

Section 2: Lecture 6

Introduction to friend

- C++ provides a way to enable a class or function to access the *private* parts of another class.
- This is done by using the friend keyword in the class declaration.

Friends of the Creature

```
class Creature {  
    friend void rejuvenate(Creature & c);  
    friend class Fred;  
private:  
    int yearOfBirth;  
public:  
    Creature(int year) {  
        yearOfBirth = year;  
    }  
    int getYearOfBirth() {  
        return yearOfBirth;  
    }  
};
```



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};
```

The function rejuvenate can now access the private attribute yearOfBirth:

```
void rejuvenate(Creature & c) {  
    c.yearOfBirth = c.yearOfBirth + 5;  
}
```



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    }  
    int getYearOfBirth() {  
        return yearOfBirth;  
    }  
};
```

The class Fred can now access the private attribute yearOfBirth:

```
class Fred {  
    void mature(Creature &c) {  
        c.yearOfBirth = c.yearOfBirth - 5;  
    }  
    // ...  
};
```

Private member of a class can be access by another class through friend



Friend Function

```
#include<iostream.h>
class Complex
{
float real, imag;
public:
void getdata( );
void putdata( );
friend Complex sum (Complex A, Complex B);
};
void Complex :: getdata( )
{
cout<<"enter real part:";
cin>>real;
cout<<"enter imaginary part:";
cin>>imag;
}
void Complex :: putdata( )
{
if (imag>=0)
cout<<real<<"+"<<imag<<"i";
else
cout<<real<<imag<<"i";
```

```
Complex sum (Complex A, Complex B)
{
Complex temp;
temp.real=A.real + B.real;
temp.imag= A.imag + B.imag;
return temp;
}
void main ( )
{
Complex X, Y, Z;
X.Getdata( );
Y. getdata( );
Z= sum (X,Y);
Z.putdata( );
}
```



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- Data member or member functions may be public, private or protected.
- Public means data members or member functions defining inside the class can be used at outside the class.(in different class and in main function)
- Private means data members and member functions can't be used outside the class.
- Protected means data member and member functions can be used in the same class and its derived class (at one level) (not in main function).

Passing Object

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}
```

```
void complex :: sum ( Complex A, Complex B)
{
real = A.real + B.real;
imag= A.imag + B.imag;
}

void main( )
{
Complex X,Y,Z;
X.getdata();
Y.getdata( );
Z.sum(X,Y);
Z.putdata( );
}
```

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Returning Object

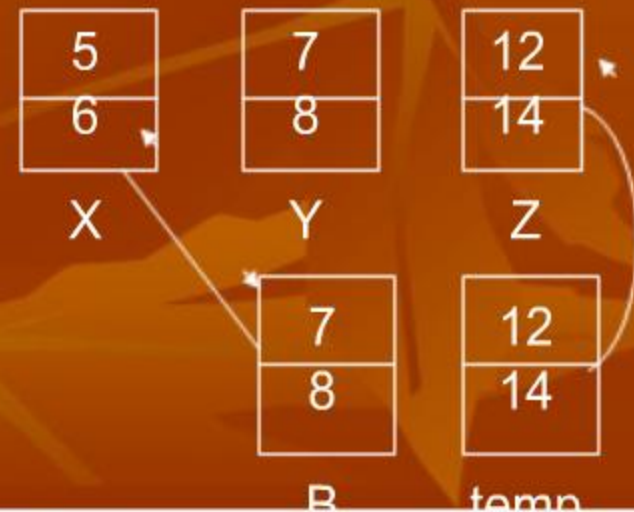
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class Complex
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public:
void getdata( );
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Complex sum (Complex B);
};
void Complex :: getdata( )
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A member function of one class can be friend of another class

```
Class x
{
...
...
Int fun1();           //member function of x
....
};

Class y
{
....
....
Friend int x::fun1(); //fun1() of x is friend of y
...
}
```

All the member function of one class as the friend function of another class

```
Class z
```

```
{
```

```
.....
```

```
Friend class x;    //all the member function of x  
                   are friends to z
```

```
};
```

A function friendly to two classes

```
Class B;           //forward declaration
```

```
Class A
```

```
{ int a;  
  public:
```

```
  void setvalue(int i){a=i;}  
  friend void max(A,B);
```

```
};
```

```
Class B
```

```
{ int b;  
  public:
```

```
  void setvalue(int i){b=i;}  
  friend void max(A,B);
```

```
};
```

Continue....

```
Void max(A m,B n)
{
  If(m.a>=n.b)
  cout<<m.a;
  else
  cout<<n.b;
}
int main()
{
  A aa;
  B bb;
  aa.setvalue(10);
  bb.setvalue(20);
  max(aa,bb);
  return 0;
}
```