

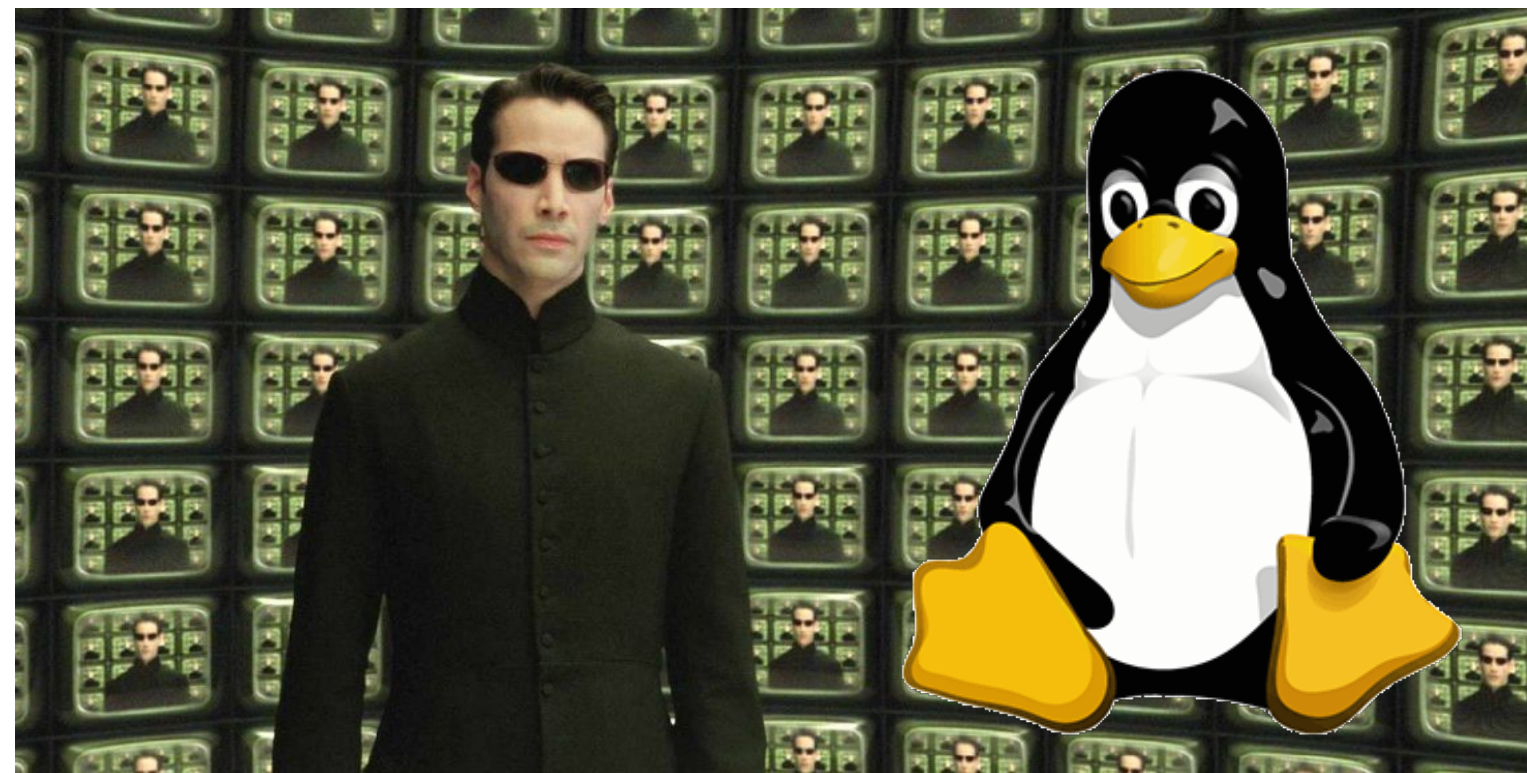


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# CSCI 125

## Introduction to Computer Science and Programming II

### Lecture 6: User Class I



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# Overview

- Focus: Basic C/C++ Syntax
- Architecture: Linux/Unix OS
- Core Ideas:
  1. Basic declaration
  2. Constructor
  3. Tutorial: compiling class using headers

# Data Types

- Primary ✓
  - Integers, Characters, Boolean ✓
  - Floating point ✓
  - Void ✓
- Derived
  - Function ✓, Array ✓, Pointer, Reference ✓
- User Defined
  - **Struct, Class**, Enumerate ✓, Typedef ✓

# Introduction to Class

Declarations, Basic Member functions

# Object-Oriented Programming

- Data-centric software engineering approach
- Design all components of the software based on Data Structures
- Most modern software systems uses OOP
- An object
  - An object is an instance of a user defined datatype  
e.g. `string str; // str is an instance of class string`
  - An object has member variables and functions: e.g. `str.c_str()`

# Object-Oriented Programming

- Example: Simple Code Editor
  - Central data structure: source-file
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    - Sub-structure: syntax-checker
    - Sub-structure: API to compiler
    - Sub-structure: API to debugger

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2. using namespace std;
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5.     cout << endl;
6.     return 0
7. }
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# Declaration

- Declaration starts with `class`  
`struct` also works, but don't use it
- Declaration of member functions and variables
  - access specifiers: kinda like scope
- `objectNames`: optional

```
1. class ClassName {  
2.     accessSpecifier1:  
3.         member variable1...  
4.     accessSpecifier2:  
5.         member function1...  
6. } objectNames;
```



# Access Specifiers

- Access specifier: `public`
- Can be accessed anywhere the object is visible

```
1. class Employee {
2.     public:
3.         int id;
4.         std::string name;
5.         int salary;
6. } john;
7. Employee smith;
8. john.name = "John Cooper";
9. std::cin >> smith.id;
```

# Access Specifiers

- Access specifier: `public`
  - Can be accessed anywhere the object is visible
- Access specifier: `private`
  - Can be accessed **ONLY** by other members of this object

```
1. class Employee {
2.     private:
3.         int salary;
4.     public:
5.         void setSalary(int val) {
6.             salary = val;
7.         }
8. } john;
9. john.salary = 12; // doesn't work
10. john.setSalary(12); // works!
```

# Access Specifiers

- Access specifier: `public`
  - Can be accessed anywhere the object is visible
- Access specifier: `private`
  - Can be accessed **ONLY** by other members of this object
- Access specifier: `protected`
  - Covered in *Lecture 6: User Class III*<sup>1</sup>

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1. class Employee {
2.     private:
3.         int salary;
4.     public:
5.         void setSalary(int val) {
6.             salary = val;
7.         }
8. } john;
9. john.salary = 12; // doesn't work
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```

# Access Specifiers

- Access specifiers
  - The default one is `private`
  - Everything under the current specifier belongs to that access type

```
1. class Employee {  
2.     std::string name; // private  
3.     public:  
4.     void setSalary(int val);  
5.     void setName(std::string val);  
6.     private:  
7.     int salary;  
8. };
```

# Member Variables

- Variable declaration just like normal variables
- Can have initial values, the same as normal variables

```
1. class Employee {  
2.     std::string name;  
3.     int salary=12;  
4.     int age=-1;  
5. };
```

# Member Functions

- Usually, declare as function prototypes first
- Same as normal function prototypes
- Can have overrides
- Complete the declaration later  
type `Class::Function ...`

```
1. class Employee {  
2.     int id;  
3.     public:  
4.     void setId(int val);  
5. };
```

Prototype

```
7. void Employee::setId(int val) {  
8.     id = val;  
9. }
```

Complete definition

# Example (demo1)

- Circle area calculation  
(demo1.cpp)
- Downloadable as Handout H804
- 4: `radius` is a private member variable
- 6, 7: `public` member function prototype

```
3. class Circle {  
4.     double radius;  
5.     public:  
6.         void setRadius(double val);  
7.         double area();  
8. };
```



# Example (demo1)

- 10: accessing private member variable `radius` in member function
- 25: calling member function, this changes the value for `x.radius`

```
10. void Circle::setRadius(double val) {  
11.     radius = val;  
12. }  
  
23.     double val;  
24.     cin >> val;  
25.     x.setRadius(val);
```

# Example (demo2)

- Circle area calculation  
(demo2.cpp)
- Downloadable as Handout H804
- Implementing member functions  
inside the class declaration
- Usually, you do this when the  
function is very simple

```
3. class Circle {  
4.     double radius;  
5.     public:  
6.         void setRadius(double val)  
           {radius = val;}  
7.         double area() {return  
           radius*radius*3.14}  
8.     };
```

# Constructor of Class

# What are Constructors

- Constructors are member functions
- Constructors are called immediately when a class object is declared and initialised
- Used to initialise a class object
- Similar to `def __init__(self, ...)` in python classes

# Constructor of a Class (demo3)

- 7: Prototype declaration
  - Must be `public`
  - Syntax  
`ClassName (...);`  
`// do not add type`
- 11: Prototype implementation
  - Syntax  
`ClassName::ClassName (...){...}`

```
4. class Countdown {
5.     int count;
6.     public:
7.         Countdown(int val);
8.         void do();
9. };

11. Countdown::Countdown(int val) {
12.     count = val;
13. }

23. Countdown c(12);
```

# Constructor of a Class (demo3)

- 23: declare a new variable, which is an instance/object of class `CountDown`
- Constructor called, `c.count` initialised to 12

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4. class Countdown {
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6.     public:
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8.         void do();
9. };

11. Countdown::CountDown(int val) {
12.     count = val;
13. }

23. Countdown c(12);
```

# Constructor of a Class (demo3)

- Constructors cannot be called explicitly as if they were regular member functions
- Constructors are only executed once, when a new object of that class is created

```
4. class Countdown {
5.     int count;
6.     public:
7.         Countdown(int val);
8.         void doCount();
9. };

11. Countdown::Countdown(int val) {
12.     count = val;
13. }

23. Countdown c(12);
```



# Constructor of a Class

- Constructors do support overloading, just like any other member function or regular function

```
1. class MyClass {  
2.     public:  
3.         MyClass(int val);  
4.         MyClass(int val1, int val2);  
5.         MyClass(int val1, int val2, int val3);  
6.     };
```

# Class in Headers

Also, practice question p022

# Downloads

- Handout H804
  - p022.h
  - demo4.cpp
- Task: write p022.cpp

# Instructions

**p022.cpp**

- Step 1: finish the function declarations in p022.cpp

```
1. #include "p022.h"
2.
3. void Circle::setRadius(double
   val) {
4.     radius = val;
5. }
6.
7. double Circle::area() {
8.     return radius * radius * pi;
9. }
```

# Instructions

**p022.cpp**

- Step 2: Compile the object file for p022.cpp  
\$ g++ p022.cpp -c -o p022.o

```
1. #include "p022.h"
2.
3. void Circle::setRadius(double
   val) {
4.     radius = val;
5. }
6.
7. double Circle::area() {
8.     return radius * radius * pi;
9. }
```

# Instructions

- **Step 3: Compile the main demo4 file with object p022.o**

```
$ g++ demo4.cpp p022.o -o demo4
```

- **Run the programme to test your code**

```
$ ./demo4
```

**demo4.cpp**

```
1. #include <iostream>
2. #include "p022.h"
3. using namespace std;

5. int main() {
6.     Circle x, y; // declare 2 new objects of class circle

8.     // cin >> x.radius; // this will not work

10.    double val;
11.    cin >> val;
12.    x.setRadius(val);
13.    cin >> val;
14.    y.setRadius(val);
15.    cout << "area of circle 1 is: " << x.area() << endl;
16.    cout << "area of circle 2 is: " << y.area() << endl;
17.    return 0;
18.}
```