

Variables and Classes in C++

Every variable is defined by four properties:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

And every variable is one of two types:

<pre>int myFavoriteInt; char grade = 'A'; double gamma = 0.653;</pre>	<pre>Sphere myFavoriteSphere; Cube rubix; Grade courseGrade;</pre>

Creating New Types

In data structures, we will be learning and creating new types of structures to store data. We will start simply – by the end, we will have types we built being the building blocks for new types!

Big Idea: Encapsulation

Encapsulation principles:

Cube.h		Cube.cpp	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	

Our First Class – Cube:

Cube.h		Cube.cpp	
1	#pragma once	1	#include "Cube.h"
2		2	
3	class Cube {	3	double Cube::getVolume() {
4	public:	4	
5	double getVolume();	5	}
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11	private:	11	
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
16	};	16	

Public vs. Private:

Situation	Protection Level
Cube functionality provided to client code	
Variable containing data about the Cube	
Helper function used in Cube	

Hierarchy in C++:

There **Cube** class we're building might not be the only **Cube** class. Large libraries in C++ are organized into _____.

Cube.h		Cube.cpp	
1	#pragma once	1	#include "Cube.h"
2		2	
3	namespace cs225 {	3	namespace cs225 {
4	class Cube {	4	double
5	public:	5	Cube::getVolume() {
6	double getVolume();	6	return length_ * length_;
7		7	}
...		...	

Our First Program:

main.cpp	
1	#include "Cube.h"
2	#include <iostream>
3	
4	int main() {
5	cs225::Cube c;
6	std::cout << "Volume: " << c.getVolume() << std::endl;
7	return 0;
8	}

...run this yourself: run `make` and `./main` in the lecture source code.

Several things about C++ are revealed by our first program:

1. _____
`main.cpp:4`
2. _____
`main.cpp:5, main.cpp:1`
3. _____
`main.cpp:6, main.cpp:2`
4. However, our program is unreliable. **Why?**

Default Constructor:

Every class in C++ has a constructor – even if you didn't define one!

- Automatic/Implicit Default Constructor:

- Custom Default Constructor:

Cube.h		Cube.cpp	
...		...	
4	class Cube {	3	Cube::Cube() {
5	public:	4	
6	Cube();	5	
...	/* ... */	6	}
		...	

Custom, Non-Default Constructors:

We can provide also create constructors that require parameters when initializing the variable:

Cube.h		Cube.cpp	
...		...	
4	class Cube {	3	Cube::Cube(double length) {
5	public:	4	
6	Cube(double length);	5	
...	/* ... */	6	}
		...	

Puzzle #1: How do we fix our first program?

puzzle.cpp w/ above custom constructor	
...	
8	cs225::Cube c;
9	cout << "Volume: " << c.getVolume() << endl;
...	

...run this yourself: run `make puzzle` and `./puzzle` in the lecture source code.

Solution #1:

Solution #2:

The beauty of programming is both solutions work! There's no one right answer, both have advantages and disadvantages!

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

1. Attend lab and complete lab_intro; due Sept. 9th
2. MP1 released Today; due Wednesday, Sept. 9th
3. Visit Piazza and the course website often!