

# Classes that Work

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# About this Talk

- Interoperability of software components increases productivity as well as quality, security, and performance
- This talk is from Adobe's Software Technology Lab which is responsible for developing better ways to write code
- This talk focuses on two of the basic operations of all types, copy and assignment, it is not the whole story but presents an interesting taste of the techniques being developed
- Proficiency with C++ and STL is assumed
- The proper use of header files, inline functions, and namespaces are ignored for clarity

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## guidelines

- Write all code as a library.
  - Reuse increases your productivity.
  - Writing unit tests is simplified.

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  - Let the compiler do the work where appropriate.

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- Write classes that behave like *regular* objects to increase reuse.

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- Do your own memory management - don't create garbage for your client to clean-up.

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- The semantics of copy are to create a new object which is equal to, and logically disjoint from, the original.
- Copy constructor must copy your object. The compiler is free to elide copies so if your copy constructor does something else your code is incorrect.
- When a type manages *remote parts* it is necessary to supply your own copy constructor.
  - If you can, use an existing class (such as a vector) to manage remote parts.

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- Assignment is consistent with copy. Generally:  
 $T\ x; x = y;$  is equivalent to  $T\ x = y;$

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- If new throws an exception, the object will be left in an invalid state.
- If we assign an object to itself this will crash.

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## guidelines

- Assignment should satisfy the *strong exception guarantee*.
  - Either complete successfully or throw an exception, leaving the object unchanged.
- Don't optimize for rare cases which impact common cases.
  - Don't test for self-assignment to avoid the copy.

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    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
```

```
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }
```

```
    int data_m;
```

```
};
```

```
int_model_t* object_m;
```

```
};
```

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{ }
object_t& operator=(const object_t& x)
{ object_t tmp(x); swap(*this, tmp); return *this; }

friend void print(const object_t& x);
friend void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y);
private:
struct int_model_t {
    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void print(const object_t& x)
```

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    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void print(const object_t& x)
{ x.object_m->print_(); }
```

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typedef vector<object_t> document_t;
```

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    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};
```

```
void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);
    cout << "swap" << endl;
}
```

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```
int main()
{
    document_t document;

    document.push_back(object_t(0));
    document.push_back(object_t(1));
    document.push_back(object_t(2));
    document.push_back(object_t(3));
```

```
print(document);
return 0;
}
```

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library

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    reverse(document.begin(), document.end());

    print(document);
    return 0;
}
```

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    print(document);
    return 0;
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```

cout

```
swap
swap
<document>
3
2
1
0
</document>
```

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## guidelines

- Provide a non-throwing swap function in the same namespace as the class.
- Call swap unqualified allowing argument dependent lookup (ADL) to find the best swap.
- The standard library treats swap as an operator and calls it unqualified.\*

*\*Microsoft Visual C++ does not currently make unqualified calls to swap.*

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{ }
object_t& operator=(const object_t& x)
{ object_t tmp(x); swap(*this, tmp); return *this; }

friend void print(const object_t& x);
friend void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y);
private:
struct int_model_t {
    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);
    cout << "swap" << endl;
}
```

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```
object_t(const object_t& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(*x.object_m))
{ }
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{ object_t tmp(x); swap(*this, tmp); return *this; }

friend void print(const object_t& x);
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private:
struct int_model_t {
    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);
}
```

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```
object_t(const object_t& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(*x.object_m))
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    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);
}
```



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```
~object_t() { delete object_m; }

object_t(const object_t& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(*x.object_m))
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    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);
}
```

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friend void print(const object_t& x);
friend void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y);
private:
struct int_model_t {
    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }

    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
{
```



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explicit object_t(const int& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(x))
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    int data_m;
};

int_model_t* object_m;
};

void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y)
```

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public:

```
explicit object_t(const int& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(x))  
{ }  
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```

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```
friend void print(const object_t& x);  
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```

private:

```
struct int_model_t {  
    explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }  
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }
```

```
    int data_m;  
};
```

```
int_model_t* object_m;
```

```
};
```



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```
class object_t {
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    explicit object_t(const int& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(x))
    { }
    ~object_t() { delete object_m; }

    object_t(const object_t& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(*x.object_m))
    { }
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    friend void print(const object_t& x);
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        void print_() const { print(data_m); }

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    int data_m;
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```

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```
class object_t {  
    public:  
        explicit object_t(const int& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(x))  
        { cout << "ctor" << endl; }  
        ~object_t() { delete object_m; }
```

```
        object_t(const object_t& x) : object_m(new int_model_t(*x.object_m))  
        { cout << "copy" << endl; }  
        object_t& operator=(const object_t& x)  
        { object_t tmp(x); swap(*this, tmp); return *this; }
```

```
        friend void print(const object_t& x);  
        friend void swap(object_t& x, object_t& y);
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    struct int_model_t {  
        explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }  
        void print_() const { print(data_m); }
```

```
        int data_m;
```

```
    };
```

```
    int_model_t* object_m;
```

```
};
```

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```
object_t function() { return object_t(5); }
```

```
int main()
{
    /*
     * Quiz: What will this print?
     */

    object_t x = function();

    return 0;
}
```

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    object_t x(0);
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```
    x = function();
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

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cout

**ctor**  
**ctor**  
**copy**

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class object_t {  
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friend void print(const object_t& x);  
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private:
    struct int_model_t {
        explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }
        void print(const int_model_t& data_m); }

```

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- Pass *sink* arguments by value and swap or move into place.
- A sink argument is any argument consumed or returned by the function.
  - The argument to assignment is a sink argument.

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object_t function() { return object_t(5); }
```

```
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ctor

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        friend void print(const object_t& x);  
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```
private:
```

```
    struct int_model_t {  
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```

```
        int data_m;
```

```
    };
```

```
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        object_t& operator=(object_t x)  
        { swap(*this, x); return *this; }  
  
        friend void print(const object_t& x);  
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    private:  
        struct int_model_t {  
            explicit int_model_t(const int& x) : data_m(x) { }  
            void print_() const { print(data_m); }  
  
            int data_m;  
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```

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            void print_() const { print(data_m); }  
  
            int data_m;  
        };  
  
        int_model_t* object_m;  
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```

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class object_t {  
public:
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  - Polymorphism is an implementation detail.

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void print(const int& x) { cout << x << endl; }
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class object_t {  
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struct concept_t {  
    virtual ~concept_t() { }  
    virtual concept_t* copy_() const = 0;  
    virtual void print_() const = 0;  
};
```



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concept_t* object_m;  
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    swap(x.object_m, y.object_m);  
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```
template <typename T>  
struct model : concept_t {  
    explicit model(const T& x) : data_m(x) { }  
    concept_t* copy_() const { return new model(data_m); }  
    void print_() const { print(data_m); }  
  
    T data_m;  
};
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int main()
{
    document_t document;

    document.push_back(object_t(0));
    document.push_back(object_t(string("Hello")));
    document.push_back(object_t(2));
```

```
    print(document);
    return 0;
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class my_class_t {  
    /* ... */  
};  
  
void print(const my_class_t& x)  
{ cout << "my_class_t" << endl; }
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0  
Hello  
2  
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</document>
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## guidelines

- The runtime-concept idiom allows polymorphism when needed without inheritance.
  - Client isn't burdened with inheritance, factories, class registration, and memory management.
  - Penalty of runtime polymorphism is only payed when needed.
  - Polymorphic types are used like any other types, including built-in types.

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```
<document>
0
Hello
<document>
0
Hello
</document>
my_class_t
</document>
```

# Concluding Remarks

- Interoperability of software components increases productivity as well as quality, security, and performance
- Focusing on the properties of the types instead of the types themselves allows us to create interoperable components with less work than specialized components - with no loss (and often a gain) in performance and code size
- There is even more to say about copy and assignment - which are just two of many properties of *regular* types
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