

333 Section SOLUTIONS 6 - C++ Casting and Inheritance

C++ Smart Pointers

Exercise 1 - “Smart” LinkedList

Consider the `IntNode` struct below. Convert the `IntNode` struct to be “smart” by using `shared_ptr`.

```
#include <memory>
using std::shared_ptr;

template <typename T>
struct IntNode {
    IntNode(int* val, IntNode* node): value(shared_ptr<int>(val)),
                                     next(shared_ptr<IntNode>(node)) {}

    ~IntNode() {delete value;}
    shared_ptr<int> value;
    shared_ptr<IntNode> next;
};
```

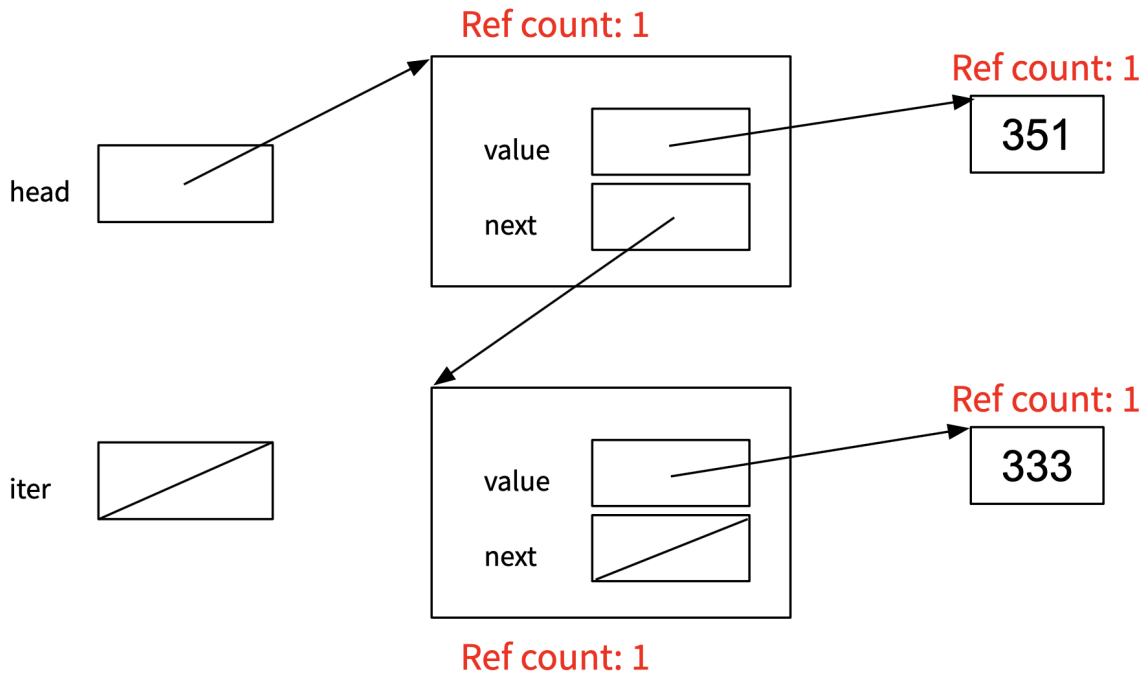
After the conversion, draw a memory diagram with the reference count for blocks of memory.

```
#include <iostream>

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

int main() {
    shared_ptr<IntNode> head =
        shared_ptr<IntNode>(new IntNode(new int(351), nullptr));
    head->next = shared_ptr<IntNode>(new IntNode(new int(333),
                                                nullptr));

    shared_ptr<IntNode> iter = head;
    while (iter != nullptr) {
        cout << *(iter->value) << endl;
        iter = iter->next;
    }
}
```



Casting in C++

Exercise 2

For each of the following snippets of code, fill in the blank with the most appropriate C++ style cast. Assume that we have the following classes defined:

<pre>class Base { public: int x; };</pre>	<pre>class Derived : public Base { public: int y; };</pre>
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```
int64_t x = 0x7fffffffffe870;  
char* str = reinterpret_cast<char*>(x);
```

```
void foo (Base* b) {  
    Derived* d = dynamic_cast<Derived*>(b);  
    // additional omitted code  
}
```

```
Derived* d = new Derived;  
Base* b = static_cast<Base*>(d);
```

```
double x = 64.382;  
int64_t y = static_cast<int64_t>(x);
```

Inheritance in C++

Exercise 3

Exercise 3A – Create an Animal Abstract class. It should have a protected member legs variable and a public num_legs member function. Try to use good style!

```
class Animal {
public:
    Animal() = default;
    virtual ~Animal() {}
    virtual int num_legs() const = 0;
protected:
    int    legs;
};
```

Exercise 3B

Now that you have made an abstract Animal class, try to make an implementation with a derived class of Animal.

This is an open-ended question, so you are free to be imaginative with your implementation of the abstract Animal Class!

```
public Dog {
public:
    Dog(int legs, string breed) : legs(legs), breed(breed) {}
    virtual ~Dog() {}
    int num_legs() const override {
        return legs;
    }
    int getBreed() const override {
        return breed;
    }
protected:
    string breed;
};
```