

# Project #1 - Building a magic bag

## Learning Objectives

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- Apply basic object oriented programming concepts in C++
- Construct and use C++ objects making effective use of references and pointers
- Implement an abstract data type conforming to specific design specifications

## Overview

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Your task for this assignment is to build a “Magic Bag” data type. You will be given a .h file with function prototypes for the magic bag. You will implement the functions according to the following specifications.

## The Magic Bag

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The magic bag data type will be implemented as follows:

- Objects can be inserted into the magic bag using the **MagicBag::insert(item)** member function. The magic bag can hold any number of items, within the bounds of the available RAM. Duplicate items are allowed.
- Objects are removed from the magic bag using the **MagicBag::draw()** member function. This function returns a random item and removes it from the bag. The returned item should be randomized. In other words, if there are 5 items in the bag, and only one of them is a 7, then there should be a 1 in 5 chance of drawing a 7 with the draw() function. If the bag is empty, the draw() function should throw an exception.
- You can check if an object is in the bag using **MagicBag::peek(item)**, which should return 0 if there is no item in the bag matching the *item* parameter. If there are items matching the *item* parameter in the bag, the number (count) of matching items should be returned.
- You can print a magic bag using the **MagicBag::print(ostream&)** member function. This function should print to any ostream you pass to it (cout, cerr, etc.).
- You should be able to assign the contents of a MagicBag using the = operator. This should result in a copy of the magic bag that is not linked to the original bag. In other words, if *a* and *b* are magic bags, the line "*a* = *b*;" should result in bags *a* and *b* having the same contents. If I then draw elements from bag *b*, this should not change the contents of bag *a*.
- You should begin by constructing a magic bag that holds integers. For additional credit, you can create a template so that the magic bag can hold any primitive data type (see below for grading details).
- You can implement the magic bag using an array, a linked list, or any other data structure that you feel is appropriate. You need to design and implement the underlying data structure yourself. You may not, for example, use C++ standard template library vectors for the underlying data structure.
- You will be provided with a main program for testing your magic bag.
- No points will be awarded for submissions that do not compile.

## Turn in and Grading

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Please build your class in-line in the MagicBag.h file provided. Please turn in **only your MagicBag.h file** to the dropbox. Do not zip, archive, or compress your file.

This Project is worth 50 points, distributed as follows:

Task	Points
You can create a magic bag of integers and insert integers into the bag.	5
You can create a magic bag of any primitive data type and insert items into the bag.	5
The capacity of the magic bag is limited only by the amount of available RAM.	5
The peek() member function returns a value without deleting any items from the bag.	5
The draw() member function returns and removes an item from the bag.	5
The probability of drawing an item from the bag is equal for all items.	5
You can print Magic Bags to cout using the print(ostream&) member function.	5
Magic bags can be copied and assigned, resulting in a new, independent bag with the same contents as the original bag.	5
Your code has no memory leaks.	5
Your Project is well written, well documented, and well structured.	5