CIS 330:



Lecture 16: exceptions, Virtual function table

Project 3E

- You will need to think about how to accomplish the data flow execution pattern and think about how to extend your implementation to make it work.
- This prompt is vaguer than some previous ones
 - ... not all of the details are there on how to do it



Project 3E

```
blender.SetInput(tbconcat2.GetOutput());
blender.SetInput2(reader.GetOutput());
writer.SetInput(blender.GetOutput());
reader.Execute():
shrinker1.Execute();
lrconcat1.Execute();
tbconcat1.Execute();
shrinker2.Execute():
lrconcat2.Execute();
tbconcat2.Execute():
blender.Execute();
writer.Write(argv[2]);
```

```
blender.SetInput(tbconcat2.GetOutput());
blender.SetInput2(reader.GetOutput());
writer.SetInput(blender.GetOutput());
blender.GetOutput()->Update();
writer.Write(argv[2]);
}
```

Project 3E

- Worth 3% of your grade
- Assigned today, due May 23

New Stuff: Exceptions

Exceptions

- C++ mechanism for handling error conditions
- Three new keywords for exceptions
 - try: code that you "try" to execute and hope there is no exception
 - throw: how you invoke an exception
 - catch: catch an exception ... handle the exception and resume normal execution



Exceptions

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat exceptions.C
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main()
    try
         cout << "About to throw 105" << endl;
         throw 105;
         cout << "Done throwing 105" << endl;
    catch (int &theInt)
         cout << "Caught an int: " << theInt << endl;</pre>
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ exceptions.C
```



Exceptions: catching multiple types

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat exceptions2.C
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main()
    try
         cout << "About to throw 105" << endl;
         throw 105;
         cout << "Done throwing 105" << endl;
    catch (int &theInt)
         cout << "Caught an int: " << theInt << endl;</pre>
    catch (float &theFloat)
         cout << "Caught a float: " << theFloat << endl;</pre>
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ exceptions2.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
About to throw 105
Caught an int: 105
```



Exceptions: catching multiple types

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat exceptions3.C
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main()
{
    try
         cout << "About to throw 10.5" << endl:
         throw 10.5;
         cout << "Done throwing 10.5" << endl;
    catch (int &theInt)
         cout << "Caught an int: " << theInt << endl;</pre>
    catch (float &theFloat)
         cout << "Caught a float: " << theFloat << endl;</pre>
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ exceptions3.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
About to throw 10.5
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'double'
Abort trap
```



Exceptions: catching multiple types

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat exceptions4.C
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
                                      fawcett:330 childs$ g++ exceptions4.C
using std::endl;
                                      fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
                                      About to throw 10.5
int main()
                                      Caught a double: 10.5
                                      fawcett:330 childs$
    try
         cout << "About to throw 10.5" << endl;
         throw 10.5;
         cout << "Done throwing 10.5" << endl;
    catch (int &theInt)
         cout << "Caught an int: " << theInt << endl;</pre>
    catch (float &theFloat)
         cout << "Caught a float: " << theFloat << endl;
    catch (double &theDouble)
         cout << "Caught a double: " << theDouble << endl;</pre>
```



Exceptions: throwing/catching complex types

```
class MyExceptionType { };
void Foo();
                 class MemoryException : public MyExceptionType {};
                 class FailedAllocationException : public MemoryException {};
int main()
                 class NULLPointerException : public MemoryException {};
    try
                 class FloatingPointException : public MyExceptionType {};
                 class DivideByZeroException : public FloatingPointException {};
        Foo():
                 class OverflowException : public FloatingPointException {};
    catch (MemoryException &e)
         cout << "I give up" << endl;
    catch (OverflowException &e)
         cout << "I think it is OK" << endl;
    catch (DivideByZeroException &e)
         cout << "The answer is bogus" << endl;
```



Exceptions: cleaning up before you return

```
void Foo(int *arr);
int *
Foo2(void)
    int *arr = new int[1000];
    try
        Foo(arr);
    catch (MyExceptionType &e)
         delete [] arr;
         return NULL;
    return arr;
```



Exceptions: re-throwing

```
void Foo(int *arr);
int *
Foo2(void)
    int *arr = new int[1000];
    try
        Foo(arr);
    catch (MyExceptionType &e)
         delete [] arr;
         throw e;
    return arr;
```



Exceptions: catch and re-throw anything

```
void Foo(int *arr);
int *
Foo2(void)
        *arr = new int[1000];
    try
        Foo(arr);
    catch (...)
         delete [] arr;
         throw;
    return arr;
```



Exceptions: declaring the exception types you can throw

```
int *
MyIntArrayMemoryAllocator(int num) throw(FloatingPointException)
{
    int *arr = new int[num];
    if (arr == NULL)
        throw DivideByZeroException();
    return arr;
}
```

Exceptions: declaring the exception types you can throw ... not all it is cracked up to be

```
int *
MyIntArrayMemoryAllocator(int num) throw(FloatingPointException)
{
    int *arr = new int[num];
    if (arr == NULL)
        throw MemoryException();
    return arr;
}

This will compile ... compiler can only enforce this as a run-time thing.
```

As a result, this is mostly unused (I had to read up on it)

But: "standard" exceptions have a "throw" in their declaration.



std::exception

- c++ provides a base type called "std::exception"
- It provides a method called "what"

```
using standard exceptions
#include <iostream>
#include <exception>
using namespace std;
class myexception: public exception
  virtual const char* what() const throw()
    return "My exception happened";
} myex;
int main () {
  try
    throw myex;
  catch (exception& e)
    cout << e.what() << '\n';
  return 0;
```



Exceptions generator by C++ standard library

exception	description
bad_alloc	thrown by new on allocation failure
bad_cast	thrown by dynamic_cast when it fails in a dynamic cast
bad_exception	thrown by certain dynamic exception specifiers
bad_typeid	thrown by typeid
bad_function_call	thrown by empty function objects
bad_weak_ptr	thrown by shared_ptr when passed a bad weak_ptr

Source: cplusplus.com

3F

Project 3F in a nutshell

Logging:

- infrastructure for logging
- making your data flow code use that infrastructure

• Exceptions:

- infrastructure for exceptions
- making your data flow code use that infrastructure

The webpage has a head start at the infrastructure pieces for you.

Warning about 3F

- My driver program only tests a few exception conditions
- Your stress tests later will test a lot more.
 - Be thorough, even if I'm not testing it



3F timeline

Assigned tonight, due Saturday May 26th

3F: warning

- 3F will almost certainly crash your code
 - It uses your modules wrong!
- You will need to figure out why, and add exceptions
 - gdb will be helpful



Review: Access Control



Two contexts for access control

```
class A: public B {
   public:
                                  defines how a class inherits
                                     from another class
        A() \{ x=0; y=0; \};
        int foo() \{x++; return foo2(); \};
   private:
                             defines access controls for data
        int x, y;
                                 members and methods
        int foo2() { return x+y; };
```

Inheritance ("class A: public B")

- public → "is a"
 - (I never used anything but public)
- private → "implemented using"
 - (I have never used this, but see how it could be useful)
- protected

 the internet can not think of any useful examples for this

Access Control

```
class Hank
{
    public/private/protected:
        BankAccount hanksId;
};
```

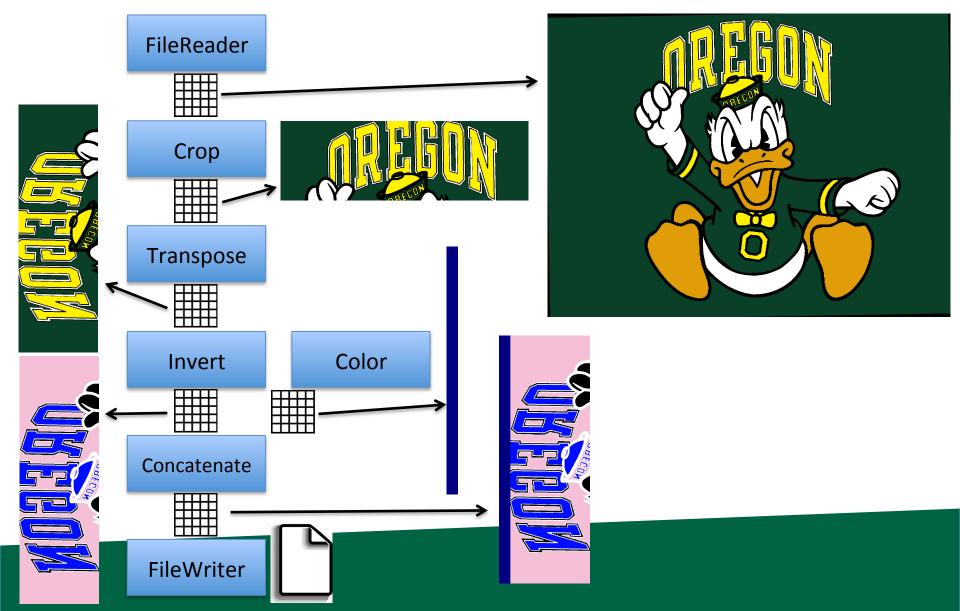
Access control type	Who can read it
private	Only Hank class
public	Anyone
protected	Those who inherit from Hank

Class Vs Struct

- Class:
 - Default inheritance is private
 - That's why you add public (class A : public B)
 - Default access control is private
- Struct:
 - Default inheritance is public
 - That's why you don't have to add public (struct A : B)
 - Default access control is public



Example of data flow (image processing)



How C++ Does Methods



"this": pointer to current object

 From within any struct's method, you can refer to the current object using "this"

```
TallyCounter::TallyCounter(int c)
{
    count = c;
}

<---->
TallyCounter::TallyCounter(int c)
{
    this->count = c;
}
```



How methods work under the covers (1/4)

```
class MyIntClass
  public:
                  MyIntClass(int x) { myInt = x; };
    friend void
                  FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *);
                  GetMyInt() { return myInt; };
    int
  protected:
    int
                  myInt;
};
void
FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *mic)
    mic->myInt++;
                                            fawcett:330 childs$ q++ this.C
                                            fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
int main()
                                            My int is 14
                                            fawcett:330 childs$
    MyIntClass MIC(12);
    FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
    FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
```

cout << "My int is " << MIC.GetMyInt() << endl;</pre>



How methods work under the covers (2/4)

```
class MyIntClass
  public:
                  MyIntClass(int x) { myInt = x; };
    friend void
                  FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *);
                  GetMyInt() { return myInt; };
    int
  protected:
    int
                  myInt;
};
void
FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *mic)
    mic->myInt++;
int main()
    MyIntClass MIC(12);
    FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
    FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
    cout << "My int is " << MIC.GetMyInt() << endl;</pre>
```

Addr.	Variable	Value
0x8000	MIC/ myInt	12

Addr.	Variable	Value
0x8000	MIC/ myInt	12
0x8004	mic	0x8000



How methods work under the covers (3/4)

```
class MyIntClass
  public:
                  MyIntClass(int x) { myInt = x; };
    friend void
                  FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *);
    void
                   IncrementMethod(void):
    int
                   GetMyInt() { return myInt; };
  protected:
    int
                  myInt;
void
FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *mic)
    mic->myInt++;
void
MyIntClass::IncrementMethod(void)
    this->myInt++;
int main()
    MyIntClass MIC(12);
    FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
    MIC.IncrementMethod();
    cout << "My int is " << MIC.GetMyInt() << endl;</pre>
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ this.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
My int is 14
fawcett:330 childs$ ■
```



How methods work under the covers (4/4)

```
class MyIntClass
     The compiler secretly slips "this"
  onto the stack whenever you make a
                 method call.
       It also automatically changes
    "myInt" to this->myInt in methods.
   mic->myInt++; <
void
MyIntClass::IncrementMethod(void)
   this->myInt++;
int main()
   MyIntClass MIC(12);
   FriendIncrementFunction(&MIC);
   MIC.IncrementMethod();
   cout << "My int is " << MIC.GetMyInt() << endl;</pre>
```

Addr.	Variable	Value
0x8000	MIC/ myInt	12

Addr.	Variable	Value
0x8000	MIC/ myInt	12
0x8004	mic	0x8000

Addr.	Variable	Value
0x8000	MIC/ myInt	13
0x8004	this	0x8000

Virtual Function Tables

Virtual functions

- Virtual function: function defined in the base type, but can be re-defined in derived type.
- When you call a virtual function, you get the version defined by the derived type

```
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
128-223-223-72-wireless:330 hank$ cat virtual.C
#include <stdio.h>
                                       Virtual functions:
struct SimpleID
                                              example
   int id;
   virtual int GetIdentifier() { return id; };
};
struct ComplexID : SimpleID
   int extraId;
   virtual int GetIdentifier() { return extraId*128+id; };
};
int main()
   ComplexID cid;
   cid.id = 3;
   cid.extraId = 3;
   printf("ID = %d\n", cid.GetIdentifier());
128-223-223-72-wireless:330 hank$ g++ virtual.C
128-223-223-72-wireless:330 hank$ ./a.out
ID = 387
```



Picking the right virtual function

```
class A
  public:
    virtual const char *GetType() { return "A"; };
};
class B : public A
  public:
    virtual const char *GetType() { return "B"; };
};
int main()
    A a;
    B b;
    cout << "a is " << a.GetType() << endl;</pre>
    cout << "b is " << b.GetType() << endl;</pre>
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ virtual.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
             555555
```

It seems like the compiler should be able to figure this out ... it knows that a is of type A and it knows that b is of type B



Picking the right virtual function

```
class A
  public:
    virtual const char *GetType() { return "A"; };
}:
class B : public A
  public:
    virtual const char *GetType() { return "B"; };
};
void
ClassPrinter(A *ptrToA)
    cout << "ptr points to a " << ptrToA->GetType() << endl;</pre>
int main()
    A a;
    B b;
    ClassPrinter(&a):
    ClassPrinter(&b);
fawcett:330 childs$ q++ virtual2.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
                 555555
```

So how to does the compiler know?

How does it get "B" for "b" and "A" for "a"?

Virtual Function Table

- Let C be a class and X be an instance of C.
- Let C have 3 virtual functions & 4 non-virtual functions
- C has a hidden data member called the "virtual function table"
- This table has 3 rows
 - Each row has the correct definition of the virtual function to call for a "C".
- When you call a virtual function, this table is consulted to locate the correct definition.



Showing the existence of the virtual function pointer with sizeof()

```
class A
                empty objects have size of 1?
  public:
   virtual
                             why?!?
class B : publ
                Answer: so every object has a
  public:
                        unique address.
   virtual
class C
                                             fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
                                             Size of A is 8
 public:
   const char *GetType() { return "C"; };
                                             Size of a pointer is 8
};
                                             Size of C is 1
int main()
   A a;
   B b:
   cout << "Size of A is " << sizeof(A) << endl;</pre>
   cout << "Size of a pointer is " << sizeof(int *) << endl;</pre>
   cout << "Size of C is " << sizeof(C) << endl;</pre>
                                                          what will this print?
```

Virtual Function Table

- Let C be a class and X be an instance of C.
- Let C have 3 virtual functions & 4 non-virtual functions
- Let D be a class that inherits from C and Y be an instance of D.
 - Let D add a new virtual function
- D's virtual function table has 4 rows
 - Each row has the correct definition of the virtual function to call for a "D".

More notes on virtual function tables

- There is one instance of a virtual function table for each class
 - Each instance of a class shares the same virtual function table
- Easy to overwrite (i.e., with a memory error)
 - And then all your virtual function calls will be corrupted
 - Don't do this!;)

Virtual function table: example

CIS 330: Project #2C

Assigned: April 17th, 2014

Due April 24th, 2014

(which means submitted by 6am on April 25th, 2014)

Worth 6% of your grade

Please read this entire prompt!

Assignment: You will implement subtypes with C.

- Make a union called ShapeUnion with the three types (Circle, Rectangle, Triangle).
- Make a struct called FunctionTable that has pointers to functions.
- Make an enum called ShapeType that identifies the three types.
- Make a struct called Shape that has a ShapeUnion, a ShapeType, and a FunctionTable.
- Modify your 9 functions to deal with Shapes.
- Integrate with the new driver function. Test that it produces the correct output.



Virtual function table: example

```
class Shape
   virtual double GetArea() = 0;
   virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) = 0;
};
class Rectangle : public Shape
  public:
                  Rectangle(double, double, double, double);
   virtual double GetArea();
    virtual void
                  GetBoundingBox(double *);
  protected:
    double minX, maxX, minY, maxY;
};
class Triangle : public Shape
 public:
                  Triangle(double, double, double);
   virtual double GetArea();
                  GetBoundingBox(double *);
    virtual void
  protected:
    double pt1X, pt2X, minY, maxY;
```



Questions

 What does the virtual function table look like for a Shape?

```
typedef struct
{
    double (*GetArea)(Shape *);
    void (*GetBoundingBox)(Shape *, double *);
} VirtualFunctionTable;
```

- What does Shape's virtual function table look like?
 - Trick question: Shape can't be instantiated, precisely because you can't make a virtual function table
 - abstract type due to pure virtual functions

Questions

 What is the virtual function table for Rectangle?

```
c->ft.GetArea = GetRectangleArea;
c->ft.GetBoundingBox = GetRectangleBoundingBox;
```

• (this is a code fragment from my 2C solution)



Calling a virtual function

- Let X be an instance of class C.
- Assume you want to call the 4th virtual function
- Let the arguments to the virtual function be an integer Y and a float Z.
- Then call: The 4th virtual function has index 3 (0-indexing)

 (X.vptr[3])(&X, Y, Z);

The pointer to the virtual function pointer (often called a vptr) is a data member of X

Secretly pass "this" as first argument to method

Inheritance and Virtual Function Tables

```
class A
                                                   A
  public:
                                                               Location of
                                                               Foo1
  This whole scheme gets much harder with multiple
  inheritance, and you have to carry around multiple
                                                               Location of
                  virtual function tables.
                                                               Foo1
                                                               Location of
    virtual void Foo2();
                                                               Foo2
class C : public B
                                                   Foo1
                                                               Location of
                                Same as B's
                                                               Foo1
                                This is how you can
  public:
                                                   Foo2
                                                               Location of
                                treat a C as a B
    virtual void Foo1();
                                                               Foo2
    virtual void Foo2();
                                                               Location of
    virtual void Foo3();
                                                   Foo3
                                                               Foo3
```

Virtual Function Table: Summary

- Virtual functions require machinery to ensure the correct form of a virtual function is called
- This is implemented through a virtual function table
- Every instance of a class that has virtual functions has a pointer to its class's virtual function table
- The virtual function is called via following pointers
 - Performance issue

Now show Project 2D in C++

Comment:

- C/C++ great because of performance
- Performance partially comes because of a philosophy of not adding "magic" to make programmer's life easier
- C has very little pixie dust sprinkled in
 - Exception: '\0' to terminate strings
- C++ has more
 - Hopefully this will demystify one of those things (virtual functions)

fawcett:vptr childs\$ cat vptr.C #include <iostream> using std::cerr; using std::endl;

vptr.C

```
class Shape
  public:
     int s;
     virtual double GetArea() = 0;
     virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) = 0;
};
class Triangle : public Shape
  public:
     virtual double GetArea() { cerr << "In GetArea for Triangle" << endl; return 1;};</pre>
     virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) { cerr << "In GetBBox for Triangle" << endl; };</pre>
};
class Rectangle : public Shape
  public:
     virtual double GetArea() { cerr << "In GetArea for Rectangle" << endl; return 2; };</pre>
     virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) { cerr << "In GetBBox for Rectangle" << endl; };</pre>
};
struct VirtualFunctionTable
     double (*GetArea)(Shape *);
     void (*GetBoundingBox)(Shape *, double *);
};
int main()
    Rectangle r;
    cerr << "Size of rectangle is " << sizeof(r) << endl;</pre>
    VirtualFunctionTable *vft = *((VirtualFunctionTable**)&r);
    cerr << "Vptr = " << vft << endl;
    double d = vft->GetArea(&r);
    cerr << "Value = " << d << endl;
    double bbox[4];
    vft->GetBoundingBox(&r, bbox);
```

Pitfalls



```
void AllocateBuffer(int w, int h, unsigned char **buffer)
{
    *buffer = new unsigned char[3*w*h];
}
int main()
{
    int w = 1000, h = 1000;
    unsigned char *buffer = NULL;
    AllocateBuffer(w, h, &buffer);
}
```

This is using call-by-value, not call-by-reference.



```
struct Image
    int width:
    int height;
    unsigned char *buffer;
};
Image *ReadFromFile(char *filename)
₹
    Image *rv = NULL;
       OPEN FILE, descriptor = f */
    /* set up width w, and height h */
                  */
    rv = malloc(sizeof(Image));
    rv->width = w;
    rv->height = h;
    fread(rv->buffer, sizeof(unsigned char), w*h, f);
```

int *s = new int[6*sizeof(int)];



```
int main()
   // new black image
   int height = 1000, width = 1000;
   unsigned char *buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
   for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(buffer); i++)
       buffer[i] = 0;
            Assume:
              int *X = new int[100];
          What is sizeof(X)?
          What is sizeof(*X)?
```



```
/* struct definition */
struct Image
   /* data members */
/* prototypes */
void WriteImage(Image *, const char *);
                           fawcett:330 childs$ q++ write image.c
                           Undefined symbols:
/* main */
                             "WriteImage(Image*, char const*)", referenced from:
int main()
                                 _main in ccSjC6w2.o
                           ld: symbol(s) not found
    Image *img = NULL;
                           collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
    /* set up Image */
    const char *filename = "out.pnm";
    WriteImage(img, filename);
/* WriteImage function */
void WriteImage(char *filename, Image *img)
   /* code to write img to filename */
```



(not-a-)Pitfall #6

```
unsigned char* Image::getPixel(int i, int j) {
    int pixStart = 3*i*this->width+3+j;
    unsigned char *pixel = new unsigned char[3];
    pixel[0] = this->data[pixStart];
    pixel[1] = this->data[pixStart + 1];
    pixel[2] = this->data[pixStart + 2];
    return pixel;
unsigned char* Image::getPixel(int i, int j) {
    int pixStart = 3*i*this->width+3+j;
    return this->data+pixStart;
```

Top requires memory allocation / deletion, and does extra copy.

- For objects on the stack, the destructors are called when a function goes out of scope
 - You may have a perfectly good function, but it seg-faults on return
- Especially tricky for main
 - program ran to completion, and crashed at the very end



```
#include <stdlib.h>
class Image
  public:
                    Image() { width = 0; height = 0; buffer = NULL; };
                   ~Image() { delete [] buffer; };
    virtual
    void
                    ResetSize(int width, int height);
    unsigned char *GetBuffer(void) { return buffer; };
  private:
    int width, height;
    unsigned char *buffer;
}:
void
Image::ResetSize(int w, int h)
                                                   int main()
    width = w:
    height = h;
    if (buffer != NULL)
        delete [] buffer;
    buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
```

Bonus Topics



Backgrounding

- "&": tell shell to run a job in the background
 - Background means that the shell acts as normal, but the command you invoke is running at the same time.
- "sleep 60" vs "sleep 60 &"

When would backgrounding be useful?

Suspending Jobs

- You can suspend a job that is running Press "Ctrl-Z"
- The OS will then stop job from running and not schedule it to run.
- You can then:
 - make the job run in the background.
 - Type "bg"
 - make the job run in the foreground.
 - Type "fg"
 - like you never suspended it at all!!

Web pages

- ssh –l <user name> ix.cs.uoregon.edu
- cd public_html
- put something in index.html
- → it will show up as

http://ix.cs.uoregon.edu/~<username>



Web pages

- You can also exchange files this way
 - scp file.pdf <username>@ix.cs.uoregon.edu:~/ public_html
 - point people to http://ix.cs.uoregon.edu/
 ~<username>/file.pdf

Note that ~/public_html/dir1 shows up as http://ix.cs.uoregon.edu/~<username>/dir1

("~/dir1" is not accessible via web)