0.1 Converting between Types

Sometimes all the operations "stay within a type".

- Casting
 - Traditionally, cast integers to floats, etc.
 - May need to convert between user-defined types
- Cast operator (conversion operator)
 - Convert from
 - * One class to another
 - * Class to built-in type (int, char, etc.)
 - Must be non-static member function; Cannot be friend
 - Do not specify return type; implicitly returns type to which you are converting
- Example
 - Prototype
 - * A::operator char *() const;
 - $\ast\,$ Casts class ${\bf A}$ to a temporary ${\bf char}\,\,{}^{\boldsymbol{\ast}}$
 - * (char *)s calls s.operator char*()
 - Also, overloaded cast-operator functions can be defined for converting objects of user-defined types into built-in types or into objects of other user-defined types.
 - * A::operator int() const;
 - * A::operator OtherClass() const;
- Casting can prevent need for overloading
 - Suppose class String can be cast to char *
 - cout << s; // s is a String
 - $\ast\,$ Compiler implicitly converts ${\bf s}$ to ${\bf char}\,\, {\boldsymbol \ast}\,$
 - $\ast\,$ Do not have to overload <<

0.2 Case Study: A String Class

- Build class String
 - To handle String creation, manipulation
 - Class string in standard library (more Chapter 15)
- Conversion constructor
 - Single-argument constructor
 - Turns objects of other types into class objects
 - * String s1("hi");
 - $\ast\,$ Creates a String from a char $\ast\,$
 - Any single-argument constructor is a conversion constructor

The programs of Figs. 1-10 demonstrates the building of our own **String** class to handle the creation and manipulation of strings.



Figure 1: String class definition with operator overloading. (part 1 of 2)







Figure 3: **String** class member-function and **friend**-function definition. (part 1 of 4)



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Figure 4: **String** class member-function and **friend**-function definition. (part 2 of 4)



Figure 5: String class member-function and friend-function definition. (part 3 of 4)





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Figure 6: **String** class member-function and **friend**-function definition. (part 4 of 4)



Figure 7: String class test program. (part 1 of 2)





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Figure 8: String class test program. (part 2 of 2)



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

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Figure 9: String class test program, output. (part 1 of 2)

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



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Attempt to assign 'd' to s1[30] yields: Error: Subscript 30 out of range

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Figure 10: String class test program, output. (part 2 of 2)

0.3 Overloading ++ and -

- Increment/decrement operators can be overloaded
 - Add 1 to a **Date** object, **d1**
 - Prototype (member function)
 - * Date & operator ++();
 - * ++d1 same as d1.operator++()
 - Prototype (non-member)
 - * Friend Date & operator++(Date &);
 - * ++d1 same as operator++(d1)
- To distinguish pre/post increment
 - Post increment has a dummy parameter; int of ${\bf 0}$
 - Prototype (member function)
 - * Date operator++(int);

- * d1++ same as d1.operator++(0)
- Prototype (non-member)
 - * friend Date operator++(Data &, int);
 - * d1++ same as operator++(d1, 0)
- Integer parameter does not have a name; not even in function definition
- Return values
 - Preincrement
 - * Returns by reference (**Date** &)
 - * lvalue (can be assigned)
 - Postincrement
 - * Returns by value
 - * Returns temporary object with old value
 - * rvalue (cannot be on left side of assignment)
- Decrement operator analogous

0.4 Case Study: A Date Class

- Example Date class. The class uses overloaded preincrement and postincrement operators to add 1 to the day in a **Date** object, while causing appropriate increments to the month and year if necessary.
 - Overloaded increment operator; Change day, month and year
 - Overloaded += operator
 - Function to test for leap years
 - Function to determine if day is last of month











Figure 12: Date class member-and friend-function definition. (part 1 of 3)



66 \square 75 // determine whether the day is the last day of the month Outline 76 bool Date::endOfMonth(int testDay) const ∇ 77 { 78 if (month == 2 && leapYear(year)) date1.cpp (4 of 5) return testDay == 29; // last day of Feb. in leap year 79 80 else 81 return testDay == days[month]; 82 83 } // end function endOfMonth 84 85 // function to help increment the date 86 void Date::helpIncrement() 87 ł 88 // day is not end of month 89 if (!endOfMonth(day)) 90 ++day; 91 92 else 93 94 // day is end of month and month < 12 $\,$ 95 if (month < 12) { ++month: 96 97 day = 1; 98 1 99 © 2003 Prentice Hall, Inc.

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Figure 13: Date class member-and friend-function definition. (part 2 of 3)







39 } // end main







0.5 Standard Library Classes string and vector

We learned that we can build a **String** (**Array**) class that is better than the C-style, **char** * strings (pointer-based arrays) that C++ absorbed from C.

- Classes built into C++
 - Available for anyone to use
 - string ; Similar to our String class
 - vector; Dynamically resizable array
- Redo our **String** and **Array** examples
 - Use string and vector
- Class string
 - Header <string>, namespace std
 - Can initialize string s1("hi");

- Overloaded $<<;\,cout\,<<\,s1$
- Overloaded relational operators; == != >= > <= <
- Assignment operator =
- Concatenation (overloaded +=)
- Substring function ${\bf substr}$
 - * s1.substr(0, 14); ; Starts at location 0, gets 14 characters
 - * S1.substr(15); Substring beginning at location 15
- Overloaded []
 - * Access one character
 - * No range checking (if subscript invalid)
- at function
 - * s1.at(10)
 - $\ast\,$ Character at subscript 10
 - * Has bounds checking; will end program if invalid (learn more in Chapter 13)

The programs of Figs. 17-19 reimplements the program of Figs. 7-10, using standart class string.



Figure 17: Standart library class string (part 1 of 2).







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return 0;

89 } // end main

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s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""
                                                                                       Outline
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The results of comparing s2 and s1:
s2 == s1 yields false
                                                                                fig08_13.cpp
s2 != s1 yields true
                                                                                output (1 of 2)
s2 > s1 yields false
s2 < s1 yields true
s2 >= s1 yields false
s2 <= s1 yields true
Testing s3.empty():
s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
s3 is "happy"
s1 += s2 yields s1 = happy birthday
s1 += " to you" yields
s1 = happy birthday to you
The substring of s1 starting at location 0 for
14 characters, s1.substr(0, 14), is:
happy birthday
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Figure 19: Standart library class string, output.

- Class vector
 - Header $<\!\!{\bf vector}\!\!>,$ namespace ${\bf std}$
 - Store any type; vector < int > myArray(10)
 - Function size (myArray.size())
 - Overloaded []; get specific element, myArray[3]
 - Overloaded !=, ==, and =; inequality, equality, assignment

The programs of Figs. 20-23 reimplements the program of Figs. ??-??, using standart class **vector**.



Figure 20: Standart library class vector. (part 1 of 3)









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Figure 22: Standart library class vector. (part 3 of 3)



Figure 23: Standart library class vector, output.