

CSC 181F Lecture Notes

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C++ – Overview

- Classes
 - information hiding
 - guaranteed initialization and finalization
 - dynamic typing
 - user controlled memory management
 - overloaded operators
- Other advantages
 - better type checking
 - better exception handling
 - overloaded function names
 - class templates
 - default function arguments
 - references as well as pointers

Miscellaneous Minor Extensions in C++

- Comments: beginning with `//` and end at the first new-line character.
`// This is a comment.`
`// So is this.`
- Simpler type casting: `type-name (identifier)`
`final = float (your_mark) * 1.4 + 2.0;`
- Tags are automatically type names.
`struct Complex { double re, im };`
is equivalent to
`typedef struct { double re, im } Complex;`
- Variable definitions may occur at the point at which they are first used.
`for (int J = 0 ; J < N ; J++) ...`

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Function Parameters & Inline Functions

- Functions with no argument in a function prototype are interpreted as specifying no parameters:
`int F() ;` is equivalent to `int F(void) ;`
- Inline functions: **inline** is a *request* that a function be expanded "inline".
 - Place the keyword **inline** before the function definitionPlace the function definition above all the functions that call it
`inline float cube(float s) { return s * s * s ; }`
...
`Z = cube(X) ;` `/* Z = X * X * X ; */`
`Y = cube(Z + 5.0) ;` `/* Y = (Z+5.0)*(Z+5.0)*(Z+5.0) ; */`

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Reference Type

- References provides an alternative name (**an alias**) for storage
Example: `int X ;`
`int & refX = X ;`
You *must* initialize a reference variable when you declare it.
Compiler will automatically compute addresses as required.
- Parameters may be passed by reference (passing an address)
Example: `void swap(int & A, int & B) ;`
...
`swap(J , K) ;`
This allows you to alter a data object in the calling function
Compiler automatically generates the reference at the point of call.
No more forgotten `& s`.
- Functions may return a reference
`struct NODE & makeNode(int value) ;`
WARNING: Don't return a reference to a variable local to the function.

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Default Function Arguments

- Default values may be supplied for function arguments in the prototype for a function.
- If arguments are missing in the invocation of the function, the default values are used.
- Example:
`void F(int val , float S = 12.6 , char T = '\n' , char * msg = "Error") ;`
`f(14, 48.3, '\t', "OK") ;`
`f(14, 48.3, '\t') ;`
`f(14, 48.3) ;`
`f(14) ;`
- The defaults must be added from right to left.
A parameter without defaults cannot occur after a parameter with defaults.
- The arguments are assigned to the corresponding parameters from left to right; you cannot skip over arguments.

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Function Overloading

- C++ permits identically named functions within the same scope if they can be distinguished by number and type of parameters (**signature**).

```
void print ( int i ) {      printf( "%d\n", i ); }
void print ( char *s ) {    printf( "%s\n", s ); }
```

- Compiler considers a reference to a type and the type itself to be the same. Compiler discriminates between **const** and non-**const** variables. Parameter Signature is used to resolve overloading, not the function return type.
- C++ operators can be overloaded except for
 - :: (scope resolution)
 - . (member selection)
 - * (member selection through pointer)
- Use function overloading when functions perform basically the same task but with different forms of data.

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Preview of C++ Input and Output

- Input and Output in C++ are provided by standard I/O libraries. `iostream.h` defines the most widely used C++ I/O library.
- Predefined objects, `cin` (standard input), `cout` (standard output), and `cerr` (standard error) are available.
- Input (extraction) is performed by the extraction operator (`>>`). Output (insertion) is performed by the insertion operator (`<<`).

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C++ Operators: new and delete

- **new** operator allocates storage dynamically

```
int *int_ptr1 = new int
```

new returns the null pointer if no storage is available.
- **new** operator can allocate an arbitrary number of contiguous cells dynamically

```
int *int_ptr2 = new int [ 50 ];
```

If successful, the first cell's address is stored in `int_ptr2`.
- **delete** and **delete []** free storage allocated by **new**.

```
delete int_ptr1;
delete [] int_ptr2;
```
- **WARNING:** The operators **new**, **delete**, and **delete []** should be used together and not intermixed with C storage management function.

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C++ Input and Output Example

```
#include < iostream.h>
main()
{
    int val1, val2 ;
    cout << "Please enter two integers: " << endl
    cin >> val1 >> val2 ;

    cout << "The sum of " << val1 << " and " << val2
    << " is " << val1 + val2 << endl ;
}
```

Note that `cout << endl` writes newline and flushes output stream.

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