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## Where are you so far on Homework 2?

- A. Haven't started yet
- B. Working on Part A (File Parser)
- C. Working on Part B (File Crawler and Indexer)
- D. Working on Part C (Query Processor)
- E. Done!
- F. Prefer not to say

# Systems Programming

## C++ Class Details, Heap

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# Relevant Course Information

- ❖ Exercise 10 due Wednesday
  - Modified version of Exercise 9 to incorporate the heap
- ❖ Homework 2 due Thursday (2/5)
  - **Don't modify the header files! Don't forget to double-/triple-/quadruple-check your hw2-submit tag for compilation!**
- ❖ Midterm: February 9 from 5:30–6:40 PM
  - BAG 131 or JHN 102, depending on your *registered* quiz section
  - Reference sheet and two-sided *handwritten* cheat sheet!
  - Midterm review session on Friday (2/6) from 4:30–6:20 PM
  - Practice midterms and solutions on the course website

# Lecture Outline (1/2)

- ❖ **Class Details**
  - Filling in some gaps from last time
- ❖ **Using the Heap**
  - new / delete / delete[]

# Rule of Three

- ❖ If you define any of:
  - 1) Destructor
  - 2) Copy Constructor
  - 3) Assignment (operator=)
- ❖ Then you should normally define all three
  - Can explicitly ask for default synthesized versions (C++11):

```
class Point {  
public:  
    Point() = default;                                // the default ctor  
    ~Point() = default;                                // the default dtor  
    Point(const Point& copyme) = default;                // the default cctor  
    Point& operator=(const Point& rhs) = default; // the default "="  
    ...
```

# Dealing with the Insanity (C++11)

- ❖ C++ style guide tip:
  - **Disabling** the copy constructor and assignment operator can avoid confusion from implicit invocation and excessive copying

[Point\\_2011.h](#)

```
class Point {  
public:  
    Point(const int x, const int y) : x_(x), y_(y) {} // ctor  
    ...  
    Point(const Point& copyme) = delete; // declare cctor and "=" as  
    Point& operator=(const Point& rhs) = delete; // as deleted (C++11)  
private:  
    ...  
}; // class Point  
  
Point w; // compiler error (no default constructor)  
Point x(1, 2); // OK!  
Point y = w; // compiler error (no copy constructor)  
y = x; // compiler error (no assignment operator)
```

# Access Control

- ❖ **Access modifiers** for members:
  - **public**: accessible to *all* parts of the program
  - **private**: accessible to the member functions of the class
    - Private to *class*, not object instances
  - **protected**: accessible to member functions of the class and any *derived* classes (subclasses – more to come, later)
- ❖ **Reminders:**
  - Access modifiers apply to *all* members that follow until another access modifier is reached
  - If no access modifier is specified, **struct** members default to **public** and **class** members default to **private**

# Nonmember Functions

- ❖ “Nonmember functions” are just normal functions that happen to use some class
  - Called like a regular function instead of as a member of a class object instance
    - This gets a little weird when we talk about operators...
  - These do not have access to the class’ private members (*maybe through getters*)
- ❖ Useful nonmember functions often included as part of interface to a class
  - Declaration goes in header file, but *outside* of class definition

named  
function  
operator

Member

```
double Point::Distance(Point&);  
pt1.Distance(pt2);  
float Vector::operator*(Vector&);  
vec1 * vec2;
```

*can't tell!*

Non-member

```
double Distance(Point&, Point&);  
Distance(pt1, pt2);  
float operator*(Vector&, Vector&);  
vec1 * vec2;
```

# friend Nonmember Functions

- ❖ A class can give a nonmember function (or class) access to its non-public members by declaring it as a **friend** within its definition
  - Not a class member, but has access privileges as if it were
  - friend functions are usually unnecessary if your class includes appropriate “getter” public functions

Complex.h

```
class Complex {  
    ...  
    friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Complex& a);  
    ...  
}; // class Complex
```

declaration only

```
std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Complex& a) {  
    ...  
}
```

definition outside of class

Complex.cc 9



# When to use Nonmember and friend

There is more to C++ object design that we don't have time to get to; these are good rules of thumb, but be sure to think about your class carefully!

- ❖ Member functions:
  - Operators that modify the object being called on
    - Assignment operator (operator=)
  - “Core” non-operator functionality that is part of the class interface
- ❖ Nonmember functions:
  - Used for commutative operators
    - e.g., so `v1 + v2` is invoked as `operator+(v1, v2)` instead of `v1.operator+(v2)`
  - If operating on two types and the class is on the right-hand side
    - e.g., `cin >> complex;`
  - Returning a “new” object, not modifying an existing one
  - Only grant friend permission if you NEED to



If we wanted to overload operator== to compare two Point objects, what type of function should it be?

- ❖ Reminder that Point has getters and a setter
  - A. **non-friend + member**
  - B. **~~friend + member~~** *this is not a thing, as member functions can always access non-public data members*
  - C. non-friend + non-member**
  - D. **friend + non-member**
  - E. **I'm lost...**

# Namespaces

- ❖ Each namespace is a separate scope
  - Useful for avoiding symbol collisions!

Same name, but  
different  
namespace

ll::Iterator  
ht::Iterator

- ❖ Namespace definition:

```
namespace name {  
    // declarations go here  
} // namespace name
```

lowercase

Namespace doesn't add  
indentation to contents

Comment to remind that this  
is end of namespace

- Doesn't end with a semi-colon and doesn't add to the indentation of its contents
- Creates a new namespace name if it did not exist, otherwise *adds to the existing namespace* (!)
  - This means that components (e.g., classes, functions) of a namespace can be defined in multiple source files

# Classes vs. Namespaces

- ❖ They seem somewhat similar, but classes are *not* namespaces:
  - There are no instances/objects of a namespace; a namespace is just a group of logically-related things (classes, functions, etc.)
  - To access a member of a namespace, you must use the fully qualified name (*i.e.*, `nsp_name::member`)
    - Unless you are **using** that namespace
    - You only used the fully qualified name of a class member when you are defining it outside of the scope of the class definition

# Complex Example Walkthrough

See:

Complex.h

Complex.cc

testcomplex.cc

# Lecture Outline (2/2)

- ❖ Class Details
  - Filling in some gaps from last time
- ❖ Using the Heap
  - **new / delete / delete[]**

# C++11 `nullptr`



- ❖ C and C++ have long used `NULL` as a pointer value that references nothing
- ❖ C++11 introduced a new literal for this: `nullptr`
  - New reserved word
  - Interchangeable with `NULL` for all practical purposes, but it has type `T*` for any/every `T`, and is not an integer value
    - Avoids funny edge cases (see C++ references for details)
    - Still can convert to/from integer `0` for tests, assignment, etc.
  - Advice: prefer `nullptr` in C++11 code
    - Though `NULL` will also be around for a long, long time

# new/delete

- ❖ To allocate on the heap using C++, you use the **new** keyword instead of **malloc()** from `stdlib.h`
  - You can use `new` to allocate an object (e.g., `new Point`)
  - You can use `new` to allocate a primitive type (e.g., `new int`)
- ❖ To deallocate a heap-allocated object or primitive, use the **delete** keyword instead of **free()** from `stdlib.h`
  - Don't mix and match!
    - Never **free()** something allocated with **new**
    - Never **delete** something allocated with **malloc()**
    - Careful if you're using a legacy C code library or module in C++

# new/delete Behavior

- ❖ **new** behavior:
  - When allocating you can specify a constructor or initial value
    - e.g., `new Point(1, 2)`, `new int(333)`
  - If no initialization specified, it will use default constructor for objects and uninitialized (“mystery”) data for primitives
  - You don’t need to check that `new` returns `nullptr`
    - When an error is encountered, an exception is thrown (that we won’t worry about)
- ❖ **delete** behavior:
  - If you `delete` already `deleted` memory, then you will get undefined behavior (same as when you double `free` in C)

# new/delete Example

```
int* AllocateInt(int x) {  
    int* heapy_int = new int;  
    *heapy_int = x;  
    return heapy_int;  
}
```

```
Point* AllocatePoint(int x, int y) {  
    Point* heapy_pt = new Point(x,y);  
    return heapy_pt;  
}
```

heappoint.cc

```
#include "Point.h"  
  
... // definitions of AllocateInt() and AllocatePoint()  
  
int main() {  
    Point* x = AllocatePoint(1, 2);  
    int* y = AllocateInt(3);  
  
    cout << "x's x_ coord: " << x->get_x() << endl;  
    cout << "y: " << y << ", *y: " << *y << endl;  
  
    delete x;  
    delete y;  
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;  
}
```

# Dynamically Allocated Arrays

- ❖ To dynamically allocate an array:

- Default initialize: `type* name = new type[size];`

↑ new still returns a pointer

- ❖ To dynamically deallocate an array:

- Use `delete[] name;`

is this a pointer to a thing  
or an array of things?

- It is an *incorrect* to use “`delete name;`” on an array
    - The compiler probably won’t catch this, though (!) because it can’t always tell if `name*` was allocated with `new type[size];` or `new type;`
      - Especially inside a function where a pointer parameter could point to a single item or an array and there’s no way to tell which!
    - Result of wrong `delete` is undefined behavior

# Arrays Example (primitive)

arrays.cc

```
#include "Point.h"

int main() {
    int stack_int; // stack (uninitialized)
    int* heap_int = new int; // heap (uninitialized)
    int* heap_int_init = new int(12); // heap (value 12)

    int stack_arr[3]; // stack (uninitialized)
    int* heap_arr = new int[3]; // heap (uninitialized)

    int* heap_arr_init_val = new int[3](); // heap (values 0)
    int* heap_arr_init_lst = new int[3]{4, 5}; // C++11
                                                // heap (initialized to {4,5,0})

    ...

    delete heap_int; // correct!
    delete heap_int_init; // correct!
    delete heap_arr; // incorrect! should be delete[]
    delete[] heap_arr_init_val; // correct!
    // memory leak of heap_arr_init_lst!
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

# Arrays Example (class objects)

arrays.cc

```
#include "Point.h"

int main() {
    ...

    Point stack_pt(1, 2);           //stack object
    Point* heap_pt = new Point(1, 2); //heap object

    Point* heap_pt_arr_err = new Point[2]; //default constructed objects
                                    //error! no default constructor in Point

    Point* heap_pt_arr_init_lst = new Point[2]{{1, 2}, {3, 4}};
                                // C++11

    ...

    delete heap_pt;                //correct
    delete[] heap_pt_arr_init_lst; //correct

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

# malloc vs. new

	malloc()	new
What is it?	a function	an operator or keyword
How often used (in C)?	often	never
How often used (in C++)?	rarely	often
Allocated memory for	anything	arrays, structs, objects, primitives <i>always given a type</i>
Returns	a <code>void*</code> (should be cast)	<i>new T returns T*</i> appropriate pointer type (doesn't need a cast)
When out of memory	returns <code>NULL</code>	throws an exception <i>usually ignored</i>
Deallocating	<code>free()</code>	<code>delete</code> or <code>delete []</code>



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class Foo has: int \* foo\_ptr\_;

# What will happen when we invoke **Bar()**?

- If there is an error, how would you fix it?

- A. Bad dereference
- B. Bad delete
- C. Memory leak
- D. “Works” fine
- E. We’re lost...

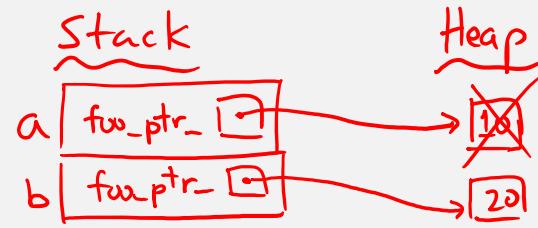
```
Foo:::Foo(int val) { Init(val); }
Foo:::~Foo() { delete foo ptr; }
```

```
void Foo::Init(int val) {  
    foo_ptr_ = new int;  
    *foo_ptr_ = val;  
}
```

```
Foo& Foo::operator=(const Foo& rhs) {  
    if(this != &rhs) {  
        delete foo_ptr_;  
        accessing deleted  
        memory!  
        Init(*(rhs.foo_ptr_));  
    }  
    return *this;  
}
```

```
}

void Bar() {
    Foo a(10);
    Foo b(20);
    a = a;
    Crhs
}
```



# Rule of Three, Revisited

- Now what will happen when we invoke **Bar()**?

- If there is an error, how would you fix it?

double delete error!

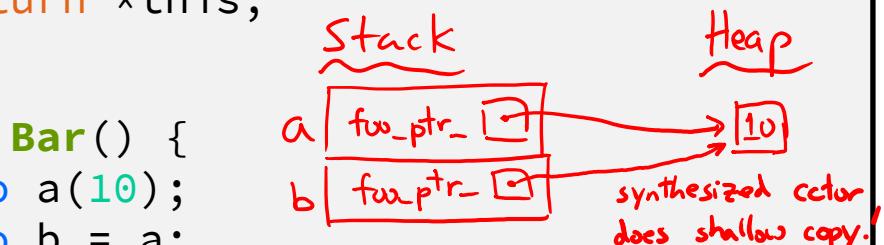
should define ctor to dynamically allocate space for copy of int

```
Foo::Foo(int val) { Init(val); }
Foo::~Foo() { delete foo_ptr_; }

void Foo::Init(int val) {
    foo_ptr_ = new int;
    *foo_ptr_ = val;
}

Foo& Foo::operator=(const Foo& rhs) {
    if (&rhs != this) {
        delete foo_ptr_;
        Init(*(rhs.foo_ptr_));
    }
    return *this;
}

void Bar() {
    Foo a(10);
    Foo b = a;
}
```



# Extra Exercise #1

- ❖ Write a C++ function that:
  - Uses `new` to dynamically allocate an array of strings and uses `delete[]` to free it
  - Uses `new` to dynamically allocate an array of pointers to strings
    - Assign each entry of the array to a string allocated using `new`
  - Cleans up before exiting
    - Use `delete` to delete each allocated string
    - Uses `delete[]` to delete the string pointer array
    - (whew!)

# BONUS SLIDES

An extra example for practice with class design and heap-allocated data: a C-string wrapper class classed Str.

# Heap Member (extra example)

- ❖ Let's build a class to simulate some of the functionality of the C++ string

- Internal representation: c-string to hold characters

↑ null-terminated char \*

- ❖ What might we want to implement in the class?

default constructor → "" string is 101

constructor from char\*

print to ostream

length

concatenation

reminder: this doesn't count the null terminator  
we'll do append instead, which is similar

copy constructor

destructor

→ clean up internal mem!

# Str Class

Str.h

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;    // should replace this

class Str {
public:
    Str();                  // default ctor
    Str(const char* s);    // c-string ctor
    Str(const Str& s);    // copy ctor
    ~Str();                // dtor

    int length() const;    // return length of string
    char* c_str() const;  // return a copy of st_
    void append(const Str& s);

    Str& operator=(const Str& s); // string assignment

    friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Str& s);

private:
    char* st_; // c-string on heap (terminated by '\0')
}; // class Str
```

# Str::append (extra example)

- ❖ Complete the **append()** member function:
  - `char* strncpy(char* dst, char* src, size_t num);`
  - `char* strncat(char* dst, char* src, size_t num);`

```
#include <cstring>
#include "Str.h"
// append contents of s to the end of this string
void Str::append(const Str& s) {
```

see Str.cc

}