



# THE `const` KEYWORD

Used With Classes



# PASS-BY-REFERENCE

- `b.function1(f);`

- `void function1(const Foo& a_f);`

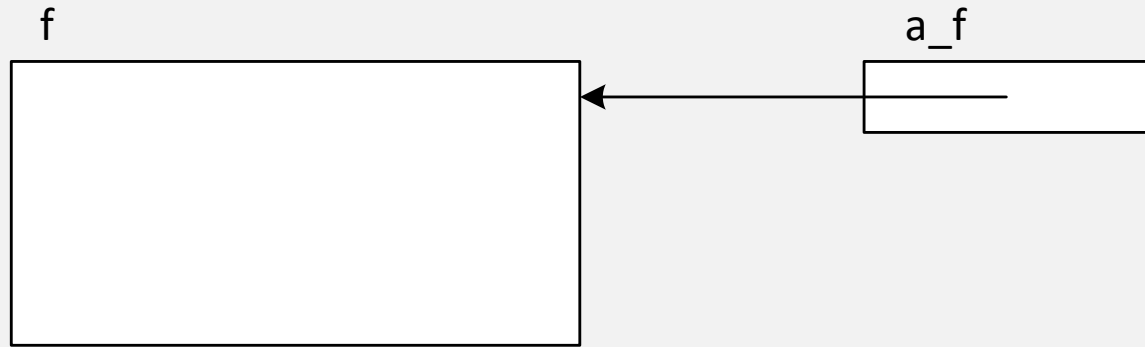
a\_f  
f





# PASS-BY-POINTER

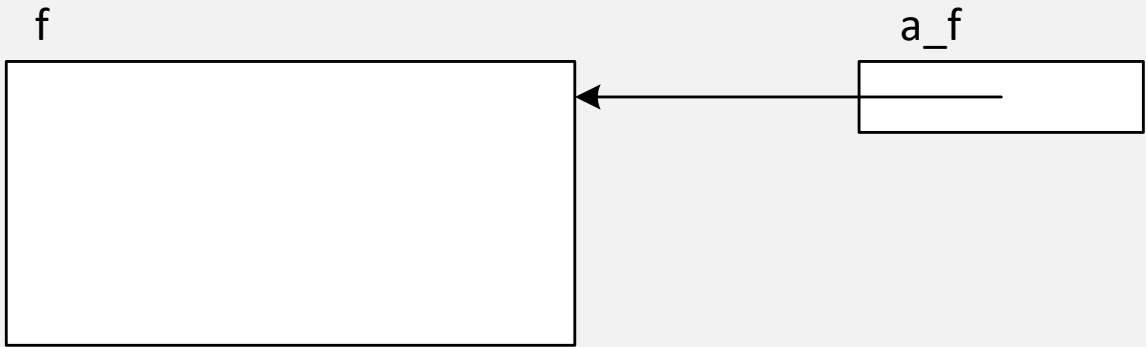
- `b.function2(&f);`
- `b.function3(&f);`
- `b.function4(&f);`
- `void function2(const Foo* a_f);`
- `void function3(Foo* const a_f);`
- `void function4(const Foo* const a_f);`





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- `b.function2(&f);`
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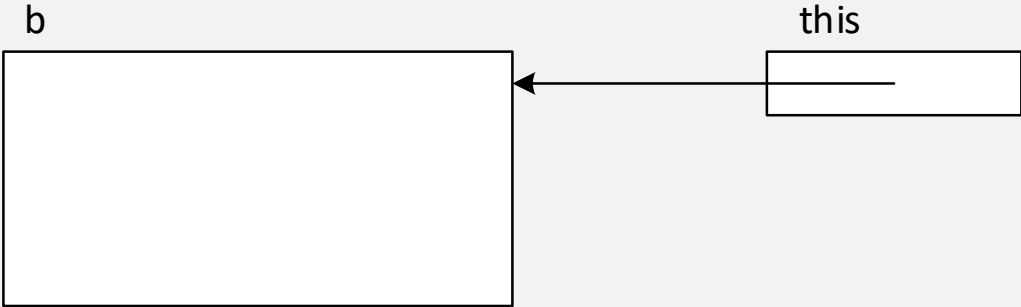




# IMPLICIT / "THIS" OBJECT: PASS BY POINTER

- `b.function2();`

- `void function2() const;`





# GETTERS: JAVA

- `int height;`
  - `double weight;`
  - `String name;`
  
  - **Other class references**
    - `implements cloneable`
    - `clone`
- ```
int getHeight()  
{  
    return height;  
}
```
- ```
String getName()  
{  
    return name;  
}
```



## GETTERS: C++

- `int height;`
  - `double weight;`
  - `string name;`
  
  - Other class pointers and references
    - `const return`
- ```
int getHeight()  
{  
    return height;  
}
```
- ```
string getName()  
{  
    return name;  
}
```



# GETTERS: CONST RETURN

## CLASS

- `char name[100];`
- `const char* get_name()`  
`{`  
 `return name;`  
`}`

## CLIENT

- `const char* student = p.get_name();`
- `char const* student = p.get_name();`
- ~~`char* const student = p.get_name();`~~





# SYMBOLIC CLASS CONSTANTS

## DEFINING

```
class foo
{
    public:
        const static int N = 10;
        void function();
};
```

## USING

- ```
void foo::function()
{
    ... N ...
}
```
- ```
void application1()
{
    ... foo::N ...
}
```