

Object Oriented Programming in C++

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Part 1 – Object Oriented Programming



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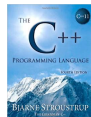
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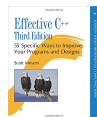
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Example of Encapsulation

- Class `Matrix` encapsulates 2D matrix of `double` values

```
1 class Matrix {
2     public:
3         Matrix(int rows, int cols);
4         Matrix(const Matrix &m);
5         ~Matrix();
6
7         inline int rows(void) const { return ROWS; }
8         inline int cols(void) const { return COLS; }
9         double getValueAt(int r, int c) const;
10        void setValueAt(double v, int r, int c);
11        void fillRandom(void);
12        Matrix sum(const Matrix &m2);
13        Matrix operator+(const Matrix &m2);
14        Matrix& operator=(const Matrix &m);
15    private:
16        inline double& at(int r, int c) const { return vals[COLS * r + c]; }
17    private:
18        const int ROWS;
19        const int COLS;
20        double *vals;
21 };
22 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Matrix& m);
```

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Example – Matrix Subscripting Operator

- For convenient access to matrix cells, we can implement operator `()` with two arguments `r` and `c` denoting the cell row and column

```
1 class Matrix {
2     public:
3         double& operator()(int r, int c);
4         double operator()(int r, int c) const;
5 };
6
7 // use the reference for modification of the cell value
8 double& Matrix::operator()(int r, int c)
9 {
10     return at(r, c);
11 }
12
13 // copy the value for the const operator
14 double Matrix::operator()(int r, int c) const
15 {
16     return at(r, c);
17 }
```

For simplicity and better readability, we do not check the range of arguments.



Example Matrix – Identity Matrix

- Implementation of the `setIdentity()` using the matrix subscripting operator

```
1 void setIdentity(Matrix& matrix)
2 {
3     for (int r = 0; r < matrix.rows(); ++r) {
4         for (int c = 0; c < matrix.cols(); ++c) {
5             matrix(r, c) = (r == c) ? 1.0 : 0.0;
6         }
7     }
8 }
10 Matrix m1(2, 2);
11 std::cout << "Matrix m1 -- init values: " << std::endl << m1;
12 setIdentity(m1);
13 std::cout << "Matrix m1 -- identity: " << std::endl << m1;
```

- Example of output

```
1 Matrix m1 -- init values:
2 0.0 0.0
3 0.0 0.0
4 Matrix m1 -- identity:
5 1.0 0.0
6 0.0 1.0
```



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Relationship between Objects

- Objects can be in a relationship based on the
 - Inheritance – is the relationship of the type **is**
 - Object of descendant class **is** also the ancestor class*
 - One class is derived from the ancestor class
 - Objects of the derived class extends the based class*
 - Derived class contains all the fields of the ancestor class
 - However, some of the fields may be hidden*
 - New methods can be implemented in the derived class
 - New implementation **override** the previous one*
 - Derived class (objects) are a specialization of a more general ancestor (super) class
 - An object can be part of the other objects – it is the **has** relation
 - Similarly to compound structures that contain other struct data types as their data fields, objects can also compound other objects
 - We can further distinguish
 - **Aggregation** – an object is a part of another object
 - **Composition** – inner object exists only within the compound object



Example – Aggregation/Composition

- Aggregation – relationship of the type “**has**” or “**it is composed**”
 - Let **A** be aggregation of **B C**, then objects **B** and **C** are contained in **A**
 - It results that **B** and **C** cannot survive without **A**

*In such a case, we call the relationship as **composition***

Example of implementation

```

1  class GraphComp { // composition
2      private:
3          std::vector<Edge> edges;
4  };
6  class GraphComp { // aggregation
7      public:
8          GraphComp(std::vector<Edge>& edges) : edges(
          edges) {}
9      private:
10         const std::vector<Edge>& edges;
11 };

```

```

1  struct Edge {
2      Node v1;
3      Node v2;
4  };
6  struct Node {
7      Data data;
8  };

```



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Inheritance

- Founding definition and implementation of one class on another existing class(es)
- Let class **B** be inherited from the class **A**, then
 - Class **B** is **subclass** or the **derived class** of **A**
 - Class **A** is **superclass** or the **base class** of **B**
- The subclass **B** has two parts in general:
 - Derived part is inherited from **A**
 - New **incremental part** contains definitions and implementation added by the class **B**
- The inheritance is the relationship of the type **is-a**
 - Object of the type **B** is also an instance of the object of the type **A**
- Properties of **B** inherited from the **A** can be redefined
 - Change of field visibility (protected, public, private)
 - **Overriding** of the method implementation
- Using inheritance, we can create hierarchies of objects

Implement general functions in superclasses or create abstract classes that are further specialized in the derived classes.



Example MatrixExt – Extension of the Matrix

- We will extend the existing class `Matrix` to have identity method and also multiplication operator
- We refer the superclass as the `Base` class using `typedef`
- We need to provide a constructor for the `MatrixExt`; however, we used the existing constructor in the base class

```
1 class MatrixExt : public Matrix {
2     typedef Matrix Base; // typedef for referring the superclass
4     public:
5     MatrixExt(int r, int c) : Base(r, c) {} // base constructor
7     void setIdentity(void);
8     Matrix operator*(const Matrix &m2);
9 };
```

lec12/matrix_ext.h



Example MatrixExt – Identity and Multiplication Operator

- We can use only the `public` (or `protected`) methods of `Matrix` class

Matrix does not have any protected members

```
1  #include "matrix_ext.h"
2  void MatrixExt::setIdentity(void)
3  {
4      for (int r = 0; r < rows(); ++r) {
5          for (int c = 0; c < cols(); ++c) {
6              (*this)(r, c) = (r == c) ? 1.0 : 0.0;
7          }
8      }
9  }
```

lec12/matrix_ext.cc



Example MatrixExt – Example of Usage 1/2

- Objects of the class `MatrixExt` also have the methods of the `Matrix`

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include "matrix_ext.h"
3
4  using std::cout;
5
6  int main(void)
7  {
8      int ret = 0;
9      MatrixExt m1(2, 1);
10     m1(0, 0) = 3; m1(1, 0) = 5;
11
12     MatrixExt m2(1, 2);
13     m2(0, 0) = 1; m2(0, 1) = 2;
14
15     cout << "Matrix m1:\n" << m1 << std::endl;
16     cout << "Matrix m2:\n" << m2 << std::endl;
17     cout << "m1 * m2 =\n" << m2 * m1 << std::endl;
18     cout << "m2 * m1 =\n" << m1 * m2 << std::endl;
19     return ret;
20 }
```

```
clang++ matrix.cc matrix_ext.cc demo-
matrix_ext.cc && ./a.out
Matrix m1:
3.0
5.0
Matrix m2:
1.0 2.0
m1 * m2 =
13.0
m2 * m1 =
3.0 6.0
5.0 10.0
```



Example MatrixExt – Example of Usage 2/2

- We may use objects of `MatrixExt` anywhere objects of `Matrix` can be applied.
- This is a result of the inheritance

And a first step towards polymorphism

```
1 void setIdentity(Matrix& matrix)
2 {
3     for (int r = 0; r < matrix.rows(); ++r) {
4         for (int c = 0; c < matrix.cols(); ++c) {
5             matrix(r, c) = (r == c) ? 1.0 : 0.0;
6         }
7     }
8 }
9
10 MatrixExt m1(2, 1);
11 cout << "Using setIdentity for Matrix" << std::endl;
12 setIdentity(m1);
13 cout << "Matrix m1:\n" << m1 << std::endl;
```

lec12/demo-matrix_ext.cc



Categories of the Inheritance

- **Strict inheritance** – derived class takes all of the superclass and adds its methods and attributes. All members of the superclass are available in the derived class. It strictly follows the **is-a** hierarchy
- **Nonstrict inheritance** – the subclass derives from the superclass only certain attributes or methods that can be further redefined
- **Multiple inheritance** – a class is derived from several superclasses



Inheritance – Summary

- Inheritance is a mechanism that allows
 - Extend the data field of the class and modify them
 - Extend or modify methods of the class
- Inheritance allows to
 - Create hierarchies of classes
 - “Pass” data fields and methods for further extension and modification
 - Specialize (specify) classes
- The main advantages of inheritance are
 - It contributes essentially to the code reusability
 - Inheritance is the foundation for the **polymorphism**

Together with encapsulation!



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Polymorphism

- Polymorphism can be expressed as the ability to refer in the same way to different objects

We can call the same method names on different objects

- We work with an object whose actual content is determined at the runtime
- **Polymorphism of objects** - Let the class **B** be a subclass of **A**, then the object of the **B** can be used wherever it is expected to be an object of the class **A**
- **Polymorphism of methods** requires dynamic binding, i.e., static vs. dynamic type of the class
 - Let the class **B** be a subclass of **A** and redefines the method `m()`
 - A variable `x` is of the static type **B**, but its dynamic type can be **A** or **B**
 - Which method is actually called for `x.m()` depends on the dynamic type



Example MatrixExt – Method Overriding 1/2

- In `MatrixExt`, we may override a method implemented in the base class `Matrix`, e.g., `fillRandom()` will also use negative values.

```
1 class MatrixExt : public Matrix {
2     ...
3     void fillRandom(void);
4 }
7 void MatrixExt::fillRandom(void)
8 {
9     for (int r = 0; r < rows(); ++r) {
10        for (int c = 0; c < cols(); ++c) {
11            (*this)(r, c) = (rand() % 100) / 10.0;
12            if (rand() % 100 > 50) {
13                (*this)(r, c) *= -1.0; // change the sign
14            }
15        }
16    }
17 }
```

`lec12/matrix_ext.h, lec12/matrix_ext.cc`



Example MatrixExt – Method Overriding 2/2

- We can call the method `fillRandom()` of the `MatrixExt`

```
1 MatrixExt *m1 = new MatrixExt(3, 3);
2 Matrix *m2 = new MatrixExt(3, 3);
3 m1->fillRandom(); m2->fillRandom();
4 cout << "m1: MatrixExt as MatrixExt:\n" << *m1 << std::endl;
5 cout << "m2: MatrixExt as Matrix:\n" << *m2 << std::endl;
6 delete m1; delete m2; lec12/demo-matrix_ext.cc
```

- However, in the case of `m2` the `Matrix::fillRandom()` is called

```
m1: MatrixExt as MatrixExt:
-1.3  9.8  1.2
 8.7 -9.8 -7.9
-3.6 -7.3 -0.6
m2: MatrixExt as Matrix:
 7.9  2.3  0.5
 9.0  7.0  6.6
 7.2  1.8  9.7
```

We need a dynamic way to identify the object type at runtime for the
polymorphism of the methods



Virtual Methods – Polymorphism and Inheritance

- We need a dynamic binding for polymorphism of the methods
- It is usually implemented as a **virtual method** in object-oriented programming languages
- Override methods that are marked as **virtual** has a dynamic binding to the particular dynamic type



Example – Overriding without Virtual Method 1/2

```

1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  class A {
4      public:
5          void info()
6              {
7                  cout << "Object of the class A" << endl;
8              }
9  };
10 class B : public A {
11     public:
12         void info()
13             {
14                 cout << "Object of the class B" << endl;
15             }
16 };
17 A* a = new A(); B* b = new B();
18 A* ta = a; // backup of a pointer
19 a->info(); // calling method info() of the class A
20 b->info(); // calling method info() of the class B
21 a = b; // use the polymorphism of objects
22 a->info(); // without the dynamic binding, method of the class A is called
23 delete ta; delete b;

```

```

clang++ demo-novirtual.cc
./a.out
Object of the class A
Object of the class B
Object of the class A

```

lec12/demo-novirtual.cc



Example – Overriding with Virtual Method 2/2

```

1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  class A {
4      public:
5          virtual void info() // Virtual !!!
6          {
7              cout << "Object of the class A" << endl;
8          }
9  };
10 class B : public A {
11     public:
12         void info()
13         {
14             cout << "Object of the class B" << endl;
15         }
16 };
17 A* a = new A(); B* b = new B();
18 A* ta = a; // backup of a pointer
19 a->info(); // calling method info() of the class A
20 b->info(); // calling method info() of the class B
21 a = b; // use the polymorphism of objects
22 a->info(); // the dynamic binding exists, method of the class B is called
23 delete ta; delete b;
```

```

clang++ demo-virtual.cc
./a.out
Object of the class A
Object of the class B
Object of the class B
```

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Derived Classes, Polymorphism, and Practical Implications

- Derived class inherits the methods and data fields of the superclass, but it can also add new methods and data fields
 - It can extend and specialize the class
 - It can modify the implementation of the methods
- An object of the derived class can be used instead of the object of the superclass, e.g.,
 - We can implement more efficient matrix multiplication without modification of the whole program

We may further need a mechanism to create a new object based on the dynamic type, i.e., using the `newInstance` virtual method

- **Virtual** methods are important for the **polymorphism**
 - It is crucial to use a virtual **destructor** for a proper destruction of the object
 - E.g., when a derived class allocates additional memory*



Example – Virtual Destructor 1/4

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  class Base {
3      public:
4          Base(int capacity) {
5              std::cout << "Base::Base -- allocate data" << std::endl;
6              data = new int[capacity];
7          }
8          virtual ~Base() { // virtual destructor is important
9              std::cout << "Base::~Base -- release data" << std::endl;
10             delete[] data;
11         }
12     protected:
13         int *data;
14 };
```

lec12/demo-virtual_destructor.cc



Example – Virtual Destructor 2/4

```
1  class Derived : public Base {
2      public:
3          Derived(int capacity) : Base(capacity) {
4              std::cout << "Derived::Derived -- allocate data2" << std::endl;
5              data2 = new int[capacity];
6          }
7          ~Derived() {
8              std::cout << "Derived::~~Derived -- release data2" << std::endl;
9              delete[] data2;
10         }
11     protected:
12         int *data2;
13 };
```

lec12/demo-virtual_destructor.cc



Example – Virtual Destructor 3/4

- Using `virtual` destructor all allocated data are properly released

```
1 std::cout << "Using Derived " << std::endl;  
2 Derived *object = new Derived(1000000);  
3 delete object;  
4 std::cout << std::endl;  
6 std::cout << "Using Base" << std::endl;  
7 Base *object = new Derived(1000000);  
8 delete object;
```

`lec12/demo-virtual_destructor.cc`

```
clang++ demo-virtual_destructor.cc && ./a.out
```

```
Using Derived
```

```
Base::Base -- allocate data
```

```
Derived::Derived -- allocate data2
```

```
Derived::~Derived -- release data2
```

```
Base::~Base -- release data
```

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```

```
Derived::~Derived -- release data2
```

```
Base::~Base -- release data
```

Both destructors `Derived` and `Base` are called



Example – Virtual Destructor 4/4

- Without `virtual` destructor, e.g.,

```

1  class Base {
2      ...
3      ~Base(); // without virtualdestructor
4  };
5  Derived *object = new Derived(1000000);
6  delete object;
7  Base *object = new Derived(1000000);
8  delete object;

```

- Only both constructors are called, but only destructor of the `Base` class in the second case `Base *object = new Derived(1000000);`

Using Derived

Base::Base -- allocate data

Derived::Derived -- allocate data2

Derived::~~Derived -- release data2

Base::~~Base -- release data

Using Base

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Only the destructor of `Base` is called



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Inheritance and Composition

- A part of object-oriented programming is the object oriented design (OOD)
 - It aims to provide “a plan” on how to solve the problem using objects and their relationship
 - An important part of the design is the identification of the particular objects
 - their generalization to the classes
 - and also designing a class hierarchy
- Sometimes, it may be difficult to decide
 - What is the common (general) object, and what is the specialization, which is an important step for class hierarchy and applying the inheritance
 - It may also be questionable when to use composition
- Let show the inheritance on an example of geometrical objects



Example – Is Cuboid Extended **Rectangle**? 1/2

```
1  class Rectangle {
2      public:
3          Rectangle(double w, double h) : width(w), height(h) {}
4          inline double getWidth(void) const { return width; }
5          inline double getHeight(void) const { return height; }
6          inline double getDiagonal(void) const
7          {
8              return sqrt(width*width + height*height);
9          }
11     protected:
12         double width;
13         double height;
14 };
```



Example – Is Cuboid Extended Rectangle? 2/2

```
1 class Cuboid : public Rectangle {
2     public:
3         Cuboid(double w, double h, double d) :
4             Rectangle(w, h), depth(d) {}
5         inline double getDepth(void) const { return depth; }
6         inline double getDiagonal(void) const
7         {
8             const double tmp = Rectangle::getDiagonal();
9             return sqrt(tmp * tmp + depth * depth);
10        }
11    protected:
12        double depth;
13    };
```



Example – Inheritance Cuboid Extend Rectangle

- Class `Cuboid` extends the class `Rectangle` by the `depth`
 - `Cuboid` inherits data fields `width` a `height`
 - `Cuboid` also inherits „getters” `getWidth()` and `getHeight()`
 - Constructor of the `Rectangle` is called from the `Cuboid` constructor
- The descendant class `Cuboid` extends (override) the `getDiagonal()` methods

It actually uses the method `getDiagonal()` of the ancestor `Rectangle::getDiagonal()`

- We create a “specialization” of the `Rectangle` as an extension `Cuboid` class

Is it really a suitable extension?

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Example – Inheritance – Rectangle is a Special Cuboid 1/2

- Rectangle is a cuboid with zero depth

```
1 class Cuboid {
2
3     public:
4         Cuboid(double w, double h, double d) :
5             width(w), height(h), depth(d) {}
6
7         inline double getWidth(void) const { return width; }
8         inline double getHeight(void) const { return height; }
9         inline double getDepth(void) const { return depth; }
10
11        inline double getDiagonal(void) const
12        {
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14        }
15
16        protected:
17            double width;
18            double height;
19            double depth;
20 };
```



Example – Inheritance – Rectangle is a Special **Cuboid** 2/2

```
1 class Rectangle : public Cuboid {  
3     public:  
4         Rectangle(double w, double h) : Cuboid(w, h, 0.0) {}  
5 };
```

- Rectangle is a “cuboid” with zero depth
- **Rectangle** inherits all data fields: **with**, **height**, and **depth**
- It also inherits all methods of the ancestor

Accessible can be only particular ones

- The constructor of the **Cuboid** class is accessible, and it is used to set data fields with the zero **depth**
- Objects of the class **Rectangle** can use all variable and methods of the **Cuboid** class



Should be Rectangle Descendant of Cuboid or Cuboid be Descendant of Rectangle?

1. Cuboid is a descendant of the rectangle

- “Logical” addition of the depth dimensions, but methods valid for the rectangle do not work for the cuboid

E.g., area of the rectangle

2. Rectangle as a descendant of the cuboid

- Logically correct reasoning on specialization
“All what work for the cuboid also work for the cuboid with zero depth”
- Inefficient implementation – every rectangle is represented by 3 dimensions

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Everything what hold for the ancestor have to be valid for the descendant

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Relationship of the Ancestor and Descendant is of the type “is-a”

- Is a line segment descendant of the point?
 - Straight line segment does not use any method of a point
is-a?: segment is a point ? → **NO** → segment is not descendant of the point
- Is the rectangle descendant of the straight line segment?
is-a?: NO
- Is the rectangle descendant of the square, or vice versa?
 - Rectangle “extends” square by one dimension, but it is not a square
 - Square is a rectangle with the width same as the height

Set the width and height in the constructor!



Substitution Principle

- Relationship between two derived classes
- Policy
 - Derived class is a specialization of the superclass

*There is the **is-a** relationship*

- Wherever it is possible to use a class, it must be possible to use the descendant in such a way that a user cannot see any difference

Polymorphism

- Relationship **is-a** must be permanent



Composition of Objects

- If a class contains data fields of other object type, the relationship is called **composition**
- Composition creates a hierarchy of objects, but not by inheritance

Inheritance creates a hierarchy of relationship in the sense of descendant/ancestor
- Composition is a relationship of the objects – **aggregation** – **consists / is compound**
- It is a relationship of the type “**has.**”



Example – Composition 1/3

- Each person is characterized by attributes of the `Person` class
 - `name` (string)
 - `address` (string)
 - `birthDate` (date)
 - `graduationDate` (date)
- Date is characterized by three attributes Datum (class `Date`)
 - `day` (`int`)
 - `month` (`int`)
 - `year` (`int`)



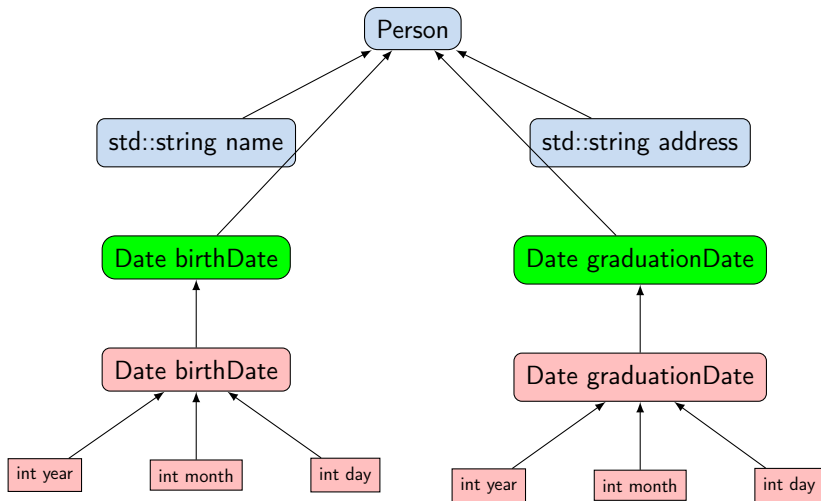
Example – Composition 2/3

```
1 #include <string>
3 class Person {
4     public:
5     std::string name;
6     std::string address;
7     Date birthDate;
8     Date graduationDate;
9 };
```

```
1 class Date {
2     public:
3     int day;
4     int month;
5     int year;
6 };
```



Example – Composition 3/3



Inheritance vs Composition

■ Inheritance objects:

- Creating a derived class (descendant, subclass, derived class)

- Derived class is a specialization of the superclass

- May add variables (data fields)

Or overlapping variables (names)

- Add or modify methods

- Unlike composition, inheritance changes the properties of the objects

- New or modified methods

- Access to variables and methods of the ancestor (base class, superclass)

If access is allowed (public/protected)

- Composition of objects is made of attributes (data fields) of the object type

It consists of objects

- A distinction between composition and inheritance

- „Is” test – a symptom of inheritance (**is-a**)

- „Has” test – a symptom of composition (**has**)



Inheritance and Composition – Pitfalls

- Excessive usage of composition and also inheritance in cases it is not needed leads to complicated design
- Watch on literal interpretations of the relationship **is-a** and **has**, sometimes it is not even about the inheritance or composition

E.g., Point2D and Point3D or Circle and Ellipse

- Prefer composition and not the inheritance

*One of the advantages of inheritance is the **polymorphism***

- Using inheritance violates the **encapsulation**

*Especially with the access rights set to the **protected***



Part II

Part 2 – Standard Template Library (STL)



Outline

Templates

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Templates

- Class definition may contain specific data fields of a particular type
- The data type itself does not change the behavior of the object, e.g., typically as in
 - Linked list or double linked list
 - Queue, Stack, etc.
 - *data containers*
- Definition of the class for specific type would be identical except the data type
- We can use **templates** for later specification of the particular data type when the instance of the class is created
- Templates provides **compile-time polymorphism**

In contrast to the run-time polymorphism realized by virtual methods.



Example – Template Class

- The template class is defined by the **template** keyword with specification of the type name

```
1  template <typename T>
2  class Stack {
3      public:
4          bool push(T *data);
5          T* pop(void);
6  };
```

- An object of the template class is declared with the specified particular type

```
1  Stack<int> intStack;
2  Stack<double> doubleStack;
```



Example – Template Function

- Templates can also be used for functions to specify particular types and use type safety and typed operators

```
1  template <typename T>
2  const T & max(const T &a, const T &b)
3  {
4      return a < b ? b : a;
5  }

8  double da, db;
9  int ia, ib;

11 std::cout << "max double: " << max(da, db) << std::endl;
13 std::cout << "max int: " << max(ia, ib) << std::endl;
15 //not allowed such a function is not defined
16 std::cout << "max mixed " << max(da, ib) << std::endl;
```



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STL

- Standard Template Library (STL) is a library of the standard C++ that provides efficient implementations of the data **containers**, algorithms, functions, and iterators
- High efficiency of the implementation is achieved by templates with compile-type polymorphism
- Standard Template Library Programmer's Guide – <https://www.sgi.com/tech/stl/>



std::vector – Dynamic "C" like array

- One of the very useful data containers in the STL is `vector`, which behaves like a C array but allows adding and removing elements.

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
4  int main(void)
5  {
6      std::vector<int> a;
7
8      for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
9          a.push_back(i);
10     }
11
12     for (int i = 0; i < a.size(); ++i) {
13         std::cout << "a[" << i << "] = " << a[i] << std::endl;
14     }
15
16     std::cout << "Add one more element" << std::endl;
17     a.push_back(0);
18
19     for (int i = 5; i < a.size(); ++i) {
20         std::cout << "a[" << i << "] = " << a[i] << std::endl;
21     }
22     return 0;
23 }
```

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Summary of the Lecture



Topics Discussed

- Objects and Methods in C++ – example of 2D matrix encapsulation
 - Subscripting operator
- Relationship between objects
 - Aggregation
 - Composition
- Inheritance – properties and usage in C++
- Polymorphism – dynamic binding and virtual methods
- Inheritance and Composition
- Templates and STL

