IS 0020
Program Design and Software Tools
Introduction to C++ Programming

Lecture 4: Classes

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Structure Definitions

- Structures
  - Aggregate data types built using elements of other types

```
struct Time {
     int hour;
     int minute;
     int second;
 };
```

Structure tag

Structure members

- Structure member naming
  - In same **`struct`**: must have unique names
  - In different **`struct`**s: can share name
- **`struct`** definition must end with semicolon

Structure Definitions

- Self-referential structure
  - Structure member cannot be instance of enclosing **`struct`**
  - Structure member can be pointer to instance of enclosing **`struct`** (self-referential structure)
    - Used for linked lists, queues, stacks and trees
- **`struct`** definition
  - Creates new data type used to declare variables
  - Structure variables declared like variables of other types
  - Examples:
    - `Time timeObject;`
    - `Time timeArray[ 10 ];`
    - `Time *timePtr;`
    - `Time &timeRef = timeObject;`

Accessing Structure Members

- Member access operators
  - Dot operator (**`.`**) for structure and class members
  - Arrow operator (**`->`**) for structure and class members via pointer to object
  - Print member **`hour`** of **`timeObject`**:

```
cout << timeObject.hour;
```

OR

```
timePtr = &timeObject;
cout << timePtr->hour;
```

  - **`timePtr->hour`** same as **`( *timePtr ).hour`**
    - Parentheses required
      - **`*`** lower precedence than **`.`**

Implementing a User-Defined Type Time with a `struct`

- Default: structures passed by value
  - Pass structure by reference
    - Avoid overhead of copying structure
- C-style structures
  - No "interface"
    - If implementation changes, all programs using that **`struct`** must change accordingly
  - Cannot print as unit
    - Must print/format member by member
  - Cannot compare in entirety
    - Must compare member by member

Outline

fig06_01.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.1: fig06_01.cpp
2  // Create a structure, set its members, and print it.
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setfill;
11 using std::setw;
12
13 // structure definition
14 struct Time {
15    int hour;     // 0-23 (24-hour clock format)
16    int minute;   // 0-59
17    int second;   // 0-59
18
19 }; // end struct Time
20
21 void printUniversal( const Time & );  // prototype
22 void printStandard( const Time & );   // prototype
23
```

Define structure type **`Time`** with three integer members.

Pass references to constant **`Time`** objects to eliminate copying overhead.

Class

- Classes(keyword **`class`**)
  - Model objects
    - Attributes (data members)
    - Behaviors (member functions)
      - Methods
      - Invoked in response to messages
  - Member access specifiers: **`public, Private, protected:`**
  - Constructor function
    - Special member function
      - Initializes data members
      - Same name as class
    - Called when object instantiated
    - Several constructors
      - Function overloading
    - No return type

Implementing a `Time` Abstract Data Type with a `class`

- Objects of class
  - After class definition
    - Class name new type specifier
    - Object, array, pointer and reference declarations
- Member functions defined outside class
  - Binary scope resolution (::)

```
ReturnType
   ClassName::MemberFunctionName(
   ){…}
```

- Member functions defined inside class
  - Do not need scope resolution operator, class name
  - Compiler attempts inline
    - Outside class, inline explicitly with keyword **`inline`**

Class name becomes new type specifier.

```
Time sunset;                    // object of type Time
Time arrayOfTimes[ 5 ];         // array of Time objects
Time *pointerToTime;            // pointer to a Time object
Time &dinnerTime = sunset;      // reference to a Time object
```

Outline

fig06_03.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.3: fig06_03.cpp
2  // Time class.
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setfill;
11 using std::setw;
12
13 // Time abstract data type (ADT) definition
14 class Time {
15
16 public:
17    Time();                        // constructor
18    void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
19    void printUniversal();         // print universal-time format
20    void printStandard();          // print standard-time format
21
```

Define class **`Time`**.

Outline

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```
22 private:
23    int hour;     // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
24    int minute;   // 0 - 59
25    int second;   // 0 - 59
26
27 }; // end class Time
28
29 // Time constructor initializes each data m
30 // ensures all Time objects start in a cons
31 Time::Time()
32 {
33    hour = minute = second = 0;
34
35 } // end Time constructor
36
37 // set new Time value using universal time, perform validity
38 // checks on the data values and set invalid values to zero
39 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
40 {
41    hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0;
42    minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0;
43    second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0;
44
45 } // end function setTime
46
```

Constructor initializes **`private`** data members to **`0`**.

`public` member function checks parameter values for validity before setting **`private`** data members.

Outline

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```
47 // print Time in universal format
48 void Time::printUniversal()
49 {
50    cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"
51         << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":"
52         << setw( 2 ) << second;
53
54 } // end function printUniversal
55
56 // print Time in standard format
57 void Time::printStandard()
58 {
59    cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
60         << ":" << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << minute
61         << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second
62         << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
63
64 } // end function prin
65
66 int main()
67 {
68    Time t;  // instantiate object t of class Time
69
```

No arguments (implicitly "know" purpose is to print data members); member function calls more concise.

Declare variable **t** to be object of class **Time**.

Outline

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```
70    // output Time object t's initial values
71    cout << "The initial universal time is ";
72    t.printUniversal();    // 00:00:00
73
74    cout << "\nThe initial standard time i
75    t.printStandard();     // 12:00:00 AM
76
77    t.setTime( 13, 27, 6 );   // change time
78
79    // output Time object t's new val
80    cout << "\n\nUniversal time after
81    t.printUniversal();   // 13:27:06
82
83    cout << "\nStandard time after se
84    t.printStandard();    // 1:27:06
85
86    t.setTime( 99, 99, 99 );  // attempt invalid settings
87
88    // output t's values after specifying invalid values
89    cout << "\n\nAfter attempting invalid settings:"
90         << "\nUniversal time: ";
91    t.printUniversal();   // 00:00:00
92
```

Invoke **public** member functions to print time.

Set data members using **public** member function.

Attempt to set data members to invalid values using **public** member function.

```
93     cout << "\nStandard time: ";
94     t.printStandard();    // 12:00:00 AM
95     cout << endl;
96
97     return 0;
98
99  } // end main
```

```
The initial universal time is 00:00:00
The initial standard time is 12:00:00 AM

Universal time after setTime is 13:27:06
Standard time after setTime is 1:27:06 PM

After attempting invalid settings:
Universal time: 00:00:00
Standard time: 12:00:00 AM
```

Data members set to **0** after attempting invalid settings.

Outline

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Classes

- Destructors
  - Same name as class
    - Preceded with tilde (**~**)
  - No arguments
  - Cannot be overloaded
  - Performs “termination housekeeping”
- Advantages of using classes
  - Simplify programming
  - Interfaces
    - Hide implementation
  - Software reuse
    - Composition (aggregation)
      - Class objects included as members of other classes
    - Inheritance
      - New classes derived from old

Class Scope and Accessing Class Members

- Class scope
  - Data members, member functions
  - Within class scope
    - Class members
      - Immediately accessible by all member functions
      - Referenced by name
  - Outside class scope
    - Referenced through handles
      - Object name, reference to object, pointer to object
- File scope
  - Nonmember functions

Class Scope and Accessing Class Members

- Function scope
  - Variables declared in member function
  - Only known to function
  - Variables with same name as class-scope variables
    - Class-scope variable "hidden"
      - Access with scope resolution operator (`::`)

        `ClassName::classVariableName`
  - Variables only known to function they are defined in
  - Variables are destroyed after function completion
- Operators to access class members
  - Identical to those for **`struct`**s
  - Dot member selection operator (`.`)
    - Object
    - Reference to object
  - Arrow member selection operator (`->`)
    - Pointers

Outline

fig06_04.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.4: fig06_04.cpp
2  // Demonstrating the class member access operators . and ->
3  //
4  // CAUTION: IN FUTURE EXAMPLES WE AVOID PUBLIC DATA!
5  #include <iostream>
6
7  using std::cout;
8  using std::endl;
9
10 // class Count definition
11 class Count {
12
13 public:
14    int x;
15
16    void print()
17    {
18       cout << x << endl;
19    }
20
21 }; // end class Count
22
```

Data member **`x public`** to illustrate class member access operators; typically data members **`private`**.

Separating Interface from Implementation

- Separating interface from implementation
  - Advantage: Easier to modify programs
  - Disadvantage
    - Header files
      - Portions of implementation: Inline member functions
      - Hints about other implementation: private members
    - Can hide more with proxy class
- Header files
  - Class definitions and function prototypes
  - Included in each file using class
    - **`#include`**
  - File extension **`.h`**
- Source-code files
  - Member function definitions
  - Same base name
    - Convention
  - Compiled and linked

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Controlling Access to Members

- Access modes
  - **`private`**
    - Default access mode
    - Accessible to member functions and **`friend`**s
  - **`public`**
    - Accessible to any function in program with handle to class object
  - **`protected (`**later**`)`**
- Class member access
  - Default **`private`**
  - Explicitly set to **`private`**, **`public`**, **`protected`**
- **`struct`** member access
  - Default **`public`**
  - Explicitly set to **`private`**, **`public`**, **`protected`**

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Access Functions and Utility Functions

- Access to class's **`private`** data
  - Controlled with access functions (accessor methods)
    - Get function - Read **`private`** data
    - Set function - Modify **`private`** data
- Access functions
  - **`public`**
  - Read/display data
  - Predicate functions
    - Check conditions
- Utility functions (helper functions)
  - **`private`**
  - Support operation of **`public`** member functions
  - Not intended for direct client use

Outline

salesp.h (1 of 1)

```
1  // Fig. 6.9: salesp.h
2  // SalesPerson class definition.
3  // Member functions defined in salesp.cpp.
4  #ifndef SALESP_H
5  #define SALESP_H
6
7  class SalesPerson {
8
9  public:
10    SalesPerson();                // construct
11    void getSalesFromUser();      // input sales from keyboard
12    void setSales( int, double ); // set sales
13    void printAnnualSales();      // summarize
14
15 private:
16    double totalAnnualSales();    // utility function
17    double sales[ 12 ];           // 12 monthly sales figures
18
19 }; // end class SalesPerson
20
21 #endif
```

Set access function performs validity checks.

private utility function.

Outline

salesp.cpp (2 of 3)

```
25 // get 12 sales figures from the user at the keyboard
26 void SalesPerson::getSalesFromUser()
27 {
28    double salesFigure;
29
30    for ( int i = 1; i <= 12; i++ ) {
31       cout << "Enter sales amount for month " << i << ": ";
32       cin >> salesFigure;
33       setSales( i, salesFigure );
34
35    } // end for
36
37 } // end function getSalesFromUser
38
39 // set one of the 12 monthly sales figures; function subtracts
40 // one from month value for proper subscri
41 void SalesPerson::setSales( int month, dou
42 {
43    // test for valid month and amount values
44    if ( month >= 1 && month <= 12 && amount > 0 )
45       sales[ month - 1 ] = amount; // adjust for subscripts 0-11
46
47    else // invalid month or amount value
48       cout << "Invalid month or sales figure" << endl;
```

Set access function performs validity checks.

Initializing Class Objects: Constructors

- Constructors
  - Initialize data members; no return type
    - Or can set later
  - Same name as class
  - Can specify default arguments
  - Default constructors
    - Defaults all arguments

      OR
    - Explicitly requires no arguments
    - Can be invoked with no arguments
    - Only one per class
- Initializers
  - Passed as arguments to constructor
  - In parentheses to right of class name before semicolon

    Class-type ObjectName(value1,value2,…);

Outline

time2.h (1 of 1)

```
1  // Fig. 6.12: time2.h
2  // Declaration of class Time.
3  // Member functions defined in time2.cpp.
4
5  // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6  #ifndef TIME2_H
7  #define TIME2_H
8
9  // Time abstract data type definition
10 class Time {
11
12 public:
13    Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0); // default constructor
14    void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
15    void printUniversal();         // print universal-time format
16    void printStandard();          // print standard-time format
17
18 private:
19    int hour;     // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
20    int minute;   // 0 - 59
21    int second;   // 0 - 59
22
23 }; // end class Time
24
25 #endif
```

Default constructor specifying all arguments.

Outline

time2.cpp (1 of 3)

```
1  // Fig. 6.13: time2.cpp
2  // Member-function definitions for class Time.
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6
7  #include <iomanip>
8
9  using std::setfill;
10 using std::setw;
11
12 // include definition of class Time from time2.h
13 #include "time2.h"
14
15 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero;
16 // ensures all Time objects start in a consistent state
17 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
18 {
19    setTime( hr, min, sec );  // validate and set time
20
21 } // end Time constructor
22
```

Constructor calls **`setTime`** to validate passed (or default) values.

Outline

time2.cpp (2 of 3)

```
23 // set new Time value using universal time, perform validity
24 // checks on the data values and set invalid values to zero
25 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
26 {
27    hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0;
28    minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0;
29    second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0;
30
31 } // end function setTime
32
33 // print Time in universal format
34 void Time::printUniversal()
35 {
36    cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"
37         << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":"
38         << setw( 2 ) << second;
39
40 } // end function printUniversal
41
```

Outline

fig06_14.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.14: fig06_14.cpp
2  // Demonstrating a default constructor for class Time.
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  // include definition of class Time from time2.h
9  #include "time2.h"
10
11 int main()
12 {
13    Time t1;               // all arguments defaulted
14    Time t2( 2 );          // minute and second defaulted
15    Time t3( 21, 34 );     // second defaulted
16    Time t4( 12, 25, 42 ); // all values specified
17    Time t5( 27, 74, 99 ); // all bad values specified
18
19    cout << "Constructed with:\n\n"
20         << "all default arguments:\n  ";
21    t1.printUniversal();  // 00:00:00
22    cout << "\n  ";
23    t1.printStandard();   // 12:00:00 AM
24
```

Initialize **Time** objects using default arguments.

Initialize **Time** object with invalid values; validity checking will set values to **0**.

Outline

fig06_14.cpp
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```
25    cout << "\n\nhour specified; default minute and second:\n  ";
26    t2.printUniversal();  // 02:00:00
27    cout << "\n  ";
28    t2.printStandard();   // 2:00:00 AM
29
30    cout << "\n\nhour and minute specified; default second:\n  ";
31    t3.printUniversal();  // 21:34:00
32    cout << "\n  ";
33    t3.printStandard();   // 9:34:00 PM
34
35    cout << "\n\nhour, minute, and second specified:\n  ";
36    t4.printUniversal();  // 12:25:42
37    cout << "\n  ";
38    t4.printStandard();   // 12:25:42 PM
39
40    cout << "\n\nall invalid values specified:\n  ";
41    t5.printUniversal();  // 00:00:00
42    cout << "\n  ";
43    t5.printStandard();   // 12:00:00 AM
44    cout << endl;
45
46    return 0;
47
48 } // end main
```

t5 constructed with invalid arguments; values set to **0**.

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Destructors

- Destructors
  - Special member function
  - Same name as class preceded with tilde (**~**)
  - No arguments; No return value
  - Cannot be overloaded
  - Performs "termination housekeeping"
    - Before system reclaims object's memory
      - Reuse memory for new objects
  - No explicit destructor
    - Compiler creates "empty destructor"
- Constructors and destructors - *Called implicitly by compiler*
- Order of function calls
  - Depends on when execution enters and exits scope of objects
  - Generally, destructor calls reverse order of constructor calls

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When Constructors and Destructors Are Called

- Global scope objects
  - Constructors - *Before any other function* (including **`main`**)
  - Destructors
    - When **`main`** terminates (or **`exit`** function called)
    - Not called if program terminates with **`abort`**
  - Automatic local objects
    - Constructors - *When objects defined & each time execution enters scope*
    - Destructors
      - When objects leave scope
        - Execution exits block in which object defined
      - Not called if program ends with **`exit`** or **`abort`**
  - **`static`** local objects
    - Constructors
      - Exactly once
      - When execution reaches point where object defined
    - Destructors
      - When **`main`** terminates or **`exit`** function called
      - Not called if program ends with **`abort`**

Outline

fig06_17.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.17: fig06_17.cpp
2  // Demonstrating the order in which constructors and
3  // destructors are called.
4  #include <iostream>
5
6  using std::cout;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  // include CreateAndDestroy class definition from create.h
10 #include "create.h"
11
12 void create( void );   // prototype
13
14 // global object
15 CreateAndDestroy first( 1, "(global before main)" );
16
17 int main()
18 {
19    cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTIO
20
21    CreateAndDestroy second( 2, "(local automatic in main)" );
22
23    static CreateAndDestroy third(
24       3, "(local static in main)" );
25
```

Create variable with global scope.

Create local automatic object.

Create **static** local object.

Outline

fig06_17.cpp
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```
26    create();  // call function to create objects
27
28    cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES" << endl;
29
30    CreateAndDestroy fourth(
31
32    cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
33
34    return 0;
35
36 } // end main
37
38 // function to create objects
39 void create( void )
40 {
41    cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTI
42
43    CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5
44
45    static CreateAndDestroy
46       6, "(local static in
47
48    CreateAndDestroy seventh(
49       7, "(local automatic in create)" );
50 cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS\" << endl;
52
53 } // end function create
```

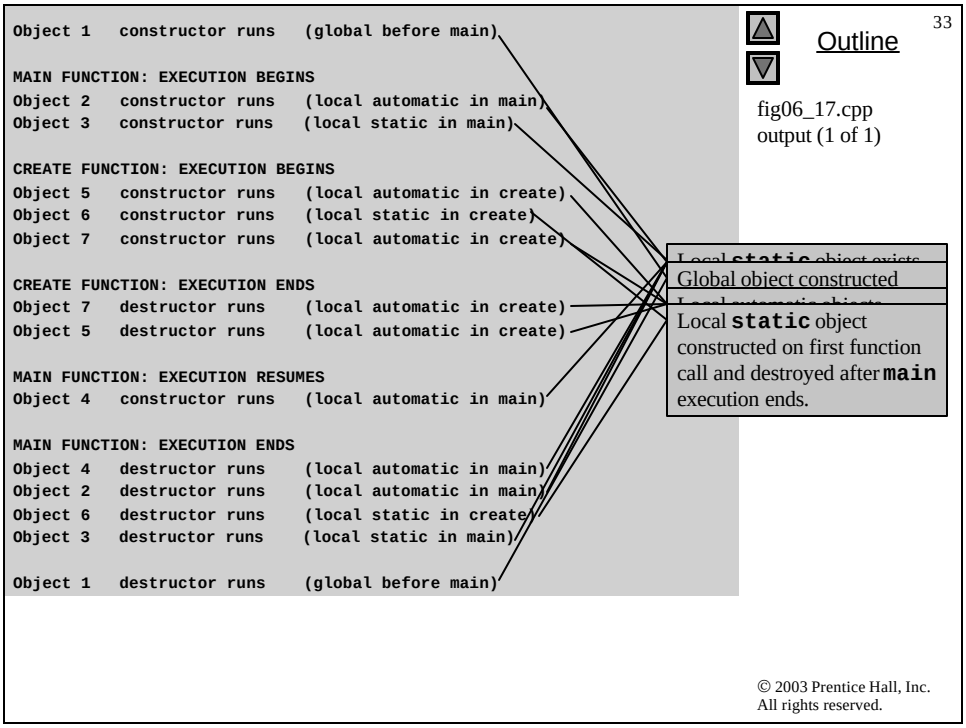
Create local automatic objects.

Create local automatic object.

Create local automatic object in function.

Create **static** local object in function.

Create local automatic object in function.



Using *Set* and *Get* Functions

- Set functions
  - Perform validity checks before modifying **`private`** data
  - Notify if invalid values
  - Indicate with return values
- Get functions
  - "Query" functions
  - Control format of data returned

Subtle Trap: Returning a Reference to a `private` Data Member

- Reference to object
  - &pRef = p;
  - Alias for name of object
  - Lvalue
    - Can receive value in assignment statement
      - Changes original object
- Returning references
  - **`public`** member functions can return non-**`const`** references to **`private`** data members
    - Client able to modify **`private`** data members

Outline

time4.h (1 of 1)

```
1  // Fig. 6.21: time4.h
2  // Declaration of class Time.
3  // Member functions defined in time4.cpp
4
5  // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6  #ifndef TIME4_H
7  #define TIME4_H
8
9  class Time {
10
11 public:
12    Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 );
13    void setTime( int, int, int );
14    int getHour();
15
16    int &badSetHour( int );  // DANGEROUS reference return
17
18 private:
19    int hour;
20    int minute;
21    int second;
22
23 }; // end class Time
24
25 #endif
```

Function to demonstrate effects of returning reference to **`private`** data member.

Outline

time4.cpp (2 of 2)

```
25  // return hour value
26  int Time::getHour()
27  {
28     return hour;
29
30  } // end function getHour
31
32  // POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE:
33  // Returning a reference to a private data member.
34  int &Time::badSetHour( int hh )
35  {
36     hour = ( hh >= 0 && hh < 24
37
38     return hour;  // DANGEROUS reference return
39
40  } // end function badSetHour
```

Return reference to **`private`** data member **`hour`**.

Outline

fig06_23.cpp
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```
1   // Fig. 6.23: fig06_23.cpp
2   // Demonstrating a public member function that
3   // returns a reference to a private data member.
4   #include <iostream>
5
6   using std::cout;
7   using std::endl;
8
9   // include definition of class Time from time4.h
10  #include "time4.h"
11
12  int main()
13  {
14     Time t;
15
16     // store in hourRef the reference returned by badSe
17     int &hourRef = t.badSetHour( 20 );
18
19     cout << "Hour before modificat
20
21     // use hourRef to set invalid
22     hourRef = 30;
23
24     cout << "\nHour after modification: " << t.getHour();
25
```

`badSetHour` returns reference to **`private`** data member **`hour`**.

Reference allows setting of **`private`** data member **`hour`**.

Outline

```
26     // Dangerous: Function call that returns
27     // a reference can be used as an lvalue!
28     t.badSetHour( 12 ) = 74;
29
30     cout << "\n\n********************************\n"
31          << "POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTIC
32          << "badSetHour as an lvalue,
33          << t.getHour()
34          << "\n*********************************" << endl;
35
36     return 0;
37
38  } // end main
```

Can use function call as lvalue to set invalid value.

```
Hour before modification: 20
Hour after modification: 30

********************************
POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!!!
badSetHour as an lvalue, Hour: 74
********************************
```

Returning reference allowed invalid setting of **`private`** data member **`hour`**.

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Default Memberwise Assignment

- Assigning objects
  - Assignment operator (**=**)
    - Can assign one object to another of same type
    - Default: memberwise assignment
      - Each right member assigned individually to left member
- Passing, returning objects
  - Objects passed as function arguments
  - Objects returned from functions
  - Default: pass-by-value
    - Copy of object passed, returned
      - Copy constructor
        - Copy original values into new object

Outline

fig06_24.cpp
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```
1  // Fig. 6.24: fig06_24.cpp
2  // Demonstrating that class objects can be assigned
3  // to each other using default memberwise assignment.
4  #include <iostream>
5
6  using std::cout;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  // class Date definition
10 class Date {
11
12 public:
13    Date( int = 1, int = 1, int = 1990 ); // default constructor
14    void print();
15
16 private:
17    int month;
18    int day;
19    int year;
20
21 }; // end class Date
22
```


Software Reusability

- Software reusability
  - Class libraries
    - Well-defined
    - Carefully tested
    - Well-documented
    - Portable
    - Widely available
  - Speeds development of powerful, high-quality software
    - Rapid applications development (RAD)
  - Resulting problems
    - Cataloging schemes
    - Licensing schemes
    - Protection mechanisms

const (Constant) Objects and const Member Functions

- Keyword **const**
  - Specify object not modifiable
  - Compiler error if attempt to modify **const** object
  - Example

```
const Time noon( 12, 0, 0 );
```

    - Declares **const** object **noon** of class **Time**
    - Initializes to 12
- **const** member functions
  - Member functions for **const** objects must also be **const**
    - Cannot modify object
  - Specify **const** in both prototype and definition
    - Prototype
      - After parameter list
    - Definition
      - Before beginning left brace

const (Constant) Objects and const Member Functions

- Constructors and destructors
  - Cannot be **const**
  - Must be able to modify objects
    - Constructor
      - Initializes objects
    - Destructor
      - Performs termination housekeeping
- Member initializer syntax
  - Initializing with member initializer syntax
    - Can be used for
      - All data members
    - Must be used for
      - **const** data members
      - Data members that are references

Outline

fig07_04.cpp
(1 of 3)

```
1  // Fig. 7.4: fig07_04.cpp
2  // Using a member initializer to initialize a
3  // constant of a built-in data type.
4  #include <iostream>
5
6  using std::cout;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  class Increment {
10
11 public:
12    Increment( int c = 0, int i = 1 );  // default constructor
13
14    void addIncrement()
15    {
16       count += increment;
17
18    } // end function addIncrement
19
20    void print() const;     // prints count and increment
21
```


Outline

fig07_04.cpp
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```
22 private:
23    int count;
24    const int increment;     // const data member
25
26 }; // end class Increment
27
28 // constructor
29 Increment::Increment( int c, int i )
30    : count( c ),            // initializer
31      increment( i )         // required
32 {
33    // empty body
34
35 } // end Increment constructor
36
37 // print count and increment values
38 void Increment::print() const
39 {
40    cout << "count = " << count
41         << ", increment = " << increment << endl;
42
43 } // end function print
44
```

Member initializer list separated by colon.

Member initializer syntax can be

Member initializer syntax must be used for **const** data member **increment**.

Member initializer consists of data member name (**increment**) followed by parentheses containing initial value (**c**).

Composition: Objects as Members of Classes

- Composition
  - Class has objects of other classes as members
- Construction of objects
  - Member objects constructed in order declared
    - Not in order of constructor's member initializer list
    - Constructed before enclosing class objects (host objects)

Outline

date1.h (1 of 1)

```
1  // Fig. 7.6: date1.h
2  // Date class definition.
3  // Member functions defined in date1.cpp
4  #ifndef DATE1_H
5  #define DATE1_H
6
7  class Date {
8
9  public:
10    Date( int = 1, int = 1, int =
11    void print() const;  // print
12    ~Date();  // provided to confirm destruction order
13
14 private:
15    int month;  // 1-12 (January-December)
16    int day;    // 1-31 based on month
17    int year;   // any year
18
19    // utility function to test proper day for month and year
20    int checkDay( int ) const;
21
22 }; // end class Date
23
24 #endif
```

Note no constructor with parameter of type **`Date`**. Recall compiler provides default copy constructor.

Outline

employee1.h (1 of 2)

```
1  // Fig. 7.8: employee1.h
2  // Employee class definition.
3  // Member functions defined in employee1.cpp.
4  #ifndef EMPLOYEE1_H
5  #define EMPLOYEE1_H
6
7  // include Date class definition from date1.h
8  #include "date1.h"
9
10 class Employee {
11
12 public:
13    Employee(
14       const char *, const char *, const Date &, const Date & );
15
16    void print() const;
17    ~Employee();  // provided to confirm destruction order
18
19 private:
20    char firstName[ 25 ];
21    char lastName[ 25 ];
22    const Date birthDate;  // composition: member object
23    const Date hireDate;   // composition: member object
24
25 }; // end class Employee
```

Using composition; **Employee** object contains **Date** objects as data members.

Outline

employee1.cpp
(2 of 3)

```
13 // constructor uses member initializer list to pass initializer
14 // values to constructors of member objects birthDate and
15 // hireDate [Note: This invokes the so-called "default copy
16 // constructor" which the C++ compiler provides implicitly.]
17 Employee::Employee( const char *first, const char *last,
18    const Date &dateOfBirth, const Date &dateOfHire )
19    : birthDate( dateOfBirth ),  // initialize birthDate
20      hireDate( dateOfHire )     // initialize hireDate
21 {
22    // copy first into firstName and be sur
23    int length = strlen( first );
24    length = ( length < 25 ? length : 24 );
25    strncpy( firstName, first, length );
26    firstName[ length ] = '\0';
27
28    // copy last into lastName and be sure that it fits
29    length = strlen( last );
30    length = ( length < 25 ? length : 24 );
31    strncpy( lastName, last, length );
32    lastName[ length ] = '\0';
33
34    // output Employee object to show when constructor is called
35    cout << "Employee object constructor: "
36         << firstName << ' ' << lastName << endl;
37
```

Member initializer syntax to initialize **Date** data members **birthDate** and **hireDate**; compiler uses default copy constructor.

Output to show timing of constructors.

Outline

fig07_10.cpp
(1 of 1)

```
1  // Fig. 7.10: fig07_10.cpp
2  // Demonstrating composition--an object with member objects.
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include "employee1.h"  // Employee class definition
9
10 int main()
11 {
12    Date birth( 7, 24, 1949 );
13    Date hire( 3, 12, 1988 );
14    Employee manager( "Bob", "Jones", birth, hire );
15
16    cout << '\n';
17    manager.print();
18
19    cout << "\nTest Date constructor with invalid values:\n";
20    Date lastDayOff( 14, 35, 1994 );  // invalid month and day
21    cout << endl;
22
23    return 0;
24
25 } // end main
```

Create **`Date`** objects to pass to **`Employee`** constructor.