



Übungsstunde W13

Informatik (RW & CBB & Statistik) – HS 23

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1. Follow-up

Follow-up aus vorherigen Übungsstunden

- Wie schon angekündigt machen wir nächste Woche ein Semester-Recap mit Themen, die euch noch unklar sind
- Schreibt sehr gerne konkrete Fragen ins Google Form auf Notion

2. Ziele

Ziele

- Den Unterschied verstehen zwischen `new` / `delete` und `new[]` / `delete[]`
- Programme tracen können, die Pointer Arithmetik benutzen
- Programme schreiben können, die Pointer Arithmetik benutzen

3. Pointers

new VS new []

- `new T` alloziert **eine** Speicherstelle für den jeweiligen Typ
- `new T[n]` alloziert **n** Speicherstellen für den jeweiligen Typ¹
- Beide geben einen Pointer zurück, bei einer Range zeigt dieser auf das erste Objekt

Beispiel

```
int my_arr[5] = {2, 3, 8, -1, 3};
```

- `my_arr` zeigt nun auf die 2
- `*my_arr` gibt 2
- `my_arr[2]` gibt 8

¹diese Speicherstellen werden *zusammenhängend* sein, d. h. "nebeneinander" im Speicher

delete VS delete []

- Es gilt weiterhin: zu jedem `new` ein `delete`
- `delete []` ist der entsprechende Operator zu `new []`
- Auch hier aufpassen: Wir löschen nicht den Pointer, sondern die Range an Objekten, auf die der Pointer zeigt
- **Häufige Fehlerquelle**
der Aufruf von `delete` für das erste Element, aber nicht für das gesamte Array (mit `delete []`)

Pointer Arithmetik

- Wir können mit Pointern "rechnen"
- Die wichtigsten Befehle sind:
 - Temporäre Shifts
`ptr + 3 ptr - 3`
 - Permanente Shifts
`ptr++ --ptr ptr += 2`
 - Distanz zwischen Pointern bestimmen
`ptr_1 - ptr_2`
 - Positionen vergleichen
`ptr_1 < ptr_2`
`ptr_1 != ptr_2`

Fragen/Unklarheiten?

Pointer Program

```
int* a = new int[5]{0, 8, 7, 2, -1};
int* ptr = a; // pointer assignment
++ptr; // shift to the right
int my_int = *ptr; // read target
ptr += 2; // shift by 2 elements
*ptr = 18; // overwrite target
int* past = a+5;
std::cout << (ptr < past) << "\n"; // compare pointers
```

Pointer Program

Find and fix at least 3 problems in the following program.

```
#include <iostream>
int main () {
    int* a = new int[7]{0, 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, 1};
    int* b = new int[7];
    int* c = b;
    // copy a into b using pointers
    for (int* p = a; p <= a+7; ++p) {
        *c++ = *p;
    }
    // cross-check with random access
    for (int i = 0; i <= 7; ++i) {
        if (a[i] != c[i]) {
            std::cout << "Oops, copy error...\n";
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
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p = a+7 is dereferenced

Solution:
Use < instead of <=

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```

c doesn't point to b[0] anymore.

Solution:
Use b instead of c

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Use < instead of <=

Same problem as above

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// PRE: [b, e) and [o, o+(e-b)) are disjoint
//      valid ranges
void f (int* b, int* e, int* o) {
    while (b != e) {
        --e;
        *o = *e;
        ++o;
    }
}
```

Variable	Value
b	●
e	●
o	●

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	3	-8	1	5	-3	4

Exercise – Applying Pointers

Now determine a POST-condition for the function.

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Exercise – Applying Pointers

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//      valid ranges
// POST: The range [b, e) is copied in reverse
//       order into the range [o, o+(e-b))
void f (int* b, int* e, int* o) {
    while (b != e) {
        --e;
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        ++o;
    }
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// Initialise a.  
a) f(a, a+5, a+5);  
b) f(a, a+2, a+3);  
c) f(a, a+3, a+2);
```

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        ++o;  
    }  
}
```

Ranges not
disjoint

Fragen/Unklarheiten?

Pointer Constness

Es gibt zwei Arten von Constness bei Pointern:

```
const int* ptr = &a;
```

kein Schreibzugriff auf Target

a

d.h. wir dürfen den Wert des
Integers **a** *nicht* verändern

```
int* const ptr = &a;
```

kein Schreibzugriff auf Pointer

ptr

d.h. wir dürfen nicht ändern, wohin
der Pointer zeigt

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- Make the function `const`-correct.

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    while (b != e) {
        --e;
        *o = *e;
        ++o;
    }
}
```

Exercise – const Correctness

- Make the function `const`-correct.

```
// PRE: [b, e) and [o, o+(e-b)) are disjoint
//      valid ranges
void f (const int* const b, const int* e, int* o) {
    while (b != e) {
        --e;
        *o = *e;
        ++o;
    }
}
```

Fragen/Unklarheiten?

4. Aufgabe "Push Back"

Aufgabe "Push Back"

- Öffnet "Push Back" auf **code expert**
- Überlegt euch, wie ihr das Problem mit Stift und Papier angehen würdet
- Programmiert eine Lösung (optional in Gruppen)

Lösung zu "Push Back"

```
// PRE: source_begin points to first element to be copied.
// PRE: source_ends points to element after the last element to be copied.
// PRE: destination_begin points to first element of target memory block
// PRE: #elements in target memory location >= #elements in source
// POST: copies the content of the source memory block to the destination
//       memory block.
void copy_range(const int* const source_begin,
               const int* const source_end,
               int* const destination_begin ){

    int* dst = destination_begin;
    for (const int* src = source_begin; src != source_end; ++src) {
        *dst = *src;
        ++dst;
    }
}
```

Lösung zu "Push Back"

```
// POST: this contains the same sequence as before with the
// new_element appended at the end.
void our_vector::push_back(int new_element){
    int* const new_elements = new int[this->count + 1];
    copy_range(this->elements, this->elements + this->count, new_elements);
    delete[] this->elements;
    new_elements[this->count] = new_element;
    this->count++;
    this->elements = new_elements;
}
```

Fragen/Unklarheiten?

5. Memory Management

Find mistakes in the following code and suggest fixes:

```
1 // PRE: len is the length of the memory block that starts at array
2 void test1(int* array, int len) {
3     int* fourth = array + 3;
4     if (len > 3) {
5         std::cout << *fourth << std::endl;
6     }
7     for (int* p = array; p != array + len; ++p) {
8         std::cout << *p << std::endl;
9     }
10 }
```

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```
1 // PRE: len is the length of the memory block that starts at array
2 void test1(int* array, int len) {
3     //int* fourth = array + 3;    // ERROR
4     if (len > 3) {
5         int* fourth = array + 3;    // OK
6         std::cout << *fourth << std::endl;
7     }
8     for (int* p = array; p != array + len; ++p) {
9         std::cout << *p << std::endl;
10    }
11 }
```

Even if the pointer is not dereferenced, it must point into a memory block or to the element just after its end.

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```
1 // PRE: len >= 2
2 int* fib(unsigned int len) {
3     int* array = new int[len];
4     array[0] = 0; array[1] = 1;
5     for (int* p = array+2; p < array + len; ++p) {
6         *p = *(p-2) + *(p-1); }
7     return array; }
8 void print(int* array, int len) {
9     for (int* p = array+2; p < array + len; ++p) {
10         std::cout << *p << " ";
11     }
12 }
13 void test2(unsigned int len) {
14     int* array = fib(len);
15     print(array, len);
16 }
```



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15     print(array, len);
16 } // array is leaked; to fix add: delete[] array
```

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2 int* fib(unsigned int len) {
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5 void print(int* m, int len) {
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5 void print(int* m, int len) {
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7         std::cout << *p << " ";
8     }
9     delete m; // should be delete[]
10 }
11 void test2(unsigned int len) {
12     int* array = fib(len);
13     print(array, len);
14     delete[] array; // array deallocated twice
15 }
```

Fragen/Unklarheiten?

6. Outro

Allgemeine Fragen?

Bis zum nächsten Mal

Schöne Woche!