

Reminders/Due Dates

- Summer 2023 Internship Opportunity posted on Canvas.
- Lab 6 makeup due tonight.
- Lab 9 due Wednesday 11/30.
- Lab 10 and Homework 4 will be due next Monday December 5 by 11:59pm.
- Makeup submissions for Homework 3, Lab 7, and Lab 8 will open on Wednesday and will be due Friday December 9.
- Wednesday 11/30 we will have a final exam review.
- Our final is next Wednesday December 7, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We will be meeting in JB-358.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the SOTE for this course.

- Responses are completely anonymous and are not released until AFTER grades are posted.
- Feedback really helps us know what is working or what needs improvement in the course.
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Chapter 16: Templates part 2

CSE 2010
Week 15



Templates Review

Templates in C++:

A tool that allows a single function or class to work with a variety of data types.

- A template allows a function or a class definition to be *parameterized* by type, instead of values.
- For this chapter we will learn about template functions & template classes.

Syntax of a template function :

```
template<typename type_var1, ..., typename type_varn>
return_type function_name(parameters)
{
    //statements
}
```

- **typename** type_var₁, ..., **typename** type_var_n is used to list the number of generic types your function will need. Use a different letter for each different type.
- The return type can be a generic type or regular data type.

Example: Finding the smaller of two values (without/with templates)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
//functions to find the smaller between 2 values
char smaller(char first, char second){
    if(first<second)
        return first;
    else
        return second;
}
int smaller(int first, int second){
    if(first<second)
        return first;
    else
        return second;
}
double smaller(double first, double second){
    if(first<second)
        return first;
    else
        return second;
}
int main(){
    cout <<"Smaller of 'a' and 'B': "<<smaller('a','B')<<"\n";
    cout <<"Smaller of 12 and 15: "<<smaller(12,15)<<"\n";
    cout <<"Smaller of 44.2 and 33.1: "<<smaller(44.2,33.1)<<"\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Smaller of 'a' and 'B': B
Smaller of 12 and 15: 12
Smaller of 44.2 and 33.1: 33.1
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//template function to find the smaller between 2 values
template <typename T>
T smaller(T first, T second){
    if(first<second)
        return first;
    else
        return second;
}
int main(){
    cout <<"Smaller of 'a' and 'B': "<<smaller('a','B')<<"\n";
    cout <<"Smaller of 12 and 15: "<<smaller(12,15)<<"\n";
    cout <<"Smaller of 44.2 and 33.1: "<<smaller(44.2,33.1)<<"\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Smaller of 'a' and 'B': B
Smaller of 12 and 15: 12
Smaller of 44.2 and 33.1: 33.1
```

Class Templates

We have learned in previous chapters that a class is a combination of data members and member functions.

Now consider that we need a class with the same data members and overall functionality, but with different data types.

We can accomplish this with a class template!

Syntax:

```
template <typename T>//you can have multiple generic types
class className
{
    private:
        T data;

    public:
        className(T init); //overload constructor
        T get() const;//accessor
        void set(T d);//mutator
};
```

Syntax for function definitions:

```
template <typename T>
className<T>::className(T init):data(init)
{
}

template <typename T>
T className <T>::get()const
{
    return data;
}

template <typename T>
void className <T>::set(T d)
    data = d;
}
```

Compilation of Class Templates

- Templates are not like ordinary classes in the sense that the compiler doesn't generate object code for a template or any of its members until the template is instantiated with concrete types.
- Acceptable methods of compiling class templates vary depending on the C++ compiler you use, but the following method should work across all versions.
- **The inclusion method**
 - Define your template class in a .h file
 - Define your template class functions in a .cpp file
 - Include the .cpp file in whatever program file you are using the class in.
 - When you go to compile, you only need to compile the program file, not the class template.

Pair Class

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: Pair.h
3  * Definition of the Pair Template Class
4  * A Pair represents a pair of values, that can be any type
5  */
6 #ifndef PAIR_H
7 #define PAIR_H
8 template<typename F, typename S>//notice we have two generic types
9 class Pair{
10     private:
11         F first;//first will be of type F
12         S second;//second will be of type S
13     public:
14         Pair(F a, S b);//constructor
15         F get_first() const;//return first value
16         S get_second() const;//return second value
17         void print() const;//print the pair
18 };
19 #endif
```

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: Pair.cpp
3  * Pair Template Class Member Function Definitions
4  */
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include "Pair.h"
7 using namespace std;
8
9 //constructor
10 template<typename F, typename S>
11 Pair<F,S>::Pair(F a, S b):first(a),second(b){
12 }
13 //return the first value
14 template<typename F, typename S>
15 F Pair<F,S>::get_first()const{
16     return first;
17 }
18 //return the second value
19 template<typename F, typename S>
20 S Pair<F,S>::get_second() const{
21     return second;
22 }
23 //print the pair
24 template<typename F, typename S>
25 void Pair<F,S>::print() const
26 {
27     cout << "("<<first<< ", "<<second<<")\n";
28 }
```

Program that uses the Pair class template

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: main.cpp
3  * Program that uses the Pair class
4  */
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include "Pair.cpp"//not .h
7 using namespace std;
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     //Pair<typeof F, typeof S> objectname(values)
12     Pair<int,double> pair1(3,2.25);
13     cout << "Pair 1:";
14     pair1.print();
15
16     //another pair
17     Pair<string,double> pair2("Cat", 5.5);
18     cout << "Pair 2: ";
19     pair2.print();
20     return 0;
21 }
```

Compilation and output

```
$ g++ main.cpp -o main
$ ./main
Pair 1:(3, 2.25)
Pair 2: (Cat, 5.5)
```

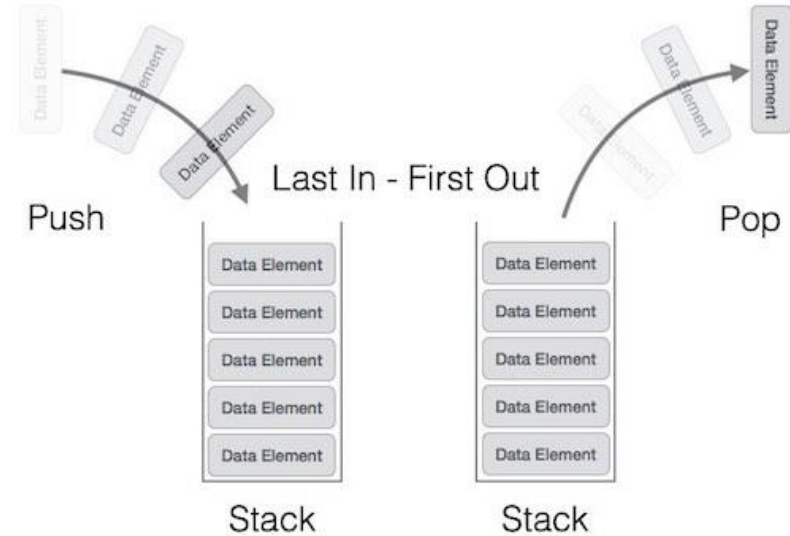

Data Structures

- Data structures in programming are methods in which to store data in efficient and easy to access ways.
- Depending on how you need to store and access data, you have different data structures to choose from.
- A popular data structure that we have been using are vectors, which is part of the C++ Standard Template Library (STL).
- The C++ STL is a powerful set of **template classes** to provide general-purpose classes and functions with templates that implement commonly used data structures and algorithms.
- Let's try out a simple approach at implementing one of these data structures.

Stacks (Data Structure)

Stacks: A data structure in which the last item pushed into the stack is the first item that will be popped from the stack.

- Last in, first out (LIFO)



Typical operations for stacks:

- Push (add an item to top)
- Pop (delete item from top)
- Peek/Top (See item at top without deleting)

Class Template for a Stack (Stack.h)

- We will only need one generic type here, since a data structure should only hold one type.
- But by using templates it can hold any type!
- To simulate a stack, we use an array of type T, but as far as accessing/manipulating it, we limit the member functions to pop(), push(), and top().
- empty() and size() are just extra accessor functions.

Let's implement the member functions!

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: Stack.h
3  * Definition of the Stack Class Template
4  */
5 #ifndef STACK_H
6 #define STACK_H
7 #include <iostream>
8 #include <cassert>
9 using namespace std;
10
11 //T will be the datatype stored in the stack
12 template <typename T>
13 class Stack{
14     //data members
15     private:
16         T* ptr;//dynamic array of type T
17         int capacity;//max capacity of stack
18         int total;//total elements in the stack
19     public:
20         Stack(int n);//stack capable of holding n # of elements
21         ~Stack();//destructor
22         void push(const T& n);//adds an element
23         bool empty();//returns true if the stack is empty
24         int size();//returns the current size of the stack
25         T top();//returns the element at the top of the stack
26         void pop();//deletes the top element
27 };
28 #endif
```

Class Template for a stack - Member Functions (Stack.cpp)

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: Stack.cpp
3  * Definition of the Stack Class Template member functions
4  */
5 #include "Stack.h"
6
7 //constructor
8 template<typename T>
9 Stack<T>::Stack(int n): capacity(n), total(0){
10     //new empty stack capable of holding n elements
11     ptr = new T[n]; //in heap memory
12 }
```

```
13 //destructor
14 template<typename T>
15 Stack<T>::~Stack(){
16     delete[] ptr; //deallocate array in heap
17 }
```

```
18 //push - add element to the top of the stack
19 template<typename T>
20 void Stack<T>::push(const T&n){
21     //make sure we can add another element
22     if(total < capacity){
23         ptr[total] = n;
24         total++;
25     }
26     else{
27         cout << "Stack at capacity.\n";
28     }
29 }
```

```
30 //empty - returns true if the stack is empty
31 template<typename T>
32 bool Stack<T>::empty(){
33     //check if it is empty
34     if(total == 0)
35         return true;
36     else
37         return false;
38 }
```

```
39 //size - returns the current # of elements in the stack
40 template<typename T>
41 int Stack<T>::size(){
42     return total;
43 }
```

```
44 //top - returns the element at the top of the stack
45 template<typename T>
46 T Stack<T>::top(){
47     if(empty()){
48         cout << "The stack is empty.\n";
49         assert(false); //if we have no return, end the program
50     }
51     else{
52         //return top element
53         return ptr[total-1];
54     }
55 }
```

```
55 //pop - delete top item
56 template<typename T>
57 void Stack<T>::pop(){
58     if(total > 0)
59         total--; //reduce size by 1
60     else
61         cout << "No elements to delete.\n";
62 }
```

Stack_main.cpp

```
1 /*
2  * Filename: Stack_main.cpp
3  * Program that uses the Stack class template
4  */
5 #include "Stack.cpp"
6 using namespace std;
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     //define a stack of ints, size 10
11     Stack<int> s1(10);
12     //check if stack is empty (it should be)
13     if(s1.empty())
14         cout << "The stack is currently empty.\n\n";
15     //add an element
16     s1.push(2);
17     //add another elements
18     s1.push(4);
19     cout << "Top of the s1: " << s1.top() << "\n\n";
20     //display the size of the stack
21     cout << "The s1 stack has " << s1.size() << " elements in it.\n";
22
23     //delete some elements
24     cout << "Deleting top element...\n";
25     s1.pop();
26     cout << "Top of s1: " << s1.top() << "\n\n";
27
28     Stack<string> s2(3);
29     s2.push("cat");
30     s2.push("dog");
31     s2.push("bird");
32
33     cout << "The s2 stack has " << s2.size() << " elements in it.\n";
34     cout << "Top of s2: " << s2.top() << "\n";
35
36     return 0;
37 }
```

Output:

```
The stack is currently empty.
Top of the s1: 4
The s1 stack has 2 elements in it.
Deleting top element...
Top of s1: 2
The s2 stack has 3 elements in it.
Top of s2: bird
```

Class Templates for an Array (Array.h)

- Create a template class Array that can handle an array of objects of any type and any size in the heap.
- Define an add member function to add elements to the end of the array.
- Define a print function to print all elements in the array.

```
1  /*
2  * Filename: Array.h
3  * Definition of the Array Class Template
4  */
5  #ifndef ARRAY_H
6  #define ARRAY_H
7  #include <iostream>
8  using namespace std;
9
10 template<typename T> //arrays will only hold 1 data type
11 class Array{
12     private:
13         T* ptr;//dynamic array
14         int total;//total # of elements
15         int capacity;//capacity of array
16     public:
17         Array(int n);//Array of size n
18         ~Array();//destructor
19         void add(T n);//add an element to the array
20         void print();//prints all elements in the array
21 };
22 #endif
```

Array.cpp

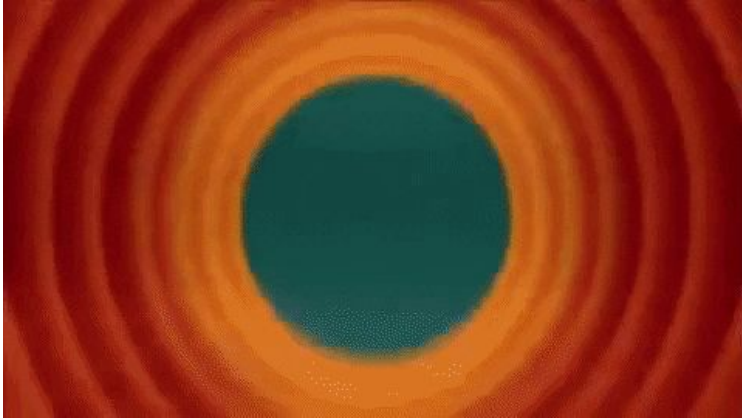
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13         T* ptr;//dynamic array
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17         Array(int n);//Array of size n
18         ~Array();//destructor
19         void add(T n);//add an element to the array
20         void print();//prints all elements in the array
21 };
22 #endif
```

Let's write a program that uses this class!

Templates Review

- Templates in C++: A tool that allows a single function or class to work with a variety of data types.
 - This saves us from having to overload our functions with different datatypes.
- A template allows a function or a class definition to be *parameterized* by type, instead of values.
- We can overload template functions.
- Class templates allow us to design generic classes that accept different data types and objects.

And with that...we have covered everything you need to know for CSE 2010!



Let's look at the Student Learning Outcomes we looked at in Week 1 in the syllabus

Student Learning Outcomes: This is the first of two programming courses in the sequence. It will be taught in C++. Students will learn more advanced concepts in programming such as arrays, vectors, classes, inheritance, recursion, streams, and templates. At the end of the course students are expected to

- work with different data types.
- control the flow of programs using conditionals and loops.
- define and use functions.
- work with arrays, vectors, and pointers.
- define their own data types using classes.
- work with inheritance and polymorphism.
- understand and work with recursion.
- work with templates.
- solve problems through programming using appropriate concepts and techniques.