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# Module 08: Programming C++

## Default Parameters & Function Overloading

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- Understand default parameters
- Understand function overloading and Resolution



# Module Outline

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  - Meaning & Motivation
  - Necessity of function overloading in Contrast with C
- Static Polymorphism
  - Meaning
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- Overload Resolution
- Default parameters and Function Overloading



# Motivation: Example CreateWindow in MSDN

## Declaration of CreateWindow

```
HWND WINAPI CreateWindow(  
    _In_opt_ LPCTSTR    lpClassName,  
    _In_opt_ LPCTSTR    lpWindowName,  
    _In_       DWORD     dwStyle,  
    _In_       int       x,  
    _In_       int       y,  
    _In_       int       nWidth,  
    _In_       int       nHeight,  
    _In_opt_   HWND      hWndParent,  
    _In_opt_   HMENU     hMenu,  
    _In_opt_   HINSTANCE hInstance,  
    _In_opt_   LPVOID    lpParam  
);
```

## Calling CreateWindow

```
hWnd = CreateWindow(  
    ClsName,  
    WndName,  
    WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW,  
    CW_USEDEFAULT,  
    CW_USEDEFAULT,  
    CW_USEDEFAULT,  
    CW_USEDEFAULT,  
    NULL,  
    NULL,  
    hInstance,  
    NULL  
);
```

- There are **11 parameters** in `CreateWindow()`
- Of these **11, 8 parameters** (4 are `CWUSEDEFAULT`, 3 are `NULL`, and 1 is `hInstance`) usually get same values in most calls
- Instead of using these **8 fixed valued Parameters** at call, we may assign the *values in formal parameter*
- C++ allows us to do so through the mechanism called **Default parameters**



# Program 08.01: Function with a default parameter

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

int IdentityFunction(int a = 10) { // Default value for parameter a
    return (a);
}

int main() {
    int x = 5, y;

    y = IdentityFunction(x); // Usual function call. Actual parameter taken as x = 5
    cout << "y = " << y << endl;

    y = IdentityFunction(); // Uses default parameter. Actual parameter taken as 10
    cout << "y = " << y << endl;
}
-----
y = 5
y = 10
```



# Program 08.02: Function with 2 default parameters

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

int Add(int a = 10, int b = 20) {
    return (a + b);
}

int main() { int x = 5, y = 6, z;

    z = Add(x, y); // Usual function call -- a = x = 5 & b = y = 6
    cout << "Sum = " << z << endl;

    z = Add(x);    // One parameter defaulted -- a = x = 5 & b = 20
    cout << "Sum = " << z << endl;

    z = Add();     // Both parameter defaulted -- a = 10 & b = 20
    cout << "Sum = " << z << endl;
}

-----
Sum = 11
Sum = 25
Sum = 30
```



# Default Parameter: Highlighted Points

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- C++ allows programmer to assign default values to the function parameters
- Default values are specified while prototyping the function
- Default parameters are required while calling functions with fewer arguments or without any argument
- Better to use default value for less used parameters



# Restrictions on default parameters

- *All parameters to the right of a parameter with default argument must have default arguments* (function `f` violates)
- *Default arguments cannot be re-defined* (second signature of function `g` violates)
- *All non-defaulted parameters needed in a call* (first call of `g()` violates)

```
#include <iostream>

void f(int, double = 0.0, char *);
// Error C2548: f: missing default parameter for parameter 3

void g(int, double = 0, char * = NULL); // OK
void g(int, double = 1, char * = NULL);
// Error C2572: g: redefinition of default parameter : parameter 3
// Error C2572: g: redefinition of default parameter : parameter 2

int main() {
    int i = 5; double d = 1.2; char c = 'b';

    g(); // Error C2660: g: function does not take 0 arguments
    g(i);
    g(i, d);
    g(i, d, &c);
}
```





# Restrictions on default parameters

- Default parameters to be supplied *only in a header file* and *not in the definition* of a function

```
// Header file: myFunc.h
void g(int, double, char = 'a'); // Defaults ch
void g(int i, double f = 0.0, char ch); // A new overload. Defaults f & ch
void g(int i = 0, double f, char ch); // A new overload. Defaults i, f & ch
// void g(int i = 0, double f = 0.0, char ch = 'a'); // Alternate signature. Defaults all in one go
-----

// Source File
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#include "myFunc.h" // Defaults taken from header
void g(int i, double d, char c) { cout << i << ' ' << d << ' ' << c << endl; } // No defaults here
-----

// Application File
#include <iostream>
#include "myFunc.h"
int main() { int i = 5; double d = 1.2; char c = 'b';
    g(); // Prints: 0 0 a
    g(i); // Prints: 5 0 a
    g(i, d); // Prints: 5 1.2 a
    g(i, d, c); // Prints: 5 1.2 b
}
```



# Function overloads: Matrix Multiplication in C

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- *Similar functions* with *different data types* and *algorithms*

```
typedef struct { int data[10][10]; } Mat;    // 2D Matrix
typedef struct { int data[1][10]; } VecRow; // Row Vector
typedef struct { int data[10][1]; } VecCol; // Column Vector

void Multiply_M_M (Mat a,    Mat b,    Mat* c); // c = a * b
void Multiply_M_VC (Mat a,    VecCol b, VecCol* c); // c = a * b
void Multiply_VR_M (VecRow a, Mat b,    VecRow* c); // c = a * b
void Multiply_VC_VR(VecCol a, VecRow b, Mat* c); // c = a * b
void Multiply_VR_VC(VecRow a, VecCol b, int* c); // c = a * b

int main() {
    Mat m1, m2, rm; VecRow rv, rrv; VecCol cv, rcv; int r;
    Multiply_M_M (m1, m2, &rm); // rm <-- m1 * m2
    Multiply_M_VC (m1, cv, &rcv); // rcv <-- m1 * cv
    Multiply_VR_M (rv, m2, &rrv); // rrv <-- rv * m2
    Multiply_VC_VR(cv, rv, &rm); // rm <-- cv * rv
    Multiply_VR_VC(rv, cv, &r); // r <-- rv * cv
    return 0;
}
```

- 5 multiplication functions share *similar functionality* but *different argument types*
- C treats them by 5 different function names. Makes it difficult for the user to remember and use
- **C++ has an elegant solution**



# Function overloads: Matrix Multiplication in C++

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Summary

- Functions *having the same name*, *similar functionality* but *different algorithms*, and identified by *different interfaces data types*

```
typedef struct { int data[10][10]; } Mat;    // 2D Matrix
typedef struct { int data[1][10]; } VecRow; // Row Vector
typedef struct { int data[10][1]; } VecCol; // Column Vector
```

```
void Multiply(const Mat& a,    const Mat& b,    Mat& c);    // c = a * b
void Multiply(const Mat& a,    const VecCol& b, VecCol& c); // c = a * b
void Multiply(const VecRow& a, const Mat& b,    VecRow& c); // c = a * b
void Multiply(const VecCol& a, const VecRow& b, Mat& c);    // c = a * b
void Multiply(const VecRow& a, const VecCol& b, int& c);    // c = a * b
```

```
int main() {
    Mat m1, m2, rm; VecRow rv, rrv; VecCol cv, rcv; int r;
    Multiply(m1, m2, rm); // rm <-- m1 * m2
    Multiply(m1, cv, rcv); // rcv <-- m1 * cv
    Multiply(rv, m2, rrv); // rrv <-- rv * m2
    Multiply(cv, rv, rm); // rm <-- cv * rv
    Multiply(rv, cv, r); // r <-- rv * cv
    return 0;
}
```

- These **5 functions** having *different argument types* are represented as *one function name* (Multiply) in C++
- This is called **Function Overloading** or **Static Polymorphism**



# Program 08.03/04: Function Overloading

- Define *multiple functions* having the *same name*
- *Binding* happens at **compile time**

## Same # of Parameters

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int Add(int a, int b) { return (a + b); }
double Add(double c, double d) { return (c + d); }
int main() {
    int x = 5, y = 6, z;
    z = Add(x, y); // int Add(int, int)
    cout << "int sum = " << z;

    double s = 3.5, t = 4.25, u;
    u = Add(s, t); // double Add(double, double)
    cout << "double sum = " << u << endl;
}
```

int sum = 11 double sum = 7.75

- Same **Add** function to add two **ints** or two **doubles**
- Same # of parameters but *different types*

## Different # of Parameters

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int Area(int a, int b) return (a * b);
int Area(int c) { return (c * c); }
int main() {
    int x = 10, y = 12, z = 5, t;
    t = Area(x, y); // int Area(int, int)
    cout << "Area of Rectangle = " << t;

    int z = 5, u;
    u = Area(z); // int Area(int)
    cout << " Area of Square = " << u << endl;
}
```

Area of Rectangle = 12 Area of Square = 25

- Same **Area** function for *rectangles* and for *squares*
- *Different number of parameters*



# Program 08.05: Restrictions in Function Overloading

- Two functions having the *same signature* but *different return types* cannot be overloaded

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

int    Area(int a, int b) { return (a * b); }
double Area(int a, int b) { return (a * b); }
// Error C2556: double Area(int,int): overloaded function differs only by return type
//           from int Area(int,int)
// Error C2371: Area: redefinition; different basic types

int main() {
    int x = 10, y = 12, z = 5, t;
    double f;

    t = Area(x, y);
    // Error C2568: =: unable to resolve function overload
    // Error C3861: Area: identifier not found

    cout << "Multiplication = " << t << endl;

    f = Area(y, z); // Errors C2568 and C3861 as above
    cout << "Multiplication = " << f << endl;
}
```



# Function Overloading – Summary of Rules

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Summary

- The *same function name* may be used in *several definitions*
- Functions with the *same name* must have *different number* of formal parameters and/or *different types* of formal parameters
- Function selection (*Overload Resolution*) is performed by the compiler
- Two functions having the same signature but *differing only in the return types* will result in a compilation error. The main reason is caller does not have to use the return value, the compiler does not know which return type is the best match
- Two functions having same parameter list but differing only in their default arguments will not compile. Changing the value of a default parameter does not change the *type* of the parameter
- Overloading allows **Static Polymorphism**
- Overload resolution is considered to be one of the areas of the language that is both complex and important. Two good resources:
  - (Intermediate) [Overload Resolution Video by CopperSpice](#)
  - (Elaborate) [MSDN Article on Function Overloading](#)



# Overload Resolution

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Summary

- To resolve overloaded functions with one parameter
  - Identify the set of *Candidate Functions*
  - From the set of candidate functions identify the set of *Viable Functions*
  - Select the *Best viable function* through (*Order is important*)
    - ▷ *Exact Match*
    - ▷ *Promotion*
    - ▷ *Standard type conversion*
    - ▷ *User defined type conversion*



# Overload Resolution: Exact Match

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Summary

- *lvalue-to-rvalue conversion*: Read the value from an object
  - Most common
  - Read more about lvalue and rvalue – [internalpointers.com](http://internalpointers.com) Article
- *Array-to-pointer conversion*  
Definitions: `int ar[10];`  
`void f(int *a);`  
Call: `f(ar)`
- *Function-to-pointer conversion*  
Definitions: `typedef int (*fp) (int);`  
`void f(int, fp);`  
`int g(int);`  
Call: `f(5, g)`
- *Qualification conversion*
  - Converting pointer (only) to `const` pointer
  - Converting pointer (only) to `volatile` pointer
  - Converting reference (only) to `const` reference
  - Converting reference (only) to `volatile` reference





# Overload Resolution: Promotion & Conversion

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- **Promotion**

- Objects of an integral type can be converted to another wider integral type, that is, a type that can represent a larger set of values. This widening type of conversion is called *integral promotion*
- C++ promotions are *value-preserving*, as the value after the promotion is guaranteed to be the same as the value before the promotion
- Examples
  - ▷ `char` to `int`; `float` to `double`
  - ▷ `enum` to `int` / `short` / `unsigned int` / ...
  - ▷ `bool` to `int`



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Summary

- **Standard Conversions**

- *Integral conversions* between *integral types* – `char`, `short`, `int`, and `long` with or without qualifiers `signed` or `unsigned`
- *Floating point Conversions* from *less precise floating type* to a *more precise floating type* like `float` to `double` or `double` to `long double`. Conversion can happen to a *less precise* type, if it is in a range representable by that type
- *Conversions between integral and floating point types*: Certain expressions can cause objects of floating type to be converted to integral types, or vice versa. **May be dangerous!**
- *Pointer Conversions*: Pointers can be converted during assignment, initialization, comparison, and other expressions
- *Bool Conversion*: `int` to `bool` or vice versa based on the context



# Example: Overload Resolution with one parameter

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- In the context of a list of function prototypes:

```
int g(double);           // F1
void f();                // F2
void f(int);            // F3
double h(void);         // F4
int g(char, int);       // F5
void f(double, double = 3.4); // F6
void h(int, double);    // F7
void f(char, char *);   // F8
```

The call site to resolve is:

```
f(5.6);
```

- Resolution:
  - *Candidate functions* (by name): F2, F3, F6, F8
  - *Viable functions* (by # of parameters): F3, F6
  - *Best viable function* (by type double – Exact Match): F6



# Example: Overload Resolution fails

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- Consider the overloaded function signatures:

```
int fun(float a) {...}           // Function 1
int fun(float a, int b) {...}    // Function 2
int fun(float x, int y = 5) {...} // Function 3
```

```
int main() {
    float p = 4.5, t = 10.5;
    int s = 30;

    fun(p, s); // CALL - 1
    fun(t);    // CALL - 2
    return 0;
}
```

- **CALL - 1**: Matches Function 2 & Function 3
- **CALL - 2**: Matches Function 1 & Function 3
- Results in ambiguity for both calls



# Overload Resolution with Multiple Arguments

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- For overload resolution between functions F1 and F2:

*F1 is better than F2 if, for some argument  $i$ , F1 has a better conversion than F2, and for other arguments F1 has a conversion which is not worse than F2.*

Example:

```
int fun(int,int,int);           // F1
int fun(double,double,double); // F2
int main() {fun(5,5,2.0);}      // Ambiguous
```

The above is ambiguous because neither F1 nor F2 has a better conversion than the other.

```
int fun(int,int,double);       // F1
int fun(int,double,double);    // F2
int main() {fun(5,5,5);}       // F1 wins
```

F1 is better than F2 in the second argument and not worse in the other two arguments.



# Program 08.06/07: Default Parameter & Function Overload

- Compilers deal with *default parameters* as a special case of *function overloading*
- These need to be mixed carefully

## Default Parameters

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int f(int a = 1, int b = 2);

int main() {
    int x = 5, y = 6;

    f();          // a = 1, b = 2
    f(x);        // a = x = 5, b = 2
    f(x, y);     // a = x = 5, b = y = 6
}
```

- **f** can have 3 possible forms of call

## Function Overload

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int f();
int f(int);
int f(int, int);

int main() {
    int x = 5, y = 6;

    f();          // int f();
    f(x);        // int f(int);
    f(x, y);     // int f(int, int);
}
```

- **f** can have 3 possible forms of call
- *No overload* here use *default parameters*.



# Program 08.08: Default Parameter & Function Overload

- *Function overloading* can use *default parameter*
- However, *with default parameters*, the overloaded functions should *still be resolvable*

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// Overloaded Area functions
int Area(int a, int b = 10) { return (a * b); }
double Area(double c, double d) { return (c * d); }
int main() { int x = 10, y = 12, t; double z = 20.5, u = 5.0, f;
    t = Area(x);    // Binds int Area(int, int = 10)
    cout << "Area = " << t << endl; // Area = 100

    t = Area(x, y); // Binds int Area(int, int = 10)
    cout << "Area = " << t << endl; // Area = 120

    f = Area(z, u); // Binds double Area(double, double)
    cout << "Area = " << f << endl; // Area = 102.5

    f = Area(z); // Binds int Area(int, int = 10)
    cout << "Area = " << f << endl; // Area = 200

    // Un-resolvable between int Area(int a, int b = 10) and double Area(double c, double d)
    f = Area(z, y); // Error: call of overloaded Area(double&, int&) is ambiguous
}
```



# Program 08.09: Default Parameter & Function Overload

- Function overloading with default parameters may fail

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int f();
int f(int = 0);
int f(int, int);

int main() {
    int x = 5, y = 6;

    f();          // Error C2668: f: ambiguous call to overloaded function
                 // More than one instance of overloaded function f
                 // matches the argument list:
                 //     function f()
                 //     function f(int = 0)

    f(x);        // int f(int);
    f(x, y);     // int f(int, int);

    return 0;
}
```





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Summary

- Introduced the notion of Default parameters and discussed several examples
- Identified the necessity of function overloading
- Introduced static Polymorphism and discussed examples and restrictions
- Discussed an outline for Overload resolution
- Discussed the mix of default Parameters and function overloading



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## Operator Overloading

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- Understand the Operator Overloading



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- Basic Differences between Operators & Functions
- Operator Overloading
- Examples of Operator Overloading
  - `operator+` for String & Enum
- Operator Overloading Rules



# Operator & Function

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Summary

- What is the difference between an *operator* & a *function*?

```
unsigned int Multiply(unsigned x, unsigned y) {  
    int prod = 0;  
    while (y-- > 0) prod += x;  
    return prod;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    unsigned int a = 2, b = 3;  
  
    // Computed by '*' operator  
    unsigned int c = a * b;           // c is 6  
  
    // Computed by Multiply function  
    unsigned int d = Multiply(a, b); // d is 6  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

- Same computation by an operator and a function



# Difference between Operator & Functions

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## Operator

- Usually written in **infix** notation - at times in **prefix** or **postfix**

- Examples:

```
// Operator in-between operands
```

```
Infix: a + b; a ? b : c;
```

```
// Operator before operands
```

```
Prefix: ++a;
```

```
// Operator after operands
```

```
Postfix: a++;
```

- Operates on one or more operands, typically up to 3 (Unary, Binary or Ternary)
- Produces **one result**
- Order of operations is decided by **precedence** and **associativity**
- Operators are pre-defined

## Function

- Always written in **prefix** notation

- Examples:

```
// Operator before operands
```

```
Prefix: max(a, b);
```

```
qsort(int[], int, int,  
void (*)(void*, void*));
```

- Operates on zero or more arguments
- Produces **up to one result**
- Order of application is decided by **depth of nesting**
- Functions can be defined as needed



# Operator Functions in C++

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- C++ introduces a new keyword: `operator`
- Every operator is associated with an operator function that defines its behavior

Operator Expression	Operator Function
<code>a + b</code>	<code>operator+(a, b)</code>
<code>a = b</code>	<code>operator=(a, b)</code>
<code>c = a + b</code>	<code>operator=(c, operator+(a, b))</code>

- Operator functions are *implicit for predefined operators of built-in types* and *cannot be redefined*
- An operator function may have a signature as:  

```
MyType a, b; // An enum or struct
```

  

```
MyType operator+(MyType, MyType); // Operator function
```

  

```
a + b // Calls operator+(a, b)
```
- C++ allows users to define an operator function and overload it



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- **Operator Overloading** (also called *ad hoc polymorphism*), is a specific case of *polymorphism*, where different operators have different implementations depending on their arguments
- Operator overloading is generally defined by a programming language, For example, in C (and in C++), for `operator/`, we have:

Integer Division	Floating Point Division
<pre>int i = 5, j = 2; int k = i / j; // k = 2</pre>	<pre>double i = 5, j = 2; double k = i / j; // k = 2.5</pre>

- C does not allow programmers to overload its operators
- C++ allows programmers to overload its operators by using operator functions





# Operator Overloading: Advantages and Disadvantages

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- **Advantages:**

- Operator overloading is *syntactic sugar*, and is used because it allows programming using notation nearer to the target domain
- It also allows user-defined types a similar level of syntactic support as types built into a language
- It is common in scientific computing, where it allows computing representations of mathematical objects to be manipulated with the same syntax as on paper
- For example, if we build a `Complex` type in C and `a`, `b` and `c` are variables of `Complex` type, we need to code an expression

$$a + b * c$$

using functions to add and multiply Complex value as

$$\text{Add}(a, \text{Multiply}(b, c))$$

which is clumsy and non-intuitive

- Using operator overloading we can write the expression with operators without having to use the functions



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## • Disadvantages

- Operator overloading allows programmers to *reassign the semantics of operators* depending on the types of their operands. For example, for `int a, b`, an expression `a << b` shifts the bits in the variable `a` left by `b`, whereas `cout << a << b` outputs values of `a` and `b` to standard output (`cout`)
- As operator overloading allows the programmer to change the usual semantics of an operator, it is a good practice to use operator overloading with care to maintain the *Semantic Congruity*
- With operator overloading certain rules from mathematics can be *wrongly expected* or *unintentionally assumed*. For example, the commutativity of `operator+` (that is, `a + b == b + a`) is not preserved when we overload it to mean *string concatenation* as

`"run" + "time" = "runtime" ≠ "timerun" = "time" + "run"`

*Of course, mathematics too has such deviations as multiplication is commutative for real and complex numbers but not commutative in matrix multiplication*



# Program 09.01: String Concatenation

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## Concatenation by string functions

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;
typedef struct _String { char *str; } String;
int main() { String fName, lName, name;
    fName.str = strdup("Partha ");
    lName.str = strdup("Das" );
    name.str = (char *) malloc( // Allocation
        strlen(fName.str) +
        strlen(lName.str) + 1);
    strcpy(name.str, fName.str);
    strcat(name.str, lName.str);
    cout << "First Name: " <<
        fName.str << endl;
    cout << "Last Name: " <<
        lName.str << endl;
    cout << "Full Name: " <<
        name.str << endl;
}
```

```
-----
First Name: Partha
Last Name: Das
Full Name: Partha Das
```

## Concatenation operator

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;
typedef struct _String { char *str; } String;
String operator+(const String& s1, const String& s2) {
    String s;
    s.str = (char *) malloc(strlen(s1.str) +
        strlen(s2.str) + 1); // Allocation
    strcpy(s.str, s1.str); strcat(s.str, s2.str);
    return s;
}
int main() { String fName, lName, name;
    fName.str = strdup("Partha ");
    lName.str = strdup("Das");
    name = fName + lName; // Overloaded operator +
    cout << "First Name: " << fName.str << endl;
    cout << "Last Name: " << lName.str << endl;
    cout << "Full Name: " << name.str << endl;
}
```

```
-----
First Name: Partha
Last Name: Das
Full Name: Partha Das
```



# Program 09.02: A new semantics for operator+

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### w/o Overloading +

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
enum E { C0 = 0, C1 = 1, C2 = 2 };
```

```
int main() { E a = C1, b = C2;
  int x = -1;

  x = a + b; // operator + for int
  cout << x << endl;
}
-----
3
```

- Implicitly converts `enum E` values to `int`
- Adds by `operator+` of `int`
- Result is outside `enum E` range

### Overloading operator +

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
enum E { C0 = 0, C1 = 1, C2 = 2 };
```

```
E operator+(const E& a, const E& b) { // Overloaded operator +
  unsigned int uia = a, uib = b;
  unsigned int t = (uia + uib) % 3; // Redefined addition
  return (E) t;
}
int main() { E a = C1, b = C2;
  int x = -1;

  x = a + b; // Overloaded operator + for enum E
  cout << x << endl;
}
-----
0
```

- `operator +` is overloaded for `enum E`
- Result is a valid `enum E` value



# Operator Overloading – Summary of Rules

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- **No new operator** such as `operators**` or `operators<>` can be defined for overloading
- **Intrinsic properties** of the overloaded operator *cannot be changed*
  - Preserves *arity*
  - Preserves *precedence*
  - Preserves *associativity*
- These operators can be overloaded:  
`[] + - * / % ^ & | ~ ! = += -= *= /= %= ^= &= |=`  
`<< >> >>= <<= == != < > <= >= && || ++ -- , -* -> ( ) [ ]`
- For *unary prefix operators*, use: `MyType& operator++(MyType& s1)`
- For *unary postfix operators*, use: `MyType operator++(MyType& s1, int)`
- The `operators::` (*scope resolution*), `operator.` (*member access*), `operator.*` (*member access through pointer to member*), `operator sizeof`, and `operator?:` (*ternary conditional*) *cannot be overloaded*
- The overloads of `operators&&`, `operator||`, and `operator,` (*comma*) *lose their special properties: short-circuit evaluation and sequencing*



# Overloading disallowed for

operator	Reason
dot (.)	It will raise question whether it is for <i>object reference</i> or <i>overloading</i>
Scope Resolution (::)	It performs a (compile time) <i>scope resolution</i> rather than an <i>expression evaluation</i>
Ternary (?:)	Overloading <code>expr1? expr2: expr3</code> would not guarantee that <i>only one of expr2 and expr3</i> was executed
sizeof	Operator <code>sizeof</code> cannot be overloaded because <i>built-in operations</i> , such as incrementing a pointer into an array <i>implicitly depends on it</i>
&& and	In evaluation, the <i>second operand is not evaluated</i> if the result can be deduced <i>solely by evaluating the first operand</i> . However, this evaluation is not possible for overloaded versions of these operators
Comma (,)	This operator guarantees that the <i>first operand</i> is evaluated <i>before</i> the <i>second operand</i> . However, if the comma operator is overloaded, its operand evaluation depends on C++'s function parameter mechanism, which does not guarantee the order of evaluation
Ampersand (&)	The address of an object of incomplete type can be taken, but if the complete type of that object is a class type that declares <code>operator&amp;()</code> as a member function, then the behavior is undefined



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Summary

- Introduced operator overloading
- Explained the rules of operator overloading