Classes: A Deeper Look

Deeper into C++ Classes

- const objects and const member functions
- Composition
- Friendship
- this pointer
- Dynamic memory management
  - new and delete operators
- static class members and member functions
- Abstract data types

21.2 const (Constant) Objects and const Member Functions

- Principle of least privilege
  - "allowing access to data only when it is absolutely needed."
  - Is one of the most fundamental principles of good software engineering.
  - Applies to objects, too.
- const objects
  - Keyword const
  - Specifies that an object is not modifiable.
  - Attempts to modify the object will result in compilation errors.

Example

- Const Time noon (12, 0, 0);

const (Constant) Objects and const Member Functions

- const member functions
  - Only const member function can be called for const objects.
  - Member functions declared const are not allowed to modify the object.
  - A function is specified as const both in its prototype and in its definition.
  - const declarations are not allowed for constructors and destructors.

Software Engineering Observation 21.2

- A const member function can be overloaded with a non-const version. The compiler chooses which overloaded member function to use based on the object on which the function is invoked. If the object is const, the compiler uses the const version. If the object is not const, the compiler uses the non-const version.

const Example

```
// Fig. 21.1: Time.h
// Definition of class Time.
// Member functions defined in Time.cpp.
#ifndef TIME_H
#define TIME_H

class Time
{
public:
   Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor

   // set functions
   void setTime( int, int, int ); // set time
   void setHour( int ); // set hour
   void setMinute( int ); // set minute
   void setSecond( int ); // set second

   // get functions (normally declared const)
   int getHour() const; // return hour
   int getMinute() const; // return minute
   int getSecond() const; // return second
```

const Example

```

   // print functions (normally declared const)
   void printUniversal() const; // print universal time
   void printStandard(); // print standard time (should be const)
private:
   int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
   int minute; // 0 - 59
   int second; // 0 - 59
}; // end class Time

#endif
```

const Example

```
// Fig. 21.2: Time.cpp
// Member-function definitions for class Time.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;

#include <iomanip>
using std::setfill;
using std::setw;

#include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time

// constructor function to initialize private data;
// calls member function setTime to set variables;
// default values are 0 (see class definition)
Time::Time( int hour, int minute, int second )
{
   setTime( hour, minute, second );
} // end Time constructor

// set hour, minute and second values
void Time::setTime( int hour, int minute, int second )
{
   setHour( hour );
   setMinute( minute );
   setSecond( second );
} // end function setTime
```

const Example

```cpp

// set hour value
void Time::setHour( int h )
{
   hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
} // end function setHour

// set minute value
void Time::setMinute( int m )
{
   minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
} // end function setMinute

// set second value
void Time::setSecond( int s )
{
   second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
} // end function setSecond

// return hour value
int Time::getHour() const // get functions should be const
{
   return hour;
} // end function getHour
```

const keyword in function definition, as well as in function prototype

const Example

```cpp

// return minute value
int Time::getMinute() const
{
   return minute;
} // end function getMinute

// return second value
int Time::getSecond() const
{
   return second;
} // end function getSecond

// print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
void Time::printUniversal() const
{
   cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"
      << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second;
} // end function printUniversal

// print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
void Time::printStandard() // note lack of const declaration
{
   cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
      << ":" << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << minute
      << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
} // end function printStandard
```

const Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.3: fig21_03.cpp
// Attempting to access a const object with non-const member functions.
#include "Time.h" // include Time class definition

int main()
{
   Time wakeUp( 6, 45, 0 ); // non-constant object
   const Time noon( 12, 0, 0 ); // constant object

                          // OBJECT      MEMBER FUNCTION
   wakeUp.setHour( 18 );  // non-const   non-const

   noon.setHour( 12 );    // const       non-const

   wakeUp.getHour();      // non-const   const

   noon.getMinute();      // const       const
   noon.printUniversal(); // const       const

   noon.printStandard();  // const       non-const
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Cannot invoke non-`const` member functions on a `const` object

const Example

Borland C++ command-line compiler error messages:

```
Warning W8037 fig21_03.cpp 13: Non-const function Time::setHour(int)
   called for const object in function main()
Warning W8037 fig21_03.cpp 20: Non-const function Time::printStandard()
   called for const object in function main()
```

Microsoft Visual C++.NET compiler error messages:

```
C:\examples\ch21\Fig21_01_03\fig21_03.cpp(13) : error C2662:
   'Time::setHour' : cannot convert 'this' pointer from 'const Time' to
   'Time &'
        Conversion loses qualifiers
C:\examples\ch21\Fig21_01_03\fig21_03.cpp(20) : error C2662:
   'Time::printStandard' : cannot convert 'this' pointer from 'const Time' to
   'Time &'
        Conversion loses qualifiers
```

GNU C++ compiler error messages:

```
Fig21_03.cpp:13: error: passing `const Time' as `this' argument of
   `void Time::setHour(int)' discards qualifiers
Fig21_03.cpp:20: error: passing `const Time' as `this' argument of
   `void Time::printStandard()' discards qualifiers
```

Member Initializer

- Required for initializing:
  - const data members
  - Data members that are references.
- Can be used for any data member.
- Member initializer list
  - Appears between a constructor's parameter list and the left brace that begins the constructor's body.
  - Separated from the parameter list with a colon (:).
  - Each member initializer consists of the data member name followed by parentheses containing the member's initial value.
  - Multiple member initializers are separated by commas.
  - Executes before the body of the constructor executes.

Member Initializer

```cpp
// Fig. 21.4: Increment.h
// Definition of class Increment.
#ifndef INCREMENT_H
#define INCREMENT_H

class Increment
{
public:
   Increment( int c = 0, int i = 1 ); // default constructor

   // function addIncrement definition
   void addIncrement()
   {
      count += increment;
   } // end function addIncrement

   void print() const; // prints count and increment
private:
   int count;
   const int increment; // const data member
}; // end class Increment

#endif
```

const data member that must be initialized using a member initializer

Member Initializer

```
// Fig. 21.5: Increment.cpp
// Member-function definitions for class Increment demonstrate using a
// member initializer to initialize a constant of a built-in data type.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include "Increment.h" // include definition of class Increment

// constructor
Increment::Increment( int c, int i )
   : count( c ), // initializer for non-const member
     increment( i ) // required initializer for const member
{
   // empty body
} // end constructor Increment

// print count and increment values
void Increment::print() const
{
   cout << "count = " << count << ", increment = " << increment << endl;
} // end function print
```

Colon (:) marks the start of a member initializer list

Member initializer for non-const member count

Required member initializer for const member increment

Member Initializer

```
// Fig. 21.6: fig21_06.cpp
// Program to test class Increment.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;

#include "Increment.h" // include definition of class Increment

int main()
{
   Increment value( 10, 5 );

   cout << "Before incrementing: ";
   value.print();

   for ( int j = 1; j <= 3; j++ )
   {
      value.addIncrement();
      cout << "After increment " << j << ": ";
      value.print();
   } // end for

   return 0;
} // end main
```

```
Before incrementing: count = 10, increment = 5
After increment 1: count = 15, increment = 5
After increment 2: count = 20, increment = 5
After increment 3: count = 25, increment = 5
```

Software Engineering Observation 21.3

- A **const** object cannot be modified by assignment, so it must be initialized. When a data member of a class is declared **const**, a member initializer must be used to provide the constructor with the initial value of the data member for an object of the class. The same is true for references.

Common Programming Error 21.5

- Not providing a member initializer for a `const` data member is a compilation error.

Software Engineering Observation 21.4

- Constant data members (const objects and const variables) and data members declared as references must be initialized with member initializer syntax; assignments for these types of data in the constructor body are not allowed.

21.3 Composition: Objects as Members of Classes

- Composition
  - Sometimes referred to as a ***has-a* relationship**.
  - A class can have objects of other classes as members.
  - Example
    - **AlarmClock** object with a **Time** object as a member.

Composition: Objects as Members of Classes

- Initializing member objects
  - Member initializers pass arguments from the object's constructor to member-object constructors.
  - Member objects are constructed in the order in which they are declared in the class definition.
    - Not in the order they are listed in the constructor's member initializer list.
    - Before the enclosing class object (host object) is constructed.
  - If a member initializer is not provided
    - The member object's default constructor will be called implicitly.

Software Engineering Observation 21.5

- A common form of software reusability is **composition**, in which a class has objects of other classes as members.

Composition Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.10: Date.h
// Date class definition; Member functions defined in Date.cpp
#ifndef DATE_H
#define DATE_H

class Date
{
public:
   Date( int = 1, int = 1, int = 1900 ); // default constructor
   void print() const; // print date in month/day/year format
   ~Date(); // provided to confirm destruction order
private:
   int month; // 1-12 (January-December)
   int day; // 1-31 based on month
   int year; // any year

   // utility function to check if day is proper for month and year
   int checkDay( int ) const;
}; // end class Date

#endif
```

Composition Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.11: Date.cpp
// Member-function definitions for class Date.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include "Date.h" // include Date class definition

// constructor confirms proper value for month; calls
// utility function checkDay to confirm proper value for day
Date::Date( int mn, int dy, int yr )
{
   if ( mn > 0 && mn <= 12 ) // validate the month
      month = mn;
   else
   {
      month = 1; // invalid month set to 1
      cout << "Invalid month (" << mn << ") set to 1.\n";
   } // end else

   year = yr; // could validate yr
   day = checkDay( dy ); // validate the day

   // output Date object to show when its constructor is called
   cout << "Date object constructor for date ";
   print();
   cout << endl;
} // end Date constructor
```

Composition Example

```
// print Date object in form month/day/year
void Date::print() const
{
   cout << month << '/' << day << '/' << year;
} // end function print

// output Date object to show when its destructor is called
Date::~Date()
{
   cout << "Date object destructor for date ";
   print();
   cout << endl;
} // end ~Date destructor
```

Composition Example

```cpp

// utility function to confirm proper day value based on
// month and year; handles leap years, too
int Date::checkDay( int testDay ) const
{
   static const int daysPerMonth[ 13 ] =
      { 0, 31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31 };

   // determine whether testDay is valid for specified month
   if ( testDay > 0 && testDay <= daysPerMonth[ month ] )
      return testDay;

   // February 29 check for leap year
   if ( month == 2 && testDay == 29 && ( year % 400 == 0 ||
      ( year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0 ) ) )
      return testDay;

   cout << "Invalid day (" << testDay << ") set to 1.\n";
   return 1; // leave object in consistent state if bad value
} // end function checkDay
```

Composition Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.12: Employee.h
// Employee class definition.
// Member functions defined in Employee.cpp.
#ifndef EMPLOYEE_H
#define EMPLOYEE_H

#include "Date.h" // include Date class definition

class Employee
{
public:
   Employee( const char * const, const char * const,
      const Date &, const Date & );
   void print() const;
   ~Employee(); // provided to confirm de
private:
   char firstName[ 25 ];
   char lastName[ 25 ];
   const Date birthDate; // composition: member object
   const Date hireDate; // composition: member object
}; // end class Employee

#endif
```

Parameters to be passed via member initializers to the constructor for class **Date**

const objects of class **Date** as members

Composition Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.13: Employee.cpp
// Member-function definitions for class Employee.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include <cstring> // strlen and strncpy prototypes
using std::strlen;
using std::strncpy;

#include "Employee.h" // Employee class definition
#include "Date.h" // Date class definition

// constructor uses member initializer list to pass initializer
// values to constructors of member objects birthDate and hireDate
// [Note: This invokes the so-called "default copy constructor" which the
// C++ compiler provides implicitly.]
Employee::Employee( const char * const first, const char * const last,
   const Date &dateOfBirth, const Date &dateOfHire )
   : birthDate( dateOfBirth ), // initialize birthDate
     hireDate( dateOfHire ) // initialize hireDate
{
   // copy first into firstName and be sure that it fits
   int length = strlen( first );
   length = ( length < 25 ? length : 24 );
   strncpy( firstName, first, length );
   firstName[ length ] = '\0';
```

Member initializers that pass arguments to `Date`'s implicit default copy constructor

Composition Example

```
   // copy last into lastName and be sure that it fits
   length = strlen( last );
   length = ( length < 25 ? length : 24 );
   strncpy( lastName, last, length );
   lastName[ length ] = '\0';

   // output Employee object to show when constructor is called
   cout << "Employee object constructor: "
      << firstName << ' ' << lastName << endl;
} // end Employee constructor

// print Employee object
void Employee::print() const
{
   cout << lastName << ", " << firstName << "  Hired: ";
   hireDate.print();
   cout << "  Birthday: ";
   birthDate.print();
   cout << endl;
} // end function print

// output Employee object to show when its destructor is called
Employee::~Employee()
{
   cout << "Employee object destructor: "
      << lastName << ", " << firstName << endl;
} // end ~Employee destructor
```

Composition Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.14: fig21_14.cpp
// Demonstrating composition--an object with member objects.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include "Employee.h" // Employee class definition

int main()
{
   Date birth( 7, 24, 1949 );
   Date hire( 3, 12, 1988 );
   Employee manager( "Bob", "Blue", birth, hire );

   cout << endl;
   manager.print();

   cout << "\nTest Date constructor with invalid values:\n";
   Date lastDayOff( 14, 35, 1994 ); // invalid month and day
   cout << endl;
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Passing objects to a host object constructor

Composition Example

```
Date object constructor for date 7/24/1949
Date object constructor for date 3/12/1988
Employee object constructor: Bob Blue

Blue, Bob  Hired: 3/12/1988  Birthday: 7/24/1949

Test Date constructor with invalid values:
Invalid month (14) set to 1.
Invalid day (35) set to 1.
Date object constructor for date 1/1/1994

Date object destructor for date 1/1/1994
Employee object destructor: Blue, Bob
Date object destructor for date 3/12/1988
Date object destructor for date 7/24/1949
Date object destructor for date 3/12/1988
Date object destructor for date 7/24/1949
```

Common Programming Error 21.6

- A compilation error occurs if a member object is not initialized with a member initializer and the member object's class does not provide a default constructor (i.e., the member object's class defines one or more constructors, but none is a default constructor).

21.4 friend Functions and friend Classes

- friend function of a class
  - Defined outside that class's scope.
  - Not a member function of that class.
  - has the right to access the non-public and public members of that class.
  - Standalone functions or entire classes may be declared to be friends of a class.
  - Can enhance performance.
  - Often appropriate when a member function cannot be used for certain operations.

friend Functions and friend Classes

- To declare a function as a friend of a class:
  - Provide the function prototype in the class definition preceded by keyword friend.
- To declare a class as a friend of another class:
  - Place a declaration of the form

    friend class ClassTwo;

    in the definition of class ClassOne
- All member functions of class ClassTwo are friends of class ClassOne.

friend Functions and friend Classes

- Friendship is granted, not taken.
  - For class B to be a friend of class A, class A must explicitly declare that class B is its friend.
- Friendship relation is neither symmetric nor transitive
  - If class A is a friend of class B, and class B is a friend of class C, you cannot infer that class B is a friend of class A, that class C is a friend of class B, or that class A is a friend of class C.

friend Functions and friend Classes

- It is possible to specify overloaded functions as friends of a class.
  - Each overloaded function intended to be a friend must be explicitly declared as a friend of the class.

friend Function Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.15: fig21_15.cpp
// Friends can access private members of a class.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

// Count class definition
class Count
{
   friend void setX( Count &, int ); // friend declaration
public:
   // constructor
   Count()
      : x( 0 ) // initialize x to 0
   {
      // empty body
   } // end constructor Count

   // output x
   void print() const
   {
      cout << x << endl;
   } // end function print
private:
   int x; // data member
}; // end class Count
```

friend function declaration (can appear anywhere in the class)

friend Function Example

```cpp

// function setX can modify private data of Count
// because setX is declared as a friend of Count (line 10)
void setX( Count &c, int val )
{
   c.x = val; // allowed because setX is a friend of Count
} // end function setX

int main()
{
   Count counter; // create Count object

   cout << "counter.x after instantiation: ";
   counter.print();

   setX( counter, 8 ); // set x using a friend function
   cout << "counter.x after call to setX friend function: ";
   counter.print();
   return 0;
} // end main
```

friend function can modify Count's private data

Calling a friend function; note that we pass the Count object to the function

```
counter.x after instantiation: 0
counter.x after call to setX friend function: 8
```

friend Function Example

```
// Fig. 10.16: fig10_16.cpp
// Non-friend/non-member functions cannot access private data of a class.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

// Count class definition (note that there is no friendship declaration)
class Count
{
public:
   // constructor
   Count()
      : x( 0 ) // initialize x to 0
   {
      // empty body
   } // end constructor Count

   // output x
   void print() const
   {
      cout << x << endl;
   } // end function print
private:
   int x; // data member
}; // end class Count
```

friend Function Example

```
// function cannotSetX tries to modify private data of Count,
// but cannot because the function is not a friend of Count
void cannotSetX( Count &c, int val )
{
   c.x = val; // ERROR: cannot access private member in Count
} // end function cannotSetX

int main()
{
   Count counter; // create Count object

   cannotSetX( counter, 3 ); // cannotSetX is not a friend
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Non-friend function cannot access the class's private data

friend Function Example

Borland C++ command-line compiler error message:

```
Error E2247 Fig21_16/fig21_16.cpp 31: 'Count::x' is not accessible in
   function cannotSetX(Count &,int)
```

Microsoft Visual C++.NET compiler error messages:

```
C:\examples\ch21\Fig21_16\fig21_16.cpp(31) : error C2248: 'Count::x'
   : cannot access private member declared in class 'Count'
        C:\examples\ch21\Fig21_16\fig21_16.cpp(24) : see declaration
           of 'Count::x'
        C:\examples\ch21\Fig21_16\fig21_16.cpp(9) : see declaration
           of 'Count'
```

GNU C++ compiler error messages:

```
Fig21_16.cpp:24: error: 'int Count::x' is private
Fig21_16.cpp:31: error: within this context
```

21.5 Using the this Pointer

- Member functions know which object's data members to manipulate.
  - Every object has access to its own address through a pointer called **this** (a C++ keyword).
  - An object's **this** pointer is not part of the object itself.
  - The **this** pointer is passed (by the compiler) as an implicit argument to each of the object's **non-static** member functions.

21.5 Using the **this** Pointer

- Objects use the **this** pointer implicitly or explicitly.
  - **this** is used implicitly when accessing members directly.
  - It is used explicitly when using keyword **this**.
  - The type of the **this** pointer depends on the type of the object and whether the executing member function is declared **const**.

this Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.17: fig21_17.cpp
// Using the this pointer to refer to object members.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

class Test
{
public:
   Test( int = 0 ); // default constructor
   void print() const;
private:
   int x;
}; // end class Test

// constructor
Test::Test( int value )
   : x( value ) // initialize x to value
{
   // empty body
} // end constructor Test
```

this Example

```
// print x using implicit and explicit this pointers;
// the parentheses around *this are required
void Test::print() const
{
   // implicitly use the this pointer to access the member x
   cout << "        x = " << x;

   // explicitly use the this pointer and the arrow operator
   // to access the member x
   cout << "\n  this->x = " << this->x;

   // explicitly use the dereferenced this pointer and
   // the dot operator to access the member x
   cout << "\n(*this).x = " << ( *this ).x << endl;
} // end function print

int main()
{
   Test testObject( 12 ); // instantiate and initialize testObject

   testObject.print();
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Implicitly using the this pointer to access member x

Explicitly using the this pointer to access member x

Using the dereferenced this pointer and the dot operator

```
        x = 12
  this->x = 12
(*this).x = 12
```

Common Programming Error 21.7

- Attempting to use the member selection operator (.) with a **pointer** to an object is a compilation error—the dot member selection operator may be used only with an ***lvalue* such as an object's name**, a reference to an object or a dereferenced pointer to an object.

Using the this Pointer

- Cascaded member-function calls
  - Multiple functions are invoked in the same statement.
  - Enabled by member functions returning the dereferenced this pointer.
  - Example
    - `t.setMinute( 30 ).setSecond( 22 );`
      - Calls `t.setMinute( 30 );`
      - Then calls `t.setSecond( 22 );`

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```
// Fig. 21.18: Time.h
// Cascading member function calls.

// Time class definition.
// Member functions defined in Time.cpp.
#ifndef TIME_H
#define TIME_H

class Time
{
public:
   Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor

   // set functions (the Time & return types enable cascading)
   Time &setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
   Time &setHour( int ); // set hour
   Time &setMinute( int ); // set minute
   Time &setSecond( int ); // set second
```

set functions return Time & to enable cascading

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```
   // get functions (normally declared const)
   int getHour() const; // return hour
   int getMinute() const; // return minute
   int getSecond() const; // return second

   // print functions (normally declared const)
   void printUniversal() const; // print universal time
   void printStandard() const; // print standard time
private:
   int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
   int minute; // 0 - 59
   int second; // 0 - 59
}; // end class Time

#endif
```

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```
// Fig. 21.19: Time.cpp
// Member-function definitions for Time class.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;

#include <iomanip>
using std::setfill;
using std::setw;

#include "Time.h" // Time class definition

// constructor function to initialize private data;
// calls member function setTime to set variables;
// default values are 0 (see class definition)
Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
{
   setTime( hr, min, sec );
} // end Time constructor

// set values of hour, minute, and second
Time &Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s ) // note Time & return
{
   setHour( h );
   setMinute( m );
   setSecond( s );
   return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setTime
```

Returning dereferenced this pointer enables cascading

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```

// set hour value
Time &Time::setHour( int h ) // note Time & return
{
   hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
   return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setHour

// set minute value
Time &Time::setMinute( int m ) // note Time & return
{
   minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
   return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setMinute

// set second value
Time &Time::setSecond( int s ) // note Time & return
{
   second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
   return *this; // enables cascading
} // end function setSecond

// get hour value
int Time::getHour() const
{
   return hour;
} // end function getHour
```

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```
// get minute value
int Time::getMinute() const
{
   return minute;
} // end function getMinute

// get second value
int Time::getSecond() const
{
   return second;
} // end function getSecond

// print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
void Time::printUniversal() const
{
   cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"
      << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second;
} // end function printUniversal

// print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
void Time::printStandard() const
{
   cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
      << ":" << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << minute
      << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
} // end function printStandard
```

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```cpp
// Fig. 21.20: fig21_20.cpp
// Cascading member function calls with the this pointer.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include "Time.h" // Time class definition

int main()
{
   Time t; // create Time object

   // cascaded function calls
   t.setHour( 18 ).setMinute( 30 ).setSecond( 22 );

   // output time in universal and standard formats
   cout << "Universal time: ";
   t.printUniversal();

   cout << "\nStandard time: ";
   t.printStandard();

   cout << "\n\nNew standard time: ";

   // cascaded function calls
   t.setTime( 20, 20, 20 ).printStandard();
   cout << endl;
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Cascaded function calls using the reference returned by one function call to invoke the next

Note that these calls must appear in the order shown, because printStandard does not return a reference to t

Cascading Function Calls using the this Pointer

```
Universal time: 18:30:22
Standard time: 6:30:22 PM

New standard time: 8:20:20 PM
```

21.6 Dynamic Memory Management: Operators new and delete

- Dynamic memory management
  - Enables programmers to allocate and deallocate memory for any built-in or user-defined type.
  - Performed by operators **new** and **delete**.
  - For example, dynamically allocating memory for an array instead of using a fixed-size array.

Operators new and delete

- Operator new
  - Allocates (i.e., reserves) storage of the proper size for an object at execution time
  - Calls a constructor to initialize the object.
  - Returns a pointer of the type specified to the right of new.
  - Can be used to dynamically allocate any fundamental type (such as int or double) or any class type.
- The Free store (referred to as the heap)
  - Region of memory assigned to each program for storing objects created at execution time.

Example:

```
Time *timePtr
timePtr = new Time;
```

Operators new and delete

- Operator delete
  - Destroys a dynamically allocated object.
  - Calls the destructor for the object.
  - Deallocates (i.e., releases) memory from the free store.
  - The memory can then be reused by the system to allocate other objects.

Example:

```
delete timePtr;
```

Operators new and delete

- Initializing an object allocated by **new**
  - Initializer for a newly created fundamental-type variable.

Example

```
double *ptr = new double( 3.14159 );
```

  - Specify a comma-separated list of arguments to the constructor of an object.

Example

```
Time *timePtr = new Time( 12, 45, 0 );
```

Operators new and delete

- new operator can be used to allocate arrays dynamically.
  - Dynamically allocate a 10-element integer array:

    ```
    int *gradesArray = new int[ 10 ];
    ```
  - Size of a dynamically allocated array
    - Specified using any integral expression that can be evaluated at execution time.

    ```
    Stores * storeptr = new Stores[first_floor];
    ```

Operators new and delete

- Delete a dynamically allocated array:

  ```
  delete [] gradesArray;
  ```

  - This deallocates the array to which gradesArray points.
  - If the pointer points to an array of objects,
    - It first calls the destructor for every object in the array.
    - Then it deallocates the memory.
  - If the statement did not include the square brackets ([]) and gradesArray pointed to an array of objects
    - Only the first object in the array would have a destructor call.

21.7 static Class Members

- static data member
  - Only one copy of a variable shared by all objects of a class.
    - The member is “Class-wide” information.
    - A property of the class shared by all instances, not a property of a specific object of the class.
  - Declaration begins with keyword static

static Class Members

- Example
  - Video game with Martians and other space creatures
    - Each Martian needs to know the martianCount.
    - martianCount should be static class-wide data.
    - Every Martian can access martianCount as if it were a data member of that Martian
    - Only one copy of martianCount exists.
  - May seem like global variables but static has class scope.
  - Can be declared public, private or protected.

static Class Members

- Fundamental-type static data members
  - Initialized by default to `0`.
  - If you want a different initial value, a static data member can be initialized once (and only once).
- const static data member of int or enum type
  - Can be initialized in its declaration in the class definition.
- All other static data members
  - Must be defined at file scope (i.e., outside the body of the class definition)
  - Can be initialized only in those definitions.
- static data members of class types (i.e., static member objects) that have default constructors
  - Need not be initialized because their default constructors will be called.

static Class Members

- Exists even when no objects of the class exist.
  - To access a public static class member when no objects of the class exist.
    - Prefix the class name and the binary scope resolution operator (::) to the name of the data member.
      - Example

        `Martian::martianCount`
  - Also accessible through any object of that class
    - Use the object's name, the dot operator and the name of the member.
      - Example

        `myMartian.martianCount`

static Class Members

- static member function
  - Is a service of the class, not of a specific object of the class.
- static is applied to an item at file scope.
  - That item becomes known only in that file.
  - The static members of the class need to be available from any client code that accesses the file.
    - So we cannot declare them static in the .cpp file—we declare them static only in the .h file.

static class member Example

```
// Fig. 21.21: Employee.h
// Employee class definition.
#ifndef EMPLOYEE_H
#define EMPLOYEE_H

class Employee
{
public:
   Employee( const char * const, const char * const ); // constructor
   ~Employee(); // destructor
   const char *getFirstName() const; // return first name
   const char *getLastName() const; // return last name

   // static member function
   static int getCount(); // return number of objects instantiated
private:
   char *firstName;
   char *lastName;

   // static data
   static int count; // number of objects instantiated
}; // end class Employee

#endif
```

Function prototype for static member function

static data member keeps track of number of Employee objects that currently exist

static class member Example

```cpp
// Fig. 21.22: Employee.cpp
// Member-function definitions for class Employee.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include <cstring> // strlen and strcpy prototypes
using std::strlen;
using std::strcpy;

#include "Employee.h" // Employee class definition

// define and initialize static data member at file scope
int Employee::count = 0;

// define static member function that returns number of
// Employee objects instantiated (declared static in Employee.h)
int Employee::getCount()
{
   return count;
} // end static function getCount
```

static data member is defined and initialized at file scope in the .cpp file

static member function can access only static data, because the function might be called when no objects exist

static class member Example

```cpp

// constructor dynamically allocates space for first and last name and
// uses strcpy to copy first and last names into the object
Employee::Employee( const char * const first, const char * const last )
{
   firstName = new char[ strlen( first ) + 1 ];
   strcpy( firstName, first );

   lastName = new char[ strlen( last ) + 1 ];
   strcpy( lastName, last );

   count++; // increment static count of employees

   cout << "Employee constructor for " << firstName
      << ' ' << lastName << " called." << endl;
} // end Employee constructor

// destructor deallocates dynamically allocated memory
Employee::~Employee()
{
   cout << "~Employee() called for " << firstName
      << ' ' << lastName << endl;

   delete [] firstName; // release memory
   delete [] lastName; // release memory

   count--; // decrement static count of employees
} // end ~Employee destructor
```

Dynamically allocating char arrays

Non-static member function (i.e., constructor) can modify the class's static data members

Deallocating memory reserved for arrays

static class member Example

```
// return first name of employee
const char *Employee::getFirstName() const
{
   // const before return type prevents client from modifying
   // private data; client should copy returned string before
   // destructor deletes storage to prevent undefined pointer
   return firstName;
} // end function getFirstName

// return last name of employee
const char *Employee::getLastName() const
{
   // const before return type prevents client from modifying
   // private data; client should copy returned string before
   // destructor deletes storage to prevent undefined pointer
   return lastName;
} // end function getLastName
```

static class member Example

```
// Fig. 21.23: fig21_23.cpp
// Driver to test class Employee.
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include "Employee.h" // Employee class definition

int main()
{
   // use class name and binary scope resolution operator to
   // access sta
tic number function getCount
   cout << "Number of employees before instantiation of any objects is "
      << Employee::getCount() << endl; // use class name

   // use new to dynamically create two new Employees
   // operator new also calls the object's constructor
   Employee *e1Ptr = new Employee( "Susan", "Baker" );
   Employee *e2Ptr = new Employee( "Robert", "Jones" );

   // call getCount on first Employee object
   cout << "Number of employees after objects are instantiated is "
      << e1Ptr->getCount();

   cout << "\n\nEmployee 1: "
      << e1Ptr->getFirstName() << " " << e1Ptr->getLastName()
      << "\nEmployee 2: "
      << e2Ptr->getFirstName() << " " << e2Ptr->getLastName() << "\n\n";
```

Calling static member function using class name and binary scope resolution operator

Dynamically creating Employees with new

Calling a static member function through a pointer to an object of the class

static class member Example

```cpp

   delete e1Ptr; // deallocate memory
   e1Ptr = 0; // disconnect pointer from free-store space
   delete e2Ptr; // deallocate memory
   e2Ptr = 0; // disconnect pointer from free-store space

   // no objects exist, so ca
   // using the class name and the binary scope resolution operator
   cout << "Number of employees after objects are deleted is "
      << Employee::getCount() << endl;
   return 0;
} // end main
```

Releasing memory to which a pointer points

Disconnecting a pointer from any space in memory

```
Number of employees before instantiation of any objects is 0
Employee constructor for Susan Baker called.
Employee constructor for Robert Jones called.
Number of employees after objects are instantiated is 2

Employee 1: Susan Baker
Employee 2: Robert Jones

~Employee() called for Susan Baker
~Employee() called for Robert Jones
Number of employees after objects are deleted is 0
```

static Class Members

- Declare a member function static
  - If it does not access non-static data members or non-static member functions of the class.
- A static member function does not have a this pointer.
- static data members and static member functions exist independently of any objects of a class.
- When a static member function is called, there might not be any objects of its class in memory.

Abstract data types (ADTs)

- Essentially ways of representing real-world notions to some satisfactory level of precision within a computer system.
- Types like int, double, char and others are all ADTs.
  - e.g., int is an abstract representation of an integer.
- Captures two notions:
  - Data representation
  - Operations that can be performed on the data.
- C++ classes implement ADTs and their services.

Array Abstract Data Type

- Many array operations not built into C++
  - e.g., subscript range checking
- Programmers can develop an array ADT as a class that is preferable to "raw" arrays
  - Can provide many helpful new capabilities
- C++ Standard Library class template **vector**.

Summary

- **const** objects and **const** member functions
- Member Composition Example
- **friend** function Example
- **this** pointer Example
- Dynamic memory management
  - **new** and **delete** operators
- **static** class members
- Abstract Data Types