

Unary Operators Overloading in C++

The unary operators operate on a single operand and following are the examples of Unary operators –

- The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators.
- The unary minus (-) operator.
- The logical not (!) operator.

The unary operators operate on the object for which they were called and normally, this operator appears on the left side of the object, as in !obj, -obj, and ++obj but sometime they can be used as postfix as well like obj++ or obj--.

Following example explain how minus (-) operator can be overloaded for prefix as well as postfix usage.

Live Demo

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Distance {
private:
    int feet;           // 0 to infinite
    int inches;        // 0 to 12

public:
    // required constructors
    Distance() {
        feet = 0;
        inches = 0;
    }
    Distance(int f, int i) {
        feet = f;
        inches = i;
    }

    // method to display distance
    void displayDistance() {
        cout << "F: " << feet << " I:" << inches <<endl;
    }

    // overloaded minus (-) operator
    Distance operator- () {
        feet = -feet;
        inches = -inches;
        return Distance(feet, inches);
    }
};
```

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int main() {  
    Distance D1(11, 10), D2(-5, 11);  
  
    -D1;                // apply negation  
    D1.displayDistance(); // display D1  
  
    -D2;                // apply negation  
    D2.displayDistance(); // display D2  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result –

```
F: -11 I:-10  
F: 5 I:-11
```

Hope above example makes your concept clear and you can apply similar concept to overload Logical Not Operators (!).