

# An Introduction to C++

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- Top Right:** Assembly code snippets, including:
 

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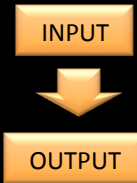
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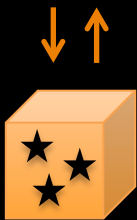


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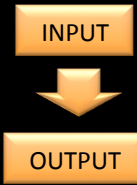


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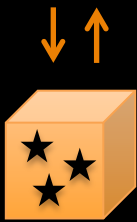


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- Static: objects have a fixed, well defined nature
- Dynamic: an object's nature is determined by its behavior



# Object Oriented Programming (2)

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- OOP is essentially a technology
  - Different languages implement different OOPs
- The basic concepts can be traced back to the '50s
  - MIT AED-0, Simscript, Sketchpad, ...
- The first explicit use of objects was in **Simula**, a discrete event simulation language, in the '60s
  - Two versions: Simula I and Simula 67 (the latter ≈implemented 'objects')
  - Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard of the Norwegian Computing Center in Oslo
- The term OOP was actually introduced in the language **Smalltalk**, developed at Xerox PARC
  - Versions Smalltalk 72 and 80 -> (more emphasis on dynamic than static)
  - Also invented: mouse (+GUI), 'desktop' metaphor, WYSIWYG, bitmaps, ...

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Object-oriented\\_programming#History](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Object-oriented_programming#History)



# From C to C++

- C is not C++ !
  - Well, so far so good... that should be known by now!
- C++ is a version of 'C with objects'
  - Inspired by Simula 67
- Other 'C with objects' implementation exist, e.g. Objective-C
  - This one inspired by Smalltalk 80
  - If you are using an iSomething then you're using software written in Objective C
- Both Smalltalk 80 and Simula 67 are still sometimes used (rare!)
- And where can we find what?
  - Windows, Android: C++ (and C)
  - Mac OS X, iOS: Objective-C (and C++ and C)
  - Linux kernel, Android Kernel, Darwin Kernel: C (and some assembler)



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  - Hopefully, you’ll grasp (at least some!) useful techniques in these as we go



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  - ...well, in a specific language. Subtle (or not so much) differences may crop up
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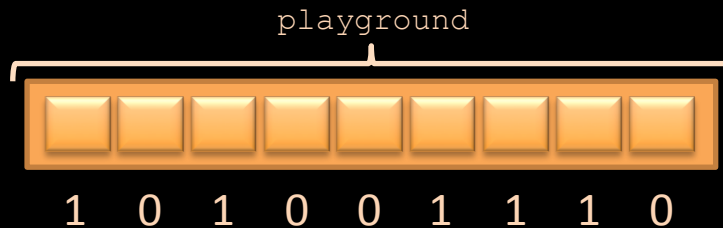


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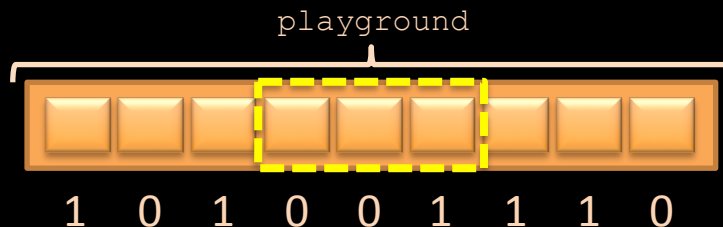


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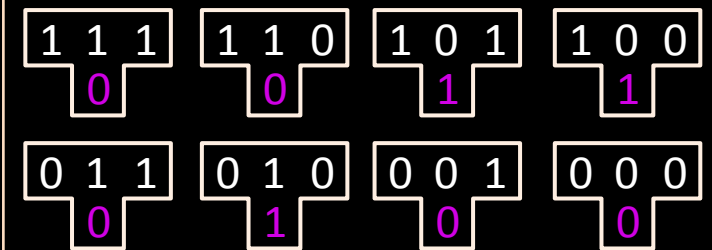
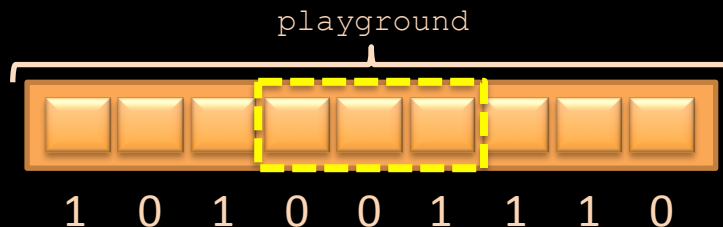


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- There are **only eight possible configurations** for a neighborhood, and each with a possible outcome of 0 or 1 in the next state. Thus, there are only 256 possible evolution rules! →



As an example:

This is rule 52 ( $= 2^2 + 2^4 + 2^5$ )

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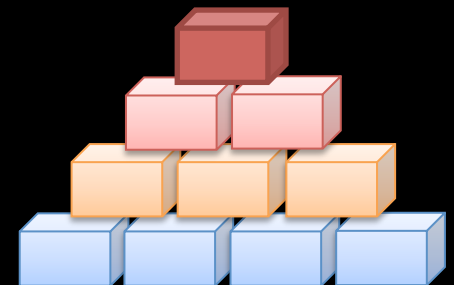
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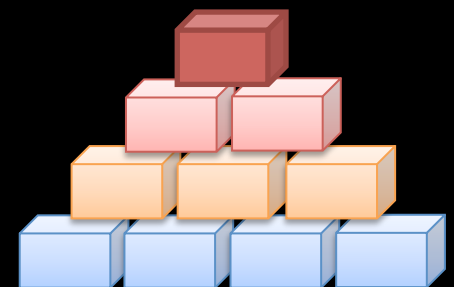
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  - This code does not use all features possible to 'simplify'
  - Instead, it is meant to be friendly!
    - We use loops instead of iterators, etc....



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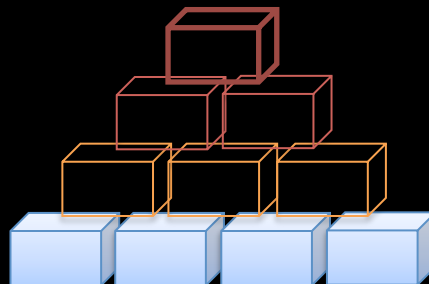
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*(well, as long as it works, of course!)*



# The One-dimensional Cellular Automaton

Version 1.0



v1. Basic Class Definition



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**Virtual:** a tricky attribute which we'll explain a bit about later...

N.B. destructors have to be virtual, or else great care has to be taken!



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    void createRuleSet();
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### Code simplicity:

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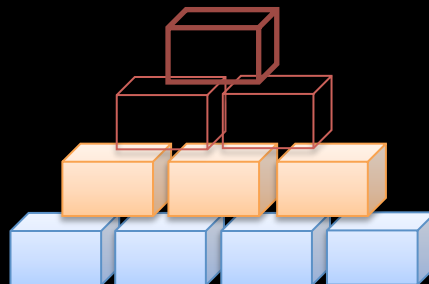
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# The One-dimensional Cellular Automaton

## Version 2.0



v2. Abstract Classes and Inheritance

v1. Basic Class Definition



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- In C++, this **forces the developer** to correctly implement the *full interface defined in the object from which it inherits*, or else ....



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    Cell() { state = 0; }

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    Cell(int aState, int* aRuleSet) {
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And here, we **specialize** the evolve  
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Now we can replace most of the calls to AbsCell in the playground as calls to AbsCell, to take care of any general cases...

That's alright: all cells here should have the **needed** interface.

(But more on that in v3!)



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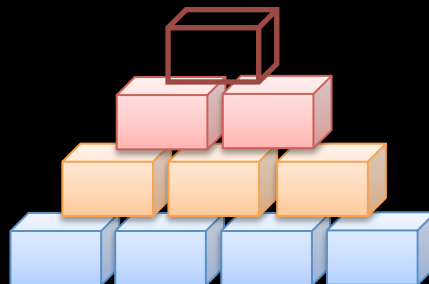
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# The One-dimensional Cellular Automaton

Version 3.0



- v3. Template Classes
- v2. Abstract Classes and Inheritance
- v1. Basic Class Definition



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  - They are extremely powerful! They form the basis of 'generic programming', see:
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generic\\_programming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generic_programming)
- Here, we will merely cover a super simple example!



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        this->createRuleSet();

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#include "Cell.hh"

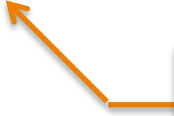
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    }

    return 0;
}
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And this is the instantiation!

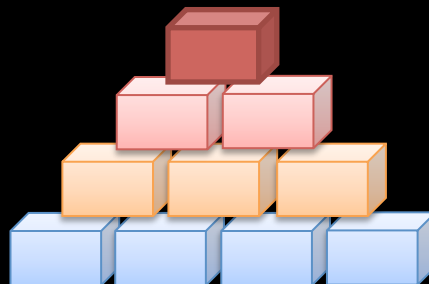
Essentially, we passed the 'Cell' class as an **argument** to the template of playground. When we did this, the compiler used the template to provide a "customized" playground class in which 'T' was 'Cell', and carried on!

...and this was the 1D CA v3. Let's improve!



# The One-dimensional Cellular Automaton

Version 4.0



v4. Delegation and more

v3. Template Classes

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v1. Basic Class Definition



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Shouldn't the cell  
always know how to  
display itself?

- Responsibility: Who should do what?
- Shouldn't the AbsCell decide how to display itself?
- Somebody should, and everybody should be able to delegate the task of drawing to the cell (any cell!) of AbsCell type!



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using namespace std;

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private:
    int state;
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#include <iostream>
#include "AbsCell.hh"

using namespace std;

class Cell3: public AbsCell {
private:
    int state;
    int RuleSet[8];

public:
    Cell3() { state = 0; }

    Cell3(int aState): state(aState) {}

    Cell3(int aState, int* aRuleSet) {
        state = aState;
        for(int i=0; i<8; i++) {
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        }
    }

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- Two Cell Types: Cell and Cell3, both conform to AbsCell but otherwise identical!



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    }

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    }

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Let's play with this....

#endif

```

- Two Cell Types: Cell and Cell3, both conform to AbsCell but otherwise identical!





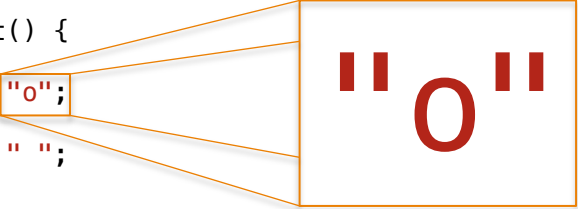
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    } else {
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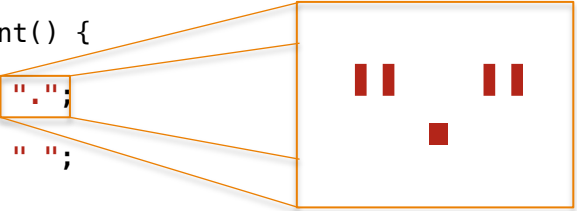
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    if(state) {
        cout << ".";
    } else {
        cout << " ";
    }
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- They get drawn slightly differently, but the interface to the call is already defined in AbsCell! (i.e. even before the compiler knows of any specific ::print())



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```
#include<iostream>
#include "Playground.hh"
#include "Cell.hh"
#include "Cell3.hh"
```

```
#define PLAYGROUND_SIZE 80
#define GENERATIONS 100
#define RULE 30
```

```
int main (int argc, const char * argv[]) {

    Playground<Cell>* myPlayground = new Playground<Cell>(PLAYGROUND_SIZE, RULE);

    for(int idx=0; idx<GENERATIONS; idx++) {
        myPlayground->nextGeneration();
        myPlayground->printArena();
    }

    cout << endl << "And now for something completely different... " << endl;

    Playground<Cell3>* myPlayground2 = new Playground<Cell3>(PLAYGROUND_SIZE, RULE);
    for(int idx=0; idx<GENERATIONS; idx++) {
        myPlayground2->nextGeneration();
        myPlayground2->printArena();
    }

    return 0;
}
```

This is short and concise, but we've used a lot of techniques here!

The first playground is filled with "o" while the second is "."

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Thank you!

