

CIS 190: C/C++ Programming

Classes in C++

Outline

- Header Protection
- Functions in C++
- Procedural Programming vs OOP
- Classes
 - Access
 - Constructors

Headers in C++

- done same way as in C
- including user “.h” files:
`#include "userFile.h"`
- including C++ libraries
`#include <iostream>`

An example

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
  
typedef struct foo{  
    BAR x;  
    char y;  
} FOO;
```

foo.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
#include "foo.h"  
  
int main()  
{  
    BAR i;  
    FOO j;  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

main.c

An example

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    int a;
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when we try
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An example

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typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
#include "foo.h"  
  
int main()  
{  
    BAR i;
```

when we try
to compile
this...

```
In file included from foo.h:1:0,  
                from main.c:2:  
bar.h:1:16: error: redefinition of 'struct bar'  
In file included from main.c:1:0:  
bar.h:1:16: note: originally defined here  
In file included from foo.h:1:0,  
                from main.c:2:  
bar.h:3:3: error: conflicting types for 'BAR'  
In file included from main.c:1:0:  
bar.h:3:3: note: previous declaration of 'BAR' was here
```

What the compiler is "seeing"

```
typedef struct bar{
    int a;
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
typedef struct bar{
    int a;
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct foo{
    BAR x;
    char y;
} FOO;
```

foo.h

#include
"bar.h"

```
typedef struct bar{
    int a;
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct bar{
    int a;
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct foo{
    BAR x;
    char y;
} FOO;
```

```
int main() {
    BAR i;
    FOO j;
    /* ... */
    return 0;
}
```

main.c

#include
"bar.h"

#include
"foo.h"

What the compiler is "seeing"

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typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct foo{  
    BAR x;  
    char y;  
} FOO;
```

foo.h

#include
"bar.h"

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

```
typedef struct foo{  
    BAR x;  
    char y;  
} FOO;
```

```
int main() {  
    BAR i;  
    FOO j;  
    /* ... */  
    return 0;  
}
```

main.c

#include
"bar.h"

#include
"foo.h"

Header Protection

- we want to have the definition of the BAR struct in both:
 - foo.h
 - main.c
- easiest way to solve this problem is through the use of **header guards**

Header Guards

- in each “.h” file, use the following:

```
#ifndef BAR_H    if not (previously) defined  
#define BAR_H    then define
```

```
[CONTENTS OF .H FILE GO HERE]
```

```
#endif /* BAR_H */ stop the “if” at this  
point (end of the file)
```

A fixed example

```
typedef struct bar{  
    int a;  
} BAR;
```

bar.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
  
typedef struct foo{  
    BAR x;  
    char y;  
} FOO;
```

foo.h

```
#include "bar.h"  
#include "foo.h"  
  
int main()  
{  
    BAR i;  
    FOO j;  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

main.c

A fixed example

```
#ifndef BAR_H
#define BAR_H

typedef struct bar{
    int a;
} BAR;

#endif /*BAR_H*/
```

bar.h

```
#ifndef FOO_H
#define FOO_H

#include "bar.h"

typedef struct foo{
    BAR x;
    char y;
} FOO;
```

```
#endif /*FOO_H*/
```

foo.h

```
#include "bar.h"
#include "foo.h"

int main()
{
    BAR i;
    FOO j;

    /* ... */

    return 0;
}
```

main.c

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Functions in C++

- very similar to functions in C
 - variable scope remains the same
 - can still pass things by value, or by reference
 - implicit (arrays) or explicit (pointers)
- a few differences from functions in C
 - no need to pass array length (just use empty brackets)

```
void PrintArray (int arr []);
```

Using `const` in C++ functions

- when used on pass-by-value

```
int SquareNum (int x) {  
    return (x * x);  
}
```

```
int SquareNum (const int x) {  
    return (x * x);  
}
```

Using `const` in C++ functions

- when used on pass-by-value
- no real difference; kind of pointless
 - changes to pass-by-value variables don't last beyond the scope of the function
- **conventionally**: not “wrong,” but not done

Using `const` in C++ functions

- when used on pass-by-reference

```
void SquareNum (int *x) {  
    (*x) = (*x) * (*x); /* fine */  
}
```

```
void SquareNum (const int *x) {  
    (*x) = (*x) * (*x); /* error */  
}
```

Using `const` in C++ functions

- when you compile the “const” version:

```
void SquareNum (const int *x) {  
    (*x) = (*x) * (*x); /* error */  
}
```

```
error: assignment of read-only  
location '*x'
```

Using `const` in C++ functions

- when used on pass-by-reference
- huge difference
 - prevents changes to variables, even when they are passed in by reference
- **conventionally**: use for user-defined types (structs, etc.) but don't use for simple built-in types (int, double, char) except maybe arrays

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Procedural Programming

- up until now, everything we've been doing has been **procedural programming**
- code is divided into multiple procedures
 - procedures operate on data (structures), when given correct number and type of arguments
- examples: PrintTrain(), ReadSingerFile(), DestroyList(), ProcessEvents(), etc.

Object-Oriented Programming

- now that we're using C++, we can start taking advantage of **object-oriented programming**
- code and data are combined into a single entity called a class
 - each instance of a given class is an **object** of that class type
- OOP is more modular, and more transparent

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Example: Date Struct

- implementing a date structure in C:

```
typedef struct date {  
    int    month;  
    int    day;  
    int    year;  
} DATE;
```


Example: Date Class

- implementing a date class in C++:

```
class Date {  
public:  
    int m_month;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

Functions in Classes

- let's add a function to the class that will print out the name of the month, given the number

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
    int m_month;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

OutputMonth

```
void OutputMonth ();
```

- nothing is passed in to the function because it only needs to look at the **m_month** variable
 - which is a *member variable* of the Date class
 - just like OutputMonth()

OutputMonth

```
void Date::OutputMonth() {
    switch (m_month) {
        case 1: cout << "January"; break;
        case 2: cout << "February"; break;
        case 3: cout << "March"; break;
        case 4: cout << "April"; break;
        /* etc */
        case 11: cout << "November"; break;
        case 12: cout << "December"; break;
        default:
            cout << "Error in Date::OutputMonth()";
    }
}
```

OutputMonth

```
void Date : OutputMonth () {
```

include class name;
more than one class
can have a function
with the same name

```
month) {
```

```
cout << "January"; break;
```

```
cout << "February"; break;
```

```
cout << "March"; break;
```

```
cout << "April"; break;
```

```
/* etc */
```

```
case 11: cout << "November"; break;
```

```
case 12: cout << "December"; break;
```

```
default:
```

```
    cout << "Error in Date::OutputMonth()";
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

OutputMonth

```
void Date::OutputMonth() {
```

this double colon is called the *scope resolution operator*, and associates the *member function* **OutputMonth()** with the class **Date**

```
    case 1: cout << "January"; break;  
    case 2: cout << "February"; break;  
    case 3: cout << "March"; break;  
    case 4: cout << "April"; break;  
    case 5: cout << "May"; break;  
    case 6: cout << "June"; break;  
    case 7: cout << "July"; break;  
    case 8: cout << "August"; break;  
    case 9: cout << "September"; break;  
    case 10: cout << "October"; break;  
    case 11: cout << "November"; break;  
    case 12: cout << "December"; break;  
    default:  
        cout << "Error in Date::OutputMonth()";  
}
```

OutputMonth

```
void Date::OutputMonth() {  
    switch (m_month) {  
        case 10: cout << "October"; break;  
        case 11: cout << "November"; break;  
        case 12: cout << "December"; break;  
        default:  
            cout << "Error in Date::OutputMonth()";  
    }  
}
```

we can directly access `m_month` because it is a *member variable* of the **Date** class, to which the **OutputMonth()** function belongs

Using the Date class

```
Date today, birthday;

cout << "Please enter dates as DD MM YYYY" << endl;

// get today's date
cout << "Please enter today's date: ";
cin >> today.m_day >> today.m_month >> today.m_year;

// get user's birthday
cout << "Please enter your birthday: ";
cin >> birthday.m_day >> birthday.m_month
    >> birthday.m_year;

//echo output
cout << "Today's date is " << today.OutputMonth()
    << today.m_day << ", " << today.m_year << endl;
cout << "Your birthday is " << birthday.OutputMonth()
    << birthday.m_day << ", " << birthday.m_year << endl;
```


Using the Date class

```
Date today, birthday;
```

variables **today** and **birthday** are *instances* of the class **Date**

they are both *objects* of type **Date**

```
dates as DD MM YYYY" << endl;
```

```
today's date: ";
```

```
today.m_month >> today.m_year;
```

```
your birthday: ";
```

```
cin >> birthday.m_day >> birthday.m_month  
>> birthday.m_year;
```

```
//echo output
```

```
cout << "Today's date is " << today.OutputMonth()  
      << today.m_day << ", " << today.m_year << endl;
```

```
cout << "Your birthday is " << birthday.OutputMonth()  
      << birthday.m_day << ", " << birthday.m_year << endl;
```

Using the Date class

```
Date today, birthday;
```

```
cout << "Please enter dates as DD MM YYYY" << endl;
```

```
// get today's date
```

```
cout << "Please enter today's date: ";
```

```
cin >> today.m_day >> today.m_month >> today.m_year;
```

when we are not inside the class (as we were in the **OutputMonth()** function) we must use the dot operator to access **today's member variables**

```
//echo output
```

```
cout << "Today's date is " << today.OutputMonth()  
      << today.m_day << ", " << today.m_year << endl;
```

```
cout << "Your birthday is " << birthday.OutputMonth()  
      << birthday.m_day << ", " << birthday.m_year << endl;
```

Using the Date class

```
Date today, birthday;
```

```
cout << "Please enter dates as DD MM YYYY" << endl;
```

```
// get today's date
```

```
cout << "Please enter  
cin >> today.m_day >>
```

```
// get user's birthday
```

```
cout << "Please enter  
cin >> birthday.m_day  
    >> birthday.m_year
```

```
//echo output
```

```
cout << "Today's date is " << today.OutputMonth()  
    << today.m_day << ", " << today.m_year << endl;
```

```
cout << "Your birthday is " << birthday.OutputMonth()  
    << birthday.m_day << ", " << birthday.m_year << endl;
```

we also use the dot operator to call the *member function* **OutputMonth()** on the **Date** object **today**; again, note that we do not need to pass in the *member variable* `m_month`

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Public, Private, Protected

- in our definition of the **Date** class, everything was **public** – this is not good practice!
- we have three different options for *access specifiers*, each with their own role:
 - public
 - private
 - protected

Example: Public, Private, Protected

```
class Date {  
public:  
    int m_month;  
private:  
    int m_day;  
protected:  
    int m_year;  
};
```

Using Public, Private, Protected

- public
 - anything that has access to the **birthday** object also has access to **birthday.m_month**, etc.
- private
 - **m_day** can only be accessed by *member functions* of the **Date** class; cannot be accessed in `main()`, etc.
- protected
 - **m_year** can be accessed by *member functions* of the **Date** class and by member functions of any derived classes (we'll cover this later)

Access specifiers for Date class

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
private:  
    int m_month;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```


New member functions

- now that **m_month**, **m_day**, and **m_year** are *private*, how do we give them values, or retrieve those values?
- write public member functions to provide indirect, controlled access for the user

New member functions

- *accessor functions:*
 - allow retrieval of private data members
 - **GetMonth () , GetDay () , GetYear ()**
- *mutator functions:*
 - allow changing the value of a private data member
 - **SetMonth () , SetDay () , SetYear ()**
- *service functions:*
 - provide support for the operations
 - **OutputMonth ()**

Access specifiers for Date class

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
    int  GetMonth ();  
    int  GetDay ();  
    int  GetYear ();  
    void SetMonth (int m);  
    void SetDay   (int d);  
    void SetYear  (int y);  
private:  
    int m_month;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

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Constructors

- special *member functions* used to create (or “construct”) new objects
- automatically called when an object is created
- initializes the values of all data members

Date class Constructors

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
    Date (int m, int d, int y) ;  
private:  
    int m_month ;  
    int m_day ;  
    int m_year ;  
};
```

Date class Constructors

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
    Date (int m, int d, int y);  
private:  
    int m;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

exact same
name as the
class

Date class Constructors

```
class Date {  
public:  
    void OutputMonth ();  
    Date (int m, int d, int y);  
private:  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

no return
type, not
even void

month;

Constructor Definition

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y)
{
    m_month = m;
    m_day = d;
    m_year = y;
}
```

Constructor Definition

- by using classes with private members and public functions, we can control almost everything
- can prevent “incorrect” values from being accepted by the constructor

Constructor Definition

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y)
{
    if (m > 0 && m <= 12) {
        m_month = m; }
    else { m_month = 1; }
    if (d > 0 && d <= 31) {
        m_day = d; }
    else { m_day = 1; }
    if (y > 0 && y <= 2100) {
        m_year = y; }
    else { m_year = 1; }
}
```

Overloading

- we can define multiple versions of the constructor – we can *overload* the function
- different constructors for:
 - when all values are known
 - when no values are known
 - when some subset of values are known

All Known Values

- have the constructor set user-supplied values

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y)
{
    m_month = m;
    m_day = d;
    m_year = y;
}
```

All Known Values

- have the constructor set user-supplied values

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y)
{
    m_month = m;
    m_day = d;
    m_year = y;
}
```

invoked when
constructor is called
with all arguments

No Known Values

- have the constructor set all default values

```
Date::Date ()  
{  
    m_month = 1;  
    m_day = 1;  
    m_year = 1  
}
```

No Known Values

- have the constructor set all default values

```
Date::Date()
```

```
{
```

```
    m_month = 1;
```

```
    m_day = 1;
```

```
    m_year = 1
```

```
}
```

invoked when
constructor is called
with no arguments

Some Known Values

- have the constructor set some default values

```
Date::Date (int m, int d)
{
    m_month = m;
    m_day = d;
    m_year = 1
}
```

Some Known Values

- have the constructor set some default values

```
Date::Date (int m, int d)
```

```
{  
    m_month = m;  
    m_day = d;  
    m_year = 1  
}
```

invoked when
constructor is called
with some arguments

Overloaded Date Constructor

- so far we have the following constructors:

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y) ;
```

```
Date::Date (int m, int d) ;
```

```
Date::Date () ;
```

- would the following be a valid constructor?

```
Date::Date (int m, int y) ;
```

Avoiding Multiple Constructors

- defining multiple constructors for different known values is a lot of code duplication
- we can avoid this by setting *default parameters* in our constructors

Default Parameters

- in the *function prototype* **only**, provide default values you want the constructor to use

```
Date (int m = 3, int d = 6,  
      int y = 2014) ;
```

Default Parameters

- in the *function definition* literally **nothing changes**

```
Date::Date (int m, int d, int y) {  
    m_month = m;  
    m_day = d;  
    m_year = y;  
}
```

Using Default Parameters

- the following are all valid declarations:

```
Date graduation (5, 19, 2014) ;
```

```
Date today ;
```

```
Date halloween (10, 25) ;
```

```
Date july (4) ;
```

Using Default Parameters

- the following are all valid declarations:

```
Date graduation (5,19,2014) ;
```

```
Date today ;
```

```
Date halloween (10,25) ;
```

```
Date july (4) ;
```

```
// graduation: 5/19/2014
```

```
// today: 3/6/2014
```

```
// halloween: 10/25/2014
```

```
// july: 4/6/2014
```


Using Default Parameters

- the following are all valid declarations:

```
Date graduation (5, 19, 2014) ;
```

```
Date today ;
```

```
Date halloween
```

```
Date july (4)
```

```
// graduation
```

```
// today: 3/6/2014
```

```
// halloween: 10/25/2014
```

```
// july: 4/6/2014
```

NOTE: when you call a constructor with no arguments, you do not give it empty parentheses

Default Constructors

- *default constructor* is provided by compiler
 - will handle declarations of Date instances
- **but**, if you create **any** other constructor, the compiler doesn't provide a default constructor
 - so make sure you always create a default constructor too, even if its body is just empty