

W8.2 Operator Overloading

- Fundamentals of Operator Overloading
- Restrictions on Operator Overloading
- Operator Functions as Class Members vs. as friend Functions
- Overloading Stream Insertion and Extraction Operators
- Overloading Unary Operators
- Overloading Binary Operators
- Case Study: An Array Class
- Converting between Types
- Case Study: A `String` Class
- Overloading `++` and `--`
- Case Study: A `Date` Class

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Introduction

- Operator overloading
 - Enabling C++'s operators to work with class objects
 - Using traditional operators with user-defined objects
 - Requires great care; when overloading is misused, program difficult to understand
 - Examples of already overloaded operators
 - Operator `<<` is both the stream-insertion operator and the bitwise left-shift operator
 - `+` and `-`, perform arithmetic on multiple types
 - Compiler generates the appropriate code based on the manner in which the operator is used

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Fundamentals of Operator Overloading

- Overloading an operator
 - Write function definition as normal
 - Function name is keyword **operator** followed by the symbol for the operator being overloaded
 - **operator+** used to overload the addition operator (+)
- Using operators
 - To use an operator on a class object it must be overloaded unless the assignment operator (=) or the address operator (&)
 - Assignment operator by default performs memberwise assignment
 - Address operator (&) by default returns the address of an object

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Restrictions on Operator Overloading

- C++ operators that can be overloaded

Operators that can be overloaded							
+	-	*	/	%	^	&	
~	!	=	<	>	+=	-=	*=
/=	%=	^=	&=	=	<<	>>	>>=
<<=	==	!=	<=	>=	&&		++
--	->*	,	->	[]	()	new	delete
new[]	delete[]						

- C++ Operators that cannot be overloaded

Operators that cannot be overloaded				
.	.*	::	?:	sizeof

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Restrictions on Operator Overloading

- Overloading restrictions
 - Precedence of an operator cannot be changed
 - Associativity of an operator cannot be changed
 - Arity (number of operands) cannot be changed
 - Unary operators remain unary, and binary operators remain binary
 - Operators `&`, `*`, `+` and `-` each have unary and binary versions
 - Unary and binary versions can be overloaded separately
- No new operators can be created
 - Use only existing operators
- No overloading operators for built-in types
 - Cannot change how two integers are added
 - Produces a syntax error

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Operator Functions as Class Members vs. as friend Functions

- Member vs non-member
 - Operator functions can be member or non-member functions
 - When overloading `()`, `[]`, `->` or any of the assignment operators, must use a member function
- Operator functions as member functions
 - Leftmost operand must be an object (or reference to an object) of the class
 - If left operand of a different type, operator function must be a non-member function
- Operator functions as non-member functions
 - Must be **friends** if needs to access private or protected members
 - Enable the operator to be commutative ($a+b$, $b+a$)

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Overloading Stream-Insertion and Stream-Extraction Operators

- Overloaded << and >> operators
 - Overloaded to perform input/output for user-defined types
 - Left operand of types **ostream&** and **istream&**
 - Must be a non-member function because left operand is not an object of the class
 - Must be a **friend** function to access private data members

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



```

1 // Fig. 8.3: fig08_03.cpp
2 // Overloading the stream-insertion and
3 // stream-extraction operators.
4 #include <iostream>
5
6 using std::cout;
7 using std::cin;
8 using std::endl;
9 using std::ostream;
10 using std::istream;
11
12 #include <iomanip>
13
14 using std::setw;
15
16 class PhoneNumber {
17     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream&, const PhoneNumber & );
18     friend istream &operator>>( istream&, PhoneNumber & );
19
20 private:
21     char areaCode[ 4 ]; // 3-digit area code and null
22     char exchange[ 4 ]; // 3-digit exchange and null
23     char line[ 5 ];     // 4-digit line and null
24 };
25
26 // Overloaded stream-insertion operator (cannot be
27 // a member function if we would like to invoke it with
28 // cout << somePhoneNumber;).
29 ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const PhoneNumber &num )
30 {

```

Notice function prototypes for overloaded operators >> and <<. They must be **friend** functions.



Outline

8

1. Class definition

1.1 Function definitions

```

31  output << "(" << num.areaCode << ")" "
32  << num.exchange << "-" << num.line;
33  return output;    // enables cout << a << b << c;
34 }
35
36 istream &operator>>( istream &input, PhoneNumber &num )
37 {
38     input.ignore();           // skip (
39     input >> setw( 4 ) >> num.areaCode; // input area code
40     input.ignore( 2 );       // skip ) and space
41     input >> setw( 4 ) >> num.exchange; // input exch
42     input.ignore();         // skip dash
43     input >> setw( 5 ) >> num.line;    // input line
44     return input;          // enables cin >> a >> b >> c
45 }
46
47 int main()
48 {
49     PhoneNumber phone; // create object phone
50
51     cout << "Enter phone number in the form (123) 456-7890:\n";
52
53     // cin >> phone invokes operator>> function by
54     // issuing the call operator>>( cin, phone ).
55     cin >> phone;
56
57     // cout << phone invokes operator<< function by
58     // issuing the call operator<<( cout, phone ).
59     cout << "The phone number entered was: " << phone << endl;
60     return 0;
61 }

```



Outline

9

1.1 Function definition

1.2 Initialize variables

2. Get input

The function call
cin >> phone;
 interpreted as
operator>>(cin, phone);
input is an alias for **cin**, and **num**
 is an alias for **phone**.

ject



Outline

10

Program Output

```

Enter phone number in the form (123) 456-7890:
(800) 555-1212
The phone number entered was: (800) 555-1212

```

Overloading Unary Operators

- Overloading unary operators
 - Can be overloaded with no arguments or one argument
 - Should usually be implemented as member functions
 - Avoid **friend** functions and classes because they violate the encapsulation of a class
 - Example declaration as a member function:

```
class String {
public:
    bool operator!() const;
    ...
};
```

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Overloading Unary Operators

- Example declaration as a non-member function

```
class String {
    friend bool operator!( const String & )
    ...
}
```

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Overloading Binary Operators

- Overloaded Binary operators
 - Non-static member function, one argument
 - Example:


```
class String {
public:
    const String &operator+=(
                const String & );
    ...
};
```
 - `y += z` is equivalent to `y.operator+=(z)`

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Overloading Binary Operators

- Non-member function, two arguments
- Example:


```
class String {
    friend const String &operator+=(
                String &, const String & );
    ...
};
```
- `y += z` is equivalent to `operator+=(y, z)`

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Case Study: An Array class

- Implement an **Array** class with
 - Range checking
 - Array assignment
 - Arrays that know their size
 - Outputting/inputting entire arrays with << and >>
 - Array comparisons with == and !=

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



```

1 // Fig. 8.4: array1.h
2 // Simple class Array (for integers)
3 #ifndef ARRAY1_H
4 #define ARRAY1_H
5
6 #include <iostream>
7
8 using std::ostream;
9 using std::istream;
10
11 class Array {
12     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream &, const Array & );
13     friend istream &operator>>( istream &, Array & );
14 public:
15     Array( int = 10 );           // default constructor
16     Array( const Array & );     // copy constructor
17     ~Array();                   // destructor
18     int getSize() const;        // return size
19     const Array &operator=( const Array & ); // assign arrays
20     bool operator==( const Array & ) const; // compare equal
21
22     // Determine if two arrays are not equal and
23     // return true, otherwise return false (uses operator==).
24     bool operator!=( const Array &right ) const
25     { return ! ( *this == right ); }
26
27     int &operator[]( int );      // subscript operator
28     const int &operator[]( int ) const; // subscript operator
29     static int getArrayCount(); // Return count of
30                                 // arrays instantiated.
31 private:
32     int size; // size of the array
33     int *ptr; // pointer to first element of array
34     static int arrayCount; // # of Arrays instantiated

```



Outline

16

1. Class definition

1.1 Function prototypes

Notice all the overloaded operators used to implement the class.


```

35 };
36
37 #endif
38 // Fig 8.4: array1.cpp
39 // Member function definitions for class Array
40 #include <iostream>
41
42 using std::cout;
43 using std::cin;
44 using std::endl;
45
46 #include <iomanip>
47
48 using std::setw;
49
50 #include <cstdlib>
51 #include <cassert>
52 #include "array1.h"
53
54 // Initialize static data member at file scope
55 int Array::arrayCount = 0; // no objects yet
56
57 // Default constructor for class Array (default size 10)
58 Array::Array( int arraySize )
59 {
60     size = ( arraySize > 0 ? arraySize : 10 );
61     ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array
62     assert( ptr != 0 ); // terminate if memory not allocated
63     ++arrayCount; // count one more object
64
65     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
66         ptr[ i ] = 0; // initialize array

```



Outline

17

1. Load header

1.1 Function definitions

1.2 Array constructor

```

67 }
68
69 // Copy constructor for class Array
70 // must receive a reference to prevent infinite recursion
71 Array::Array( const Array &init ) : size( init.size )
72 {
73     ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array
74     assert( ptr != 0 ); // terminate if memory not allocated
75     ++arrayCount; // count one more object
76
77     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
78         ptr[ i ] = init.ptr[ i ]; // copy init into object
79 }
80
81 // Destructor for class Array
82 Array::~Array()
83 {
84     delete [] ptr; // reclaim space for array
85     --arrayCount; // one fewer object
86 }
87
88 // Get the size of the array
89 int Array::getSize() const { return size; }
90
91 // Overloaded assignment operator
92 // const return avoids: ( a1 = a2 ) = a3
93 const Array &Array::operator=( const Array &right )
94 {
95     if ( &right != this ) { // check for self-assignment
96
97         // for arrays of different sizes, deallocate original
98         // left side array, then allocate new left side array.
99         if ( size != right.size ) {
100             delete [] ptr; // reclaim space

```



Outline

18

1.3 Array destructor

1.4 operator= (assignment)

```

101     size = right.size;    // resize this object
102     ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array copy
103     assert( ptr != 0 );   // terminate if not allocated
104 }
105
106     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
107         ptr[ i ] = right.ptr[ i ]; // copy array into object
108 }
109
110 return *this; // enables x = y = z;
111}
112
113// Determine if two arrays are equal and
114// return true, otherwise return false.
115bool Array::operator==( const Array &right ) const
116{
117     if ( size != right.size )
118         return false; // arrays of different sizes
119
120     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
121         if ( ptr[ i ] != right.ptr[ i ] )
122             return false; // arrays are not equal
123
124     return true; // arrays are equal
125}
126
127// Overloaded subscript operator for non-const Arrays
128// reference return creates an lvalue
129int &Array::operator[]( int subscript )
130{
131     // check for subscript out of range error
132     assert( 0 <= subscript && subscript < size );

```



Outline

1.5 operator==
(equality)

1.6 operator[]
(subscript for non-const arrays)

19

```

133     return ptr[ subscript ]; // reference return
134 }
135 }
136
137// Overloaded subscript operator for const Arrays
138// const reference return creates an rvalue
139const int &Array::operator[]( int subscript ) const
140{
141     // check for subscript out of range error
142     assert( 0 <= subscript && subscript < size );
143
144     return ptr[ subscript ]; // const reference return
145 }
146
147// Return the number of Array objects instantiated
148// static functions cannot be const
149int Array::getArrayCount() { return arrayCount; }
150
151// Overloaded input operator for class Array;
152// inputs values for entire array.
153istream &operator>>( istream &input, Array &a )
154{
155     for ( int i = 0; i < a.size; i++ )
156         input >> a.ptr[ i ];
157
158     return input; // enables cin >> x >> y;
159 }
160
161// Overloaded output operator for class Array
162ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const Array &a )
163{

```



Outline

1.6 operator[]
(subscript for const arrays)

1.7 getArrayCount

1.8 operator>>
(input array)

1.9 operator<<
(output array)

20

```

164 int i;
165
166 for ( i = 0; i < a.size; i++ ) {
167     output << setw( 12 ) << a.ptr[ i ];
168
169     if ( ( i + 1 ) % 4 == 0 ) // 4 numbers per row of output
170         output << endl;
171 }
172
173 if ( i % 4 != 0 )
174     output << endl;
175
176 return output; // enables cout << x << y;
177}
178// Fig. 8.4: fig08_04.cpp
179// Driver for simple class Array
180#include <iostream>
181
182using std::cout;
183using std::cin;
184using std::endl;
185
186#include "array1.h"
187
188int main()
189{
190    // no objects yet
191    cout << "# of arrays instantiated = " # of arrays instantiated = 0
192         << Array::getArrayCount() << '\n';
193

```



Outline

1. Load header

```

194 // create two arrays and print Array count
195 Array integers1( 7 ), integers2;
196 cout << "# of arrays instantiated = " # of arrays instantiated = 2
197     << Array::getArrayCount() << "\n\n";
198
199 // print integers1 size and contents
200 cout << "Size of array integers1 is "
201     << integers1.getSize()
202     << "\nArray after initialization:\n"
203     << integers1 << '\n';
204
205 // print integers2 size and contents
206 cout << "Size of array integers2 is "
207     << integers2.getSize()
208     << "\nArray after initialization:\n"
209     << integers2 << '\n';
210
211 // input and print integers1 and integers2
212 cout << "Input 17 integers:\n";
213 cin >> integers1 >> integers2;
214 cout << "After input, the arrays contain:\n"
215     << "integers1:\n" << integers1
216     << "integers2:\n" << integers2 << '\n';
217
218 // use overloaded inequality (!=) operator
219 cout << "Evaluating: integers1 != integers2\n";
220 if ( integers1 != integers2 )
221     cout << "They are not equal\n";
222
223 // create array integers3 using integers1 as an
224 // initializer; print size and contents
225 Array integers3( integers1 );
226

```



Outline

1.1 Initialize objects

Size of array integers1 is 7
 Array after initialization:

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Size of array integers2 is 10
 Array after initialization:

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Input 17 integers:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 After input, the arrays contain:
 integers1:

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	

 integers2:

8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15
16	17		

Evaluating: integers1 != integers2
 They are not equal

```

227 cout << "\nSize of array integers3 is "
228     << integers3.getSize()
229     << "\nArray after initialization:\n"
230     << integers3 << '\n';
231
232 // use overloaded assignment (+)
233 cout << "Assigning integers2 to integers1:
234 integers1 = integers2;
235 cout << "integers1:\n" << integers1;
236     << "integers2:\n" << integers2 << '\n';
237
238 // use overloaded equality (==) operator
239 cout << "Evaluating: integers1 == integers2:
240 if ( integers1 == integers2 )
241     cout << "They are equal\n\n";
242
243 // use overloaded subscript operator
244 cout << "integers1[5] is " << integers1[5];
245
246 // use overloaded subscript operator
247 cout << "Assigning 1000 to integers1[15]:
248 integers1[ 5 ] = 1000;
249 cout << "integers1:\n" << integers1;
250
251 // attempt to use out of range subscript
252 cout << "Attempt to assign 1000 to integers1[15]:
253 integers1[ 15 ] = 1000; // ERROR
254
255 return 0;
256}

```

[Outline](#)

23

Size of array integers3 is 7
 Array after initialization:

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	

Assigning integers2 to integers1:
 integers1:

8			
12			
16			

Evaluating: integers1 == integers2
 They are equal

integers1[5] is 13

integers2:

8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Attempt to assign 1000 to integers1[15]
 Assertion failed: 0 <= subscript && subscript < size, file Array1.cpp, line 95 abnormal program termination

integers1:

8	9	10	11
12	1000	14	15
16	17		

```

# of arrays instantiated = 0
# of arrays instantiated = 2

Size of array integers1 is 7
Array after initialization:
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0

Size of array integers2 is 10
Array after initialization:
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0

Input 17 integers:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
After input, the arrays contain:
integers1:
1 2 3 4
5 6 7

integers2:
8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15
16 17

Evaluating: integers1 != integers2
They are not equal

Size of array integers3 is 7
Array after initialization:
1 2 3 4
5 6 7

```

[Outline](#)

24

Program Output

```

Assigning integers2 to integers1:
integers1:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15
   16     17
integers2:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15
   16     17

Evaluating: integers1 == integers2
They are equal

integers1[5] is 13
Assigning 1000 to integers1[5]
integers1:
    8      9      10     11
   12     1000   14     15
   16     17

Attempt to assign 1000 to integers1[15]
Assertion failed: 0 <= subscript && subscript < size, file Array1.cpp,
line 95 abnormal program termination

```



[Outline](#)

Program Output

25

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.

26

Converting between Types

- Cast operator
 - Forces conversions among built-in types
 - Specifies conversions between user defined and built-in types
 - Conversion operator must be a non-**static** member function
 - Cannot be a **friend** function
 - Do not specify return type
 - Return type is the type to which the object is being converted
 - For user-defined class **A**

```
A::operator char *() const;
```

 - Declares an overloaded cast operator function for creating a **char *** out of an **A** object

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Converting between Types

```
A::operator int() const;
```

- Declares an overloaded cast operator function for converting an object of **A** into an integer

```
A::operator otherClass() const;
```

- Declares an overloaded cast operator function for converting an object of **A** into an object of **otherClass**

- **Compiler and casting**

- Casting can prevent the need for overloading
- If an object *s* of user-defined class `String` appears in a program where an ordinary `char *` is expected, such as

```
cout << s;
```

The compiler calls the overloaded cast operator function `operator char *` to convert the object into a `char *` and uses the resulting `char *` in the expression

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Case Study: A String Class

- **Build a class to handle strings**
 - Class `string` in standard library (more Chapter 19)
- **Conversion constructor**
 - Single-argument constructors that turn objects of other types into class objects

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



```

1 // Fig. 8.5: string1.h
2 // Definition of a String class
3 #ifndef STRING1_H
4 #define STRING1_H
5
6 #include <iostream>
7
8 using std::ostream;
9 using std::istream;
10
11 class String {
12     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream &, const String & );
13     friend istream &operator>>( istream &, String & );
14
15 public:
16     String( const char * = "" ); // conversion/default ctor
17     String( const String & ); // copy constructor
18     ~String(); // destructor
19     const String &operator=( const String & ); // assignment
20     const String &operator+=( const String & ); // concatenation
21     bool operator!() const; // is String empty?
22     bool operator==( const String & ) const; // test s1 == s2
23     bool operator<( const String & ) const; // test s1 < s2
24
25     // test s1 != s2
26     bool operator!=( const String & right ) const
27     { return !( *this == right ); }
28
29     // test s1 > s2
30     bool operator>( const String &right ) const
31     { return right < *this; }
32
33     // test s1 <= s2

```



Outline

29

1. Class definition

1.1 Member functions, some definitions

```

34     bool operator<=( const String &right ) const
35     { return !( right < *this ); }
36
37     // test s1 >= s2
38     bool operator>=( const String &right ) const
39     { return !( *this < right ); }
40
41     char &operator[]( int ); // subscript operator
42     const char &operator[]( int ) const; // subscript operator
43     String operator()( int, int ); // return a substring
44     int getLength() const; // return string length
45
46 private:
47     int length; // string length
48     char *sPtr; // pointer to start of string
49
50     void setString( const char * ); // utility function
51 };
52
53 #endif
54 // Fig. 8.5: string1.cpp
55 // Member function definitions for class String
56 #include <iostream>
57
58 using std::cout;
59 using std::endl;
60
61 #include <iomanip>
62
63 using std::setw;
64

```



Outline

30

1.2 Member variables

```

65 #include <cstring>
66 #include <cassert>
67 #include "string1.h"
68
69 // Conversion constructor: Convert char * to String
70 String::String( const char *s ) : length( strlen( s ) )
71 {
72     cout << "Conversion constructor: " << s << '\n';
73     setString( s ); // call utility function
74 }
75
76 // Copy constructor
77 String::String( const String &copy ) : length( copy.length )
78 {
79     cout << "Copy constructor: " << copy.sPtr << '\n';
80     setString( copy.sPtr ); // call utility function
81 }
82
83 // Destructor
84 String::~String()
85 {
86     cout << "Destructor: " << sPtr << '\n';
87     delete [] sPtr; // reclaim string
88 }
89
90 // Overloaded = operator; avoids self assignment
91 const String &String::operator=( const String &right )
92 {
93     cout << "operator= called\n";
94
95     if ( &right != this ) { // avoid self assignment

```



Outline

31

- 1. Load header
- 1.1 Function definitions
- 1.2 Conversion constructor
- 1.3 Copy constructor
- 1.4 Destructor
- 1.5 operator= (assignment)

Conversion constructor: char * to String.

Conversion constructor

Constructors and destructors will print when called.

```

96     delete [] sPtr; // prevents memory leak
97     length = right.length; // new String length
98     setString( right.sPtr ); // call utility function
99 }
100 else
101     cout << "Attempted assignment of a String to itself\n";
102
103 return *this; // enables cascaded assignments
104}
105
106// Concatenate right operand to this object and
107// store in this object.
108const String &String::operator+=( const String &right )
109{
110     char *tempPtr = sPtr; // hold to be able to delete
111     length += right.length; // new String length
112     sPtr = new char[ length + 1 ]; // create space
113     assert( sPtr != 0 ); // terminate if memory not allocated
114     strcpy( sPtr, tempPtr ); // left part of new String
115     strcat( sPtr, right.sPtr ); // right part of new String
116     delete [] tempPtr; // reclaim old space
117     return *this; // enables cascaded calls
118}
119
120// Is this String empty?
121bool String::operator!() const { return length == 0; }
122
123// Is this String equal to right String?
124bool String::operator==( const String &right ) const
125 { return strcmp( sPtr, right.sPtr ) == 0; }
126
127// Is this String less than right String?

```



Outline

32

- 1.6 operator+= (concatenation)
- 1.7 operator! (string empty?)
- 1.8 operator== (equality)


```

128bool String::operator<( const String &right ) const
129 { return strcmp( sPtr, right.sPtr ) < 0; }
130
131// Return a reference to a character in a String as an lvalue.
132char &String::operator[]( int subscript )
133{
134 // First test for subscript out of range
135 assert( subscript >= 0 && subscript < length );
136 return sPtr[ subscript ]; // creates lvalue
137}
138
139
140// Return a reference to a character in a String as an rvalue.
141const char &String::operator[]( int subscript ) const
142{
143 // First test for subscript out of range
144 assert( subscript >= 0 && subscript < length );
145 return sPtr[ subscript ]; // creates rvalue
146}
147
148
149// Return a substring beginning at index and
150// of length subLength
151String String::operator()( int index, int subLength )
152{
153 // ensure index is in range and substring length >= 0
154 assert( index >= 0 && index < length && subLength >= 0 );
155
156 // determine length of substring
157 int len;
158

```

Notice the overloaded function call operator.



Outline

1.9 operator<
(less than)

1.10 operator[]
(subscript)

1.11 operator[]
(const subscript)

1.12 operator()
(return substring)

33

```

159 if ( ( subLength == 0 ) || ( index + subLength > length ) )
160     len = length - index;
161 else
162     len = subLength;
163
164 // allocate temporary array for substring and
165 // terminating null character
166 char *tempPtr = new char[ len + 1 ];
167 assert( tempPtr != 0 ); // ensure space allocated
168
169 // copy substring into char array and terminate string
170 strncpy( tempPtr, &sPtr[ index ], len );
171 tempPtr[ len ] = '\0';
172
173 // Create temporary String object containing the substring
174 String tempString( tempPtr );
175 delete [] tempPtr; // delete the temporary array
176
177 return tempString; // return copy of the temporary String
178}
179
180// Return string length
181int String::getLength() const { return length; }
182
183// Utility function to be called by constructors and
184// assignment operator.
185void String::setString( const char *string2 )
186{
187 sPtr = new char[ length + 1 ]; // allocate storage
188 assert( sPtr != 0 ); // terminate if memory not allocated
189 strcpy( sPtr, string2 ); // copy literal to object
190}

```



Outline

1.13 getLength

1.14 setString

34

```

191
192// Overloaded output operator
193ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const String &s )
194{
195    output << s.sPtr;
196    return output; // enables cascading
197}
198
199// Overloaded input operator
200istream &operator>>( istream &input, String &s )
201{
202    char temp[ 100 ]; // buffer to store input
203
204    input >> setw( 100 ) >> temp;
205    s = temp; // use String class assignment operator
206    return input; // enables cascading
207}
208// Fig. 8.5: fig08_05.cpp
209// Driver for class String
210#include <iostream>
211
212using std::cout;
213using std::endl;
214
215#include "string1.h"
216
217int main()
218{
219    String s1( "happy" ), s2( " birthday" ), s3;
220

```

Conversion constructor: happy
 Conversion constructor: birthday
 Conversion constructor:



Outline

1.15 operator<<
(output String)

1.16 operator>>
(input String)

1. Load header

1.1 Initialize objects

35

```

221 // test overloaded equality and relational operators
222 cout << "s1 is \" << s1 << \"\"; s2 is \" << s2
223     << \"\"; s3 is \" << s3 << \"\";
224     << "\n\nThe results of comparing s2 and s1:"
225     << "\ns2 == s1 yields "
226     << ( s2 == s1 ? "true" : "false" )
227     << "\ns2 != s1 yields "
228     << ( s2 != s1 ? "true" : "false" )
229     << "\ns2 > s1 yields "
230     << ( s2 > s1 ? "true" : "false" )
231     << "\ns2 < s1 yields "
232     << ( s2 < s1 ? "true" : "false" )
233     << "\ns2 >= s1 yields "
234     << ( s2 >= s1 ? "true" : "false" )
235     << "\ns2 <= s1 yields "
236     << ( s2 <= s1 ? "true" : "false" );
237
238 // test overloaded String empty (!) operator
239 cout << "\n\nTesting !s3:\n";
240 if ( !s3 ) {
241     cout << "s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;\n";
242     s3 = s1; // test overloaded assignment
243     cout << "s3 is \" << s3 << \"\";
244 }
245
246 // test overloaded String concatenation operator
247 cout << "\n\ns1 += s2 yields s1 = ";
248 s1 += s2; // test overloaded
249 cout << s1;
250
251 // test conversion constructor
252 cout << "\n\ns1 += \" to you\" yields\n";
253 s1 += " to you"; // test conversion constructor

```

s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""
 The results of comparing s2 and s1:
 s2 == s1 yields false
 s2 != s1 yields true
 s2 > s1 yields false
 s2 < s1 yields true
 s2 >= s1 yields false
 s2 <= s1 yields true

Testing !s3:
 s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
 operator= called
 s3 is "happy"

s1 += s2 yields s1 = happy birthday

s1 += " to you" yields
 Conversion constructor: to you
 Destructor: to you



Outline

2. Function calls

36

```

254 cout << "s1 = " << s1 << "\n\n";
255 // test overloaded function call operator () for substring
256 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
257 << "location 0 for 14 characters, s1(0, 14), is:\n"
258 << s1( 0, 14 ) << "\n\n";
259 // test substring "to-end-of-String" option
260 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
261 << "location 15, s1(15, 0), is: "
262 << s1( 15, 0 ) << "\n\n"; // 0 is "to-end-of-String" option
263 // test copy constructor
264 String *s4Ptr = new String( s1 );
265 cout << "s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << "\n\n";
266 // test assignment (=) operator with self-assignment
267 cout << "assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr\n";
268 *s4Ptr = *s4Ptr; // test overloaded assignment operator
269 cout << "s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << '\n';
270 // test destructor
271 delete s4Ptr;
272 // test using subscript operator to create lvalue
273 s1[ 0 ] = 'H';
274 s1[ 6 ] = 'B';
275 cout << "\ns1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: "
276 << s1 << "\n\n";
277

```

Outline

2. Function calls

```

Conversion constructor: happy birthday
Copy constructor: happy birthday
Destructor: happy birthday
The substring of s1 starting at
location 0 for 14 characters, s1(0, 14), is:
happy birthday
Destructor: happy birthday
Destructor: to you
Copy constructor: happy birthday to you
Assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr
operator= called
Attempted assignment of a String to itself
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
Destructor: happy birthday to you

```

```

284 // test subscript out of range
285 cout << "Attempt to assign 'd' to s1[30] yields:" << endl;
286 s1[ 30 ] = 'd'; // ERROR: subscript out of range
287
288 return 0;
289}

```

Outline

```

Attempt to assign 'd' to s1[30] yields:
Assertion failed: subscript >= 0 && subscript <
length, file string1.cpp, line 82
Abnormal program termination

```

```

Conversion constructor: happy
Conversion constructor: birthday
Conversion constructor:
s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is
The results of comparing s2 and s1:
s2 == s1 yields false
s2 != s1 yields true
s2 > s1 yields false
s2 < s1 yields true
s2 >= s1 yields false
s2 <= s1 yields true

Testing !s3:
s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
operator= called
s3 is "happy"
s1 += s2 yields s1 = happy birthday

s1 += " to you" yields
Conversion constructor: to you
Destructor: to you
s1 = happy birthday to you

```

```

Conversion constructor: happy birthday
Copy constructor: happy birthday
Destructor: happy birthday
The substring of s1 starting at
location 0 for 14 characters, s1(0, 14), is:
happy birthday

Destructor: happy birthday
Conversion constructor: to you
Copy constructor: to you
Destructor: to you
The substring of s1 starting at
location 15, s1(15, 0), is: to you

Destructor: to you
Copy constructor: happy birthday to you
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you

assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr
operator= called
Attempted assignment of a String to itself
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
Destructor: happy birthday to you

s1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: Happy Birthday to you

Attempt to assign 'd' to s1[30] yields:

Assertion failed: subscript >= 0 && subscript < length, file
string1.cpp, line 82

Abnormal program termination

```



Outline

39

Program Output

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.

40

Overloading ++ and --

- Pre/post incrementing/decrementing operators
 - Allowed to be overloaded
 - Distinguishing between pre and post operators
 - prefix versions are overloaded the same as other prefix unary operators


```
d1.operator++(); // for ++d1
```
 - convention adopted that when compiler sees postincrementing expression, it will generate the member-function call


```
d1.operator++( 0 ); // for d1++
```
 - 0 is a dummy value to make the argument list of `operator++` distinguishable from the argument list for `++operator`

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



Case Study: A Date Class

- The following example creates a Date class with
 - An overloaded increment operator to change the day, month and year
 - An overloaded += operator
 - A function to test for leap years
 - A function to determine if a day is last day of a month

© 2000 Prentice Hall, Inc. All rights reserved.



```

1 // Fig. 8.6: date1.h
2 // Definition of class Date
3 #ifndef DATE1_H
4 #define DATE1_H
5 #include <iostream>
6
7 using std::ostream;
8
9 class Date {
10     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream &, const Date & );
11
12 public:
13     Date( int m = 1, int d = 1, int y = 1900 ); // constructor
14     void setDate( int, int, int ); // set the date
15     Date &operator++(); // preincrement operator
16     Date operator++( int ); // postincrement operator
17     const Date &operator+=( int ); // add days, modify object
18     bool leapYear( int ) const; // is this a leap year?
19     bool endOfMonth( int ) const; // is this end of month?
20
21 private:
22     int month;
23     int day;
24     int year;
25
26     static const int days[]; // array of days per month
27     void helpIncrement(); // utility function
28 };
29
30 #endif

```



Outline

42

1. Class definition

1.1 Member functions

1.2 Member variables

```

31 // Fig. 8.6: date1.cpp
32 // Member function definitions for Date class
33 #include <iostream>
34 #include "date1.h"
35
36 // Initialize static member at file scope;
37 // one class-wide copy.
38 const int Date::days[] = { 0, 31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30,
39                             31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31 };
40
41 // Date constructor
42 Date::Date( int m, int d, int y ) { setDate( m, d, y ); }
43
44 // Set the date
45 void Date::setDate( int mm, int dd, int yy )
46 {
47     month = ( mm >= 1 && mm <= 12 ) ? mm : 1;
48     year = ( yy >= 1900 && yy <= 2100 ) ? yy : 1900;
49
50     // test for a leap year
51     if ( month == 2 && leapYear( year ) )
52         day = ( dd >= 1 && dd <= 29 ) ? dd : 1;
53     else
54         day = ( dd >= 1 && dd <= days[ month ] ) ? dd : 1;
55 }
56
57 // Preincrement operator overloaded as a member function.
58 Date &Date::operator++()
59 {
60     helpIncrement();
61     return *this; // reference return to create an lvalue
62 }
63

```



Outline

43

- 1. Load header
- 1.1 Define days[]
- 1.2 Function definitions
- 1.3 Constructor
- 1.4 operator++
(preincrement)

```

64 // Postincrement operator overloaded as a member function.
65 // Note that the dummy integer parameter does not have a
66 // parameter name.
67 Date Date::operator++( int )
68 {
69     Date temp = *this;
70     helpIncrement();
71
72     // return non-incremented, saved, temporary object
73     return temp; // value return; not a reference return
74 }
75
76 // Add a specific number of days to a date
77 const Date &Date::operator+=( int additionalDays )
78 {
79     for ( int i = 0; i < additionalDays; i++ )
80         helpIncrement();
81
82     return *this; // enables cascading
83 }
84
85 // If the year is a leap year, return true;
86 // otherwise, return false
87 bool Date::leapYear( int y ) const
88 {
89     if ( y % 400 == 0 || ( y % 100 != 0 && y % 4 == 0 ) )
90         return true; // a leap year
91     else
92         return false; // not a leap year
93 }
94
95 // Determine if the day is the end of the month
96 bool Date::endOfMonth( int d ) const
97 {

```



Outline

44

- 1.5 operator++(int)
(postincrement)
- 1.6 operator+=
- 1.7 leapYear
- 1.8 endOfMonth

postincrement operator
has a dummy int value.

```

98     if ( month == 2 && leapYear( year ) )
99         return d == 29; // last day of Feb. in leap year
100    else
101        return d == days[ month ];
102}
103
104// Function to help increment the date
105void Date::helpIncrement()
106{
107    if ( endOfMonth( day ) && month == 12 ) { // end year
108        day = 1;
109        month = 1;
110        ++year;
111    }
112    else if ( endOfMonth( day ) ) { // end month
113        day = 1;
114        ++month;
115    }
116    else // not end of month or year: increment day
117        ++day;
118}
119
120// Overloaded output operator
121ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const Date &d )
122{
123    static char *monthName[ 13 ] = { "", "January",
124        "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
125        "July", "August", "September", "October",
126        "November", "December" };
127
128    output << monthName[ d.month ] << ' '
129        << d.day << " ", " << d.year;
130
131    return output; // enables cascading
132}

```



Outline

45

1.9 helpIncrement

1.10 operator<<
(output Date)

```

133// Fig. 8.6: fig08_06.cpp
134// Driver for class Date
135#include <iostream>
136
137using std::cout;
138using std::endl;
139
140#include "date1.h"
141
142int main()
143{
144    Date d1, d2( 12, 27, 1992 ), d3( 0, 99, 8045 );
145    cout << "d1 is " << d1
146        << "\nd2 is " << d2
147        << "\nd3 is " << d3 << "\n\n";
148
149    cout << "d2 += 7 is " << ( d2 += 7 ) << "\n\n";
150
151    d3.setDate( 2, 28, 1992 );
152    cout << " d3 is " << d3;
153    cout << "\n++d3 is " << ++d3 << "\n\n";
154
155    Date d4( 3, 18, 1969 );
156
157    cout << "Testing the preincrement operator:\n"
158        << " d4 is " << d4 << '\n';
159    cout << "++d4 is " << ++d4 << '\n';
160    cout << " d4 is " << d4 << "\n\n";
161
162    cout << "Testing the postincrement operator:\n"
163        << " d4 is " << d4 << '\n';
164    cout << "d4++ is " << d4++ << '\n';
165    cout << " d4 is " << d4 << endl;
166
167    return 0;
168}

```



Outline

46

1. Load header

objects

2. Function calls

3. Print results

```

d1 is January 1, 1900
d2 is December 27, 1992
d3 is January 1, 1900

```

```

d2 += 7 is January 3, 1993

```

```

d3 is February 28, 1992

```

```

++d3 is February 29, 1992

```

Testing the preincrement operator:

```

d4 is March 18, 1969

```

```

++d4 is March 19, 1969

```

```

d4 is March 19, 1969

```

Testing the postincrement operator:

```

d4 is March 18, 1969

```

```

++d4 is March 19, 1969

```

```

d4 is March 19, 1969

```

```
d1 is January 1, 1900
d2 is December 27, 1992
d3 is January 1, 1900
```

```
d2 += 7 is January 3, 1993
```

```
    d3 is February 28, 1992
++d3 is February 29, 1992
```

```
Testing the preincrement operator:
```

```
    d4 is March 18, 1969
++d4 is March 19, 1969
    d4 is March 19, 1969
```

```
Testing the postincrement operator:
```

```
    d4 is March 19, 1969
d4++ is March 19, 1969
    d4 is March 20, 1969
```



Outline

47

Program Output