

# ADVANCED OOP

## OVERVIEW

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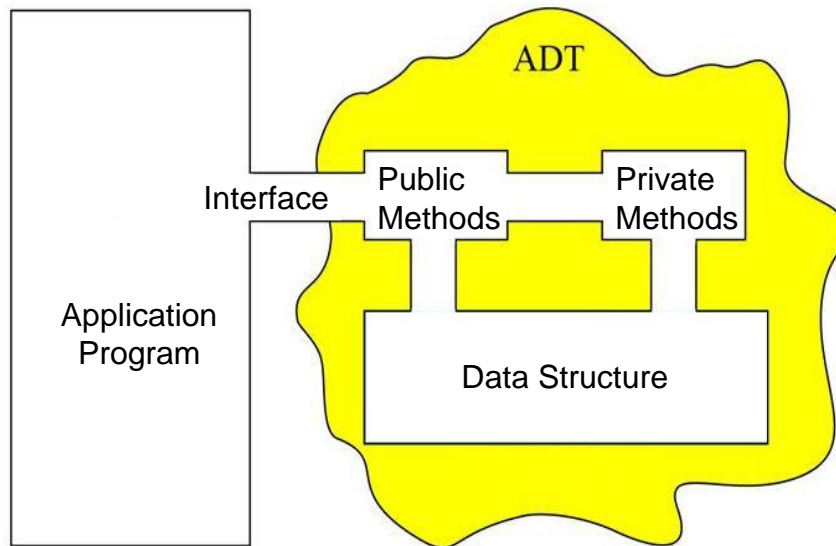
- **Brief history of object-oriented programming**
  - Simula-67 was first language to have classes and objects
  - Smalltalk was developed by Alan Kay at Xerox Parc in 1972
  - Smalltalk-80 was first released outside Xerox in 1980
  - Objective-C added Smalltalk features to C in 1984
  - Bjarne Stroustrup developed C++ at Bell Labs in 1985
  - Python was first released in 1991 by Guido van Rossum
  - Java designed by James Gosling at Sun in 1995
  - OOP concepts now in dozens of programming languages

# OVERVIEW

- **Primary goals of object-oriented programming:**
  1. Allow the user to define new data types
    - Specify the data fields in the data type
    - Specify the operations on this data
  2. Implement “information hiding” in the compiler
    - Provide an interface for manipulating data (public)
    - Prevent direct access to data (private)
  3. Simplify program syntax for users of classes
    - Reduced parameter passing, chaining of method calls
    - Operator overloading, templates / generics

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- **Classes are used to implement abstract data types (ADTs)**
  - A data structure with an interface that provides operations on this data while hiding implementation details



# OVERVIEW

- **ADTs often used for mathematical applications**
  - Choose data types specific to application
  - Choose operations specific to application
  - Examples: complex numbers, polynomials, matrices
- **ADTs also used to implement “classic” data structures**
  - Linked Lists
  - Stacks
  - Queues
  - Binary Trees
  - Hash Tables
  - Heaps

# OVERVIEW

- **Every programming language tries to distinguish itself from other programming languages by changing the syntax of commands and/or adding unique features**
  - C++ added classes/objects to the language C but left the rest of the language largely unchanged
  - C++ introduced the idea of **operator overloading** that allows the programmer to redefine the meaning of traditional operators (+, -, \*, /, etc.)
  - C++ also introduced the idea of **templates** where the user can specify the data type to be used in a function/class in the main program without having to recompile the code

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## **REVIEW OF CLASSES**

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- In this section, we will see how to define, implement and use classes in object-oriented programs
- What is a class?
  - A class is a **user defined data type** that contain variables (called attributes) and a collection of operations on these variables (called methods)
  - The primary advantage of classes is that they give us a natural way to create robust and reliable code that can be reused in a wide range of applications



# REVIEW OF CLASSES

- **A class is normally created by one programmer and used by many other programmers**
  - Only the creator needs to know implementation details
  - Users can ignore details and build code on top of the class
  - This allows teams of programmers to work on separate classes to build very large and complex applications
- **Class libraries**
  - The standard C++ class library contains dozens of general-purpose classes that can be used in any program
  - We have already been using the string, cin, cout, ifstream, and ofstream classes in our programs

# REVIEW OF CLASSES

- **To define a class (in `class_name.h` file)**
  - List the data fields inside the class
  - List the functions/methods that operate on this data
- **To implement a class (in `class_name.cpp` file)**
  - Implement constructor functions to initialize data fields
  - Implement methods to perform data operations
- **To use a class (after including `class_name.h` file)**
  - Declare objects of the class
  - Call methods on these objects

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## DEFINING CLASSES

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- **The main purpose of a class is to bundle together the data and operations that make up an abstract data type**
  - We must give variable **declarations** for all of the data fields that make up the abstract data type
  - We must give function **prototypes** for all of the methods that operate on these data fields
- **We must also specify how the class can be used**
  - We must specify which of the variables and functions are public and can be **accessed** directly by users of this class
  - We must also specify which of the variables and functions are private and **hidden** from users of this class

# DEFINING CLASSES

- Overview of the C++ "class" definition syntax

```
class class_name  ← We give the name of the class here
{
private:
    data_type variable_name;
    data_type variable_name;
    ...
}
```

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```

```
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```

```
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```

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```

```
    ...
```


Everything after the word "private"  
is **hidden** from users of the class

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- Overview of the C++ "class" syntax

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```

These variable declarations define the **data fields** inside the class that make up the abstract data type



# DEFINING CLASSES

...

public:

class\_name();

~class\_name();


return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

};

Everything after the word “public”  
is **visible** to users of the class





# DEFINING CLASSES

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public:

class\_name();

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};

The **constructor function** has the same name as the class, it is used to initialize data fields



# DEFINING CLASSES

...

public:

class\_name();

~class\_name();


return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

};

The **destructor function** has the same name as the class with a tilde character in front, it is used to finalize data fields



# DEFINING CLASSES

...

public:

class\_name();

~class\_name();


return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

};

These function prototypes specify the **methods** that implement operations on the data fields



# DEFINING CLASSES

...

public:

class\_name();

~class\_name();

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

return\_type method\_name( parameter\_list );

};



We need to put a semicolon  
here after the curly bracket

# DEFINING CLASSES

- **Programming convention**
  - C++ classes are defined in `class_name.h` file
  - Use `#ifndef` compiler flag so code is included only once
- **Examples in source code folder:**
  - `student.h` – stores student record information
  - `book.h` – stores information on books
  - `video.h` – stores information on video clips
  - `linear.h` – stores linear equations of form  $Ax + By + C = 0$

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## **IMPLEMENTING CLASSES**

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- **Class methods are implemented just like regular functions**
  - We must add “class name::” before the method name
  - This tells the C++ compiler that this method has access to the private variables of the class

```
return_type class_name::method_name( parameter_list )  
{  
    // Code for method goes here  
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- **Start by creating "skeleton methods"**
  - Copy and paste the method headers from class definition
  - Remove the semicolon at the end of each method header
  - Add "class\_name::" before the method\_name
  - Add a debugging statement to print the method name

```
return_type class_name::method_name( parameter_list )  
{  
    cout << "method_name\n";  
}
```



# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- **After we have the "skeleton methods" compiling**
  - Add the desired code for each method one at a time
  - Compile and debug each method **one at a time**
  - Start with getters and setters and the print method
  - Add complex methods last after the others are working
  - This is a classic "incremental development" technique
  - We always have a compiling / running program !!!

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**USING CLASSES**

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- **Using classes is a three step process**
  - 1) Include the class definition at top of program**  
`#include <class_name>` for built in classes  
`#include "class_name.h"` for user defined classes
  - 2) Declare objects of the class like we declare variables**  
`class_name object_name;`
  - 3) Use object by calling methods using the **dot notation****  
`object_name.method_name();`  
`object_name.method_name( param1, param2 );`

# USING CLASSES

- The compiler will look at the class definition to check that we are using a class properly (parameters, return type)
- The compiler **will** allow us to call public class methods in the class using the dot notation

```
object_name.method_name( param1, param2 );
```

- The compiler will **not** allow us to access the private data fields in the class using the dot notation

```
object_name.variable_name = 42;
```



This will cause a  
compiler error

# USING CLASSES

- We have been using several built-in classes for some time

- The string class

```
#include <string>
string name = "John";
int len = name.length();
name.append("Smith");
name.insert(4, " ");
cout << name << endl;
```

# USING CLASSES

- We have been using several built-in classes for some time

- The ifstream class

```
#include <fstream>
ifstream din;
din.open("input.txt");
if (din.fail()) return;
int number;
while (!din.eof())
{ din >> number; cout << number << " "; }
din.close();
```

# USING CLASSES

- **Programming convention**
  - Use other classes in main.cpp file
  - We must include class\_name.h file
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**OPERATOR OVERLOADING**

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- **Operator overloading in C++ allows the programmer to give new meanings to predefined C++ operators**
  - This is done by creating class methods whose "name" is given by one of the predefined operators in C++
  - For example, the C++ string class has defined "+" to perform string concatenation instead of addition
- **Programmers are allowed to "overload" the meaning of almost all C++ operators**
  - arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /, %)
  - comparison operations (<, <=, >, >=, ==, !=)
  - input / output operations (>>, <<)

# OPERATOR OVERLOADING

- **The syntax for operator overloading is a little tricky**
  - When we are defining a method, we use the keyword "operator" followed by the operator we wish to use
  - For example, we can replace the "add" method with "operator +" and replace "subtract" with "operator -"
- **In order to build classic looking arithmetic expressions, we need to use the following parameter passing rules**
  - Pass in one value parameter of class\_type
  - Return a value of class\_type after doing operation

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COMPLEX NUMBERS

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- **In a traditional implementation of a complex numbers class, we can define mathematical operations as follows**

Complex Add(const Complex num) const;

Complex Subtract(const Complex num) const;

Complex Multiply(const Complex num) const;

Complex Divide(const Complex num) const;

- **We can use these methods to perform calculations**

Complex x(1,1), y(2,0), z(0,3);

Complex sum = x.Add(y);

Complex product = y.Multiply(z);

# COMPLEX NUMBERS

- **To convert this to operator overloading, we replace the method names with “operator X” as shown below**

Complex operator + (const Complex num) const;

Complex operator - (const Complex num) const;

Complex operator \* (const Complex num) const;

Complex operator / (const Complex num) const;

- **We can use these methods to perform calculations**

Complex x(1,1), y(2,0), z(0,3);

Complex sum = x + y;

Complex product = y \* z;

# COMPLEX NUMBERS

```
class Complex
{
public:
    Complex(float re = 0.0, float im = 0.0);
    Complex(const Complex & num);
    ~Complex();

    Complex Add(const Complex num) const;
    Complex Subtract(const Complex num) const;
    Complex Multiply(const Complex num) const;
    Complex Divide(const Complex num) const;

    ...
private:
    float Re;
    float Im;
};
```

← Traditional methods for  
addition, subtraction,  
multiplication, division

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```
class Complex
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    Complex(float re = 0.0, float im = 0.0);
```

```
    Complex(const Complex & num);
```

```
    ~Complex();
```

← Standard constructor,  
copy constructor and  
destructor methods

```
    Complex operator +(const Complex num) const;
```

```
    Complex operator -(const Complex num) const;
```

```
    Complex operator *(const Complex num) const;
```

```
    Complex operator /(const Complex num) const;
```

```
    ...
```

```
private:
```

```
    float Re;
```

```
    float Im;
```

```
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```

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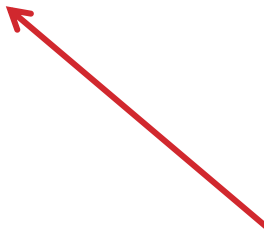
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```

← Private variables for the  
real and imaginary parts  
of complex number

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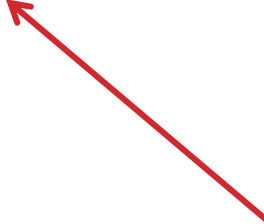
```
Complex Complex::operator + (const Complex num) const
{
    Complex res;
    res.Re = Re + num.Re;
    res.Im = Im + num.Im;
    return res;
}
```



We perform addition  
using local variable "res"  
and then return this value

# COMPLEX NUMBERS

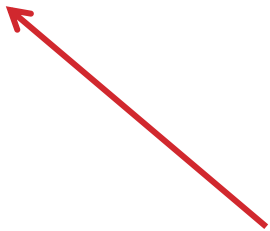
```
Complex Complex::operator - (const Complex num) const
{
    Complex res;
    res.Re = Re - num.Re;
    res.Im = Im - num.Im;
    return res;
}
```



We perform subtraction  
using local variable "res"  
and then return this value

# COMPLEX NUMBERS

```
Complex Complex::operator * (const Complex num) const
{
    Complex res;
    res.Re = Re * num.Re - Im * num.Im;
    res.Im = Re * num.Im + Im * num.Re;
    return res;
}
```




We perform multiplication  
using local variable "res"  
and then return this value

# COMPLEX NUMBERS

```
Complex Complex::operator / (const Complex num) const
```

```
{  
    // Calculate magnitude of num  
    float magnitude = num.Re * num.Re + num.Im * num.Im;  
    if (magnitude <= 0.0)  
        magnitude = 1.0;  
  
    // Calculate result  
    Complex res;  
    res.Re = (Re * num.Re + Im * num.Im) / magnitude;  
    res.Im = (Im * num.Re - Re * num.Im) / magnitude;  
    return res;  
}
```

The formula for complex  
division is more complex  
(see Wikipedia for details)



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POLYNOMIALS

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- **In a traditional implementation of a Polynomial class, we can define mathematical operations as follows**

Polynomial Add(const Polynomial num) const;

Polynomial Subtract(const Polynomial num) const;

Polynomial Multiply(const Polynomial num) const;

- **The implementation of each of these operations must follow the traditional rules for polynomial arithmetic**

$$(ax^2 + bx + c) + (dx^2 + ex + f) = (a+d)x^2 + (b+e)x + (c+f)$$

$$(ax^2 + bx + c) - (dx^2 + ex + f) = (a-d)x^2 + (b-e)x + (c-f)$$

$$(bx + c) * (ex + f) = (be)x^2 + (bf+ce)x + cf$$



# POLYNOMIALS

- To use this Polynomial class, we declare Polynomial objects and call these methods

Polynomial a(4,3,2);     //  $a(x) = 4 + 3x + 2x^2$

Polynomial b(1,2);     //  $b(x) = 1 + 2x$

Polynomial c(3,4,5);     //  $c(x) = 3 + 4x + 5x^2$

Polynomial product = a.Multiply(b);

Polynomial sum = b.Add(c);

Polynomial difference = b.Subtract(c.Add(a));

# POLYNOMIALS

- **We can use operator overloading in the Polynomial methods by replacing the method names with operators**

Polynomial **operator** + (const Polynomial num) const;

Polynomial **operator** - (const Polynomial num) const;

Polynomial **operator** \* (const Polynomial num) const;

- **Now we can use these operators in our Polynomial calculations instead of using method names**

Polynomial product = a \* b;

Polynomial sum = b + c;

Polynomial difference = b - (c + a)

# POLYNOMIALS

```
class Polynomial
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    Polynomial (float p0 = 0.0, float p1 = 0.0, float p2 = 0.0, float p3 = 0.0);
```

```
    Polynomial (const Polynomial & p);
```

```
    ~Polynomial ();
```

```
    Polynomial operator +(const Polynomial p) const;
```

```
    Polynomial operator -(const Polynomial p) const;
```

```
    Polynomial operator *(const Polynomial p) const;
```

```
    Polynomial operator /(const Polynomial p) const;
```


```
    ...
```

```
private:
```

```
    float coeff[max_degree];
```

```
    int degree;
```

```
};
```



Standard constructor,  
copy constructor and  
destructor methods


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    ~Polynomial ();

    Polynomial operator +(const Polynomial p) const;
    Polynomial operator -(const Polynomial p) const;
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    ...

private:
    float coeff[max_degree];
    int degree;
};
```

← Private variables store an array of polynomial coefficients and the degree

# POLYNOMIALS

```
Polynomial::Polynomial(float p0, float p1, float p2, float p3)
```

```
{  
    if (p3 != 0) degree = 3;  
    else if (p2 != 0) degree = 2; ← Store the polynomial degree  
    else if (p1 != 0) degree = 1;  
    else degree = 0;  
  
    for (int d = 0; d < max_degree; d++)  
        coeff[d] = 0;  
    coeff[3] = p3;  
    coeff[2] = p2; ← Store the polynomial coefficients  
    coeff[1] = p1;  
    coeff[0] = p0;  
}
```



# POLYNOMIALS

Polynomial Polynomial::operator + (const Polynomial p)

```
{  
    Polynomial res;  
    if (degree >= p.degree)  
        res.degree = degree; ← Calculate degree of output polynomial  
    else  
        res.degree = p.degree;  
  
    for (int d = 0; d <= res.degree; d++)  
        res.coeff[d] = coeff[d] + p.coeff[d]; ← Add the polynomial coefficients  
    return res;  
}
```


# POLYNOMIALS


Polynomial Polynomial::operator - (const Polynomial p)


```
{  
    Polynomial res;  
    if (degree >= p.degree)  
        res.degree = degree;  Calculate degree of output polynomial  
    else  
        res.degree = p.degree;  
  
    for (int d = 0; d <= res.degree; d++)  
        res.coeff[d] = coeff[d] - p.coeff[d];  Subtract the polynomial coefficients  
    return res;  
}
```



# POLYNOMIALS

```
Polynomial Polynomial::operator * (const Polynomial p)
{
    Polynomial res;
    res.degree = degree + p.degree;  Calculate degree of output polynomial

    for (int d = 0; d <= res.degree; d++)
        res.coeff[d] = 0;  Initialize output polynomial coefficients

    for (int da = 0; da <= degree; da++)
        for (int db = 0; db <= p.degree; db++)
            res.coeff[da + db] += coeff[da] * p.coeff[db];  Multiply the polynomial coefficients

    return res;
}
```

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## TEMPLATES

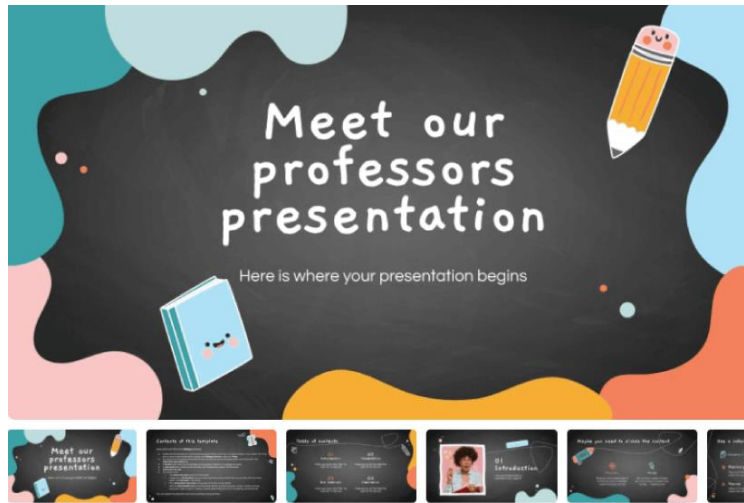
# TEMPLATES

- **What is a template? (old definition)**
  - A shaped piece of metal, wood, card, plastic, or other material used as a pattern for processes such as painting, cutting out, shaping, or drilling.



# TEMPLATES

- **What is a template? (newer definition)**
  - A preset format for a document or file, used so that the format does not have to be recreated each time it is used. Example: presentation templates, resume templates, etc.



# TEMPLATES


- **What is a template? (C++ definition)**
  - Templates are the foundation of **generic programming**, which involves writing code in a way that is independent of any data type.
  - We can create functions or classes with a “placeholder” data type and later call this code with different data types in our program.
- **Examples:**
  - Create templated sorting function, and then call the function to sort arrays of integers, floats, or strings.
  - Create an image processing class, and use this class to store and process integer, float, or complex images.

# TEMPLATES

- **Function templates:**


```
template <class myType>
myType Max(myType p1, myType p2)
{
    if (p1 > p2)
        return p1;
    else
        return p2;
}
```

We use myType as the placeholder for the data type



```
int max1 = Max<int>(42, 17);
float max2 = Max<float>(4.2, 1.7);
```

Calling two versions of the functions that expect different parameter types



# TEMPLATES

- **Class templates:**

```
template <class myType>
```

```
class MyClass
```

```
{
```

```
Public:
```


```
    myType method1();
```

```
    void method2(myType param);
```

```
Private:
```

```
    myType variable;
```

```
};
```




We use myType as the placeholder  
for the data type used in class  
methods and private variables

# TEMPLATES

- **Class templates:**

```
template <class myType>
myType MyClass::method1()
{
...
}
```

```
template <class myType>
void MyClass::method2(myType param)
{
...
}
```



We use myType placeholder when implementing class methods too



# TEMPLATES

- **Class templates:**

```
MyClass <int> object1;  
int result = object1.method1();  
object1.method2(42);
```

```
MyClass <float> object2;  
float answer = object2.method1()  
object2.method2(3.14159);
```



We specify the desired data types when we create objects

# TEMPLATES

- **Compiling class templates:**
  - We must specify the placeholder data type in the class definition in the class.h file and for each method implementation in the class.cpp file
  - In most compilers, template classes must be defined and implemented at the same time
  - This can be accomplished by **#including** the class.cpp file at the bottom of the class.h file
  - Compiling template classes within an IDE can be tricky and may require renaming the class.cpp file

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**NUMBERS CLASS**

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- **We will illustrate class templates with the Numbers class**
  - The private variables for this class include a fixed size array with a placeholder data type
  - Public methods calculate the maximum, minimum, and median value in this array, and return a value of the placeholder data type
  - When using the Numbers class in a program, we can create Numbers objects that contain an array of integers, or an array of floats depending on the application needs

# NUMBERS CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
class Numbers
{
public:
    Numbers();
    Numbers(string filename);
    ~Numbers();
```

← We are using DataType as the placeholder for the data type

```
    DataType findMin();
    DataType findMax();
    DataType findMean();
```

← The return type for these methods is also the placeholder DataType

# NUMBERS CLASS

...

private:

```
static const int SIZE = 100;
```

```
DataType Data[SIZE];
```

```
int Count;
```

```
};
```

 The private array is also declared using the **DataType** placeholder

# NUMBERS CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
Numbers<DataType>::Numbers()
{
    // Initialize variables
    Count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
        Data[i] = 0;
}
```

← We initialize the private  
Data array with zeros

# NUMBERS CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
Numbers<DataType>::Numbers(string filename)
{
    // Open input file
    ifstream din;
    din.open(filename.c_str());
    if (din.fail())
        return;
```



# NUMBERS CLASS


...

```
// Read integers into Data array
Count = 0;
double num;
din >> num;
while (!din.eof() && Count < SIZE)
{
    Data[Count++] = (DataType)num;
    din >> num;
}
din.close();
}
```

← We cast the input value into the correct type for Data array

# NUMBERS CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
DataType Numbers<DataType>::findMin()
{
    // Search array for min
    DataType min = Data[0];
    for (int index = 0; index < Count; index++)
        if (min > Data[index])
            min = Data[index];
    return min;
}
```



We search for minimum value in private Data array

# NUMBERS CLASS

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    cout << "processing integer.txt" << endl;
```

```
    Numbers <int> num("integer.txt");
```

```
    num.print();
```

```
    cout << "min = " << num.findMin() << endl;
```

```
    cout << "max = " << num.findMax() << endl;
```

```
    cout << "mean = " << num.findMean() << endl;
```

← Constructor function reads  
input file into Data array

# NUMBERS CLASS

...

```
cout << "processing float.txt" << endl;
```

```
Numbers <float> num2("float.txt");  
num2.print();
```

← Constructor function reads  
input file into Data array

```
cout << "min = " << num2.findMin() << endl;
```

```
cout << "max = " << num2.findMax() << endl;
```

```
cout << "mean = " << num2.findMean() << endl;
```

```
}
```

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## VECTOR CLASS

# VECTOR CLASS

- **The vector class is a widely used example of C++ templates**
  - Internally the vector class stores data in a **dynamic** array
  - This array can **grow** or **shrink** as data is inserted or deleted
  - Because it uses a dynamic array, random access is very fast
  - Because it uses templates, vectors can store any data type
- **In this section we will**
  - Describe how dynamic arrays can be implemented
  - Create a Vector class with a dynamic array of integers
  - Convert this Vector class into a templated class

# VECTOR CLASS

- **Creating dynamic arrays**
  - We use the **new** command to allocate memory
  - The **delete** command is used to free memory
- **Start with an array containing 10 integers**

```
// Allocate array
```

```
int * data = new int[10];
```

```
// Store data in array
```

```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
```

```
    data[i] = 42;
```

# VECTOR CLASS

- **Extend array to contain 5 more integers**

```
// Allocate new array
```

```
int * copy = new int[15];
```

```
// Copy data into new array
```

```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
```

```
    copy[i] = data[i];
```

```
for (int i=10; i<15; i++)
```

```
    copy[i] = 101;
```

```
// Adjust array pointers
```

```
delete [] data
```

```
data = copy;
```

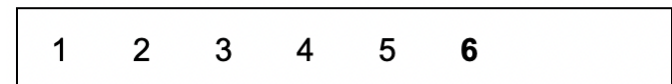
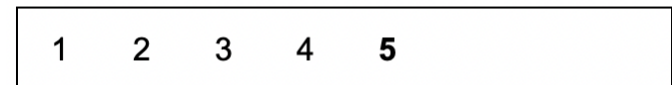
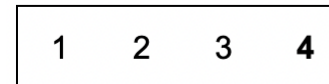
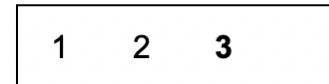
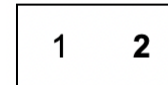


Copying data into the new array can be very time consuming for large arrays



# VECTOR CLASS


- To minimize the number of new, copy, delete operations the C++ vector class always **doubles** the size of the array when additional space is needed
  - Here we are appending values 1,2,3,4,5,6 to the vector
  - The array length goes from 1,2,4,8 as data is added
  - This guarantees that array is always at least half full



# VECTOR CLASS

```
class Vector
{
public:
    // Constructors
    Vector();
    Vector(const int size);
    Vector(const int size, const int & val);
    Vector(const Vector & copy);
    ~Vector();
```

Our Vector class has four constructors for initializing the dynamic array of integers



# VECTOR CLASS

// Capacity methods

int size();

void resize(const int size);

void resize(const int size, const int & val);


int capacity();

bool empty();

void reserve(const int size);

...

We have several methods to  
adjust the size and capacity  
of the vector object



# VECTOR CLASS

// Element access methods

```
int get(const int pos);  
void set(const int pos, const int & val);  
int front();  
int back();
```



Methods that allow the user to access data in the vector (with limited error checking)

// Modifier methods

```
void push_back(const int & val);  
void pop_back();  
void insert(const int pos, const int & val);  
void erase(const int pos);  
void clear();
```



Methods that allow the user to modify the contents of the vector (add/remove data)

# VECTOR CLASS

private:

int Size;

int Capacity;

int \* Data;

};



Private variables store the dynamic array of integers and the current size and capacity of the vector object

# VECTOR CLASS

```
Vector::Vector(const int size, const int & val)
```

```
{  
    if (size < 0)  
        Size = 0;  
    else  
        Size = size;  
    Capacity = Size;  
    if (Capacity == 0)  
        Data = NULL;  
    else  
        Data = new int[Capacity];  
    for (int i=0; i<Capacity; i++)  
        Data[i] = val;  
}
```

← Error checking on Size

← Allocating space for array

← Initializing data in array

# VECTOR CLASS

```
void Vector::reserve(const int size)
```

```
{  
    if (size > Capacity)           ← Checking if new space is needed  
    {  
        Capacity = size;  
        int *data = new int[Capacity]; ← Allocating space for new array  
        for (int i=0; i<Size; i++)  
            data[i] = Data[i];      ← Copying data from old array to new array  
        delete [] Data;  
        Data = data;  
    }  
}
```

# VECTOR CLASS

```
void Vector::push_back(const int & val)
{
    // Allocate space
    if (Size == 0)
        reserve(1);
    else if (Size == Capacity)      ← Allocating space for new array
        reserve(2*Capacity);

    // Save value
    Data[Size] = val;              ← Storing value at last location of array
    Size++;
}
```



# VECTOR CLASS

```
void Vector::erase(const int pos)
```

```
{
```

```
    // Error checking
```

```
    if ((pos < 0) || (pos > Size))
```

← Error checking pos is within range

```
        return;
```

```
    // Move data
```

```
    for (int i=pos; i<Size; i++)
```

```
        Data[i] = Data[i+1];
```

← Moving data to the left one position

```
    Size--;
```

```
}
```

# VECTOR CLASS

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Vector vect(4, 42);
```

42 42 42 42

```
    vect.push_back(31);
```

42 42 42 42 31 - - -

```
    vect.push_back(20);
```

42 42 42 42 31 20 - -

```
    vect.insert(1, 17)
```

42 17 42 42 42 31 20 -

```
    vect.erase(3);
```

42 17 42 42 31 20 - -

```
}
```

# VECTOR CLASS

- **Converting vector.h into a templated class**
  - Add “template <class DataType>” before class definition
  - Use “DataType” instead of “int” for all parameters and return types for dynamic data values
  - #include “vector.cpp” at bottom of the vector.h file
- **Converting vector.h into a templated class**
  - Add “template <class DataType>” before class methods
  - Change “Vector::” into “Vector<DataType>::” in class methods
  - Use “DataType” instead of “int” for all parameters, variables and return types for dynamic data values

# VECTOR CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
```

```
class Vector
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    // Constructors
```

```
    Vector();
```


```
    Vector(const int size);
```

```
    Vector(const int size, const DataType & val);
```

```
    Vector(const Vector & copy);
```

```
    ~Vector();
```

Our Vector class has four constructors for initializing the dynamic array of **any type**



# VECTOR CLASS

// Capacity methods

int size();

void resize(const int size);

void resize(const int size, const **DataType** & val);

int capacity();

bool empty();

void reserve(const int size);

...



Change int to DataType when referring to vector data values

Do not change types for size or position variables or parameters

# VECTOR CLASS

// Element access methods

**DataType** get(const int pos);

void set(const int pos, const **DataType** & val);

**DataType** front();

**DataType** back();

// Modifier methods

void push\_back(const **DataType** & val);

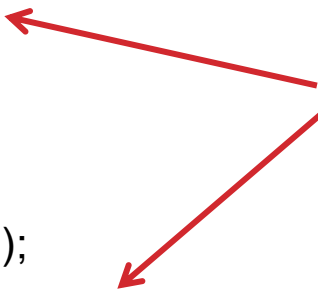
void pop\_back();

void insert(const int pos, const **DataType** & val);

void erase(const int pos);

void clear();

Replace int with **DataType**  
in parameters and return  
types of methods that refer  
to data in the vector



# VECTOR CLASS

private:

int Size;

int Capacity;

**DataType** \* Data;

};



We make the vector **generic**  
(able to store any data type)  
by using **DataType** here

# VECTOR CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
```

```
Vector<DataType>::Vector(const Vector & copy)
```

```
{
```

```
    Size = copy.Size;
```

```
    Capacity = copy.Capacity;
```

```
    if (Capacity == 0)
```

```
        Data = NULL;
```

```
    else
```

```
        Data = new DataType[Capacity];
```

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

```
        Data[i] = copy.Data[i];
```

```
}
```



Changing method header



Changing array data type



# VECTOR CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
```

```
void Vector<DataType>::reserve(const int size)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (size > Capacity)
```

```
    {
```

```
        Capacity = size;
```

```
        DataType *data = new DataType[Capacity];
```

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

```
            data[i] = Data[i];
```

```
        delete [] Data;
```

```
        Data = data;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

← Changing method header

← Changing array data type

# VECTOR CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
```

```
DataType Vector<DataType>::get(const int pos)
```

```
{  
    if ((pos >= 0) && (pos < Size))  
        return Data[pos];  
    else  
        return -1;  
}
```



We added get/set methods to our Vector class instead of operator overloaded [ ] access

# VECTOR CLASS

```
template <class DataType>
```

```
void Vector<DataType>::set(const int pos, const DataType & val)
```

```
{  
    if ((pos >= 0) && (pos < Size))  
        return;  
    else  
        Data[pos] = val;  
}
```



We added get/set methods to our Vector class instead of operator overloaded [ ] access

# VECTOR CLASS

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    Vector<int> vect(4, 42);
```

42	42	42	42
----	----	----	----

```
    vect.push_back(31);
```

42	42	42	42	31	-	-	-
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```
    vect.push_back(20);
```

42	42	42	42	31	20	-	-
----	----	----	----	----	----	---	---

```
    vect.insert(1, 17)
```

42	17	42	42	42	31	20	-
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---

```
    vect.erase(3);
```

42	17	42	42	31	20	-	-
----	----	----	----	----	----	---	---

```
}
```

# VECTOR CLASS

```
int main()
{
    Vector<string> vect(2, "hi");

    vect.push_back("mom");

    vect.push_back("dad");

    vect.insert(3, "and")

    vect.erase(1);
}
```

hi hi

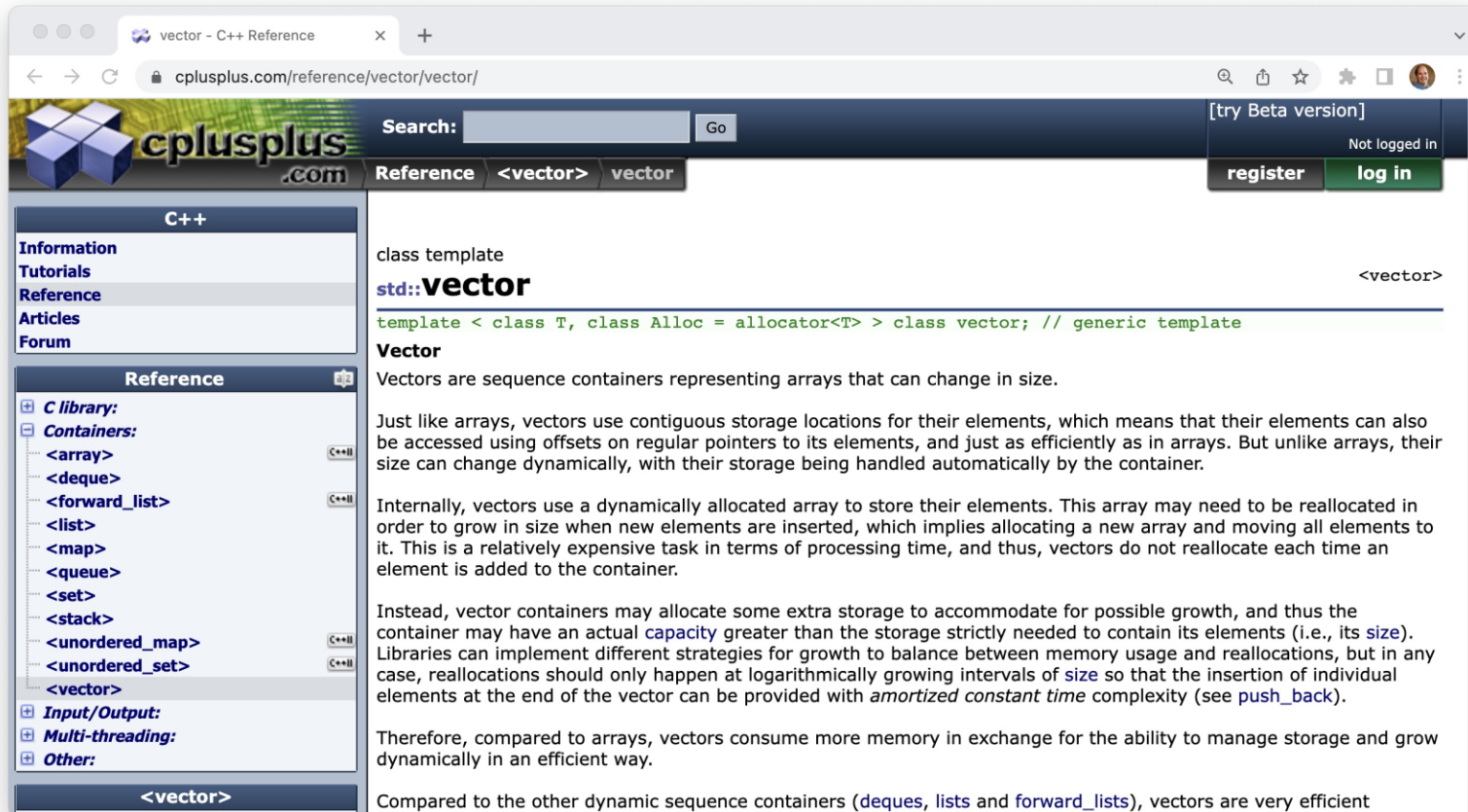
hi hi mom -

hi hi mom dad

hi hi mom and dad - - -

hi mom and dad - - - -

# VECTOR CLASS



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the C++ Reference page for the `vector` class on the website `cplusplus.com`. The browser's address bar shows the URL `cplusplus.com/reference/vector/vector/`. The website's header includes a search bar, a "Go" button, and a "[try Beta version]" link. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links to "C++", "Information", "Tutorials", "Reference", "Articles", and "Forum". The "Reference" section is expanded, showing a list of C++ standard library containers: `<array>`, `<deque>`, `<forward_list>`, `<list>`, `<map>`, `<queue>`, `<set>`, `<stack>`, `<unordered_map>`, `<unordered_set>`, and `<vector>`. The `<vector>` container is selected, and its details are shown on the right. The details include the class template definition: `template < class T, class Alloc = allocator<T> > class vector; // generic template`, a description of vectors as sequence containers, and a comparison of their efficiency to other dynamic sequence containers like `deque`, `list`, and `forward_list`.

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- `<list>`
- `<map>`
- `<queue>`
- `<set>`
- `<stack>`
- `<unordered_map>`
- `<unordered_set>`
- `<vector>`

Input/Output:

Multi-threading:

Other:

`<vector>`

class template

**std::vector** `<vector>`

```
template < class T, class Alloc = allocator<T> > class vector; // generic template
```

**Vector**

Vectors are sequence containers representing arrays that can change in size.

Just like arrays, vectors use contiguous storage locations for their elements, which means that their elements can also be accessed using offsets on regular pointers to its elements, and just as efficiently as in arrays. But unlike arrays, their size can change dynamically, with their storage being handled automatically by the container.

Internally, vectors use a dynamically allocated array to store their elements. This array may need to be reallocated in order to grow in size when new elements are inserted, which implies allocating a new array and moving all elements to it. This is a relatively expensive task in terms of processing time, and thus, vectors do not reallocate each time an element is added to the container.

Instead, vector containers may allocate some extra storage to accommodate for possible growth, and thus the container may have an actual **capacity** greater than the storage strictly needed to contain its elements (i.e., its **size**). Libraries can implement different strategies for growth to balance between memory usage and reallocations, but in any case, reallocations should only happen at logarithmically growing intervals of **size** so that the insertion of individual elements at the end of the vector can be provided with *amortized constant time* complexity (see **push\_back**).

Therefore, compared to arrays, vectors consume more memory in exchange for the ability to manage storage and grow dynamically in an efficient way.

Compared to the other dynamic sequence containers (**deque**s, **list**s and **forward\_list**s), vectors are very efficient

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## SUMMARY

# SUMMARY

- **Classes are used to implement **abstract data types** (ADTs)**
  - A data structure with an interface that provides operations on this data while hiding implementation details
- **Operator **overloading** in C++ allows the programmer to give new meanings to predefined C++ operators**
  - This is done by creating class methods whose "name" is given by one of the predefined operators in C++
- **Templates are the foundation of **generic programming** writing code in a way that is independent of any data type.**
  - Functions or classes use “placeholder” data type and later call this code with different data types in our program.