

# Introduction to C++

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# What C++ is good for

- Writing programs that run natively on the local processor (fast)
- Making very large projects modular

# Where not to use C++

- Short programs focused on parsing text (consider using a script)
- Programs with wide distribution across many platforms but without severe efficiency requirements (consider Java)

# C vs. C++

- A C++ compiler will compile and run C code, but not vice versa
- C++ can be used to develop *object oriented* code while C can't
- C++ is “+1” better than C

# “Hello World!”

A screenshot of a code editor window. The title bar shows a C++ icon, the filename 'hello.cc:3', and '<No selection'. The code is displayed on a light gray background with line numbers 1 through 11 on the left. The code is as follows:

```
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 int main(int narg, char* argv[])
6 {
7     cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
8
9     return 0;
10 }
11
```

# Compiling, Linking, and Running a program



```
>  
> ls  
hello.cc  
> g++ hello.cc  
> ls  
a.out  
hello.cc  
> a.out  
Hello World!  
> █
```

# Object Oriented Programming

**class:** The definition of what an object will contain when it is created.

**object:** A real instance of a class.

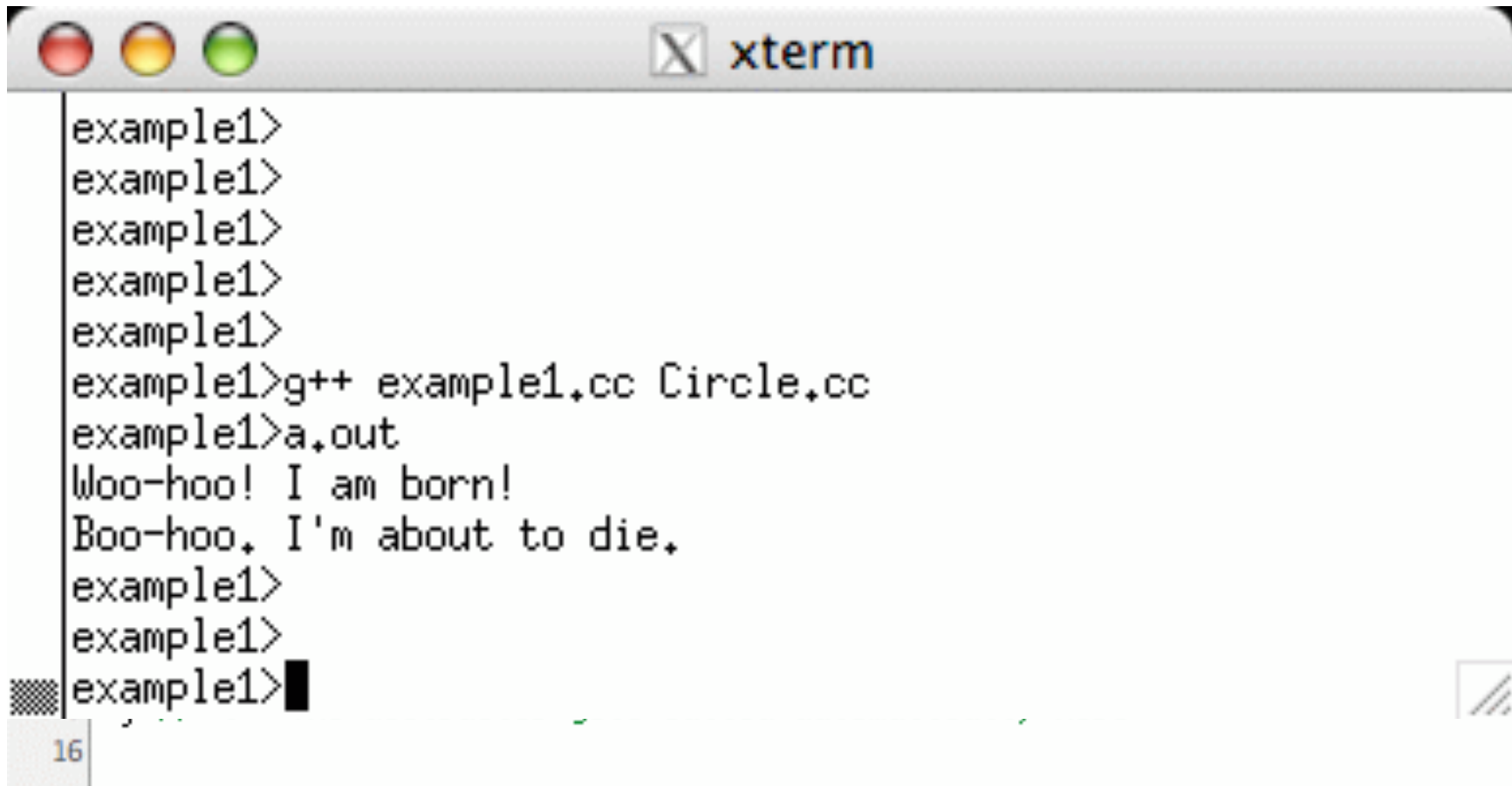
**struct:** C-style data structure that does not contain methods

# Defining a Class

```
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 #include "Circle.h"
6
7 //-----
8 // Circle
9 Circle::Circle(int x, int y, double radius)
10 {
11     // code here is run when the object is created
12     cout<<"Woo-hoo! I am born!"<<endl;
13 }
14
15 //-----
16 // ~Circle
17 Circle::~~Circle()
18 {
19     // code here is run when the object is destroyed
20     cout<<"Boo-hoo. I'm about to die."<<endl;
21 }
22
23 //-----
24 // Draw
25 void Circle::Draw(void)
26 {
27     // code here is run when the object's "Draw" method is invoked
28 }
29
```



# Using the Circle Class



The image shows a terminal window titled "xterm" with a standard macOS-style title bar (red, yellow, green buttons). The terminal content is as follows:

```
example1>  
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example1>g++ example1.cc Circle.cc  
example1>a.out  
Woo-hoo! I am born!  
Boo-hoo, I'm about to die.  
example1>  
example1>  
example1>█
```

In the bottom-left corner of the terminal window, there is a small icon of a grid and the number "16".

# Adding a Square Class

```
example2.cc:18 <No selected symbol>
1
2
3 #include <iostream>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 #include "Circle.h"
7 #include "Square.h"
8
9 int main(int narg, char *argv[])
10 {
11     Circle mycircle(3, 4, 1.3); // circle at x=3, y=4, radius=1.3
12     Square mysquare(5, 7, 5.7); // square at x=5, y=7, width=5.7
13
14     mycircle.Draw(); // Draw the circle
15     mysquare.Draw(); // Draw the square
16
17     return 0;
18 } // <-- The destructors get called automatically here
19
```

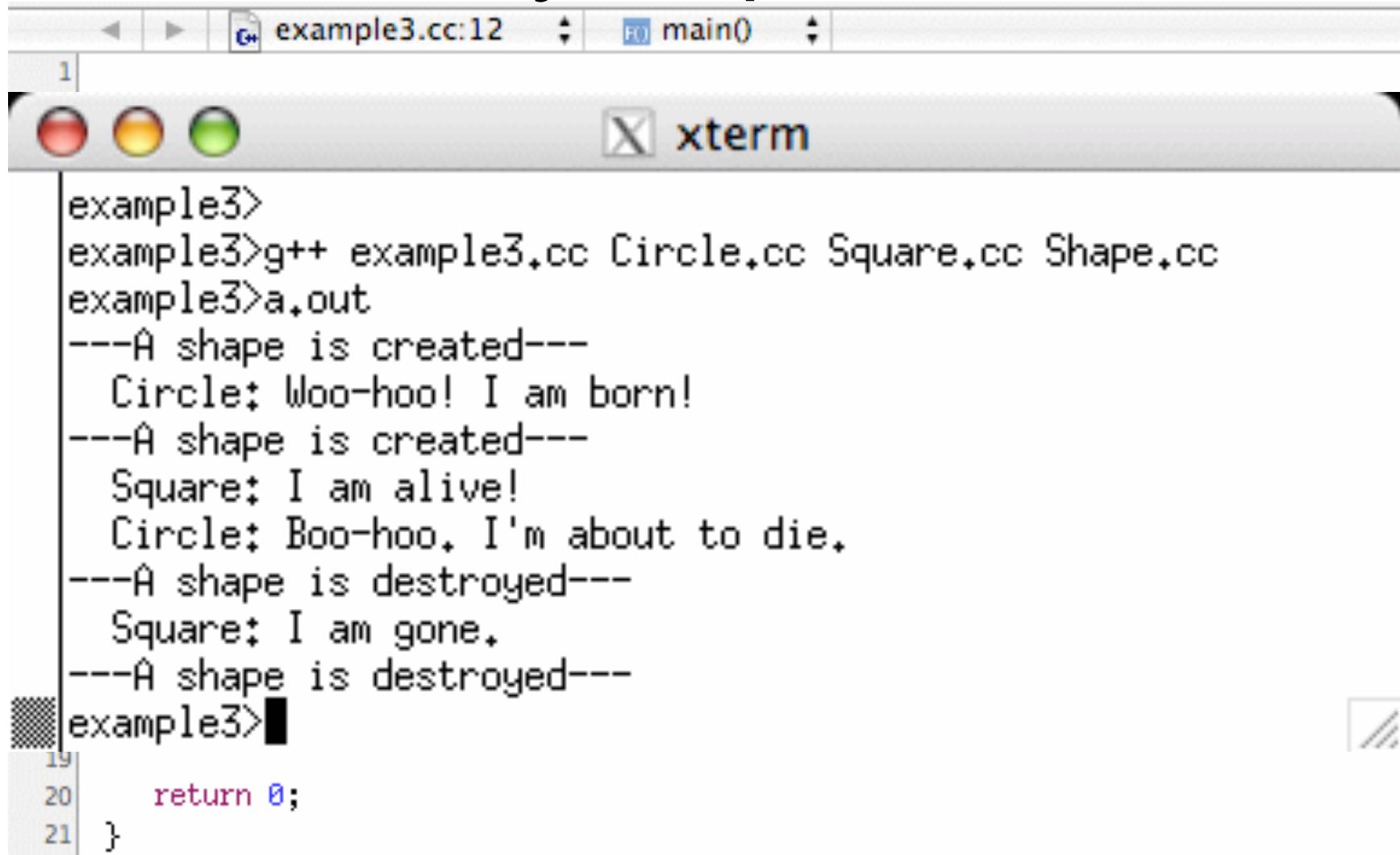
# Defining the Shape Class

```
Shape.h:1 <No selected symbol>
1
2
3 #ifndef _Shape_
4 #define _Shape_
5
6 class Shape{
7
8     public:
9
10        Shape(int x, int y); // constructor
11        virtual ~Shape();    // destructor
12
13        virtual void Draw(void)=0;
14
15        int GetX(void){return x;}
16        int GetY(void){return y;}
17        int GetColor(void){return color;}
18
19    protected:
20
21        int x; // x-coordinate of position
22        int y; // y-coordinate of position
23        int color;
24 };
25
26 #endif // _Shape_
27
```

# Inheriting from the Shape Class

```
Circle.cc:1  <No selected symbol>
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 #include "Circle.h"
6
7 //-----
8 // Circle
9 Circle::Circle(int x, int y, double radius):Shape(x,y)
10 {
11     // code here is run when the object is created
12     cout<<" Circle: Woo-hoo! I am born!"<<endl;
13 }
14
15 //-----
16 // ~Circle
17 Circle::~Circle()
18 {
19     // code here is run when the object is destroyed
20     cout<<" Circle: Boo-hoo. I'm about to die."<<endl;
21 }
22
23 //-----
24 // Draw
25 void Circle::Draw(void)
26 {
27     // code here is run when the object's "Draw" method is invoked
28 }
29
```

# Polymorphism



The screenshot shows an xterm window with a title bar containing 'example3.cc:12' and 'FO main()'. The terminal content is as follows:

```
example3>
example3>g++ example3.cc Circle.cc Square.cc Shape.cc
example3>a.out
---A shape is created---
  Circle: Woo-hoo! I am born!
---A shape is created---
  Square: I am alive!
  Circle: Boo-hoo, I'm about to die.
---A shape is destroyed---
  Square: I am gone.
---A shape is destroyed---
example3>
```

Below the terminal output, the source code for the main function is visible, showing lines 19, 20, and 21:

```
19
20     return 0;
21 }
```

# Inheritance and Polymorphism Defined

**Inheritance:** C++ classes can be *derived* from one another. The derived class *inherits* the base class's attributes.

**Polymorphism:** The ability of a derived object to appear as though it is one of its base classes.

# Public/Protected/Private

- **Access restrictions are NOT intended to prevent folks with devious intentions from accessing your class.**



- **They are to help prevent you (and others) from shooting yourself in the foot!**

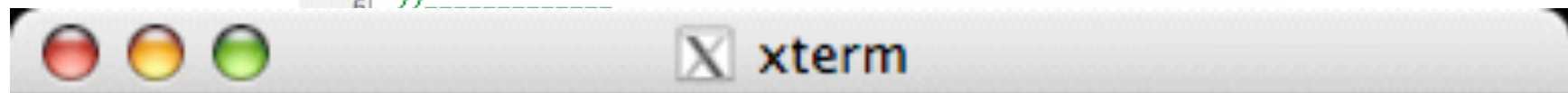
members accessible only by the  
class

# “Friend”s

A class may share its private members with other classes by declaring them as a “friend”.



```
ex4_good.cc:10  class fred
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <string>
4 using namespace std;
5
6 //
```



```
example4>
example4>
example4>g++ ex4_bad.cc
ex4_bad.cc: In member function 'std::string jane::GetFredPassword(fred&)':
ex4_bad.cc:13: error: 'std::string fred::password' is private
ex4_bad.cc:20: error: within this context
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example4>
example4>g++ ex4_good.cc
example4>
example4>
```

```
28     jane myJane;
29
30     string pass = myJane.GetFredPassword(myFred);
31     cout<<"Fred's password is: "<<pass<<endl;
32
33     return 0;
34 }
```

# Primitive types

- char (unsigned char)
- int (unsigned int)
- long (unsigned long)
- float
- double
- bool
- void

The ANSI string class is not a primitive, but should be the basis of most code dealing with strings

# Qualifiers

- **const**  
defining a variable as `const` indicates that either it can't be changed or what it points to can't be changed
- **static**  
defining something as `static` means it is not deleted when it goes out of scope

Pass

- Arguments can be passed either by value or by reference. The value is passed by value.

```
example6.cc:25  fred::Calc
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 //-----
6 // class fred
7 class fred{
8     public:
9         void Calculate1(double x);
10        void Calculate2(double &x);
11 };
12
13 //-----
14 // Calculate1
15 void fred::Calculate1(double x)
16 {
17     // My "x" exists only here
18     x+=4.3;
19 }
20
21 //-----
22 // Calculate2
23 void fred::Calculate2(double &x)
24 {
25     // My "x" belongs to whoever called me
26     x+=4.3;
27 }
28
```

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# Overloading

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example5.cc:26  main()
1
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 //-----
6 // class fred
7 class fred{
8     public:
9         void SetX(double new_x){x = new_x;}
10        double GetX(void){return x;}
11        void GetX(double &myx){myx = x;}
12
13    private:
14        double x;
15 };
16
17
18 //-----
19 // main
20 int main(int nargs, char *argv[])
21 {
22     fred myFred;
23
24     double x1 = myFred.GetX();
25     double x2;
26     myFred.GetX(x2); // <-- x2 will be overwritten by Fred's value
27
28     return 0;
29 }
```

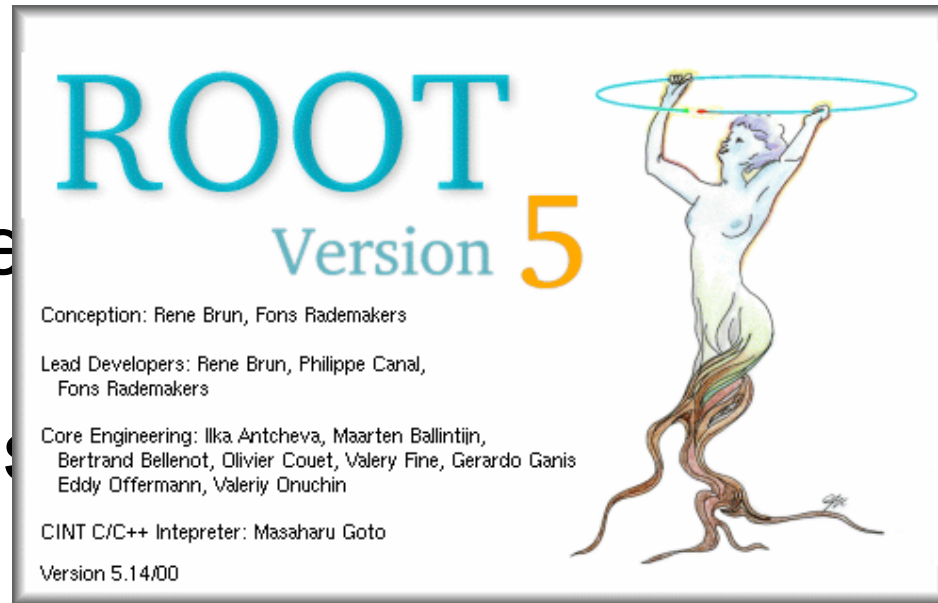
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# Flow Control

```
1
2 //-----
3 if(i==2){
4     // Do this only if i equals 2
5 }
6
7 //-----
8 for(int i=0; i<10; i++){
9     // Do this 10 times for i=0-9
10 }
11
12 //-----
13 do{
14     // Do this until quit equals true
15 }while(!quit);
16
17 //-----
18 switch(i){
19     case 1:
20         // Do something for 1
21         break;
22     case 2:
23         // Do something for 2
24     case 3:
25         // Do something for 2 or 3
26         break;
27 }
```

# ROOT

- ROOT is widely used in particle physics



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It is based on C++

a built-in interpreter to write

and execute C++ code interactively

# Summary

- C++ is an object-oriented language
- There are many features to help you write robust, modular code (but you have to use them!)
- Come see Elliott Wolin's talk on C++ on Friday (week from tomorrow)