Access Control

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Road map

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    string_view sv2 {s, s + sizeof s - 1};
    CHECK( sv2.end - sv2.begin == 11 );
}
```
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    const char* s = "hello\0world";
    string_view sv {s, s + 11};
    CHECK( sv.size() == 11 );
}
```
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size_t size(string_view sv)
{
    return sv.end - sv.begin;
}
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to_size = size_t size(string_view sv)
{
    return sv.end - sv.begin;
}
```

Special things members can do:

- access other, private members (we’ll see this soon)
- override lifecycle operations (we’ll see this soon)
- not really nice having global function named size
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Also, `this->` is implicit on member names!
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Operator overloading

We can tell C++ the meaning of operators (like == and +) for our types.

Declaration (goes in .h):

```cpp
bool operator==(string_view, string_view);
```

Definition (goes in .cpp):

```cpp
#include <algorithm>

bool operator==(string_view a, string_view b) {
    return a.size() == b.size() &&
    std::equal(a.begin, a.end, b.begin);
}
```
More operator overloading

We can also make our new type printable.

Declaration (goes in .h):

```cpp
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream&, string_view);
```

Definition (goes in .cpp):

```cpp
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, string_view sv)
{
    return os.write(sv.begin, sv.size());
}
```
Making construction more convenient

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    string_view(String const& s);
    ...
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```

```cpp
const char* s1 = "hello\0world";
String s2(s1, s1 + 11);
// future constructor
string_view sv1(s1, s1 + 11);
// 1st constructor
string_view sv2(s1, 11);
// 2nd constructor
string_view sv3(s1);
// 3rd constructor
string_view sv4(s2);
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Defining constructors

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    : begin(begin0), end(end0)
{} // <= regular function body, often left empty
```

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string_view::string_view(const char* start, size_t size)
    : string_view(start, start + size) {} 
string_view::string_view(const char* c_str)
    : string_view(c_str, std::strlen(c_str)) {} 
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We could fix improper ranges:

```cpp
string_view::string_view(const char* begin0,
const char* end0)
    : begin(begin0)
    , end(std::max(begin0, end0))
{ }
```
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```cpp
string_view::string_view(const char* begin0, const char* end0)
    : begin(begin0)
    , end(end0)
{
    if (end0 < begin0)
        throw std::invalid_argument(BAD_RANGE);
}
```

This ensures we never construct an invalid `string_view`. 
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const char* s = "hello";
string_view sv(s);
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sv.end = sv.begin - 3;
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```cpp
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Oh no!
```
Member access control
New idea: Access modifiers

With access modifiers, we can control exactly what client code is allowed to do with our struct:

```cpp
struct Name {
    // visible to all

private:
    // visible only to other members

public:
    // visible to all
}
```
Introducing classes

Technically, **classes** and **structs** differ only in their default access modifier:

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Plan for encapsulation

1. Make member variables \textit{private}
2. Add public member functions to let clients access what we want them to access
3. Don’t add public member functions that let clients do bad things
A string_view class

class string_view
{
 public:
  // Constructors:
  string_view(const char*, const char*);
  string_view(String const&);
  ...

  // Accessors:
  const char* begin() const;
  const char* end() const;

 private:
  const char* begin_, *end_; 
};
Implementing the accessors

const char* string_view::begin() const
{
    return begin_; 
}

const char* string_view::end() const
{
    return end_; 
}
Non-member functions must use accessors

Doesn’t work because `string_view::begin_` and `string_view::end_` are private:

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    return a.size() == b.size() &&
           std::equal(a.begin_, a.end_, b.begin_);
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Works because `string_view::begin()` and `string_view::end()` are `public`:

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This is a *good thing*, because it means that non-members can’t break our carefully preserved invariants
Welcome to encapsulation!

Encapsulation is a software engineering principle that says:

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Example of flexibility

Client code can’t distinguish this from the previous version:

```cpp
class string_view
{
public:
    string_view(const char*, const char*);
    string_view(const char*, size_t);
    ...

    size_t size() const;
    const char* begin() const;
    const char* end() const;

private:
    const char* start_;  // New private member
    size_t size_;        // New private member
};
```
— Next: Real RAII, really? —