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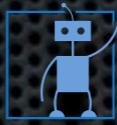


# A whirlwind tour of C++

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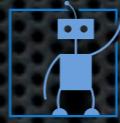
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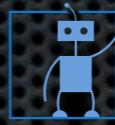


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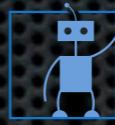


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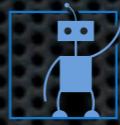


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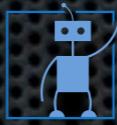


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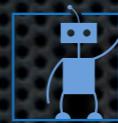


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- How to use a compiler

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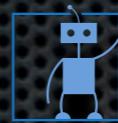


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## Build/Output

```
$ g++ main.cpp
$ ./a.out
Hello World
$
```

# Functions

- Reuse and structure code
- Parameters and return value
- C++ allows pass by reference and value
- C++ allows function overloading

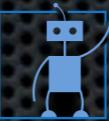
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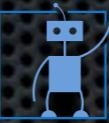
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```
$ ./a.out
120
$
```



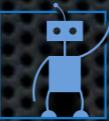
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arbitrary number of arguments possible

```
type function( type0 arg0, type1 arg1, ..., typeN argN )
{
    ...
}
```



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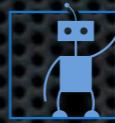
## Pass by value vs. reference

```
#include <iostream>

void func_value( int x )
{
    x = 10;
}

void func_reference( int& x )
{
    x = 10;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 0;
    func_value( a );
    std::cout << a << std::endl;
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$ ./a.out
0
10
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# Functions

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$ ./a.out
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Float: 1
$
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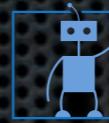
# Arrays

## Declaration

Type  
Name  
Dimension

```
type name[ dimension ];
type name[ dimension1 ][ dimension2 ];
...
```

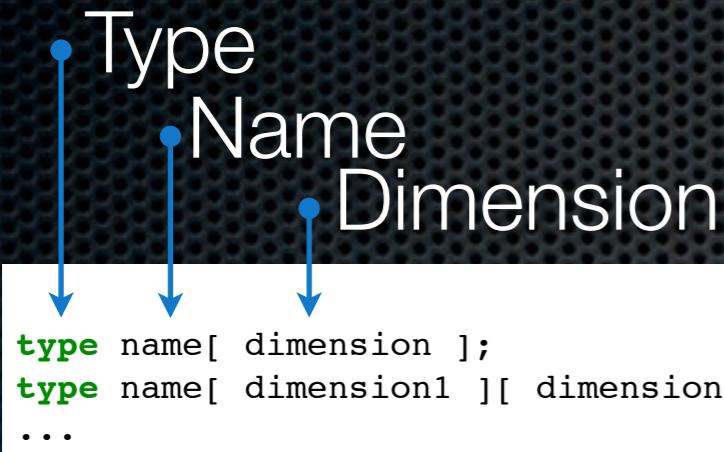
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## Declaration



## Initialization

```
int array[ 4 ];
array[ 0 ] = 0;
array[ 1 ] = 5;
array[ 2 ] = 8;
array[ 3 ] = 3;
```

```
int array[ 4 ] = { 3, 7, 9, 2 };
```

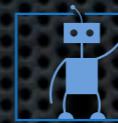
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# Arrays

- Special initialization for char arrays / strings
- The following char arrays are equivalent

```
char str[] = "String";
char str2[] = { 'S','t','r','i','n','g','\0' };
```

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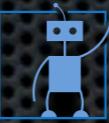
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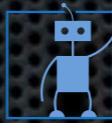
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## Output

```
$ ./a.out
10
5
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```



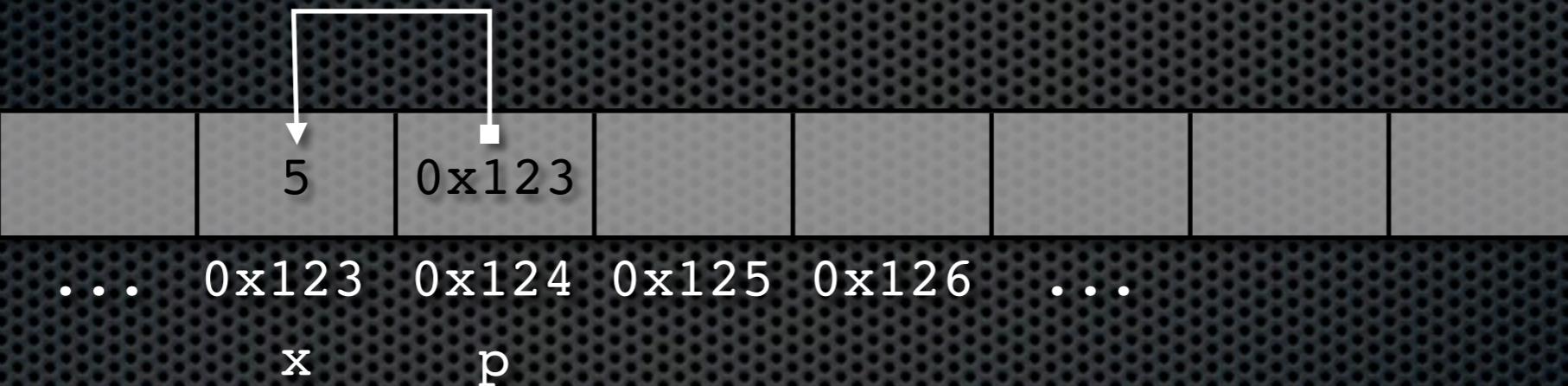
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## ▪ Example

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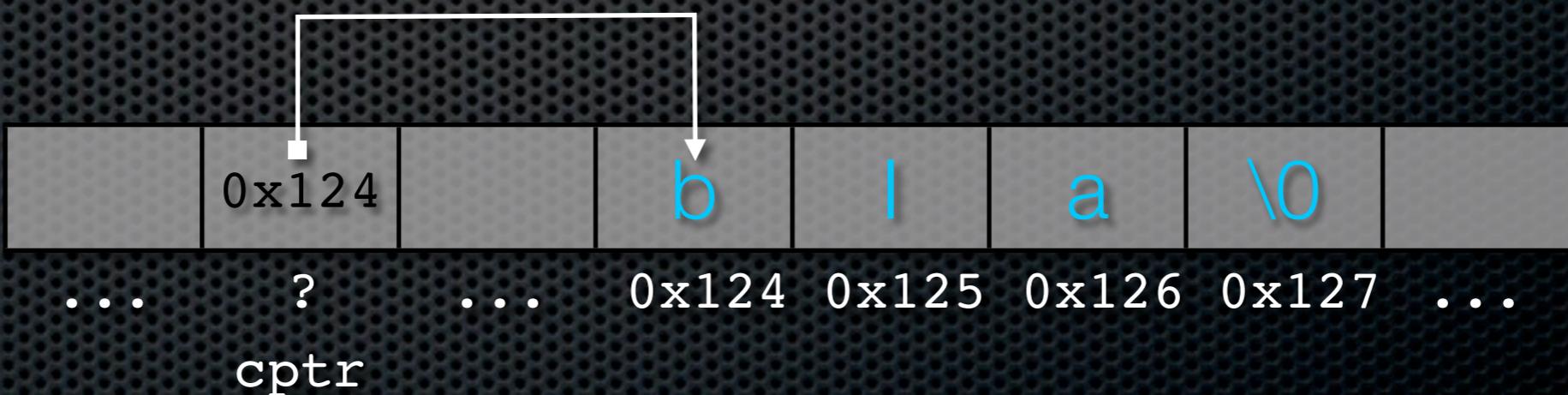
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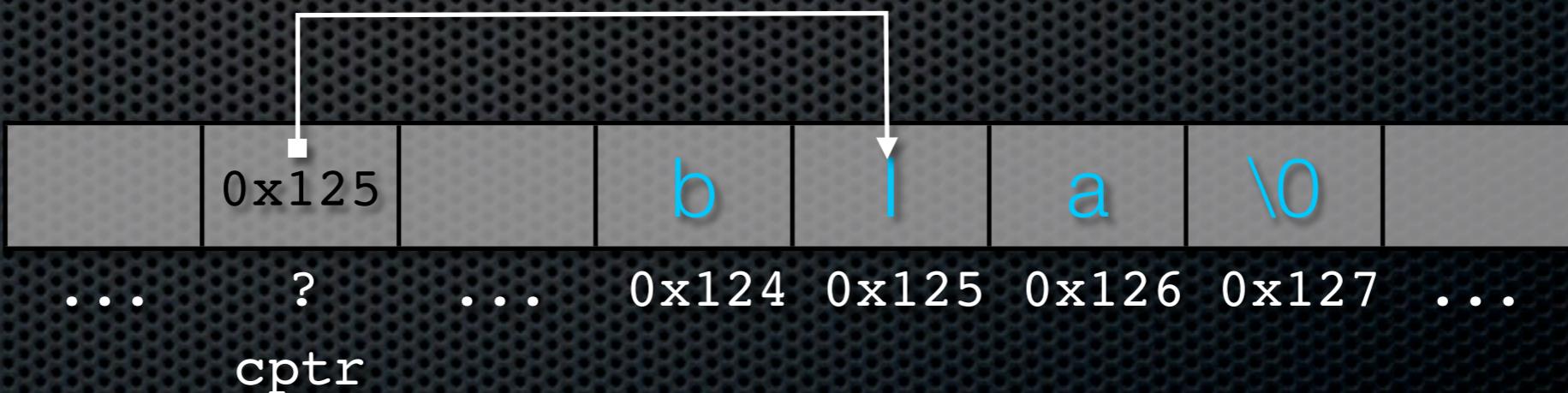
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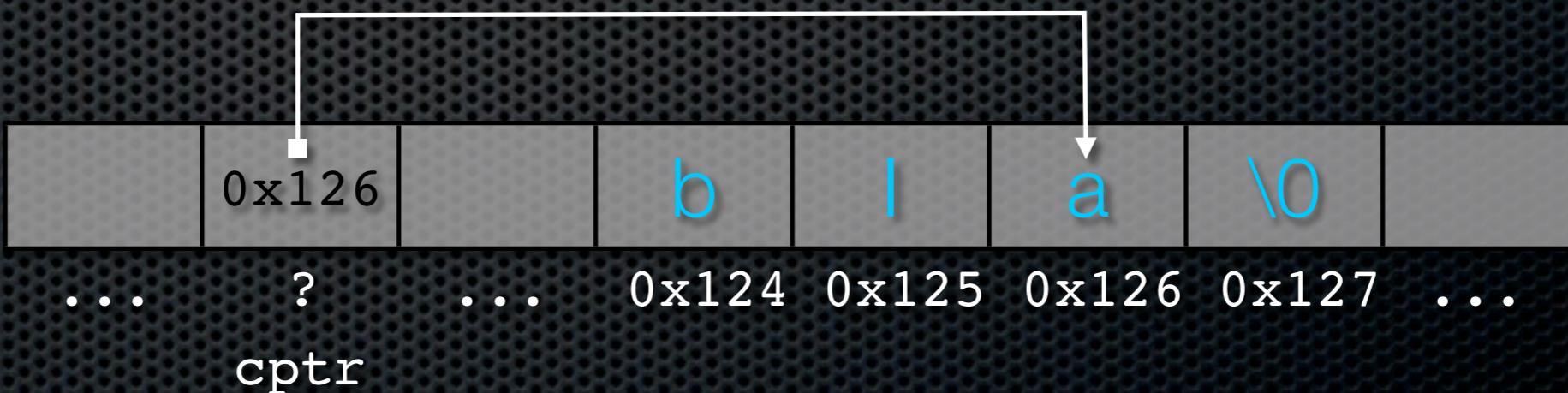
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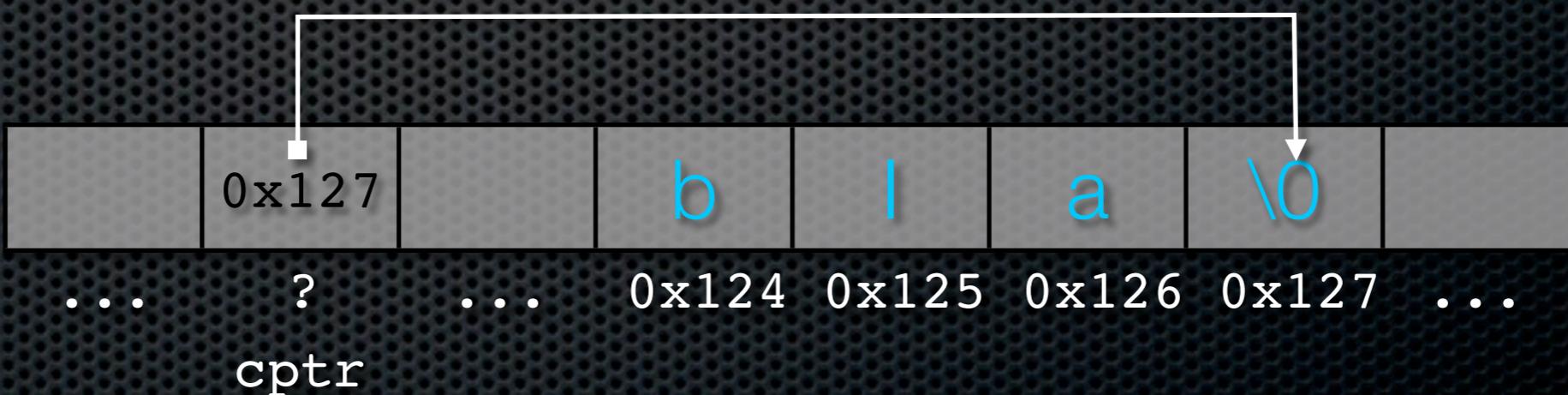
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- ▶ Pointers and arrays

```
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...
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    *array ≡  array[ 0 ]
*( array + 1 ) ≡  array[ 1 ] ≡ 1[ array ]
...
```

- ▶ Arithmetic pointer operations modify the address by sizeof( type ) bytes

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#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    char* x = 0x0;
    float* y = 0x0;

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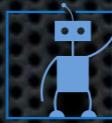
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```
$ ./a.out
0x1
0x4
$
```

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- Neither the value nor the address can be changed

# Pointers

- No guarantees that a pointer points to a valid address

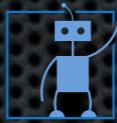
```
...
int* ptr = 0xdeadbeef;
int* ptr = 0x0;

...
int* function()
{
    int x;
    return &x;
}

...
int* p = new int[ 5 ];
delete p;

...
```

# Memory management



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- Dynamic memory allocation possible using new/delete

```
...
int* x = new int;
...
int* y = new int[ 10 ];
...
float** z;
z = new float*[ 2 ];
z[ 0 ] = new float[ 3 ];
z[ 1 ] = new float[ 4 ];
...
delete x;
delete[] y;
delete[] z[ 0 ];
delete[] z[ 1 ];
delete[] z;
...
```

- If allocated memory is not correctly freed using delete it is wasted and cannot be reused
- Pointers to deleted memory still contain the address

# Classes

- Make the coupling between functions and data explicit
- Allows the definition of new datatypes
- Enhanced reusability and readability

# Classes

- Visibility

- Class name

```
class name
{
    → public:
        ... methods/members ...
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};
```

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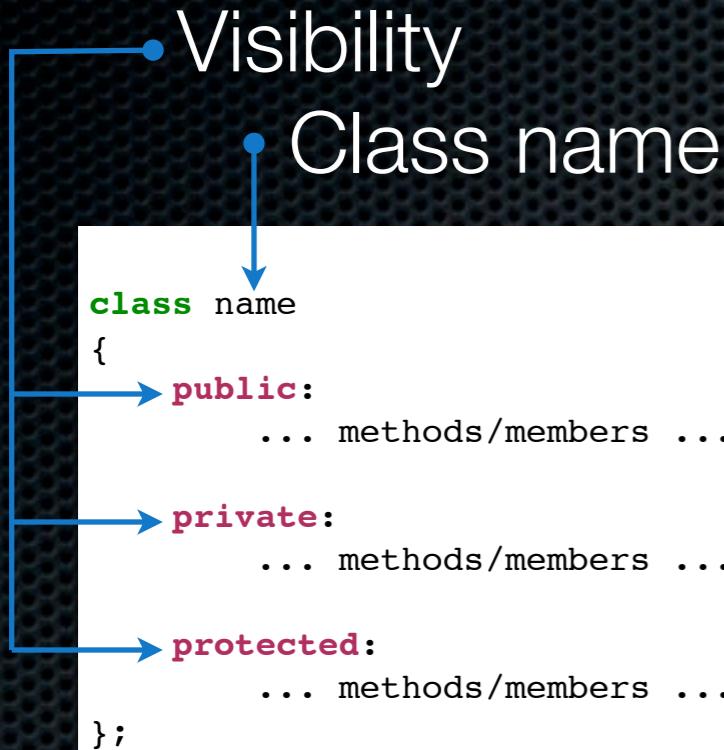
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- Public members/methods can be accessed from outside
- Private/protected members/methods can only be accessed from within the class

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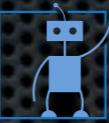
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class Complex
{
public:
    Complex( float r, float i ) { re = r; im = i; }

    void print() { std::cout << "(" << re << " , " << im << ")" << std::endl; }

    float re;
    float im;
};

int main()
{
    Complex c( 1.0f, 0.0f );
    c.print();
    c.re = 2.0f;
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## Output

```
./a.out
( 1 , 0 )
( 2 , 0 )
$
```

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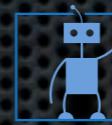
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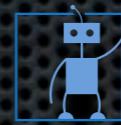
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- More special methods exist e.g. for copying objects and special operators

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```
#include <iostream>

class Blub
{
public:
    Blub( int x ) { bla = x; }
    int bla;
};

int main()
{
    Blub* x = new Blub( 2 );

    std::cout << ( *x ).bla << std::endl;
    std::cout << x->bla << std::endl;
}
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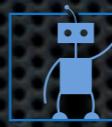
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## Output

```
$ ./a.out
2
2
$
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# Questions?