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Tutorial 4 – Classes II & STL

Classes II



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Specialty Constructors

- ❖ We introduced some basic constructors last week
- ❖ Some additional specialty constructors exist for different interactions with classes you write
 - ❖ Copy constructor – Constructs an object that is a copy of an existing one
 - ❖ Move constructor – Constructs an object that has the state of an existing one which is ‘deactivated’

Copy Constructor

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. #include <string>
3. class StudentInfo {
4. public:
5.     StudentInfo(int ID, const std::string &name)
6.         : mID {ID}, mName {name} {
7.     }
8.
9.     StudentInfo(const StudentInfo &other)
10.        : mID {other.mID}, mName {other.mName} {
11.        std::cout << "Copy constructor is called.\n";
12.    }
13.
14.    void print() {
15.        std::cout << "mID: " << mID << ", mName: " << mName << '\n';
16.    }
17. private:
18.     int mID {};
19.     std::string mName {};
```

```
1. int main() {
2.     StudentInfo s1 {101, "Emma"};
3.     StudentInfo s2 {s1};
4.     s1.print();
5.     s2.print();
6.
7.     return 0;
8. }
```

Move Constructor

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. #include <string>
3. class StudentInfo {
4. public:
5.     StudentInfo(int ID, const std::string &name)
6.         : mID {ID}, mName {name} {
7.     }
8.
9.     StudentInfo(StudentInfo &&other) noexcept
10.        : mID{std::exchange(other.mID, 0)}
11.        , mName{std::exchange(other.mName, {})} {
12.        std::cout << "Move constructor is called.\n";
13.    }
14.
15.    void print() {
16.        std::cout << "mID: " << mID << ", mName: " << mName << '\n';
17.    }
18. private:
19.     int mID {};
20.     std::string mName {};
21. };
```

```
1. int main() {
2.     StudentInfo s1 {101, "Emma"};
3.     StudentInfo s2 std::move{s1};
4.     s2.print();
5.
6.     return 0;
7. }
```

Copy and Move Assignment

- ❖ As well as copy and move constructors, assignment operators can be implemented for these actions
- ❖ These are used to assign value to already existing objects
- ❖ Review lectures for their implementation

Static Class Members

- ❖ Static members are belonging to an overall class rather than a particular instance (object)
- ❖ There is always one copy of a static member per-class no matter how many instances
- ❖ Can be accessed outside of an object or within
- ❖ Can have either static data members or methods

Static Class Members – Continued

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. class Cube {
3.     public:
4.         // Constructor definition
5.         Cube(double sideLength = 2.0)
6.             : mSideLength {sideLength} {
7.             std::cout << "Constructor called.\n";
8.             // Increase every time object is created
9.             objectCount++;
10.        }
11.        // creating a static function that
            returns static data member
1.        static int getCount() {
2.            return objectCount;
3.        }
4.    private:
5.        static int objectCount;
6.        double mSideLength {};    // Side of a cube
7. };
```

```
1. // Initialize static member of class Cube
2. int Cube::objectCount {0};
3. int main() {
4.     Cube cube1(5.0);    // Declare cube1
5.     Cube cube2(8.0);    // Declare cube2
6.     Cube cube3(10.0);   // Declare cube3
7.     // Print total number of objects.
8.     std::cout << "Total objects: " <<
        Cube::getCount();
9.     return 0;
10. }
```


Operator Overloading

- ❖ Operators (+, -, <<, >>, +=, etc.) are widely used when writing software
- ❖ We can define custom functionality for these for user-defined objects
- ❖ We overload operators for this functionality which act as a function call

Common Operators

Common operators					
assignment	increment decrement	arithmetic	logical	comparison	member access
<pre> a = b a += b a -= b a *= b a /= b a %= b a &= b a = b a ^= b a <<= b a >>= b </pre>	<pre> ++a --a a++ a-- </pre>	<pre> +a -a a + b a - b a * b a / b a % b ~a a & b a b a ^ b a << b a >> b </pre>	<pre> !a a && b a b </pre>	<pre> a == b a != b a < b a > b a <= b a >= b a <=> b </pre>	<pre> a[...] *a &a a->b a.b a->*b a.*b </pre>

Operator Overload Example

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. class NewInt {
3. public:
4.     NewInt(int num) : mInt{num} {}
5.     int getInt() const {return mInt;}
6.
7.     NewInt& operator+=(const NewInt& rhs) {
8.         //binary operator overloading as member function
9.         mInt += rhs.mInt;
10.        return *this;
11.    }
12. private:
13.     int mInt{};
14.};
```

```
1. int main() {
2.     NewInt newInt1{6};
3.     NewInt newInt2{8};
4.     newInt1 += newInt2;
5.     std::cout << "The result is " <<
6.         newInt1.getInt() << ".\n";
7. }
```

Friend Functions

- ❖ A 'friend' function is defined outside of the class, however, has full access to the class members of its arguments of the class
- ❖ Denoted with the "friend" keyword
- ❖ Generally, only used for specific operator overloading

Friend Functions – Continued

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. class Cents {
3. public:
4.     Cents(int cents)
5.         : mCents{ cents } {
6.     }
7.     friend Cents operator+(const Cents &lhs, const Cents &rhs);
8.     friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream &out, const Cents &cents);
9. private:
10.    int mCents {};
11.};

12.// note: this function is a friend function!
13.Cents operator+(const Cents &lhs, const Cents &rhs) {
14.    // use the Cents constructor and operator+(int, int)
15.    return Cents{ lhs.mCents + rhs.mCents };
16.}

17.std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream &out, const Cents &cents) {
18.    out << cents.mCents;
19.    return out;
20.}
```

```
1. int main() {
2.     Cents cents1{ 6 };
3.     Cents cents2{ 8 };
4.     Cents centsSum{ cents1 + cents2 };
5.     std::cout << "I have " << centsSum
6.         << " cents.\n";
7.     return 0;
8. }
```

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STL - Recap

- ❖ STL (standard template library) is part of the standard library and contains a set of customisable:
 - ❖ Containers
 - ❖ Iterators
 - ❖ Algorithms

We will go through each of these now

STL Containers

- ❖ STL containers can be created on any single or set of data types
- ❖ You have already seen these for Array and Vector so far
- ❖ Many other containers exist
- ❖ All containers have the same base (common interface) and they each extend this and implement functionality in their own way

STL Containers

❖ The following containers exist in the STL

Sequence containers	Container adaptors	Associative containers	Unordered Associative containers
array	stack	set	unordered_set
vector	queue	multiset	unordered_multiset
deque	priority_queue	map	unordered_map
forward_list		multimap	unordered_multimap
list			

STL Iterators

- ❖ Iterators are used to point to an individual element of a container
- ❖ Act similar to a raw pointers
- ❖ These allow for general code to be written that functions over all containers (sorting, searching, comparison)

Iterators (*from lecture*)

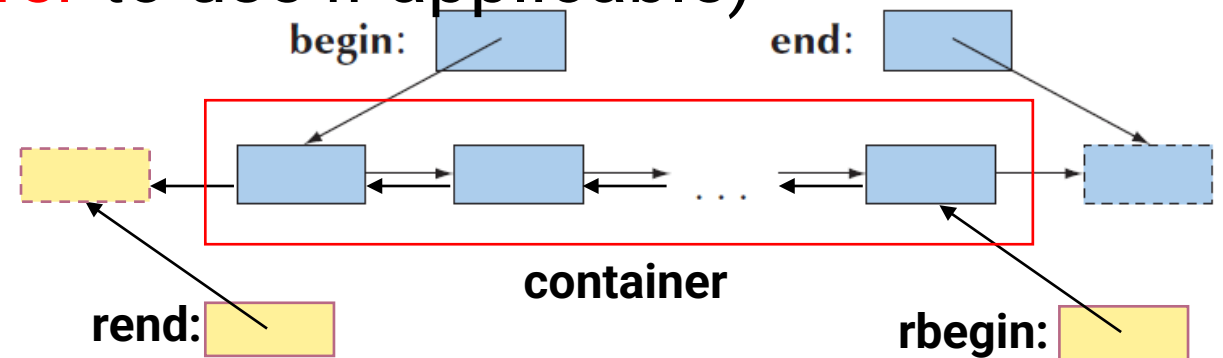
Four main types:

- `.begin()` – first element
- `.end()` – **one after** the final element
- `.rbegin()` – last element (for traversing in **reverse** order)
- `.rend()` – **one before** first element (in **reverse** order)

```
1. for (auto iter=v.begin(); iter!=v.end(); ++iter) {  
2.     // your code  
3. }
```

And the **const** versions, meaning the iterator will **not** allow modification to the container (**safer** to use if applicable)

- `.cbegin()` – `const_iterator`
- `.cend()` – `const_iterator`
- `.crbegin()` – `const_reverse_iterator`
- `.crend()` – `const_reverse_iterator`



Iterators Example

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. #include <vector>
3. #include <iterator>

4. // Use iterator to print the entire vector
5. void print(const std::vector<int> &v) {
6.     for (std::vector<int>::const_iterator iter = v.cbegin(); iter != v.cend(); ++iter) {
7.         // for (auto iter = v.cbegin(); iter != v.cend(); ++iter) {
8.             std::cout << *iter << " ";    // dereference
9.         }
10.    std::cout << '\n';
11. }

12. void printReverse(const std::vector<int> &v) {
13.     for (std::vector<int>::const_reverse_iterator iter = v.crbegin(); iter != v.crend(); ++iter) {
14.         // for (auto iter = v.crbegin(); iter != v.crend(); ++iter) {
15.             std::cout << *iter << " ";    // dereference
16.         }
17.    std::cout << '\n';
18. }

19. int main() {
20.    std::vector<int> v{11, 55, 44, 33, 88};
21.    print(v);
22.    printReverse(v);
23.    return 0;
24. }
```

STL Algorithms

- ❖ The algorithm library in C++ is a collection of functions that act on a range of elements
 - ❖ A range is a sequence accessed by an iterator
- ❖ There are a wide variety of algorithms for different purposes
 - ❖ Review here: <https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/algorithm>
 - ❖ Remember when looking for algorithms, we are working with C++14 so don't select any that only support newer versions

Algorithm Parameters

- ❖ Most of the algorithms have one of the following four forms:
 - ❖ Where *alg* is the name of the algorithm and *beg* and *end* denote the input range on which the algorithm operates.

alg (*beg*, *end*, *other args*) ;

alg (*beg*, *end*, *dest*, *other args*) ;

alg (*beg*, *end*, *beg2*, *other args*) ;

alg (*beg*, *end*, *beg2*, *end2*, *other args*) ;

Algorithms Example

```
1. int main() {
2.     // initialise from C-array using iterators
3.     int array[] {11, 55, 44, 33, 88, 99, 11, 22, 66, 77};
4.     std::vector<int> v(array, array + sizeof(array)/sizeof(int));
5.     print(v);
6.
7.     // Sort
8.     std::sort(v.begin(), v.end()); // entire container [begin(),end())
9.     print(v);
10.
11.    // Reverse
12.    std::reverse(v.begin(), v.begin() + v.size()/2); // First half
13.    print(v);
14.
15.    // Random Shuffle
16.    std::random_shuffle(v.begin() + 1, v.end() - 1); // exclude first and last elements
17.    print(v);
18.
19.    // Search
20.    int num {88};
21.    std::vector<int>::iterator found {find(v.begin(), v.end(), num)};
22.    // auto found {std::find(v.begin(), v.end(), num)};
23.    if (found != v.end()) {
24.        std::cout << "Found " << num << " at the " << std::distance(v.begin(), found) + 1 << "th element.\n";
25.    }
26.    return 0;
27. }
```

Lambda Functions

- ❖ Some algorithms take in a function that is called
- ❖ These are often passed as Lambda functions which can be passed directly as a parameter
 - ❖ This essentially defines a function in line
- ❖ They have the form:

[capture list] (parameter list) -> return type { function body }

- ❖ where capture list is an (often empty) list of local variables defined in the enclosing function;
- ❖ return type, parameter list, and function body are the same as in any ordinary function.

Lambda Functions Example

```
1. #include <vector>
2. #include <algorithm>
3. #include <iostream>
4.
5. // void print(const int& n) {
6. //     std::cout << " " << n;
7. // }
8.
9. int main()
10. {
11.     std::vector<int> nums{3, 4, 2, 8, 15, 267};
12.
13.     auto print = [](const int& n) { std::cout << " " << n; };
14.
15.     std::cout << "before:";
16.     std::for_each(nums.cbegin(), nums.cend(), print);
17.     std::cout << '\n';
18.
19.     int i {1};
20.     std::for_each(nums.begin(), nums.end(), [i](int &n){ n+=i;});
21.
22.     std::cout << "after:";
23.     std::for_each(nums.cbegin(), nums.cend(), print);
24.     std::cout << '\n';
25. }
```

Lab tasks



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