

# Chapter 8 - Operator Overloading

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## 8.1 Introduction

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- Use operators with objects (operator overloading)
  - Clearer than function calls for certain classes
  - Operator sensitive to context
- Examples
  - `<<`
    - Stream insertion, bitwise left-shift
  - `+`
    - Performs arithmetic on multiple types (integers, floats, etc.)
- Will discuss when to use operator overloading



## 8.2 Fundamentals of Operator Overloading

- Types
  - Built in (**int**, **char**) or user-defined
  - Can use existing operators with user-defined types
    - Cannot create new operators
- Overloading operators
  - Create a function for the class
  - Name function **operator** followed by symbol
    - **Operator+** for the addition operator +



## 8.2 Fundamentals of Operator Overloading

- Using operators on a class object
  - It must be overloaded for that class
    - Exceptions:
      - Assignment operator, =
        - Memberwise assignment between objects
      - Address operator, &
        - Returns address of object
      - Both can be overloaded
- Overloading provides concise notation
  - `object2 = object1.add(object2);`
  - `object2 = object2 + object1;`



## 8.3 Restrictions on Operator Overloading

- Cannot change
  - How operators act on built-in data types
    - I.e., cannot change integer addition
  - Precedence of operator (order of evaluation)
    - Use parentheses to force order-of-operations
  - Associativity (left-to-right or right-to-left)
  - Number of operands
    - & is unitary, only acts on one operand
- Cannot create new operators
- Operators must be overloaded explicitly
  - Overloading + does not overload +=



## 8.3 Restrictions on Operator Overloading

Operators that can be overloaded							
+	-	*	/	%	^	&	
~	!	=	<	>	+=	-=	*=
/=	%=	^=	&=	=	<<	>>	>>=
<<=	==	!=	<=	>=	&&		++
--	->*	,	->	[]	()	new	delete
new[]	delete[]						

Operators that cannot be overloaded				
.	.*	::	?:	sizeof



## 8.4 Operator Functions As Class Members Vs. As Friend Functions

- Operator functions
  - Member functions
    - Use **this** keyword to implicitly get argument
    - Gets left operand for binary operators (like +)
    - Leftmost object must be of same class as operator
  - Non member functions
    - Need parameters for both operands
    - Can have object of different class than operator
    - Must be a **friend** to access **private** or **protected** data
  - Called when
    - Left operand of binary operator of same class
    - Single operand of unitary operator of same class



## 8.4 Operator Functions As Class Members Vs. As Friend Functions

- Overloaded << operator
  - Left operand of type **ostream &**
    - Such as **cout** object in **cout << classObject**
  - Similarly, overloaded >> needs **istream &**
  - Thus, both must be non-member functions



## 8.4 Operator Functions As Class Members Vs. As Friend Functions

- Commutative operators
  - May want **+** to be commutative
    - So both “**a + b**” and “**b + a**” work
  - Suppose we have two different classes
  - Overloaded operator can only be member function when its class is on left
    - **HugeIntClass + Long int**
    - Can be member function
  - When other way, need a non-member overload function
    - **Long int + HugeIntClass**



## 8.5 Overloading Stream-Insertion and Stream-Extraction Operators

- **<<** and **>>**
  - Already overloaded to process each built-in type
  - Can also process a user-defined class
- Example program
  - Class **PhoneNumber**
    - Holds a telephone number
  - Print out formatted number automatically
    - **(123) 456-7890**



```

1 // Fig. 8.3: fig08_03.cpp
2 // Overloading the stream-insertion and
3 // stream-extraction operators.
4 #include <iostream>
5
6 using std::cout;
7 using std::cin;
8 using std::endl;
9 using std::ostream;
10 using std::istream;
11
12 #include <iomanip>
13
14 using std::setw;
15
16 // PhoneNumber class definition
17 class PhoneNumber {
18     friend ostream &operator<<(
19     friend istream &operator>>(
20
21 private:
22     char areaCode[ 4 ]; // 3-d
23     char exchange[ 4 ]; // 3-digit exchange and null
24     char line[ 5 ]; // 4-digit line and null
25
26 }; // end class PhoneNumber

```

Notice function prototypes for overloaded operators >> and << They must be non-member **friend** functions, since the object of class **PhoneNumber** appears on the right of the operator.

**cin << object**  
**cout >> object**

```

27
28 // overloaded stream-insertion operator; cannot be
29 // a member function if we would like to invoke it with
30 // cout << somePhoneNumber;
31 ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const PhoneNumber
32 {
33     output << "(" << num.areaCode << " ) "
34     << num.exchange << "- " << num.line;
35
36     return output; // enables cout << a << b << c;
37
38 } // end function operator<<
39
40 // overloaded stream-extraction operator; cannot be
41 // a member function if we would like to invoke it with
42 // cin >> somePhoneNumber;
43 istream &operator>>( istream &input, const PhoneNumber
44 {
45     input.ignore(); // skip (
46     input >> setw( 4 ) >> num.areaCode; // input are
47     input.ignore( 2 );
48     input >> setw( 4 ) >> num.exchange;
49     input.ignore();
50     input >> setw( 5 ) >> num.line;
51
52     return input; // enables cin >>

```

The expression: **cout << phone;** is interpreted as the function call: **operator<<(cout, phone);** **output** is an alias for **cout**.

**ignore()** skips specified number of characters from input (1 by default).

allows objects to be cascaded. **<< phone1 << phone2;** calls **operator<<(cout, phone1)**, and returns **cout**.

Stream manipulator **setw** restricts number of characters read. **setw( 4 )** allows 3 characters to be read, leaving room for the null character.

**phone2** executes.

```

53
54 } // end function operator>>
55
56 int main()
57 {
58     PhoneNumber phone; // create object phone
59
60     cout << "Enter phone number in the form (123) 456-7890:\n";
61
62     // cin >> phone invokes operator>> by implicitly issuing
63     // the non-member function call operator>>( cin, phone )
64     cin >> phone;
65
66     cout << "The phone number entered was: " ;
67
68     // cout << phone invokes operator<< by implicitly issuing
69     // the non-member function call operator<<( cout, phone )
70     cout << phone << endl;
71
72     return 0;
73
74 } // end main

```

```

Enter phone number in the form (123) 456-7890:
(800) 555-1212
The phone number entered was: (800) 555-1212

```



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## 8.6 Overloading Unary Operators

- Overloading unary operators
  - Non-**static** member function, no arguments
  - Non-member function, one argument
    - Argument must be class object or reference to class object
  - Remember, **static** functions only access **static** data



## 8.6 Overloading Unary Operators

- Upcoming example (8.10)
  - Overload ! to test for empty string
  - If non-**static** member function, needs no arguments
    - !s becomes **s.operator!()**

```
class String {
public:
    bool operator!() const;
    ...
};
```
  - If non-member function, needs one argument
    - s! becomes **operator!(s)**

```
class String {
    friend bool operator!( const String & )
    ...
}
```



## 8.7 Overloading Binary Operators

- Overloading binary operators
  - Non-**static** member function, one argument
  - Non-member function, two arguments
    - One argument must be class object or reference
- Upcoming example
  - If non-**static** member function, needs one argument
 

```
class String {
public:
    const String &operator+=( const String & );
    ...
};
```
  - **y += z** equivalent to **y.operator+=( z )**



## 8.7 Overloading Binary Operators

- Upcoming example
  - If non-member function, needs two arguments
  - Example:
 

```
class String {
    friend const String &operator+=(
        String &, const String & );
    ...
};
```
  - `y += z` equivalent to `operator+=( y, z )`



## 8.8 Case Study: Array class

- Arrays in C++
  - No range checking
  - Cannot be compared meaningfully with `==`
  - No array assignment (array names `const` pointers)
  - Cannot input/output entire arrays at once
    - One element at a time
- Example: Implement an **Array** class with
  - Range checking
  - Array assignment
  - Arrays that know their size
  - Outputting/inputting entire arrays with `<<` and `>>`
  - Array comparisons with `==` and `!=`



## 8.8 Case Study: Array class

- Copy constructor
  - Used whenever copy of object needed
    - Passing by value (return value or parameter)
    - Initializing an object with a copy of another
      - `Array newArray( oldArray );`
      - `newArray` copy of `oldArray`
  - Prototype for class **Array**
    - `Array( const Array & );`
    - *Must* take reference
      - Otherwise, pass by value
      - Tries to make copy by calling copy constructor...
      - Infinite loop



```

1 // Fig. 8.4: array1.h
2 // Array class for storing arrays of integers.
3 #ifndef ARRAY1_H
4 #define ARRAY1_H
5
6 #include <iostream>
7
8 using std::ostream;
9 using std::istream;
10
11 class Array {
12     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream &, const Array & );
13     friend istream &operator>>( istream &, Array & );
14
15 public:
16     Array( int = 10 ); // default constructor
17     Array( const Array & ); // copy constructor
18     ~Array(); // destructor
19     int getSize() const; // returns size
20
21     // assignment operator
22     const Array &operator=( const Array & );
23
24     // equality operator
25     bool operator==( const Array & ) const;
26

```

Most operators overloaded as member functions (except << and >>, which must be non-member functions).

Prototype for copy constructor.



```

27 // inequality operator; returns opposite of == operator
28 bool operator!=( const Array &right ) const
29 {
30     return ! ( *this == right ); // invokes Array::operator==
31 } // end function operator!=
32
33 // subscript operator for non-const objects returns lvalue
34 int &operator[]( int );
35
36 // subscript operator for const objects returns rvalue
37 const int &operator[]( int ) const;
38
39
40 private:
41     int size; // array size
42     int *ptr; // pointer to first element of array
43
44 }; // end class Array
45
46 #endif

```

!= operator simply returns opposite of == operator. Thus, only need to define the == operator.



```

1 // Fig 8.5: array1.cpp
2 // Member function definitions for class Array
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 #include <iomanip>
10
11 using std::setw;
12
13 #include <new> // C++ standard "new" operator
14
15 #include <cstdlib> // exit function prototype
16
17 #include "array1.h" // Array class definition
18
19 // default constructor for class Array (default size 10)
20 Array::Array( int arraySize )
21 {
22     // validate arraySize
23     size = ( arraySize > 0 ? arraySize : 10 );
24
25     ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array
26

```



```

27     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
28         ptr[ i ] = 0;           // initialize array
29
30 } // end Array default constructor
31
32 // copy constructor for class Array;
33 // must receive a reference to previous object
34 Array::Array( const Array &arrayToCopy
35             : size( arrayToCopy.size ) )
36 {
37     ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array
38
39     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
40         ptr[ i ] = arrayToCopy.ptr[ i ]; // copy into object
41
42 } // end Array copy constructor
43
44 // destructor for class Array
45 Array::~Array()
46 {
47     delete [] ptr; // reclaim array space
48
49 } // end destructor
50

```

We must declare a new integer array so the objects do not point to the same memory.



```

51 // return size of array
52 int Array::getSize() const
53 {
54     return size;
55
56 } // end function getSize
57
58 // overloaded assignment operator
59 // const return avoids: ( a1 = a2 ) = a3
60 const Array &Array::operator=( const Array &right )
61 {
62     if ( &right != this ) { // check for self-assignment
63
64         // for arrays of different sizes, deallocate original
65         // left-side array, then allocate new left-side array
66         if ( size != right.size ) {
67             delete [] ptr; // reclaim space
68             size = right.size; // resize this object
69             ptr = new int[ size ]; // create space for array copy
70
71         } // end inner if
72
73         for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
74             ptr[ i ] = right.ptr[ i ]; // copy array into object
75
76     } // end outer if

```

Want to avoid self-assignment.



```

77
78     return *this;    // enables x = y = z, for example
79
80 } // end function operator=
81
82 // determine if two arrays are equal and
83 // return true, otherwise return false
84 bool Array::operator==( const Array &right ) const
85 {
86     if ( size != right.size )
87         return false;    // arrays of different sizes
88
89     for ( int i = 0; i < size; i++ )
90
91         if ( ptr[ i ] != right.ptr[ i ] )
92             return false; // arrays are not equal
93
94     return true;        // arrays are equal
95
96 } // end function operator==
97

```



```

98 // overloaded subscript operator for non-const Arrays
99 // reference return creates an lvalue
100 int &Array::operator[]( int subscript )
101 {
102     // check for subscript out of range error
103     if ( subscript < 0 || subscript >= size )
104         cout << "\nError: Subscript " << subscript << "\n"
105             << " out of range" << endl;
106
107     exit( 1 ); // terminate program: subscript out of range
108
109 } // end if
110
111 return ptr[ subscript ]; // reference return
112
113 } // end function operator[]
114

```



integers1[5] calls  
integers1.operator[]( 5 )

exit() (header <cstdlib>) ends  
the program.

```

115 // overloaded subscript operator for const Arrays
116 // const reference return creates an rvalue
117 const int &Array::operator[]( int subscript ) const
118 {
119     // check for subscript out of range error
120     if ( subscript < 0 || subscript >= size ) {
121         cout << "\nError: Subscript " << subscript
122             << " out of range" << endl;
123
124         exit( 1 ); // terminate program; subscript out of range
125
126     } // end if
127
128     return ptr[ subscript ]; // const reference return
129
130 } // end function operator[]
131
132 // overloaded input operator for class Array;
133 // inputs values for entire array
134 ostream &operator>>( ostream &input, Array &a )
135 {
136     for ( int i = 0; i < a.size; i++ )
137         input >> a.ptr[ i ];
138
139     return input; // enables cin >> x >> y;
140
141 } // end function

```



```

142
143 // overloaded output operator for class Array
144 ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const Array &a )
145 {
146     int i;
147
148     // output private ptr-based array
149     for ( i = 0; i < a.size; i++ ) {
150         output << setw( 12 ) << a.ptr[ i ];
151
152         if ( ( i + 1 ) % 4 == 0 ) // 4 numbers per row of output
153             output << endl;
154
155     } // end for
156
157     if ( i % 4 != 0 ) // end last line of output
158         output << endl;
159
160     return output; // enables cout << x << y;
161
162 } // end function operator<<

```



```

1 // Fig. 8.6: fig08_06.cpp
2 // Array class test program.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 #include "array1.h"
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     Array integers1( 7 ); // seven-element Array
14     Array integers2;     // 10-element Array by default
15
16     // print integers1 size and contents
17     cout << "Size of array integers1 is "
18          << integers1.getSize()
19          << "\nArray after initialization:\n" << integers1;
20
21     // print integers2 size and contents
22     cout << "\nSize of array integers2 is "
23          << integers2.getSize()
24          << "\nArray after initialization:\n" << integers2;
25

```



```

26 // input and print integers1 and integers2
27 cout << "\nInput 17 integers:\n";
28 cin >> integers1 >> integers2;
29
30 cout << "\nAfter input, the arrays contain:\n"
31      << "integers1:\n" << integers1
32      << "integers2:\n" << integers2;
33
34 // use overloaded inequality (!=) operator
35 cout << "\nEvaluating: integers1 != integers2\n";
36
37 if ( integers1 != integers2 )
38     cout << "integers1 and integers2 are not equal\n";
39
40 // create array integers3 using integers1 as an
41 // initializer; print size and contents
42 Array integers3( integers1 ); // calls copy constructor
43
44 cout << "\nSize of array integers3 is "
45      << integers3.getSize()
46      << "\nArray after initialization:\n" << integers3;
47

```



```

48 // use overloaded assignment (=) operator
49 cout << "\nAssigning integers2 to integers1:\n";
50 integers1 = integers2; // note target is smaller
51
52 cout << "integers1:\n" << integers1
53     << "integers2:\n" << integers2;
54
55 // use overloaded equality (==) operator
56 cout << "\nEvaluating: integers1 == integers2\n";
57
58 if ( integers1 == integers2 )
59     cout << "integers1 and integers2 are equal\n";
60
61 // use overloaded subscript operator to create rvalue
62 cout << "\nintegers1[5] is " << integers1[ 5 ];
63
64 // use overloaded subscript operator to create lvalue
65 cout << "\n\nAssigning 1000 to integers1[5]\n";
66 integers1[ 5 ] = 1000;
67 cout << "integers1:\n" << integers1;
68
69 // attempt to use out-of-range subscript
70 cout << "\n\nAttempt to assign 1000 to integers1[15]" << endl;
71 integers1[ 15 ] = 1000; // ERROR: out of range
72
73 return 0;
74
75 } // end main

```



```

Size of array integers1 is 7
Array after initialization:
    0      0      0      0
    0      0      0      0

Size of array integers2 is 10
Array after initialization:
    0      0      0      0
    0      0      0      0
    0      0

Input 17 integers:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

After input, the arrays contain:
integers1:
    1      2      3      4
    5      6      7

integers2:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15

```



```
Evaluating: integers1 != integers2
integers1 and integers2 are not equal
```

```
Size of array integers3 is 7
Array after initialization:
```

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	

```
Assigning integers2 to integers1:
```

```
integers1:
```

8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15
16	17		

```
integers2:
```

8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15
16	17		

```
Evaluating: integers1 == integers2
```

```
integers1 and integers2 are equal
```

```
integers1[5] is 13
```



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```
Assigning 1000 to integers1[5]
```

```
integers1:
```

8	9	10	11
12	1000	14	15
16	17		

```
Attempt to assign 1000 to integers1[15]
```

```
Error: Subscript 15 out of range
```



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## 8.9 Converting between Types

- 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



## 8.9 Converting between Types

- Example
  - Prototype
 

```
A::operator char *() const;
```

    - Casts class **A** to a temporary **char \***
    - **(char \*)s** calls **s.operator char\*()**
  - Also
    - ```
A::operator int() const;
```
    - ```
A::operator OtherClass() const;
```



## 8.9 Converting between Types

- Casting can prevent need for overloading
  - Suppose class **String** can be cast to **char \***
  - `cout << s; // s is a String`
    - Compiler implicitly converts **s** to **char \***
    - Do not have to overload `<<`
  - Compiler can only do 1 cast



## 8.10 Case Study: A String Class

- Build class **String**
  - 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");`
    - Creates a **String** from a **char \***
  - Any single-argument constructor is a conversion constructor



```

1 // Fig. 8.7: string1.h
2 // String class definition.
3 #ifndef STRING1_H
4 #define STRING1_H
5
6 #include <iostream>
7
8 using std::ostream;
9 using std::istream;
10
11 class String {
12     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream
13     friend istream &operator>>( istream
14
15 public:
16     String( const char * = "" ); // conversion/default ctor
17     String( const String & ); // copy constructor
18     ~String(); // destructor
19
20     const String &operator=( const String & ); //
21     const String &operator+=( const String & ); //
22
23     bool operator!() const; // i
24     bool operator==( const String & ) const; // t
25     bool operator<( const String & ) const; // t
26

```

Conversion constructor to make a **String** from a **char \***.

**s1 += s2** interpreted as **s1.operator+=(s2)**

Can also concatenate a **String** and a **char \*** because the compiler will cast the **char \*** argument to a **String**. However, it can only do 1 level of casting.



```

27 // test s1 != s2
28 bool operator!=( const String &right ) const
29 {
30     return !( *this == right );
31
32 } // end function operator!=
33
34 // test s1 > s2
35 bool operator>( const String &right ) const
36 {
37     return right < *this;
38
39 } // end function operator>
40
41 // test s1 <= s2
42 bool operator<=( const String &right ) const
43 {
44     return !( right < *this );
45
46 } // end function operator <=
47
48 // test s1 >= s2
49 bool operator>=( const String &right ) const
50 {
51     return !( *this < right );
52
53 } // end function operator>=

```



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```

54
55 char &operator[]( int ); //
56 const char &operator[]( int ) const; //
57
58 String operator()( int, int ); // return a substring
59
60 int getLength() const;
61
62 private:
63 int length; // string length
64 char *sPtr; // pointer to start
65
66 void setString( const char * ); // utility function
67
68 }; // end class String
69
70 #endif

```

Two overloaded subscript operators, for **const** and non-**const** objects.

Overload the function call operator ( ) to return a substring. This operator can have any amount of operands.

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```

1 // Fig. 8.8: string1.cpp
2 // Member function definitions for class String.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setw;
11
12 #include <new> // C++ standard "new" operator
13
14 #include <cstring> // strcpy and strcat prototypes
15 #include <cstdlib> // exit prototype
16
17 #include "string1.h" // String class definition
18
19 // conversion constructor converts char * to String
20 String::String( const char *s )
21 : length( strlen( s ) )
22 {
23 cout << "Conversion constructor: " << s << '\n';
24 setString( s ); // call utility function
25
26 } // end String conversion constructor

```

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```

27
28 // copy constructor
29 String::String( const String &copy )
30     : length( copy.length )
31 {
32     cout << "Copy constructor: " << copy.sPtr << '\n';
33     setString( copy.sPtr ); // call utility function
34
35 } // end String copy constructor
36
37 // destructor
38 String::~String()
39 {
40     cout << "Destructor: " << sPtr << '\n';
41     delete [] sPtr; // reclaim string
42
43 } // end ~String destructor
44
45 // overloaded = operator; avoids self assignment
46 const String &String::operator=( const String &right )
47 {
48     cout << "operator= called\n";
49
50     if ( &right != this ) { // avoid self assignment
51         delete [] sPtr; // prevents memory leak
52         length = right.length; // new String length
53         setString( right.sPtr ); // call utility function
54     }

```



```

55
56     else
57         cout << "Attempted assignment of a String to itself\n";
58
59     return *this; // enables cascaded assignments
60
61 } // end function operator=
62
63 // concatenate right operand to this object and
64 // store in this object.
65 const String &String::operator+=( const String &right )
66 {
67     size_t newLength = length + right.length; // new length
68     char *tempPtr = new char[ newLength + 1 ]; // create memory
69
70     strcpy( tempPtr, sPtr ); // copy sPtr
71     strcpy( tempPtr + length, right.sPtr ); // copy right.sPtr
72
73     delete [] sPtr; // reclaim old space
74     sPtr = tempPtr; // assign new array to sPtr
75     length = newLength; // assign new length to length
76
77     return *this; // enables cascaded calls
78
79 } // end function operator+=
80

```



```

81 // is this String empty?
82 bool String::operator!() const
83 {
84     return length == 0;
85 }
86 // end function operator!
87
88 // is this String equal to right String?
89 bool String::operator==( const String &right ) const
90 {
91     return strcmp( sPtr, right.sPtr ) == 0;
92 }
93 // end function operator==
94
95 // is this String less than right String?
96 bool String::operator<( const String &right ) const
97 {
98     return strcmp( sPtr, right.sPtr ) < 0;
99 }
100 // end function operator<
101

```



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```

102 // return reference to character in String as lvalue
103 char &String::operator[]( int subscript )
104 {
105     // test for subscript out of range
106     if ( subscript < 0 || subscript >= length ) {
107         cout << "Error: Subscript " << subscript
108             << " out of range" << endl;
109
110         exit( 1 ); // terminate program
111     }
112
113     return sPtr[ subscript ]; // creates lvalue
114 }
115 // end function operator[]
116
117 // return reference to character in String as rvalue
118 const char &String::operator[]( int subscript ) const
119 {
120     // test for subscript out of range
121     if ( subscript < 0 || subscript >= length ) {
122         cout << "Error: Subscript " << subscript
123             << " out of range" << endl;
124
125         exit( 1 ); // terminate program
126     }
127
128     return sPtr[ subscript ]; // creates rvalue
129 }
130 // end function operator[]

```



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```

131
132 // return a substring beginning at index and
133 // of length subLength
134 String String::operator()( int index, int subLength )
135 {
136     // if index is out of range or substring length < 0,
137     // return an empty String object
138     if ( index < 0 || index >= length || subLength < 0 )
139         return ""; // converted to a String object automatically
140
141     // determine length of substring
142     int len;
143
144     if ( ( subLength == 0 ) || ( index + subLength > length ) )
145         len = length - index;
146     else
147         len = subLength;
148
149     // allocate temporary array for substring and
150     // terminating null character
151     char *tempPtr = new char[ len + 1 ];
152
153     // copy substring into char array and terminate string
154     strncpy( tempPtr, &sPtr[ index ], len );
155     tempPtr[ len ] = '\0';

```



```

156
157     // create temporary String object containing the substring
158     String tempString( tempPtr );
159     delete [] tempPtr; // delete temporary array
160
161     return tempString; // return copy of the temporary String
162
163 } // end function operator()
164
165 // return string length
166 int String::getLength() const
167 {
168     return length;
169 } // end function getLenth
170
171
172 // utility function called by constructors and operator=
173 void String::setString( const char *string2 )
174 {
175     sPtr = new char[ length + 1 ]; // allocate memory
176     strcpy( sPtr, string2 ); // copy literal to object
177
178 } // end function setString

```



```

179
180 // overloaded output operator
181 ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const String &s )
182 {
183     output << s.sPtr;
184
185     return output; // enables cascading
186
187 } // end function operator<<
188
189 // overloaded input operator
190 istream &operator>>( istream &input, String &s )
191 {
192     char temp[ 100 ]; // buffer to store input
193
194     input >> setw( 100 ) >> temp;
195     s = temp; // use String class assignment operator
196
197     return input; // enables cascading
198
199 } // end function operator>>

```



```

1 // Fig. 8.9: fig08_09.cpp
2 // String class test program.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include "string1.h"
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     String s1( "happy" );
13     String s2( " birthday" );
14     String s3;
15
16     // test overloaded equality and relational operators
17     cout << "s1 is \" << s1 << "\"; s2 is \" << s2
18         << "\"; s3 is \" << s3 << '\"'
19         << "\n\nThe results of comparing s2 and s1:"
20         << "\ns2 == s1 yields "
21         << ( s2 == s1 ? "true" : "false" )
22         << "\ns2 != s1 yields "
23         << ( s2 != s1 ? "true" : "false" )
24         << "\ns2 > s1 yields "
25         << ( s2 > s1 ? "true" : "false" )

```



```

26     << "\ns2 < s1 yields "
27     << ( s2 < s1 ? "true" : "false" )
28     << "\ns2 >= s1 yields "
29     << ( s2 >= s1 ? "true" : "false" )
30     << "\ns2 <= s1 yields "
31     << ( s2 <= s1 ? "true" : "false" );
32
33 // test overloaded String empty (!) operator
34 cout << "\n\nTesting !s3:\n";
35
36 if ( !s3 ) {
37     cout << "s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;\n";
38     s3 = s1; // test overloaded assignment
39     cout << "s3 is \"" << s3 << "\"";
40 }
41
42 // test overloaded String concatenation operator
43 cout << "\n\ns1 += s2 yields s1 = ";
44 s1 += s2; // test overloaded concatenation
45 cout << s1;
46
47 // test conversion constructor
48 cout << "\n\ns1 += \" to you\" yields\n";
49 s1 += " to you"; // test conversion constructor
50 cout << "s1 = " << s1 << "\n\n";

```



```

51
52 // test overloaded function call operator () for substring
53 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
54     << "location 0 for 14 characters, s1(0, 14), is:\n"
55     << s1( 0, 14 ) << "\n\n";
56
57 // test substring "to-end-of-String" option
58 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
59     << "location 15, s1(15, 0), is: "
60     << s1( 15, 0 ) << "\n\n"; // 0 is "to end of string"
61
62 // test copy constructor
63 String *s4Ptr = new String( s1 );
64 cout << "\n*s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << "\n\n";
65
66 // test assignment (=) operator with self-assignment
67 cout << "assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr\n";
68 *s4Ptr = *s4Ptr; // test overloaded assignment
69 cout << "*s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << '\n';
70
71 // test destructor
72 delete s4Ptr;
73

```



```

74 // test using subscript operator to create lvalue
75 s1[ 0 ] = 'H';
76 s1[ 6 ] = 'B';
77 cout << "\ns1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: "
78     << s1 << "\n\n";
79
80 // test subscript out of range
81 cout << "Attempt to assign 'd' to s1[30] yields:" << endl;
82 s1[ 30 ] = 'd'; // ERROR: subscript out of range
83
84 return 0;
85
86 } // end main

```



```

Conversion constructor: happy
Conversion constructor: birthday
Conversion constructor:
s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""

```

The results of comparing s2 and s1:

```

s2 == s1 yields false
s2 != s1 yields true
s2 > s1 yields false
s2 < s1 yields true
s2 >= s1 yields false
s2 <= s1 yields true

```

Testing !s3:

```

s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;
operator= called
s3 is "happy"

```

```

s1 += s2 yields s1 = happy birthday

```

```

s1 += " to you" yields
Conversion constructor: to you
Destructor: to you
s1 = happy birthday to you

```

The constructor and destructor are called for the temporary `String` (converted from the `char *` "to you").



```
Conversion constructor: happy birthday
Copy constructor: happy birthday
Destructor: happy birthday
The substring of s1 starting at
location 0 for 14 characters, s1(0, 14), is:
happy birthday
```

```
Destructor: happy birthday
Conversion constructor: to you
Copy constructor: to you
Destructor: to you
The substring of s1 starting at
location 15, s1(15, 0), is: to you
```

```
Destructor: to you
Copy constructor: happy birthday to you
```

```
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
```

```
assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr
operator= called
Attempted assignment of a String to itself
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
Destructor: happy birthday to you
```



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

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



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## 8.11 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 )**



## 8.11 Overloading ++ and --

- To distinguish pre/post increment
  - Post increment has a dummy parameter
    - **int of 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



## 8.11 Overloading ++ and --

- 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



## 8.12 Case Study: A Date Class

- Example **Date** class
  - 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



```

1 // Fig. 8.10: date1.h
2 // Date class definition.
3 #ifndef DATE1_H
4 #define DATE1_H
5 #include <iostream>
6
7 using std::ostream;
8
9 class Date {
10     friend ostream &operator<<( ostream &, const Date & );
11
12 public:
13     Date( int m = 1, int d = 1, int y )
14     void setDate( int, int, int ); // set date
15
16     Date &operator++(); // preincrement operator
17     Date operator++( int ); // postincrement operator
18
19     const Date &operator+=( int ); // add days, modify object
20
21     bool leapYear( int ) const; // is this a leap year?
22     bool endOfMonth( int ) const; // is this end of month?

```

Note difference between pre and post increment.



```

23
24 private:
25     int month;
26     int day;
27     int year;
28
29     static const int days[]; // array of days per month
30     void helpIncrement(); // utility function
31
32 }; // end class Date
33
34 #endif

```



```

1 // Fig. 8.11: date1.cpp
2 // Date class member function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "date1.h"
5
6 // initialize static member at file scope;
7 // one class-wide copy
8 const int Date::days[] =
9     { 0, 31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31 };
10
11 // Date constructor
12 Date::Date( int m, int d, int y )
13 {
14     setDate( m, d, y );
15 }
16 // end Date constructor
17
18 // set month, day and year
19 void Date::setDate( int mm, int dd, int yy )
20 {
21     month = ( mm >= 1 && mm <= 12 ) ? mm : 1;
22     year = ( yy >= 1900 && yy <= 2100 ) ? yy : 1900;
23 }

```



```

24 // test for a leap year
25 if ( month == 2 && leapYear( year ) )
26     day = ( dd >= 1 && dd <= 29 ) ? dd : 1;
27 else
28     day = ( dd >= 1 && dd <= days[ month ] ) ? dd : 1;
29
30 } // end function setDate
31
32 // overloaded preincrement operator
33 Date &Date::operator++()
34 {
35     helpIncrement();
36
37     return *this; // reference return to create an lvalue
38 } // end function operator++
39
40 // overloaded postincrement operator; note that the
41 // integer parameter does not have a parameter name
42 Date Date::operator++( int )
43 {
44     Date temp = *this; // hold current state
45     helpIncrement();
46
47     // return unincremented, saved, temporary
48     return temp; // value return; not a reference
49 } // end function operator++
50
51 } // end function operator++

```

Postincrement updates object and returns a copy of the original. Do not return a reference to temp, because it is a local variable that will be destroyed.

Also note that the integer parameter does not have a name.



```

52
53 // add specified number of days to date
54 const Date &Date::operator+=( int additionalDays )
55 {
56     for ( int i = 0; i < additionalDays; i++ )
57         helpIncrement();
58
59     return *this;    // enables cascading
60
61 } // end function operator+=
62
63 // if the year is a leap year, return true;
64 // otherwise, return false
65 bool Date::leapYear( int testYear ) const
66 {
67     if ( testYear % 400 == 0 ||
68         ( testYear % 100 != 0 && testYear % 4 == 0 ) )
69         return true;    // a leap year
70     else
71         return false; // not a leap year
72
73 } // end function leapYear
74

```



```

75 // determine whether the day is the last day of the month
76 bool Date::endOfMonth( int testDay ) const
77 {
78     if ( month == 2 && leapYear( year ) )
79         return testDay == 29; // last day of Feb. in leap year
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 {
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 ) {
96             ++month;
97             day = 1;
98         }
99

```



```

100     // last day of year
101     else {
102         ++year;
103         month = 1;
104         day = 1;
105     }
106
107 } // end function helpIncrement
108
109 // overloaded output operator
110 ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const Date &d )
111 {
112     static char *monthName[ 13 ] = { "", "January",
113         "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
114         "July", "August", "September", "October",
115         "November", "December" };
116
117     output << monthName[ d.month ] << ' '
118         << d.day << ", " << d.year;
119
120     return output; // enables cascading
121
122 } // end function operator<<

```



```

1 // Fig. 8.12: fig08_12.cpp
2 // Date class test program.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include "date1.h" // Date class definition
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Date d1; // defaults to January 1, 1900
13     Date d2( 12, 27, 1992 );
14     Date d3( 0, 99, 8045 ); // invalid date
15
16     cout << "d1 is " << d1 << "\nd2 is " << d2
17         << "\nd3 is " << d3;
18
19     cout << "\n\nd2 += 7 is " << ( d2 += 7 );
20
21     d3.setDate( 2, 28, 1992 );
22     cout << "\n\n d3 is " << d3;
23     cout << "\n++d3 is " << ++d3;
24
25     Date d4( 7, 13, 2002 );

```



```
26
27 cout << "\n\nTesting the preincrement operator:\n"
28     << " d4 is " << d4 << '\n';
29 cout << "++d4 is " << ++d4 << '\n';
30 cout << " d4 is " << d4;
31
32 cout << "\n\nTesting the postincrement operator:\n"
33     << " d4 is " << d4 << '\n';
34 cout << "d4++ is " << d4++ << '\n';
35 cout << " d4 is " << d4 << endl;
36
37 return 0;
38
39 } // end main
```



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```
d1 is January 1, 1900
d2 is December 27, 1992
d3 is January 1, 1900

d2 += 7 is January 3, 1993

d3 is February 28, 1992
++d3 is February 29, 1992

Testing the preincrement operator:
d4 is July 13, 2002
++d4 is July 14, 2002
d4 is July 14, 2002

Testing the postincrement operator:
d4 is July 14, 2002
d4++ is July 14, 2002
d4 is July 15, 2002
```



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## 8.13 Standard Library Classes `string` and `vector`

- 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**



## 8.13 Standard Library Classes `string` and `vector`

- Class **string**
  - Header `<string>`, namespace `std`
  - Can initialize `string s1("hi");`
  - Overloaded `<<`
    - `cout << s1`
  - Overloaded relational operators
    - `== != >= > <= <`
  - Assignment operator `=`
  - Concatenation (overloaded `+=`)



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- Class `string`
  - Substring function `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)`
    - Character at subscript 10
    - Has bounds checking
      - Will end program if invalid (learn more in Chapter 13)

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```
1 // Fig. 8.13: fig08_13.cpp
2 // Standard library string class test program.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7
8 #include <string>
9
10 using std::string;
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     string s1( "happy" );
15     string s2( " birthday" );
16     string s3;
17
18     // test overloaded equality and relational operators
19     cout << "s1 is \"" << s1 << "\", s2 is \"" << s2
20          << "\", s3 is \"" << s3 << '\n'
21          << "\n\nThe results of comparing s2 and s1:"
22          << "\ns2 == s1 yields "
23          << ( s2 == s1 ? "true" : "false" )
24          << "\ns2 != s1 yields "
25          << ( s2 != s1 ? "true" : "false" )
```



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```

26     << "\ns2 > s1 yields "
27     << ( s2 > s1 ? "true" : "false" )
28     << "\ns2 < s1 yields "
29     << ( s2 < s1 ? "true" : "false" )
30     << "\ns2 >= s1 yields "
31     << ( s2 >= s1 ? "true" : "false" )
32     << "\ns2 <= s1 yields "
33     << ( s2 <= s1 ? "true" : "false" );
34
35 // test string member function empty
36 cout << "\n\nTesting s3.empty():\n";
37
38 if ( s3.empty() ) {
39     cout << "s3 is empty; assigning s1 to s3;\n";
40     s3 = s1; // assign s1 to s3
41     cout << "s3 is \"" << s3 << "\"";
42 }
43
44 // test overloaded string concatenation operator
45 cout << "\n\ns1 += s2 yields s1 = ";
46 s1 += s2; // test overloaded concatenation
47 cout << s1;
48

```



```

49 // test overloaded string concatenation operator
50 // with C-style string
51 cout << "\n\ns1 += \" to you\" yields\n";
52 s1 += " to you";
53 cout << "s1 = " << s1 << "\n\n";
54
55 // test string member function substr
56 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at location 0 for\n"
57     << "14 characters, s1.substr(0, 14), is:\n"
58     << s1.substr( 0, 14 ) << "\n\n";
59
60 // test substr "to-end-of-string" option
61 cout << "The substring of s1 starting at\n"
62     << "location 15, s1.substr(15), is:\n"
63     << s1.substr( 15 ) << '\n';
64
65 // test copy constructor
66 string *s4Ptr = new string( s1 );
67 cout << "\n*s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << "\n\n";
68
69 // test assignment (=) operator with self-assignment
70 cout << "assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr\n";
71 *s4Ptr = *s4Ptr;
72 cout << "*s4Ptr = " << *s4Ptr << '\n';
73

```



```

74 // test destructor
75 delete s4Ptr;
76
77 // test using subscript operator to create lvalue
78 s1[ 0 ] = 'H';
79 s1[ 6 ] = 'B';
80 cout << "\ns1 after s1[0] = 'H' and s1[6] = 'B' is: "
81     << s1 << "\n\n";
82
83 // test subscript out of range with string member function "at"
84 cout << "Attempt to assign 'd' to s1.at( 30 ) yields:" << endl;
85 s1.at( 30 ) = 'd'; // ERROR: subscript out of range
86
87 return 0;
88
89 } // end main

```



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```

s1 is "happy"; s2 is " birthday"; s3 is ""

The results of comparing s2 and s1:
s2 == s1 yields false
s2 != s1 yields true
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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```
The substring of s1 starting at
location 15, s1.substr(15), is:
to you
```

```
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
```

```
assigning *s4Ptr to *s4Ptr
```

```
*s4Ptr = happy birthday to you
```

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

```
Attempt to assign 'd' to s1.at( 30 ) yields:
```

```
abnormal program termination
```



## 8.13 Standard Library Classes `string` and `vector`

- Class `vector`
  - Header `<vector>`, namespace `std`
  - Store any type
    - `vector< int > myArray(10)`
  - Function `size ( myArray.size() )`
  - Overloaded `[]`
    - Get specific element, `myArray[ 3 ]`
  - Overloaded `!=`, `==`, and `=`
    - Inequality, equality, assignment



```

1 // Fig. 8.14: fig08_14.cpp
2 // Demonstrating standard library class vector.
3 #include <iostream>
4
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::cin;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 #include <iomanip>
10
11 using std::setw;
12
13 #include <vector>
14
15 using std::vector;
16
17 void outputVector( const vector< int > & );
18 void inputVector( vector< int > & );
19
20 int main()
21 {
22     vector< int > integers1( 7 ); // 7-element vector< int >
23     vector< int > integers2( 10 ); // 10-element vector< int >
24

```



```

25 // print integers1 size and contents
26 cout << "Size of vector integers1 is "
27     << integers1.size()
28     << "\nvector after initialization:\n";
29 outputVector( integers1 );
30
31 // print integers2 size and contents
32 cout << "\nSize of vector integers2 is "
33     << integers2.size()
34     << "\nvector after initialization:\n";
35 outputVector( integers2 );
36
37 // input and print integers1 and integers2
38 cout << "\nInput 17 integers:\n";
39 inputVector( integers1 );
40 inputVector( integers2 );
41
42 cout << "\nAfter input, the vectors contain:\n"
43     << "integers1:\n";
44 outputVector( integers1 );
45 cout << "integers2:\n";
46 outputVector( integers2 );
47
48 // use overloaded inequality (!=) operator
49 cout << "\nEvaluating: integers1 != integers2\n";
50

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51  if ( integers1 != integers2 )
52      cout << "integers1 and integers2 are not equal\n";
53
54  // create vector integers3 using integers1 as an
55  // initializer; print size and contents
56  vector< int > integers3( integers1 ); // copy constructor
57
58  cout << "\nSize of vector integers3 is "
59       << integers3.size()
60       << "\nvector after initialization:\n";
61  outputVector( integers3 );
62
63
64  // use overloaded assignment (=) operator
65  cout << "\nAssigning integers2 to integers1:\n";
66  integers1 = integers2;
67
68  cout << "integers1:\n";
69  outputVector( integers1 );
70  cout << "integers2:\n";
71  outputVector( integers1 );
72

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73  // use overloaded equality (==) operator
74  cout << "\nEvaluating: integers1 == integers2\n";
75
76  if ( integers1 == integers2 )
77      cout << "integers1 and integers2 are equal\n";
78
79  // use overloaded subscript operator to create rvalue
80  cout << "\nintegers1[5] is " << integers1[ 5 ];
81
82  // use overloaded subscript operator to create lvalue
83  cout << "\n\nAssigning 1000 to integers1[5]\n";
84  integers1[ 5 ] = 1000;
85  cout << "integers1:\n";
86  outputVector( integers1 );
87
88  // attempt to use out of range subscript
89  cout << "\n\nAttempt to assign 1000 to integers1.at( 15 )"
90       << endl;
91  integers1.at( 15 ) = 1000; // ERROR: out of range
92
93  return 0;
94
95 } // end main
96

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97 // output vector contents
98 void outputVector( const vector< int > &array )
99 {
100     for ( int i = 0; i < array.size(); i++ ) {
101         cout << setw( 12 ) << array[ i ];
102
103         if ( ( i + 1 ) % 4 == 0 ) // 4 numbers per row of output
104             cout << endl;
105
106     } // end for
107
108     if ( i % 4 != 0 )
109         cout << endl;
110
111 } // end function outputVector
112
113 // input vector contents
114 void inputVector( vector< int > &array )
115 {
116     for ( int i = 0; i < array.size(); i++ )
117         cin >> array[ i ];
118
119 } // end function inputVector

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Size of vector integers1 is 7
vector after initialization:
    0      0      0      0
    0      0      0      0

Size of vector integers2 is 10
vector after initialization:
    0      0      0      0
    0      0      0      0
    0      0

Input 17 integers:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

After input, the vectors contain:
integers1:
    1      2      3      4
    5      6      7

integers2:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15
   16     17

Evaluating: integers1 != integers2
integers1 and integers2 are not equal

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Size of vector integers3 is 7
vector after initialization:
    1      2      3      4
    5      6      7

Assigning integers2 to integers1:
integers1:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15
   16     17

integers2:
    8      9      10     11
   12     13     14     15
   16     17

Evaluating: integers1 == integers2
integers1 and integers2 are equal

integers1[5] is 13

Assigning 1000 to integers1[5]
integers1:
    8      9      10     11
   12     1000   14     15
   16     17

Attempt to assign 1000 to integers1.at( 15 )

abnormal program termination
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