Class, Function Overloading, and Constructor/Destructor

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Classes





Classes

- Class is user-defined type
- Specifies followings
 - How objects of class are represented
 - Operations that can be performed on objects of class





Class Members

- Class consists of zero or more members
- Three basic kinds of members (excluding enumerators):
 - Data member
 - Define representation of class object
 - Function member
 - Also called member functions, provide operations on such objects
 - Type member
 - Specify any types associated with class





Access Specifiers

- Control level of access to class members
 - Public
 - Member can be accessed by any code
 - Private
 - Member can only be accessed by other members of class and friends of class
 - Protected
 - Related to inheritance





Example of Class

Typical form of class

```
class Widget // The class is named Widget.

{
  public:
    // public members
    // (i.e., the interface to users)
    // usually functions and types (but not data)
  private:
    // private members
    // (i.e., the implementation details only
    // accessible by members of class)
    // usually functions, types, and data
};
```





struct Keyword

- *** struct** is also class
 - members of struct are public by default
- Example

```
struct Employee {
    //... members ...
};

These two are same!

class Employee {
    public:
    // ...
};
```





Data Members

- Data members x and y
- Members accessed by "." operator

```
class Vector_2 { // Two-dimensional vector class.
public:
    double x; // The x component of the vector.
    double y; // The y component of the vector.
};
void func() {
    Vector_2 v;
    v.x = 1.0; // Set data member x to 1.0
    v.y = 2.0; // Set data member y to 2.0
}
```





Function Members

Example code

- Member function: initialize
- scope-selection operator (::)
 - E.g., Vector_2::initialize





const Member Functions

member function indicated with const cannot change value of object

```
#include <iostream>
     class Counter {
     public:
 3
 4
      int getCount() const
            return count; } // count means this->count
 5
      void setCount(int newCount)
             count = newCount; } // count means this-> count
 7
      void incrementCount () const
                       } // count means this->count
             ++count;
10
     private:
       int count; // counter value
11
12
     };
13
14
     int main() {
       Counter ctr;
15
      ctr.setCount(0);
16
      int count = ctr.getCount();
17
      const Counter& ctr2 = ctr;
18
       count = ctr2.getCount(); // get Count better be const!
19
20
       return 0:
21
```





Type Members

- Equivalent expressions
 - using Coordinate = double
 - typedef double Coordinate;

```
#include <iostream>

class Point_2 { // Two-dimensional point class.

public:
    using Coordinate = double; // Coordinate type.
    Coordinate x; // The x coordinate of the point.
    Coordinate y; // The y coordinate of the point.

Point_2():x(1), y(2) {};
};

void main() {
    Point_2::Coordinate x = p.x;
    // Point_2::Coordinate same as double std::cout <<p.x << std::endl;
    getchar();
}</pre>
```





friend Keyword

- Only class has access to its private members
- friend of class is function/class that is allowed to access private members of class
- Example

```
class Gadget; // forward declaration of Gadget

class Widget {
    // ...
        friend void myFunc();
        // function myFunc is friend of Widget
        friend class Gadget;
        // class Gadget is friend of Widget

// ...
};
```

Generally, use of friends should be avoided except when absolutely necessary





Example with *friend*

```
#include <iostream>
1
     class Information {
     public:
 3
       int updateValue(int newValue) { //member function
         int oldValue = value;
         value = newValue;
         return oldValue;
 8
 9
     private:
       friend void friendAccess();
10
       void tempFunction(){};
11
       int value;
12
13
     void friendAccess() {
14
       Information info;
15
       info.tempFunction(); // OK with friend keyword
16
       info.value = 14; // Ok with friend keyword
17
18
     void notFriendAccess() {
19
       Information info;
20
       info.updateValue(14); // OK
21
       info.tempFunction(); //Error: tempFunction is private
22
       info.value = 14; //Error: value is private
23
24
     int main(){
25
     //do nothing
26
     return 0:
```

Using *friend* keyword enables to access the every member of Information class

Note: The effect of friend keyword is not bidirectional!

Only friendAccess() →
Information class is allowed



Function Overloading





Function Overloading

 Multiple functions can have same name as long as they differ in number/type of their arguments

```
#include <iostream>
          void print(int x) { std::cout << "int : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
          void print(char x) { std::cout << "char : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
          void print(double x) { std::cout << "double : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
⊟int main() {
                                  int a = 1024;
                                  char b = (X')
                                  double c = 10.24f;
                                 print(a);
                                 print(b);
                                  print(c);
                                  getchar();
                                                                                                                                                                             ■ C:\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Users\Use
                                   return 0;
                                                                                                                                                                      lchar : X
                                                                                                                                                                        double : 10.24
```





Function Overloading cont'd

Print(b) calls print (int x)

```
#include <iostream>
 void print(int x) { std::cout << "int : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
 //void print(char x) { std::cout << "char : " << x << std::endl; }
 void print(double x) { std::cout << "double : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
⊟int main() {
     int a = 1024;
     char b = (X')
     double c = 10.24f;
     print(a);
     print(b);
     print(c);
     getchar();
     return 0:
                                                   C:\Users\Users\isjang\Docum
                                                      : 1024
                                                  int : 88
                                                  double : 10.24
```





Function Overloading cont'd

Compilation error due to ambiguous call to print function with c

```
#include <iostream>
 void print(int x) { std::cout << "int : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
 void print(char x) { std::cout << "char : " << x << std::endl; }</pre>
 //void print(double x) { std::cout << "double : " << x << std::endl; }
⊟int main() {
      int a = 1024:
      char b = 'X';
     double c = 10.24f;
      print(a);
      print(b);
      print(c);
      getchar();
      return 0:
```





Argument Matching Rule

1. C++ tries to find an exact match

- 2. If no exact match is found, C++ tries to find a match through promotion
 - Char, unsigned char, and short is promoted to an int.
 - Unsigned short can be promoted to int or unsigned int, depending on the size of an int
 - Float is promoted to double
 - Enum is promoted to int

Reference: https://www.learncpp.com/cpp-tutorial/76-function-overloading/

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Argument Matching Rule Cont'd

3. If no promotion is possible, C++ tries to find a match through standard conversion

- Any numeric type will match any other numeric type, including unsigned (e.g. int to float)
- Enum will match the formal type of a numeric type (e.g. enum to float)
- Zero will match a pointer type and numeric type (e.g. 0 to char*, or 0 to float)
- A pointer will match a void pointer
- 4. C++ tries to find a match through user-defined conversion
- 5. Ambiguous matchesmore than one matches → compile-time error

Reference: https://www.learncpp.com/cpp-tutorial/76-function-overloading/





Constructors and Destructors





Constructors

- Constructor is member function that is called automatically when the object created in order to initialize its value
- Has same name as class
- Has no return type
- Can be overloaded
- Cannot be called directly





Default Constructor

- Called with no arguments
 - Automatically provided as public member if no userdeclared constructors

```
∃class Animal {
public:
     Animal() {
          numberOfLeg = 4;
     Animal(int numberOfLeg) {
          this->numberOfLeg = numberOfLeg;
                        Indicates current class
 private:
     int numberOfLes;
 };
 Animal obiAnimal;
                                   What's the difference?
 Animal <u>func</u>An<u>imal</u>();
```





Parameterized Constructor

Constructor can be overloaded with parameters

```
∃class Animal {
public:
     Animal() {
         numberOfLeg = 4;
                                             Constructor overloading
     Animal(int numberOfLeg) {
         this->numberOfLeg = numberOfLeg;
private:
     int numberOfLes;
 Animal obiAnimal;
 Animal <u>func</u>Animal();
```





Explicit and Implicit Call

```
#include <iostream>
2
     class Point {
     private:
         int x, y;
     public:
6
         // Parameterized Constructor
         Point(int x1, int y1)
8
9
10
             x = x1;
11
             y = y1;
12
         int getX()
13
14
15
             return x;
16
         int getY()
17
18
19
             return y;
20
21
     };
                                                             Implicit call of constructor
     int main()
22
23
         // Constructor called
24
                                                               Explicit call of constructor
         Point p1(10, 15);
25
         Point p2 = Point(10,15);
26
         // Access values assigned by constructor
27
         std::cout << "p1.x = " << p1.getX() << ", p1.y = " << p1.getY();
28
29
         return 0;
30
31
```





Copying and Moving

- Copying propagates the value of the source object to the destination object
 - Without modifying the source object



- Moving propagates the value of the source object to the destination object
 - Permitted to modify the source object



In general, moving is more efficient than copying





Copy Constructor

- Used to create object by copying from alreadyexisting object
- ❖ Typical form: T (const T&) /*T is class*/
- Example

```
iclass Animal {
public:
    Animal() { //Default constructor
        numberOfLeg = 4;
    Animal(int numberOfLeg) {
        this->numberOfLeg = numberOfLeg;
    Animal(const Animal& a) //Copy constructor
        numberOfLeg = a.numberOfLeg;
private:
    int numberOfLeg;
                                               Look at how it is
};
                                               invoked!
Animal a:
Animal b(a); //invokes Animal(const Animal&)
Animal c = a; //invokes Animal(const Animal&)
```





Copy Constructor cont'd

Copy constructor with shallow copy

```
□class Animal{
                                                           □void main() {
 public:
                                                 Invoke copy
                                                                   Animal A(10, "Jenny");
     char * name;
                                                 constructor
                                                                 ►Animal B = A;
     int age;
                                                                  A.age = 22;
     Animal(int age_, char* name_) {
                                                                  A.changeName("Brown");
         age = age_;
         name = new char[strlen(name_) + 1];
         strcpy(name, name_);
                                                                  A.printAnimal();
                                                                  B.printAnimal();
     Animal(Animal & a) {//Copy constructor with shallow copy
                                                                   getchar();
         age = a.age;
                            Shallow copy
         name = a.name;
                                                          Output
     void changeName(char *newName) {
                                                           Name: Brown Age: 22
         strcpy(name, newName);
                                                           Name: Brown Age: 10
     void printAnimal() {
         std::cout << "Name: " << name << " Age: "
            << age << std::endl;
                                                              Why the names of
                                                              both A and B are
                                                           changed to Brown?? 😊
```





Copy Constructor cont'd

Copy constructor with deep copy

```
□void main() {
∃class Animal {
 public:
                                                               Animal A(10, "Jenny");
     char * name;
                                                               Animal B = A:
     int age;
                                                               A.age = 22;
    Animal(int age_, char* name_) {
                                                               A.changeName("Brown");
        age = age ;
        name = new char[strlen(name_) + 1];
        strcpy(name, name_);
                                                               A.printAnimal();
                                                               B.printAnimal();
     Animal(Animal & a) {//Copy constructor with deep copy
                                                               getchar();
        age = a.age;
        name = new char[strlen(a.name) + 1];
        strcpy(name, a.name);
                                       Deep copy
                                                           Output
     void changeName(char *newName) {
                                                         Name: Brown Age: 22
        strcpy(name, newName);
                                                         Name: Jenny Age: <u>10</u>
     void printAnimal() {
        std::cout << "Name: " << name << " Age: "
            << age << std::endl:
                                                               Name of B is
                                                             preserved. Why?
```





Copy Constructor cont'd

Shallow copy vs. deep copy (cont'd)

Consideration:

Default copy constructor created by compiler do not support deep copy.

If we need to use deep copy, the copy constructor must be manually created by a programmer!





Move Constructor

- Constructor that takes rvalue
- Used to create object by moving from alreadyexisting object
- ❖ Form: T (T&&)





Constructor Initializer Lists

Data members always initialized in order of declaration, regardless of order in initializer list

```
⊫#include <string.h>
 #include <iostream>
⊟class Mv_cat {
                                                            Order of declaration:
     int age;
     char *name;
                                                            age \rightarrow name
 public:
     Mv_cat();
     My_cat(int x, const char *name);
     My_cat(const My_cat &cat);
     ~My_cat();
     void show_status();
                                                                          Initializer list
 My_cat::My_cat():age(20), name(NULL) { }
 My_cat::My_cat() {
     age = 20)
     name = NULL;

    My_cat::My_cat(const My_cat &cat) {

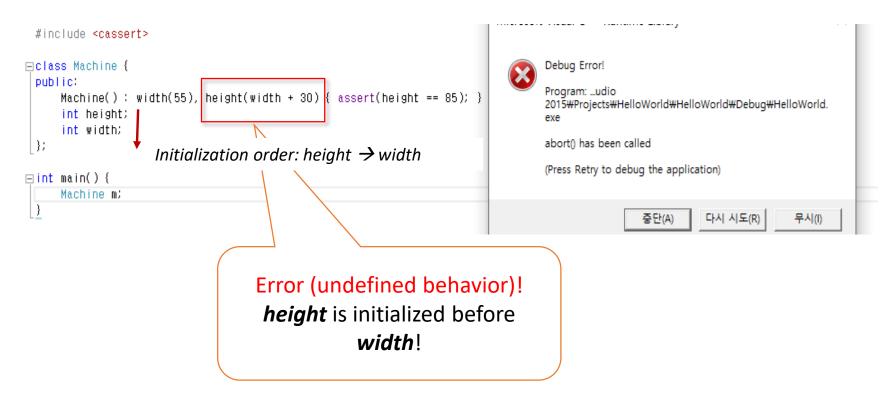
     std::cout << "Copy constructor invocation!" << std::endl;
     name = new char[strlen(cat.name) + 1];
     strcpy(name, cat.name);
```





Constructor Initializer Lists cont'd

Data members always initialized in order of declaration, regardless of order in initializer list







Why Use Initializer List?

Initializer List creates and initializes member variables at the same time

- const values and references must be created and initialized at the same time
 - Therefore, const values and reference should be initialized using initializer list





Destructor

- Destructor is a member function which destructs or deletes an object.
 - Called automatically when the object goes out of scope
 - Function ends
 - Program ends
 - A block that containing local variables ends
 - A delete operator is called
 - Syntax

~ classname() // no return and no argument





Destructor Example

```
IMPORTANT: default
class String
                                                                        destructor does not invoke
                                                                          "delete". Hence, if we
                                                                         have "new" in object, the
private:
                                                                          destructor needs to be
     char *s;
                                                                         written by a programmer!
     int size;
public:
     String(char *); // constructor
                                                    0
     ~String();
                      // destructor
};
                                               No return and no argument
String::String(char *c)
     size = strlen(c);
     s = new char[size+1];
                                                   Why the "delete" is
                                                                            Because of the "new"
     strcpy(s,c);
                                                   invoked?
                                                                            operation, "delete" was
                                                                            invoked.
String::~String()
     delete []s;
                                                  Figure from: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/destructors-c/
```





Copy and Move Constructors

Example use case





Copy Constructor Only

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                       int main() {
                                                                 34
    #include <string.h>
                                                                        Animal A(10, "Jenny");
                                                                 35
    #include <vector>
                                                                 36
                                                                        A.printAnimal();
4
                                                                        std::vector<Animal> vec; //Vector for Animal type
                                                                 37
    class Animal {
                                                                        std::cout << "----1st push-----\n";
6
                                                                 38
7
      char * name:
                                                                        vec.push back(A); //Insert an Animal object to vec
                                                                 39
8
      int age;
                                                                        std::cout << "----\n";
                                                                 40
9
      public:
                                                                        vec.push back(A);
                                                                 41
        Animal(int age , const char* name ) {
10
11
                                                                        std::cout << "----\n";
        age = age ;
                                                                 42
12
        name = new char[strlen(name ) + 1];
                                                                        vec.push back(A);
                                                                 43
        strcpy(name, name );
13
                                                                        std::cout << "----4th push----\n":
                                                                 44
14
                                                                        vec.push back(A);
                                                                 45
15
      Animal(const Animal & a) {//Copy constructor with deep copy
       age = a.age;
16
                                                                        std::cout << "----5th push----\n";
                                                                 46
       name = new char[strlen(a.name) + 1];
17
                                                                        vec.push back(A);
                                                                 47
       strcpy(name, a.name);
18
                                                                 48
       std::cout << "Copy constructor is invoked!!\n";</pre>
19
                                                                        A.printAnimal();
20
                                                                 49
     ~Animal(){
21
                                                                        vec[0].printAnimal();
                                                                 50
      std::cout <<"Destructor!!" << std::endl;</pre>
22
                                                                        vec[1].printAnimal();
                                                                 51
      delete [] name:
23
                                                                        vec[2].printAnimal();
                                                                 52
24
25
      void changeName(const char *newName) {
                                                                 53
                                                                        vec[3].printAnimal();
26
       strcpy(name, newName);
                                                                        vec[4].printAnimal();
                                                                 54
27
                                                                 55
      void printAnimal() {
28
       std::cout << "Name: " << name << " Age: "
                                                                 56
                                                                        return 0;
29
       << age << std::endl;
30
                                                                 57
31
32
```





Copy Constructor Only

```
clang++-7 -pthread -std=c++17 -o main main.cpp
 ./main
Name: Jenny Age: 10
 ----1st push-----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
 ----2nd push-----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
----3rd push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
----4th push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
----5th push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Name: Jenny Age: 10
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
```





With Move Constructor

```
#include <iostream>
     #include <string.h>
     #include <vector>
     class Animal {
6
7
       char * name:
       int age;
     public:
10
       Animal(int age , const char* name ) {
11
         age = age ;
         name = new char[strlen(name ) + 1];
12
13
         strcpy(name, name );
14
       Animal(const Animal & a) {//Copy constructor with deep copy
15
16
         age = a.age;
17
         name = new char[strlen(a.name) + 1];
         strcpy(name, a.name);
18
         std::cout << "Copy constructor is invoked!!\n";</pre>
19
20
       Animal(Animal && a) noexcept {//Move constructor with shallow copy
21
22
         age = a.age;
         name = a.name;
23
24
         std::cout << "Move constructor is invoked!!\n";</pre>
25
         a.name = nullptr;
26
27
       ~Animal() {
         std::cout << "Destructor!!" << std::endl;</pre>
28
         if (name) delete[] name;
29
30
       void changeName(const char *newName) {
31
32
         strcpy(name, newName);
33
       void printAnimal() {
34
35
         std::cout << "Name: " << name << " Age: "
           << age << std::endl;
36
```

```
int main() {
 Animal A(10, "Jenny");
 A.printAnimal();
 std::vector<Animal> vec; //Vector for Animal type
  std::cout << "----1st push----\n";
 vec.push back(A); //Insert an Animal object to vec
 std::cout << "----\n";
 vec.push back(A);
  std::cout << "----\n";
 vec.push back(A);
  std::cout << "----4th push----\n";
 vec.push back(A);
  std::cout << "----5th push----\n";
 vec.push back(A);
 A.printAnimal();
 vec[0].printAnimal();
 vec[1].printAnimal();
 vec[2].printAnimal();
 vec[3].printAnimal();
 vec[4].printAnimal();
  return 0;
```





With Move Constructor

```
clang++-7 -pthread -std=c++17 -o main main.cpp
./main
Name: Jenny Age: 10
----1st push-----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
----2nd push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
----3rd push-----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
----4th push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
----5th push----
Copy constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Move constructor is invoked!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Name: Jenny Age: 10
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
Destructor!!
```

NOTE: move constructors are invoked!!





Let's Run the Code!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R_GIK8oYn3 OM82AKi-3DgJorRmzPt5H2S-ZMR23gmOM/edit?usp=sharing





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