned dateDiff(Date d1, Date d2);
...
Date today;
Date d3(02, 21, 2000);
cout << dateDiff(d3, today);
```



User-defined Copy Constructor, when required?

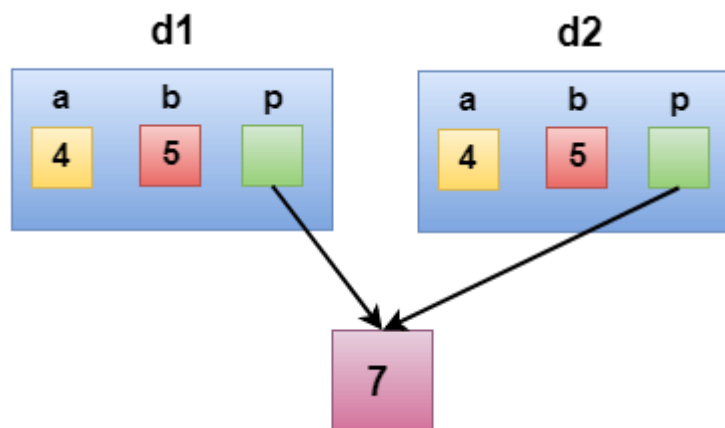
- **Default-copy Constructor** do only “Shallow Copy”
- We need **user-defined copy-constructor**,
 - When we need “Deep Copy” (for Dynamic Memory)





Shallow Copy

```
1. class Demo
2. {
3.     int a;
4.     int b;
5.     int *p;
6.     public:
7.     Demo()
8.     {
9.         p=new int;
10.    }
11.    void setdata(int x,int y,int z)
12.    {
13.        a=x;
14.        b=y;
15.        *p=z;
16.    }
17.    void showdata()
18.    {
19.        std::cout << "value of a is : " <<a<< std::endl;
20.        std::cout << "value of b is : " <<b<< std::endl;
21.        std::cout << "value of *p is : " <<*p<< std::endl;
22.    }
```



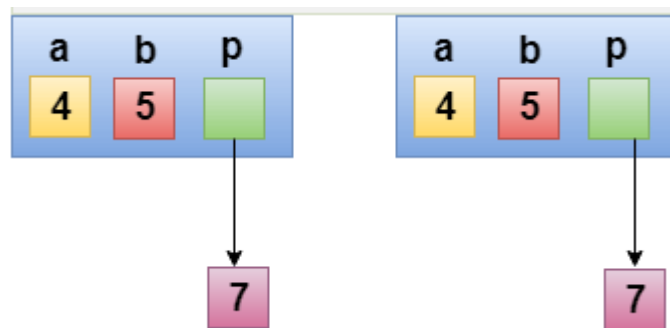


Deep Copy

```
1. class Demo
2. {
3.     public:
4.         int a;
5.         int b;
6.         int *p;
7.
8.         Demo()
9.         {
10.            p=new int;
11.        }
12.        Demo(Demo &d)
13.        {
14.            a = d.a;
15.            b = d.b;
16.            p = new int;
17.            *p = *(d.p);
18.        }
19.        void setdata(int x,int y,int z)
20.        {
21.            a=x;
22.            b=y;
23.            *p=z;
24.        }
```



```
1.  
2.  void showdata()  
3.  {  
4.      std::cout << "value of a is : " <<a<< std::endl;  
5.      std::cout << "value of b is : " <<b<< std::endl;  
6.      std::cout << "value of *p is : " <<*p<< std::endl;  
7.  }  
8. };  
9. int main()  
10. {  
11.     Demo d1;  
12.     d1.setdata(4,5,7);  
13.     Demo d2 = d1;  
14.     d2.showdata();  
15.     return 0;  
16. }
```





static, const, and this Pointer



static Class Members

- **static class members**
 - Shared by all objects of a class
 - **Efficient**, when a single copy of data is enough
 - Only the **static** variable has to be **updated**
 - May seems like global variables, but have class scope
 - only accessible to **objects** of **same class**
 - **Initialized** at file scope
 - **Exist** even if no instances (objects) of the class exist
 - Both **variables** and **functions** can be **static**
 - Can be **public**, **private** or **protected**



static Class Variables

- **Two-Step Procedure:**

1. **Declare (Inside Class):** `static int radius;`
2. **Define (Outside Class):** `int Circle::radius=2;`

- **static Variables**

- **Default Initialization:** **0** or **Null** (for pointers)
- **Initialization:** **user defined value**
- **Initialization** is **made just once**, at **compile time**.
- **Accessibility:** **Private** or **Public**



Public static Class Variables

- Can be **accessed** using **Class name**:

```
cout<<Employee::count;
```

- Can be **accessed** via any **class' object**:

```
cout<<e1.count;
```

- Can be **accessed** via **Non-Static** member functions:

```
cout<<e1.getCount();
```

- Can be **accessed** via **Static** member functions:

```
cout<<Employee::Stat_getCount();
```

```
cout<<e1.Stat_getCount(); //public static
```



Private static Class Variables

- Cannot be accessed using Class name:

```
// ERROR → cout<<Employee::count;
```

- Cannot be accessed via class' object:

```
// ERROR → cout<<e1.count;
```

- Can be accessed via Non-Static member functions:

```
cout<<e1.getCount();
```

- Can be accessed via Static member functions:

```
cout<<Employee::Stat_getCount();
```

```
cout<<e1.Stat_getCount(); //public static
```



static Class Functions

- **Non-static function:**
 - Can access: static/non-static data members and static/non-static methods
- **Static functions:**
 - Can access: static data and static functions
 - Cannot access: **non-static** data, **non-static** functions, and **this** pointer

Public static Class Functions

–Can be invoked using class's any object:

```
cout<<e1.getCount();
```

–Can be invoked using Class name:

```
cout<<Employee::getCount();
```

Private static Class Functions

–Cannot be invoked using class's object

//ERROR → cout<<e1.getCount();

–Cannot be invoked using Class name

//ERROR → cout<<Employee::getCount();

–Can be invoked within Class:

- Static member functions
- Non-Static member functions

```

1 // Fig. 7.9: employ1.h
2 // An employee class
3 #ifndef EMPLOY1_H
4 #define EMPLOY1_H
5
6 class Employee {
7 public:
8     Employee( const char*, const char* ); // constructor
9     ~Employee(); // destructor
10    const char *getFirstName() const; // return first name
11    const char *getLastName() const; // return last name
12
13    // static member function
14    static int getCount(); // return # objects instantiated
15
16 private:
17    char *firstName;
18    char *lastName;
19
20    // static data member
21    static int count; // number of objects instantiated
22 };
23
24 #endif

```

**static member function and
variable declared.**

```

25 // Fig. 7.9: employ1.cpp
26 // Member function definitions for class Employee
27 #include <iostream>
28
29 using std::cout;
30 using std::endl;
31
32 #include <cstring>
33 #include <cassert>
34 #include "employ1.h"
35
36 // Initialize the static data member
37 int Employee::count = 0;
38
39 // Define the static member function that
40 // returns the number of employee objects instantiated.
41 int Employee::getCount() { return count; }
42
43 // Constructor dynamically allocates space for the
44 // first and last name and uses strcpy to copy
45 // the first and last names into the object
46 Employee::Employee( const char *first, const char *last )
47 {
48     firstName = new char[ strlen( first ) + 1 ];
49     assert( firstName != 0 ); // ensure memory allocated
50     strcpy( firstName, first );
51
52     lastName = new char[ strlen( last ) + 1 ];
53     assert( lastName != 0 ); // ensure memory allocated
54     strcpy( lastName, last );
55
56     ++count; // increment static count of employees

```

static data member `count` and function `getCount()` **initialized at file scope (required).**

Note the use of **assert** to **test for memory allocation.**

static data member `count` changed when a constructor/destructor called.


```

57     cout << "Employee constructor for " << firstName
58         << ' ' << lastName << " called." << endl;
59 }
60
61 // Destructor deallocates dynamically allocated memory
62 Employee::~~Employee()
63 {
64     cout << "~Employee() called for " << firstName
65         << ' ' << lastName << endl;
66     delete [] firstName; // recapture memory
67     delete [] lastName; // recapture memory
68     --count; // decrement static count of employees
69 }
70
71 // Return first name of employee
72 const char *Employee::getFirstName() const
73 {
74     // Const before return type prevents client from modifying
75     // private data. Client should copy returned string before
76     // destructor deletes storage to prevent undefined pointer.
77     return firstName;
78 }
79
80 // Return last name of employee
81 const char *Employee::getLastName() const
82 {
83     // Const before return type prevents client from modifying
84     // private data. Client should copy returned string before
85     // destructor deletes storage to prevent undefined pointer.
86     return lastName;
87 }

```

static data member count
changed when a
constructor/destructor called.

Count decremented
because of
destructor calls from
delete.

```
88 // Fig. 7.9: fig07_09.cpp
89 // Driver to test the employee class
```

```
90 #include <iostream>
```

```
91
92 using std::cout;
93 using std::endl;
94
```

count incremented because of constructor calls from new.

If no **Employee** objects exist **getCount** must be accessed using the class name and (**::**).

```
95 #include "employ1.h"
```

```
96
97 int main()
98 {
99     cout << "Number of employees before instantiation is "
```

Number of employees before instantiation is 0

```
100     << Employee::getCount() << endl;    // e2Ptr->getCount() or Employee::getCount() would
101
102     Employee *e1Ptr = new Employee( "Susan", "Baker" );
103     Employee *e2Ptr = new Employee( "Robert", "Jones" );
```

e2Ptr->getCount() or Employee::getCount() would also work.

```
104
105     cout << "Number of employees after instantiation is "
```

Number of employees after instantiation is 2

```
106     << e1Ptr->getCount();
107
108     cout << "\n\nEmployee 1: "
```

Employee constructor for Susan Baker called.
Employee constructor for Robert Jones called.

```
109     << e1Ptr->getFirstName()
110     << " " << e1Ptr->getLastName()
111     << "\nEmployee 2: "
```

Employee 1: Susan Baker
Employee 2: Robert Jones

```
112     << e2Ptr->getFirstName()
113     << " " << e2Ptr->getLastName() << "\n\n";
```

```
114
115     delete e1Ptr;    // recapture memory
```

```
116     e1Ptr = 0;
117     delete e2Ptr;    // recapture memory
```

~Employee() called for Susan Baker
~Employee() called for Robert Jones

```
118     e2Ptr = 0;
```

```
119
120     cout << "Number of employees after deletion is "
121         << Employee::getCount() << endl;
122
123     return 0;
124 }
```

count back to zero.

A blue rectangular callout box with a black border contains the text "count back to zero.". Two black arrows originate from the box: one points to the line number "121" of the code block, and the other points to the line number "123" of the code block.

```
Number of employees before instantiation is 0
Employee constructor for Susan Baker called.
Employee constructor for Robert Jones called.
Number of employees after instantiation is 2
```

```
Employee 1: Susan Baker
Employee 2: Robert Jones
```

```
~Employee() called for Susan Baker
~Employee() called for Robert Jones
Number of employees after deletion is 0
```



const Class Members

- As with **member functions**, **data members** can also be **const**
- **Member_INITIALIZER List:**
 - Can be used to initialize both **const** and **non-const** data members
 - **consts** and **references** **must be initialized** using member initializer

Member Initializer List (Non-const Members)

```
class Point {  
private:  
    int x;  
    int y;  
public:
```

```
    Point(int i = 2, int j = 3):y(i) {x=j;}
```

/* The above use of Initializer list is optional as the constructor can also be written as:

```
    Point(int i = 0, int j = 0) {  
        x = i;  
        y = j;  
    } */
```

```
    int getX() const {return x;}
```

```
    int getY() const {return y;}
```

```
};
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    Point t1(10, 15);
```

```
    cout<<"x = "<<t1.getX()<<" , ";
```

```
    cout<<"y = "<<t1.getY();
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Member Initializer List (non-static const)

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class Test {
    const int t;
public:
    Test(int x):t(x) {} //Initializer list must be used
    int getT() { return t; }
};

int main() {
    Test t1(10);
    cout<<t1.getT();
    return 0;
}
```

Member Initializer List (References)

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class Test {
    int &cRef;
public:
    Test(int &ref):cRef(ref) {} //Initializer list must be used
    int getRef() { return cRef; }
};

int main() {
    int x = 20;
    Test t1(x);
    cout<<t1.getRef()<<endl;
    x = 30;
    cout<<t1.getRef()<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Member Initializer List (member object, no default constructor)

```
class A {
    int i;
public:
    A(int);
};

A::A(int arg) {
    i = arg;
    cout << "A's Constructor called: Value of i: " << i << endl;
}

// Class B contains object of A
class B {
    A a;
public:
    B(int );
};

B::B(int x):a(x) { //Initializer list must be used
    cout << "B's Constructor called";
}

int main() {
    B obj(10);
    return 0;
}
```


Member Initializer List

(parameter name same as data member)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class A {
    int i;
public:
    A(int );
    int getI() const { return i; }
};

A::A(int i):i(i) { } // Either Initializer list or this pointer must be used
/* The above constructor can also be written as
A::A(int i) {
    this->i = i;
}
*/

int main() {
    A a(10);
    cout<<a.getI();
    return 0;
}
```

Member_INITIALIZER List (base class members)

Will be discussed in chapters
after midterm



The *this* Pointer

- *this* keyword is a special built-in pointer (constant pointer) that references to the calling object.
- *this* pointer is passed as a hidden argument to all non-static member function and is available as a local variable within the body of all non-static functions.
 - Not part of the object itself (this pointer is not reflected with sizeof(object))
- Can be used to access instance variables within constructors and member functions



Using the **this** Pointer

- **Examples using **this****

- For a **member function** print data member **x**, either

`this->x;`

or

`(*this).x`

- **Cascaded member function calls:**

- **Function** returns a **reference pointer** to the same object

```
{ return *this; }
```

- Other **functions** can **operate** on **that pointer**

Using the this Pointer

- **Example of cascaded member function calls:**
 - Member functions `setHour`, `setMinute`, and `setSecond` all return `*this` (*reference to an object*)
 - For **object** `t`, consider:
`t.setHour(1).setMinute(2).setSecond(3);`
 - Executes `t.setHour(1)`, returns `*this` (reference to object) and the expression becomes
`t.setMinute(2).setSecond(3);`
 - Executes `t.setMinute(2)`, returns reference and becomes
`t.setSecond(3);`
 - Executes `t.setSecond(3)`, returns reference and becomes
`t; (Has no effect)`

```

1 // Fig. 7.7: fig07_07.cpp
2 // Using the this pointer to refer to object members.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 class Test {
9 public:
10     Test( int = 0 );           // default constructor
11     void print() const;
12 private:
13     int x;
14 };
15
16 Test::Test( int a ) { x = a; } // constructor
17
18 void Test::print() const // ( ) around *this required
19 {
20     cout << "        x = " << x
21         << "\n  this->x = " << this->x
22         << "\n(*this).x = " << ( *this ).x << endl;
23 }
24
25 int main()
26 {
27     Test testObject( 12 );
28
29     testObject.print();
30
31     return 0;
32 }

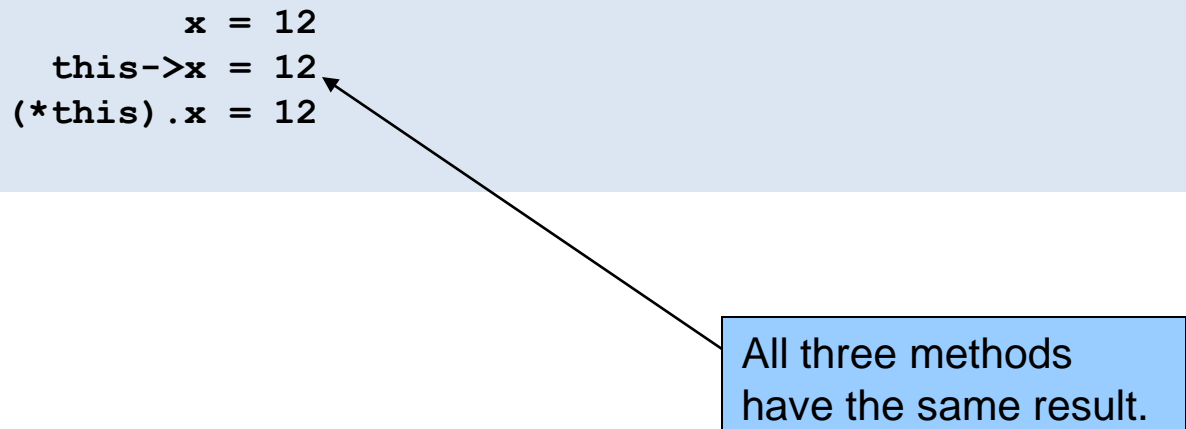
```

Printing x directly.

Print x using the arrow -> operator off the this pointer.

Printing x using the dot (.) operator. Parenthesis required because dot operator has higher precedence than *. Without, interpreted incorrectly as *(this.x).

```
x = 12  
this->x = 12  
(*this).x = 12
```



All three methods
have the same result.

```

1 // Fig. 7.8: time6.h
2 // Cascading member function calls.
3
4 // Declaration of class Time.
5 // Member functions defined in time6.cpp
6 #ifndef TIME6_H
7 #define TIME6_H
8
9 class Time {
10 public:
11     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor
12
13     // set functions
14     Time &setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
15     Time &setHour( int ); // set hour
16     Time &setMinute( int ); // set minute
17     Time &setSecond( int ); // set second
18
19     // get functions (normally declared const)
20     int getHour() const; // return hour
21     int getMinute() const; // return minute
22     int getSecond() const; // return second
23
24     // print functions (normally declared const)
25     void printMilitary() const; // print military time
26     void printStandard() const; // print standard time
27 private:
28     int hour; // 0 - 23
29     int minute; // 0 - 59
30     int second; // 0 - 59
31 };
32
33 #endif

```

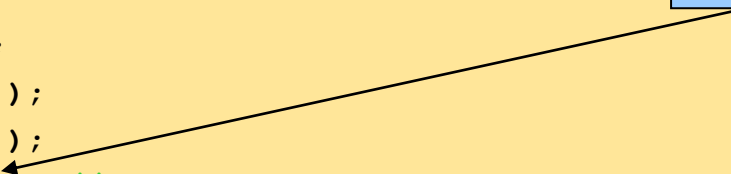
Notice the **Time &** - function returns a **reference to a Time object**.
Specify object in function definition.


```

34 // Fig. 7.8: time.cpp
35 // Member function definitions for Time class.
36 #include <iostream>
37
38 using std::cout;
39
40 #include "time6.h"
41
42 // Constructor function to initialize private data.
43 // Calls member function setTime to set variables.
44 // Default values are 0 (see class definition).
45 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
46     { setTime( hr, min, sec ); }
47
48 // Set the values of hour, minute, and second.
49 Time &Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
50 {
51     setHour( h );
52     setMinute( m );
53     setSecond( s );
54     return *this;    // enables cascading
55 }
56
57 // Set the hour value
58 Time &Time::setHour( int h )
59 {
60     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0;
61
62     return *this;    // enables cascading
63 }
64

```

Returning `*this` enables cascading function calls

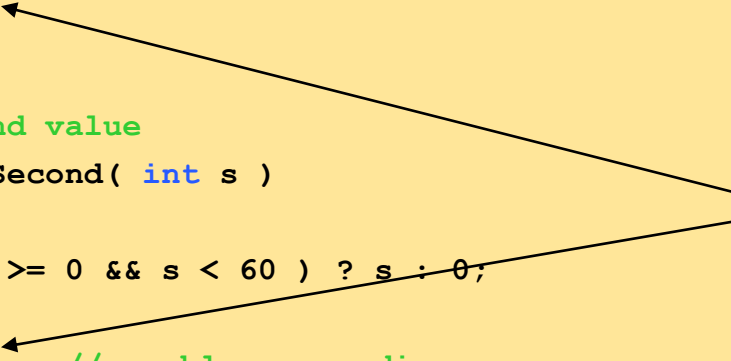


```

65 // Set the minute value
66 Time &Time::setMinute( int m )
67 {
68     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0;
69
70     return *this;    // enables cascading
71 }
72
73 // Set the second value
74 Time &Time::setSecond( int s )
75 {
76     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0;
77
78     return *this;    // enables cascading
79 }
80
81 // Get the hour value
82 int Time::getHour() const { return hour; }
83
84 // Get the minute value
85 int Time::getMinute() const { return minute; }
86
87 // Get the second value
88 int Time::getSecond() const { return second; }
89
90 // Display military format time: HH:MM
91 void Time::printMilitary() const
92 {
93     cout << ( hour < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << hour << ":"
94         << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute;

```

Returning `*this` enables
cascading function calls



```

95 }
96
97 // Display standard format time: HH:MM:SS AM (or PM)
98 void Time::printStandard() const
99 {
100     cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
101             << ":" << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute
102             << ":" << ( second < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << second
103             << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
104 }
105 // Fig. 7.8: fig07_08.cpp
106 // Cascading member function calls together
107 // with the this pointer
108 #include <iostream>
109
110 using std::cout;
111 using std::endl;
112
113 #include "time6.h"
114
115 int main()
116 {
117     Time t;
118
119     t.setHour( 18 ).setMinute( 30 ).setSecond( 22 );
120     cout << "Military time: ";
121     t.printMilitary();
122     cout << "\nStandard time: ";
123     t.printStandard();
124
125     cout << "\n\nNew standard time: ";
126     t.setTime( 20, 20, 20 ).printStandard();

```

`printStandard` does not return a reference to an object.

Notice cascading function calls.

Cascading function calls. `printStandard` must be called after `setTime` because `printStandard` does not return a reference to an object. `t.printStandard().setTime();` would cause an error.

```
127         cout << endl;
```

```
128
```

```
129         return 0;
```

```
130     }
```

Military time: 18:30

Standard time: 6:30:22 PM

New standard time: 8:20:20 PM