

## Lecture 17: Virtual function table, potpourri



# Schedule (lectures)

- Week 8
  - Mon & Weds: Hank lectures
  - Fri: Brent lab on debugging
- Week 9
  - Mon: Memorial Day
  - Weds: live code of project 3
  - Fri: Brent lectures on templates
- Week 10
  - Mon & Weds: Brent holds his OH in MCK125 during class time
  - Fri: Hank does review for final



# Schedule (projects)

- 3E: due Weds
- 3F: “due” May 27
- 3G: assigned Weds May 23, “due” Weds May 30
- 3T: assigned Weds May 30, due Friday June 2
  - No late on this project
- 3H, 4A, 4B: “due” Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>
- AND: all work must be submitted by Weds June 13. No work will be accepted after this time.



# 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



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: 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:
```

```
    A() { x=0; y=0; };
```

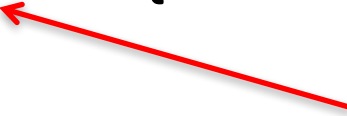
```
    int foo() { x++; return foo2(); };
```

```
private:
```

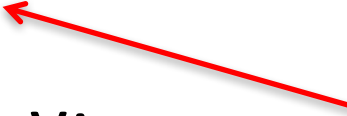
```
    int x, y;
```

```
    int foo2() { return x+y; };
```

```
};
```



defines how a class inherits  
from another class



defines access controls for data  
members and methods





# 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 hankId;  
};
```

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



# 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 *);
        int            GetMyInt() { return myInt; };

    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;
}
```

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





# How methods work under the covers (2/4)

```
class MyIntClass
{
    public:
        MyIntClass(int x) { myInt = x; };

        friend void    FriendIncrementFunction(MyIntClass *);
        int            GetMyInt() { return myInt; };

    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;
}
```

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;
}
```

```
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.

```
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;  
}
```

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



```
128-223-223-72-wireless:330 hank$ cat virtual.C
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
struct SimpleID  
{
```

```
    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
```

## Virtual functions: example



# 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;
    cout << "b is " << b.GetType() << endl;
}
```

```
fawcett:330 child$ g++ virtual.C
fawcett:330 child$ ./a.out
```

??????

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;
}

int main()
{
    A a;
    B b;

    ClassPrinter(&a);
    ClassPrinter(&b);
}

fawcett:330 child$ g++ virtual2.C
fawcett:330 child$ ./a.out

??????
```

So how 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
{
public:
    virtual
};
```

empty objects have size of 1?  
why?!?

```
class B : public A
{
public:
    virtual
};
```

Answer: so every object has a  
unique address.

```
class C
{
public:
    const char *GetType() { return "C"; };
};
```

```
int main()
{
```

```
    A a;
    B b;
```

```
    cout << "Size of A is " << sizeof(A) << endl;
    cout << "Size of a pointer is " << sizeof(int *) << endl;
    cout << "Size of C is " << sizeof(C) << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
Size of A is 8
Size of a pointer is 8
Size of C is 1
```

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Worth 6% of your grade

Please read this entire prompt!

Assignment: You will implement subtypes with C.

- 1) Make a union called ShapeUnion with the three types (Circle, Rectangle, Triangle).
- 2) Make a struct called FunctionTable that has pointers to functions.
- 3) Make an enum called ShapeType that identifies the three types.
- 4) Make a struct called Shape that has a ShapeUnion, a ShapeType, and a FunctionTable.
- 5) Modify your 9 functions to deal with Shapes.
- 6) 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, double);
    virtual double GetArea();
    virtual void    GetBoundingBox(double *);
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 4<sup>th</sup> virtual function
- Let the arguments to the virtual function be an integer Y and a float Z.
- Then call:

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

The 4<sup>th</sup> virtual function has index 3 (0-indexing)

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
{
    public:
```

A

Location of  
Foo1

This whole scheme gets much harder with multiple inheritance, and you have to carry around multiple virtual function tables.

Location of  
Foo1

Location of  
Foo2

```
virtual void Foo2();
```

```
};
```

```
class C : public B
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
        virtual void Foo1();
```

```
        virtual void Foo2();
```

```
        virtual void Foo3();
```

```
};
```

Same as B's  
This is how you can  
treat a C as a B

C

Foo1

Location of  
Foo1

Foo2

Location of  
Foo2

Foo3

Location of  
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)



# vpitr.C

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

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; };
    virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) { cerr << "In GetBBox for Triangle" << endl; };
};

class Rectangle : public Shape
{
public:
    virtual double GetArea() { cerr << "In GetArea for Rectangle" << endl; return 2; };
    virtual void GetBoundingBox(double *) { cerr << "In GetBBox for Rectangle" << endl; };
};

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

int main()
{
    Rectangle r;
    cerr << "Size of rectangle is " << sizeof(r) << endl;

    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

# Pitfall #1

```
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.

# Pitfall #2

```
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);
}
```



# Pitfall #3

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

# Pitfall #4

```
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)`?



# Pitfall #5

```
/* struct definition */
struct Image
{
    /* data members */
};
```

```
/* prototypes */
void WriteImage(Image *, const char *);
```

```
/* main */
int main()
{
    Image *img = NULL;
    /* 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 */
}
```

```
fawcett:330 child$ g++ write_image.c
```

```
Undefined symbols:
```

```
  "WriteImage(Image*, char const*)", referenced from:
      _main in ccSjC6w2.o
```

```
ld: symbol(s) not found
```

```
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```

# (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.



# Pitfall #7

- 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

# Pitfall #8

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
class Image  
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    Image() { width = 0; height = 0; buffer = NULL; };
```

```
    virtual ~Image() { delete [] buffer; };
```

```
    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)
```

```
{
```

```
    width = w;
```

```
    height = h;
```

```
    if (buffer != NULL)
```

```
        delete [] buffer;
```

```
    buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
```

```
}
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Image img;
```

```
    unsigned char *buffer = img.GetBuffer();
```

```
    img.ResetSize(1000, 1000);
```

```
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 1000 ; i++)
```

```
        for (int j = 0 ; j < 1000 ; j++)
```

```
            for (int k = 0 ; k < 1000 ; k++)
```

```
                buffer[3*(i*1000+j)+k] = 0;
```

```
}
```



# const



# const

- **const:**
  - is a keyword in C and C++
  - qualifies variables
  - is a mechanism for preventing write access to variables

# const example

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const1.C
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    const int X = 5;
```

```
}
```

const keyword modifies int



The compiler enforces const ... just like  
public/private access controls

# Efficiency

```
int NumIterations() { return 10; }
```

```
int main()
{
    int        count = 0;
    int        i;
    const int X = 10;
    int        Y = 10;
    for (i = 0 ; i < X ; i++)
        count++;
    for (i = 0 ; i < Y ; i++)
        count++;
    for (i = 0 ; i < NumIterations() ; i++)
        count++;
}
```

Are any of the three for loops faster than the others? Why or why not?

Answer: NumIterations is slowest ... overhead for function calls.

Answer: X is probably faster than Y ... compiler can do optimizations where it doesn't have to do "i < X" comparisons (loop unrolling)



# const arguments to functions

- Functions can use const to guarantee to the calling function that they won't modify the arguments passed in.

```
struct Image
{
    int width, height;
    unsigned char *buffer;
};
```

```
ReadImage(char *filename, Image &);
WriteImage(char *filename, const Image &);
```

read function can't make the same guarantee

guarantees function won't modify the Image



# const pointers

- Assume a pointer named “P”
- Two distinct ideas:
  - P points to something that is constant
    - P may change, but you cannot modify what it points to via P
  - P must always point to the same thing, but the thing P points to may change.

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# const pointer

```
int X = 4;
```

```
int *P = &X;
```



## Idea #1:

violates const:

```
"*P = 3;"
```

OK:

```
"int Y = 5; P = &Y;"
```

pointer can change, but you  
can't modify the thing it  
points to

## Idea #2:

violates const:

```
"int Y = 5; P = &Y;"
```

OK:

```
"*P = 3;"
```

pointer can't change, but you  
can modify the thing it points to

const p

int X

int \*P

Idea #3:

violates const:

“\*P = 3;”

“int Y = 5; P = &Y;”

OK:

none



pointer can't change, and  
you can't modify the thing it  
points to

# const pointers

```
int X = 4;
```

```
int *P = &X;
```

Idea #1:  
violates const:  
“\*P = 3;”

OK:  
“int Y = 5; P = &Y;”

pointer can change, but you  
can't modify the thing it  
points to

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const3.C
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int X = 5;
```

```
    int Y = 6;
```

```
    const int *P;
```

```
    P = &X;    // compiles
```

```
    P = &Y;    // compiles
```

```
    *P = 7;    // won't compile
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ const3.C
```

```
const3.C: In function 'int main()':
```

```
const3.C:8: error: assignment of read-only location
```

const goes before type



# const pointers

```
int X = 4;
```

```
int *P = &X;
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const4.C
```

```
int main()
{
    int X = 5;
    int Y = 6;
    int * const P = &X; // must initialize
    *P = 7;             // compiles
    P = &Y;             // won't compile
}
```

const goes after \*

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ const4.C
```

```
const4.C: In function 'int main()':
```

```
const4.C:7: error: assignment of read-only variable 'P'
```

Idea #2:

violates const:

“int Y = 5; P = &Y;”

OK:

“\*P = 3;”

pointer can't change, but you  
can modify the thing it points to



# const pointers

Idea #3:

violates const:

“\*P = 3;”

“int Y = 5; P = &Y;”

OK:

none

pointer can't change,  
and you can't modify  
the thing it points to

```
int X = 4;
```

```
int *P = &X;
```

const in both places

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const5.C
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int X = 5;
```

```
    int Y = 6;
```

```
    const int * const P = &X; // must initialize
```

```
    *P = 7; // won't compile
```

```
    P = &Y; // won't compile
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ const5.C
```

```
const5.C: In function 'int main()':
```

```
const5.C:6: error: assignment of read-only location
```

```
const5.C:7: error: assignment of read-only variable 'P'
```



# const usage

- `class Image;`
- `const Image *ptr;`
  - Used a lot: offering the guarantee that the function won't change the Image ptr points to
- `Image * const ptr;`
  - Helps with efficiency. Rarely need to worry about this.
- `const Image * const ptr;`
  - Interview question!!



# Very common issue with const and objects

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const6.C
```

```
class Image
```

```
{
```

```
public
```

```
int
```

```
private
```

```
int
```

```
};
```

```
unsigned
```

```
Allocat
```

```
{
```

```
int
```

```
unsig
```

```
return rv;
```

```
}
```

How does compiler know GetNumberOfPixels  
doesn't modify an Image?

We know, because we can see the implementation.

But, in large projects, compiler can't see  
implementation for everything.



# const functions with objects

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat const7.C
class Image
{
    public:
        int      GetNumberOfPixels() const { return width*height; };

    private:
        int      width, height;
};

unsigned char *
Allocator(const Image *img)
{
    int npixels = img->GetNumberOfPixels();
    unsigned char *rv = new unsigned char[3*npixels];
    return rv;
}

fawcett:330 childs$ g++ -c const7.C
fawcett:330 childs$
```

const after method name

If a class method is declared as const, then you can call those methods with pointers.



# mutable

- mutable: special keyword for modifying data members of a class
  - If a data member is mutable, then it can be modified in a const method of the class.
  - Comes up rarely in practice.



# globals

# globals

- You can create global variables that exist outside functions.

---

```
fawcett:Documents childs$ cat global1.C
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int X = 5;
```

```
int main()
{
    printf("X is %d\n", X);
}
```

```
fawcett:Documents childs$ g++ global1.C
```

```
fawcett:Documents childs$ ./a.out
```

```
X is 5
```

```
fawcett:Documents childs$ █
```

# global variables

- global variables are initialized before you enter main

```
fawcett:Documents child$ cat global2.C

#include <stdio.h>

int Initializer()
{
    printf("In initializer\n");
    return 6;
};

int X = Initializer();

int main()
{
    printf("In main\n");
    printf("X is %d\n", X);
}

fawcett:Documents child$ g++ global2.C
fawcett:Documents child$ ./a.out
In initializer
In main
X is 6
```

# Storage of global variables...

- global variables are stored in a special part of memory
  - “data segment” (not heap, not stack)
- If you re-use global names, you can have collisions

```
fawcett:Documents childs$ cat file1.C
int X = 6;

int main()
{
}

fawcett:Documents childs$ g++ -c file1.C
fawcett:Documents childs$ cat file2.C
int X = 7;

int doubler(int Y)
{
    return 2*Y;
}

fawcett:Documents childs$ g++ -c file2.C
fawcett:Documents childs$ g++ file1.o file2.o
ld: duplicate symbol _X in file2.o and file1.o
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```





# Externs: mechanism for unifying global variables across multiple files

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat file1.C  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int count = 0;  
  
int doubler(int);  
  
int main()  
{  
    count++;  
    doubler(3);  
    printf("count is %d\n", count);  
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat file2.C  
extern int count;  
  
int doubler(int Y)  
{  
    count++;  
    return 2*Y;  
}  
  
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ -c file1.C  
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ -c file2.C  
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ file1.o file2.o  
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out  
count is 2
```

extern: there's a global variable, and it lives in a different file.



# static

- static memory: third kind of memory allocation
  - reserved at compile time
- contrasts with dynamic (heap) and automatic (stack) memory allocations
- accomplished via keyword that modifies variables

There are three distinct usages of statics



# static usage #1: persistency within a function

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat static1.C
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int fibonacci()
{
    static int last2 = 0;
    static int last1 = 1;
    int rv = last1+last2;
    last2 = last1;
    last1 = rv;
    return rv;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int i;
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++)
        printf("%d\n", fibonacci());
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ static1.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
```

```
1
2
3
5
8
13
21
34
55
89
```



# static usage #2: making global variables be local to a file

I have no idea why the static keyword is used in this way.

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat file2.C
#include <stdio.h>

static int count = 0;

int doubler(int);

int main()
{
    count++;
    doubler(3);
    printf("count is %d\n", count);
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat file2.C
static int count = 0;
```

```
int doubler(int Y)
{
    count++;
    return 2*Y;
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ -c file2.C
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ file1.o file2.o
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
count is 1
```



# static usage #3: making a singleton for a class

```
fawcett:Downloads child$ cat static3.C
#include <iostream>

using std::cout;
using std::endl;

class MyClass
{
public:
    MyClass()    { numInstances++; };
    virtual ~MyClass() { numInstances--; };

    int          GetNumInstances(void) { return numInstances; };

private:
    int          numInstances;
};

int main()
{
    MyClass *p = new MyClass[10];
    cout << "Num instances = " << p[0].GetNumInstances() << endl;
    delete [] p;
    cout << "Num instances = " << p[0].GetNumInstances() << endl;
}
fawcett:Downloads child$ g++ static3.C
fawcett:Downloads child$ ./a.out
Num instances = 1
Num instances = 0
fawcett:Downloads child$
```



# static usage #3: making a singleton for a class

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ cat static3.C
#include <iostream>
```

```
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
```

```
class MyClass
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    MyClass()
```

```
    virtual ~MyClass()
```

```
    int    GetNumInstances()
```

```
private:
```

```
    static int    numInstances;
```

```
};
```

```
int
{
```

```
    delete [] p;
```

```
    cout << "Num instances = " << p[0].GetNumInstances() << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ g++ static3.C
```

```
Undefined symbols:
```

```
  "MyClass::numInstances", referenced from:
```

```
    MyClass::MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::GetNumInstances() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::~~MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::~~MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::~~MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
    MyClass::~~MyClass() in ccoao8Hf.o
```

```
ld: symbol(s) not found
```

```
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```

We have to tell the compiler where to store this static.

What do we get?



# static usage #3: making a singleton for a class

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ cat static3.C
```

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using std::cout;
```

```
using std::endl;
```

```
class MyClass
```

```
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
        MyClass()    { numInstances++; };
```

```
        virtual ~MyClass() { numInstances--; };
```

```
        int          GetNumInstances(void) { return numInstances; };
```

```
    private:
```

```
        static int          numInstances;
```

```
};
```

```
int MyClass::numInstances = 0;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    MyClass *p = new MyClass[10];
```

```
    cout << "Num instances = " << p[0].GetNumInstances() << endl;
```

```
    delete [] p;
```

```
    cout << "Num instances = " << p[0].GetNumInstances() << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ cat static3.C
#include <iostream>
```

```
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
```

```
class MyClass
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
        MyClass()    { numInstances++; };
        virtual ~MyClass() { numInstances--; };
```

```
    static int        GetNumInstances(void) { return numInstances; };
```

```
    private:
```

```
        static int    numInstances;
};
```

```
int MyClass::numInstances = 0;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    MyClass *p = new MyClass[10];
    cout << "Num instances = " << MyClass::GetNumInstances() << endl;
    delete [] p;
    cout << "Num instances = " << MyClass::GetNumInstances() << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ g++ static3.C
```

```
fawcett:Downloads childs$ ./a.out
```

```
Num instances = 10
```

```
Num instances = 0
```

# static methods

Static data members and static methods are useful and they are definitely used in practice





# Scope

# scope

- I saw this bug quite a few times...

The compiler will sometimes have multiple choices as to which variable you mean.

It has rules to make a decision about which one to use.

This topic is referred to as “scope”.

```
class MyClass
{
    public:
        void SetValue(int);

    private:
        int    X;
};

void MyClass::SetValue(int X)
{
    X = X;
}
```

# scope

```
int X = 0;

class MyClass
{
    public:
        MyClass() { X = 1; };

        void SetValue(int);

    private:
        int X;
};

void MyClass::SetValue(int X)
{
    int X = 3;
    cout << "X is " << X << endl;
}

int main()
{
    MyClass mc;
    mc.SetValue(2);
}
```

This one won't compile.

The compiler notices that you have a variable called X that “shadows” the argument called X.

```
int X = 0;
```

```
class MyClass
{
    public:
        MyClass() { X = 1; };

        void SetValue(int);

    private:
        int X;
};

void MyClass::SetValue(int X)
{
    {
        int X = 3;
        cout << "X is " << X << endl;
    }
}

int main()
{
    MyClass mc;
    mc.SetValue(2);
}
```

# scope

This one will compile ... the compiler thinks that you made a new scope on purpose.

So what does it print?

Answer: 3

```
int X = 0;
```

```
class MyClass
{
    public:
        MyClass() { X = 1; };

        void SetValue(int);

    private:
        int X;
};

void MyClass::SetValue(int X)
{
    {
        int X = 3;
        cout << "X is " << X << endl;
    }
}

int main()
{
    MyClass mc;
    mc.SetValue(2);
}
```

# scope

What does this one print?

Answer: 2

```
int X = 0;
```

```
class MyClass  
{  
    public:  
        MyClass() { X = 1; };  
  
        void SetValue(int);  
  
    private:  
        int X;  
};
```

```
void MyClass::SetValue(intX)  
{  
    {  
        int X = 3;  
        cout << "X is " << X << endl;  
    }  
}
```

```
int main()  
{  
    MyClass mc;  
    mc.SetValue(2);  
}
```

# scope

What does this one print?

Answer: 1

```
int X = 0;
```

```
class MyClass
{
    public:
        MyClass() { X = 1; };

        void SetValue(int);

    private:
        int X;
};

void MyClass::SetValue(intX)
{
    {
        int X = 3;
        cout << "X is " << X << endl;
    }
}

int main()
{
    MyClass mc;
    mc.SetValue(2);
}
```

# scope

What does this one print?

Answer: 0



# Scope Rules

- The compiler looks for variables:
  - inside a function or block
  - function arguments
  - data members (methods only)
  - globals



# Pitfall #8

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
class Image
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    Image() { width = 0; height = 0; buffer = NULL; };
```

```
    virtual ~Image() { delete [] buffer; };
```

```
    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)
```

```
{
```

```
    width = w;
```

```
    height = h;
```

```
    if (buffer != NULL)
```

```
        delete [] buffer;
```

```
    buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
```

```
}
```

- The compiler looks for variables:
  - inside a function or block
  - function arguments
  - data members (methods only)
  - globals

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Image img;
```

```
    unsigned char *buffer = img.GetBuffer();
```

```
    img.ResetSize(1000, 1000);
```

```
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 1000 ; i++)
```

```
        for (int j = 0 ; j < 1000 ; j++)
```

```
            for (int k = 0 ; k < 1000 ; k++)
```

```
                buffer[3*(i*1000+j)+k] = 0;
```

```
}
```

# Shadowing

- Shadowing is a term used to describe a “subtle” scope issue.
  - ... i.e., you have created a situation where it is confusing which variable you are referring to

```
class Sink
{
    public:
        void SetInput(Image *i) { input = i; };
    protected:
        Image *input;
};

class Writer : public Sink
{
    public:
        void Write(void) { /* write input */ };
    protected:
        Image *input;
};

int main()
{
    Writer writer;
    writer.SetInput(image);
    writer.Write();
}
```



# Overloading Operators

- NOTE: I lectured on this some, but it was informal. These slides formally capture the ideas we discussed.



# C++ lets you define operators

- You declare a method that uses an operator in conjunction with a class
  - +, -, /, !, ++, etc.
- You can then use operator in your code, since the compiler now understands how to use the operator with your class
- This is called “operator overloading”
  - ... we are overloading the use of the operator for more than just the simple types.

# Example of operator overloading

```
class MyInt
{
    public:
        MyInt(int x) { myInt = x; };

        MyInt& operator++();

        int      GetValue(void) { return myInt; };

    protected:
        int      myInt;
};

MyInt &
MyInt::operator++()
{
    myInt++;
    return *this;
}
```

Declare operator ++ will be overloaded for MyInt

Define operator ++ for MyInt

```
int main()
{
    MyInt mi(6);
    ++mi;
    ++mi;
    printf("Value is %d\n", mi.GetValue());
}

fawcett:330 child$ ./a.out
Value is 8
```

Call operator ++ on MyInt.



# More operator overloading

```
fawcett:330 childs$ cat oostream.C
#include <iostream>
```

```
using std::ostream;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
```

```
class Image
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
        Image();
```

```
        friend ostream& operator<<(ostream &os, const Image &);
```

```
    private:
```

```
        int width, height;
```

```
        unsigned char *buffer;
```

```
};
```

```
Image::Image()
```

```
{
```

```
    width  = 100;
```

```
    height = 100;
```

```
    buffer = NULL;
```

```
}
```

```
ostream &
```

```
operator<<(ostream &out, const Image &img)
```

```
{
```

```
    out << img.width << "x" << img.height << endl;
```

```
    if (img.buffer == NULL)
```

```
        out << "No buffer allocated!" << endl;
```

```
    else
```

```
        out << "Buffer is allocated!" << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Image img;
```

```
    cout << img;
```

```
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ oostream.C
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
```

```
100x100
```

```
No buffer allocated!
```

# Beauty of inheritance

- ostream provides an abstraction
  - That's all Image needs to know
    - it is a stream that is an output
  - You code to that interface
  - All ostream's work with it

```
int main()
{
    Image img;
    cerr << img;
}
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
100x100
No buffer allocated!
```

```
int main()
{
    Image img;
    ofstream ofile("output_file");
    ofile << img;
}
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ ostream.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
fawcett:330 childs$ cat output_file
100x100
No buffer allocated!
```



# assignment operator

```
class Image
{
public:
    Image();
    void SetSize(int w, int h);

    friend ostream& operator<<(ostream &os, const Image &);

    Image & operator=(const Image &);
};
```

```
private:
    int width, height;
    unsigned char *buffer;
```

```
};
```

```
void
Image::SetSize(int w, int h)
{
    if (buffer != NULL)
        delete [] buffer;
    width = w;
    height = h;
    buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated!
Image 2:0x0
No buffer allocated!
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated!
Image 2:200x200
Buffer is allocated!
```

```
Image &
Image::operator=(const Image &rhs)
{
    if (buffer != NULL)
        delete [] buffer;
    buffer = NULL;

    width = rhs.width;
    height = rhs.height;
    if (rhs.buffer != NULL)
    {
        buffer = new unsigned char[3*width*height];
        memcpy(buffer, rhs.buffer, 3*width*height);
    }
}

int main()
{
    Image img1, img2;
    img1.SetSize(200, 200);
    cout << "Image 1:" << img1;
    cout << "Image 2:" << img2;
    img2 = img1;
    cout << "Image 1:" << img1;
    cout << "Image 2:" << img2;
}
```



# let's do this again...

```
ostream &
operator<<(ostream &out, const Image &img)
{
    out << img.width << "x" << img.height << endl;
    if (img.buffer == NULL)
        out << "No buffer allocated!" << endl;
    else
        out << "Buffer is allocated, and value is "
            << (void *) img.buffer << endl;

    return out;
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x100800000
Image 2:0x0
No buffer allocated!
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x100800000
Image 2:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x10081e600
```

(ok, fine)

# let's do this again...

```
class Image
{
public:
    Image();
    void      SetSize(int w, int h);

    friend ostream& operator<<(ostream &os, const Image &);

    // Image & operator=(const Image &);

private:
    int width, height;
    unsigned char *buffer;
};
```

```
int main()
{
    Image img1, img2;
    img1.SetSize(200, 200);
    cout << "Image 1:" << img1;
    cout << "Image 2:" << img2;
    img2 = img1;
    cout << "Image 1:" << img1;
    cout << "Image 2:" << img2;
}
```

```
fawcett:330 child$ g++ assignment_op.C
fawcett:330 child$
```

it still compiled ...  
why?



# C++ defines a default assignment operator for you

- This assignment operator does a bitwise copy from one object to the other.
- Does anyone see a problem with this?

```
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x100800000
Image 2:0x0
No buffer allocated!
Image 1:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x100800000
Image 2:200x200
Buffer is allocated, and value is 0x100800000
```

This behavior is sometimes OK and sometimes disastrous.



# Copy constructors: same deal

- C++ automatically defines a copy constructor that does bitwise copying.
- Solutions for copy constructor and assignment operators:
  - Re-define them yourself to do “the right thing”
  - Re-define them yourself to throw exceptions
  - Make them private so they can’t be called



# Project 3G

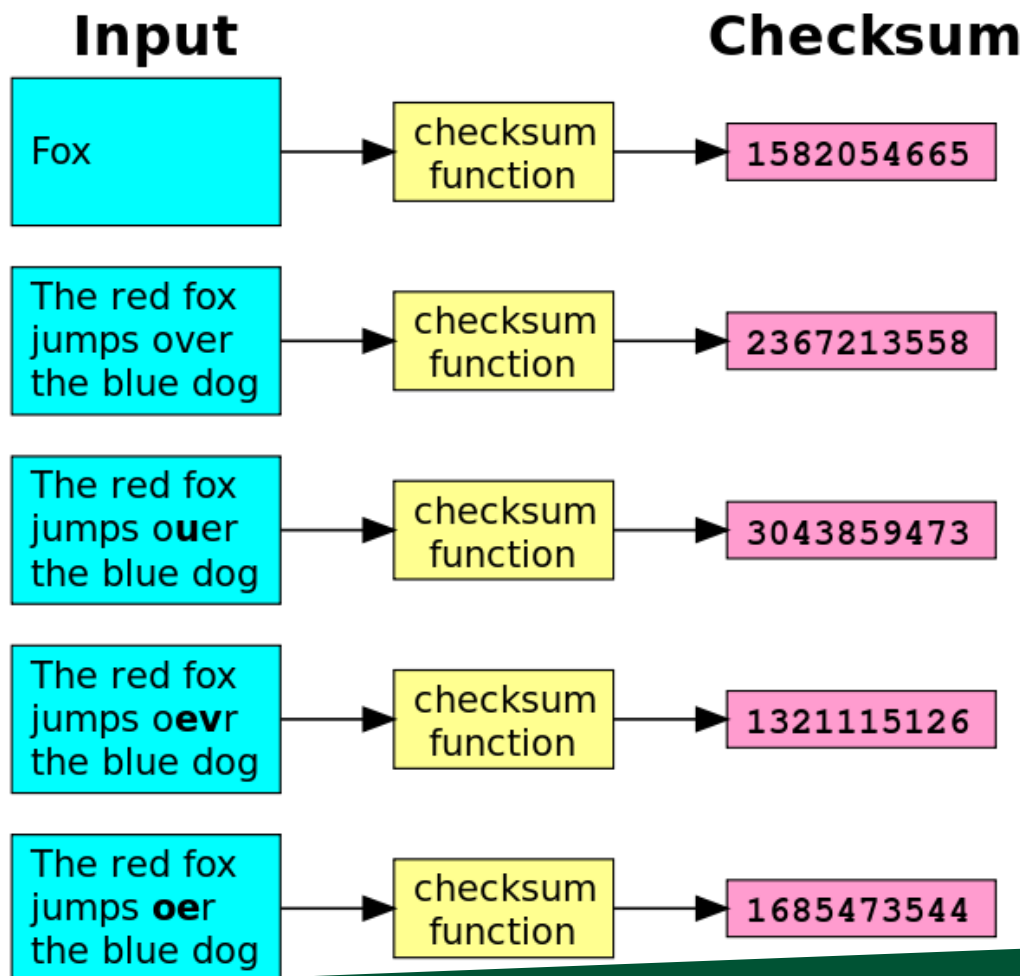
- Will add new filters.
- Likely assigned tomorrow.



# Stress Test Project (3H)

- We will have ~60 stress tests
- We can't check in 60 baseline images and difference them all
  - Will slow ix to a grind
- Solution:
  - We commit “essence of the solution”
  - We also complement that all images posted if needed.

# Checksums



Most useful when  
input is very large  
and checksum is very  
small

# Our “checksum”

- Three integers:
  - Sum of red channel
  - Sum of green channel
  - Sum of blue channel
- When you create a stress test, you register these three integers
- When you test against others stress tests, you compare against their integers
  - If they match, you got it right

This will be done with a derived type of Sink.





# Should Checksums Match?

- On ix, everything should match
- On different architectures, floating point math won't match
- Blender: has floating point math
- → no blender



# Bonus Topics



# Upcasting and Downcasting

- Upcast: treat an object as the base type
  - We do this all the time!
  - Treat a Rectangle as a Shape
- Downcast: treat a base type as its derived type
  - We don't do this one often
  - Treat a Shape as a Rectangle
    - You better know that Shape really is a Rectangle!!



# Upcasting and Downcasting

```
class A
{
};

class B : public A
{
public:
    B() { myInt = 5; };
    void Printer(void) { cout << myInt << endl; };

private:
    int myInt;
};

void Downcaster(A *a)
{
    B *b = (B *) a;
    b->Printer();
}

int main()
{
    A a;
    B b;

    Downcaster(&b); // no problem
    Downcaster(&a); // no good
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ downcaster.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
5
-1074118656
```

what do we get?



# Upcasting and Downcasting

- C++ has a built in facility to assist with downcasting: `dynamic_cast`
- I personally haven't used it a lot, but it is used in practice
- Ties in to `std::exception`

# Default Arguments

```
void Foo(int X, int Y = 2)
{
    cout << "X = " << X << ", Y = " << Y << endl;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    Foo(5);
    Foo(5, 4);
}
```

```
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ default.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
X = 5, Y = 2
X = 5, Y = 4
```

default arguments: compiler pushes values on the stack for you if you choose not to enter them



# Booleans

- New simple data type: bool (Boolean)
- New keywords: true and false

```
int main()
{
    bool b = true;
    cout << "Size of boolean is " << sizeof(bool) << endl;
}
fawcett:330 childs$ g++ Boolean.C
fawcett:330 childs$ ./a.out
```



# 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)