
Operator Overloading

Section 11.6
Up to page 698

Example

- Examine the following header file

```
class NumberArray
{
private:
    double *aPtr;
    int arraySize;
public:
    NumberArray(const NumberArray &);
    NumberArray(int size, double value);
    ~NumberArray() { if (arraySize > 0) delete [ ] aPtr; }
    void print();
    void setValue(double value);
};
```

setValue

- The function setValue sets each cell in the array to value passed into the function

```
void NumberArray::setValue(double value)
{
    for(int index = 0; index < arraySize; index++)
    {
        aPtr[index] = value;
    }
}
```

print

- The print function displays the contents of the array to the screen

```
void NumberArray::print()
{
    for(int index = 0; index < arraySize; index++)
    {
        cout << aPtr[index] << " ";
    }
}
```

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

4

Implement the two constructors

```
NumberArray::NumberArray(int size, double value)
{

}

NumberArray::NumberArray(const NumberArray &)
{

}

}
```

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

5

The Driver

```
NumberArray first(3, 10.5);
NumberArray second(5, 20.5);

cout << setprecision(2) << fixed << showpoint;
cout << "First object's data is ";
first.print();
cout << endl << "Second object's data is ";
second.print();
```

- What would we need to do to add the functionality of assigning an existing object to another?
 - `first = second;`

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

6

Example

```
class NumberArray
{
private:
    double *aPtr;
    int arraySize;
public:
    NumberArray(const NumberArray &);
    NumberArray(int size, double value);
    ~NumberArray() { if (arraySize > 0) delete [ ] aPtr; }
    void print();
    void setValue(double value);

    void operator=(const NumberArray &);
};
```

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

7

How would it be implemented?

```
void operator=(const NumberArray &cNum)
{

}

}
```

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

8

What is the Output?

```
NumberArray first(3, 10.5);
NumberArray second(5, 20.5);

cout << setprecision(2) << fixed << showpoint;
cout << "First object's data is ";
first.print();
cout << endl << "Second object's data is ";
second.print();
first = second;
cout << "First object's data is ";
first.print();
cout << endl << "The second object's data is ";
second.print();
```

4/3/09

CS250 Introduction to Computer Science II

9

Problems

- Can you see any problems with how we declared and implemented operator=?

```
void operator=(const NumberArray &);
```

- What is the return value?
- When would this cause errors?
- How would we fix it?
