

CSE216 Programming Abstractions

Reference Counting

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Reference Counting

- Example:
 - Increase `cnt_ref (addref)` when the object is referenced
 - Decrease `cnt_ref (release)` when the object is no longer referenced
 - `cnt_ref` is set to `1` when an object is created
 - If `cnt_ref` becomes `0`, free the object

```
typedef struct refobj {
    tag_t tag;
    int cnt_ref;    //reference count
    void ( *addref )(struct refobj *self);
    void ( *release )(struct refobj *self);
} refobj_t;
```

Managing Reference Counts

- Programming guidelines
 - Call addref
 - A1: writes address to a local variable or a field of an object
 - A2: callee writes to [out] or [in, out] parameter
 - A3: callee returns an address
 - Call release
 - R1: before overwriting a local variable or a field of an object
 - R2: before leaving the scope of local variables
 - R3: before callee writes to [in, out] parameter
 - [out] parameters are assumed to null (don't release them)
 - Skip addref, release
 - S1: caller passes an address to [in] parameter
 - Caller lives longer than callee

Reference Counting Exercise

- Download `reci_refcounting.zip`
- Implement **TODOs**.

```

//
// rat.h
//
#ifndef __RAT__      //to avoid multiple inclusion
#define __RAT__
#include "refobj.h"

typedef struct rat rat_t;
struct rat {
    refobj_t ref;    //ref is at the beginning of rat (they have the same address)
    int  ( *get_num  )(/*in*/ rat_t* r);
    int  ( *get_den  )(/*in*/ rat_t* r);
    void ( *print    )(/*in*/ rat_t* r);
    void ( *add      )(/*in*/ rat_t* a, /*in*/ rat_t* b, /*out*/ rat_t** pp_res);
    void ( *sub      )(/*in*/ rat_t* a, /*in*/ rat_t* b, /*out*/ rat_t** pp_res);
    void ( *mul      )(/*in*/ rat_t* a, /*in*/ rat_t* b, /*out*/ rat_t** pp_res);
    void ( *div      )(/*in*/ rat_t* a, /*in*/ rat_t* b, /*out*/ rat_t** pp_res);

    int num;
    int den;
};

//extern: make it visible to other files
extern void rat_make(int num, int den, /*out*/ rat_t** pp_res);

#endif

```

```

//
// expr.h
//
#ifdef __EXPR__
#define __EXPR__

#include "refobj.h"
#include "rat.h"

typedef struct expr expr_t;
struct expr {
    refobj_t ref;    //ref is at the beginning of rat
    void ( *eval  )(/*in*/ expr_t *self, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res);
    void ( *print )(/*in*/ expr_t *self);
};

typedef struct expr_num {
    refobj_t ref;    //first part is the same as expr_t
    void ( *eval  )(/*in*/ expr_t *self, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res);
    void ( *print )(/*in*/ expr_t *self);

    rat_t *n; //number
} expr_num_t;

```

```

typedef enum {
    OBJ_RAT,
    OBJ_EXPR_NUM,
    OBJ_EXPR_OPR,
    OBJ_COUNT,
} tag_t;

```

```

typedef struct expr_opr {
    refobj_t ref;    //first part is the same as expr_t
    void ( *eval  )(/*in*/ expr_t *self, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res);
    void ( *print )(/*in*/ expr_t *self);

    void ( *opr  ) (/*in*/ rat_t *a, /*in*/ rat_t *b, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res);
    expr_t *a;      //operand 1
    expr_t *b;      //operand 2
} expr_opr_t;

extern void expr_make_num(/*in*/ rat_t *n, /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res);
extern void expr_make_add(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b,
                          /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res);
extern void expr_make_sub(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b,
                          /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res);
extern void expr_make_mul(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b,
                          /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res);
extern void expr_make_div(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b,
                          /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res);

#endif

```

```

//
// expr.c
//
...

static void eval_num(/*in*/ expr_t *self, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res) {
    expr_num_t *expr = (expr_num_t*) self;
    ON_FALSE_EXIT(self->ref.tag == OBJ_EXPR_NUM,
                  strmsg("tag (%d) is not OBJ_EXPR_NUM", self->ref.tag));

    //TODO: return expr->n
}

static void print_num(/*in*/ expr_t *self) {
    expr_num_t *expr = (expr_num_t*) self;
    ON_FALSE_EXIT(self->ref.tag == OBJ_EXPR_NUM,
                  strmsg("tag (%d) is not OBJ_EXPR_NUM", self->ref.tag));
    expr->n->print(expr->n);
}

```



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static void eval_num(/*in*/ expr_t *self, /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res) {
    expr_num_t *expr = (expr_num_t*) self;
    ON_FALSE_EXIT(self->ref.tag == OBJ_EXPR_NUM,
                  strmsg("tag (%d) is not OBJ_EXPR_NUM", self->ref.tag));

    //TODO: return expr->n
    *pp_res = expr->n;
    (*pp_res)->ref.addref(&(*pp_res)->ref);
}
```

```
static void release_num(refobj_t *ref) {  
    expr_num_t *expr = (expr_num_t*) ref;  
  
    //TODO: implement release  
    // - call refobj_decref  
    // - if cnt_ref is 0, release expr->n and  
    //   free expr->ref (refobj_free)  
}
```

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static void release_num(refobj_t *ref) {
    expr_num_t *expr = (expr_num_t*) ref;

    //TODO: implement release
    // - call refobj_decref
    // - if cnt_ref is 0, release expr->n and
    //   free expr->ref (refobj_free)
    refobj_decref(&expr->ref);
    if(expr->ref.cnt_ref == 0) {
        expr->n->ref.release(&expr->n->ref);
        refobj_free(&expr->ref);
    }
}

```

```
void expr_make_num(/*in*/ rat_t *n, /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res) {
    expr_num_t* expr = refobj_alloc(OBJ_EXPR_NUM, sizeof(expr_num_t));
    expr->ref.release = release_num;
    expr->eval        = eval_num;
    expr->print       = print_num;

    //TODO: copy n to expr->n

    //TODO: return expr
}
```

```

void expr_make_num(/*in*/ rat_t *n, /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res) {
    expr_num_t* expr = refobj_alloc(OBJ_EXPR_NUM, sizeof(expr_num_t));
    expr->ref.release = release_num;
    expr->eval        = eval_num;
    expr->print       = print_num;

    //TODO: copy n to expr->n
    expr->n = n;
    expr->n->ref.addref(&expr->n->ref);

    //TODO: return expr
    *pp_res = (expr_t*)expr;
    (*pp_res)->ref.addref(&(*pp_res)->ref);
    expr->ref.release(&expr->ref);
}

```

```
static void eval_opr(/*in*/ expr_t *self,  
                    /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res) {  
    expr_opr_t *expr = (expr_opr_t*) self;  
    ON_FALSE_EXIT(self->ref.tag == OBJ_EXPR_OPR,  
                  strmsg("tag (%d) is not OBJ_EXPR_OPR", self->ref.tag));  
  
    //TODO: evaluate expr->a and expr->b  
    rat_t *a, *b;  
  
    //TODO: call opr with a and b and get the result in pp_res  
  
    //TODO: return  
}
```

```

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                    /*out*/ rat_t **pp_res) {
    expr_opr_t *expr = (expr_opr_t*) self;
    ON_FALSE_EXIT(self->ref.tag == OBJ_EXPR_OPR,
                  strmsg("tag (%d) is not OBJ_EXPR_OPR", self->ref.tag));

    //TODO: evaluate expr->a and expr->b
    rat_t *a, *b;
    expr->a->eval(expr->a, &a);
    expr->b->eval(expr->b, &b);

    //TODO: call opr with a and b and get the result in pp_res
    expr->opr(a, b, pp_res);

    //TODO: return
    a->ref.release(&a->ref);
    b->ref.release(&b->ref);
}

```

```
static void release_opr(refobj_t *ref) {
    expr_opr_t *expr = (expr_opr_t*)ref;

    //TODO: implement release
    // - call refobj_decreef
    // - if cnt_ref is 0, release expr->a, expr->b and
    //   free expr->ref (refobj_free)
}
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    //TODO: implement release
    // - call refobj_decref
    // - if cnt_ref is 0, release expr->a, expr->b and
    //   free expr->ref (refobj_free)
    refobj_decref(&expr->ref);
    if(expr->ref.cnt_ref == 0) {
        expr->a->ref.release(&expr->a->ref);
        expr->b->ref.release(&expr->b->ref);
        refobj_free(&expr->ref);
    }
}

```

```
//make expr_opr without opr
static void make_expr_opr(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b, char *str_opr,
                        /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res) {
    expr_opr_t* expr = refobj_alloc(OBJ_EXPR_OPR, sizeof(expr_opr_t));
    expr->ref.release = release_opr;
    expr->eval        = eval_opr;
    expr->print       = print_opr;

    //TODO: copy a to expr->a and b to expr->b

    //update opr using rat_op

    //return the result
}
```

```

//make expr_opr without opr
static void make_expr_opr(/*in*/ expr_t *a, /*in*/ expr_t *b, char *str_opr,
                        /*out*/ expr_t **pp_res) {
    expr_opr_t* expr = refobj_alloc(OBJ_EXPR_OPR, sizeof(expr_opr_t));
    expr->ref.release = release_opr;
    expr->eval        = eval_opr;
    expr->print       = print_opr;

    //TODO: copy a to expr->a and b to expr->b
    expr->a = a;
    expr->b = b;
    expr->a->ref.addref(&expr->a->ref);
    expr->b->ref.addref(&expr->b->ref);

    //update opr using rat_op
    expr->opr = rat_op(str_opr);

    //return the result
    *pp_res = (expr_t*)expr;
    (*pp_res)->ref.addref(&(*pp_res)->ref);
    expr->ref.release(&expr->ref);
}

```

```

//
// app.c
//
#include "rat.h"
#include "expr.h"
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    rat_t* a, *b, *c;
    rat_make(1, 2, &a);
    rat_make(1, 3, &b);
    rat_make(1, 5, &c);

    expr_t *na, *nb, *nc;
    expr_make_num(a, &na);
    expr_make_num(b, &nb);
    expr_make_num(c, &nc);

    //a * b + b * c
    expr_t *x, *y, *z;
    expr_make_mul(na, nb, &x);
    expr_make_mul(nb, nc, &y);
    expr_make_add(x, y, &z);

    z->print(z);
    printf("\n");
}

```

```

rat_t *d;
z->eval(z, &d);
d->print(d);
printf("\n");

```

```

a->ref.release(&a->ref);
b->ref.release(&b->ref);
c->ref.release(&c->ref);
d->ref.release(&d->ref);

```

```

na->ref.release(&na->ref);
nb->ref.release(&nb->ref);
nc->ref.release(&nc->ref);

```

```

x->ref.release(&x->ref);
y->ref.release(&y->ref);
z->ref.release(&z->ref);

```

```

refobj_check_dealloc();

```

```

}

```

```

$ a.out
[1 / 2] * [1 / 3] + [1 / 3] * [1 / 5]
[7 / 30]

```

X Window System



- Install GTK (GIMP Toolkit)
 - We will use **GTK+ 3.0** in the class
 - GNOME environment uses GTK+ as a base
 - GTK+ uses the C programming language
 - Install GTK and other development environments

;; preferred method

```
$ sudo apt-get install gnome-devel
```

;; if above method does not work, try

```
$ sudo apt-get install libgtk-3-dev
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install libgtk-3-doc
```



GIMP 2.2

X Window System



- Check the installation
 - Download hello.c and Makefile
 - Compile hello.c
 - make hello
 - Run Xming/Xquartz from your local machine
 - Run hello from AWS

