
Object-Oriented Programming (in C++)

Classes and Objects (Part I)

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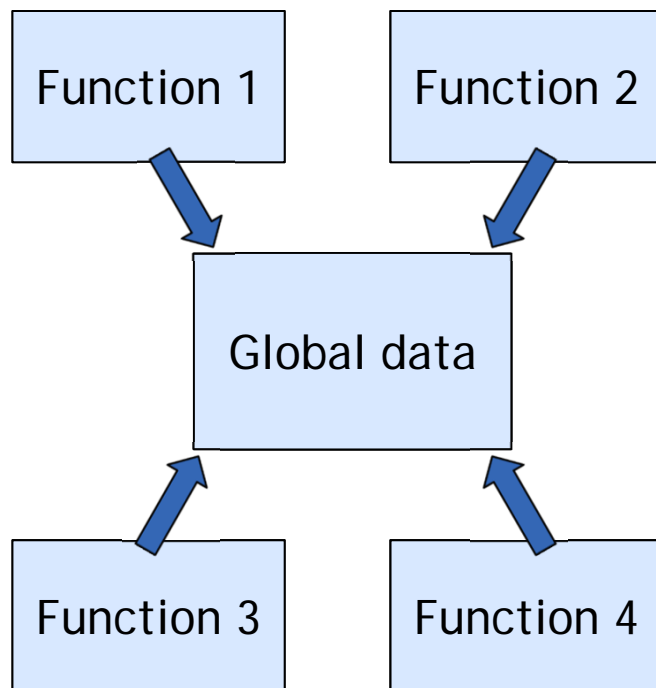
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Procedural vs Object-Oriented Programming

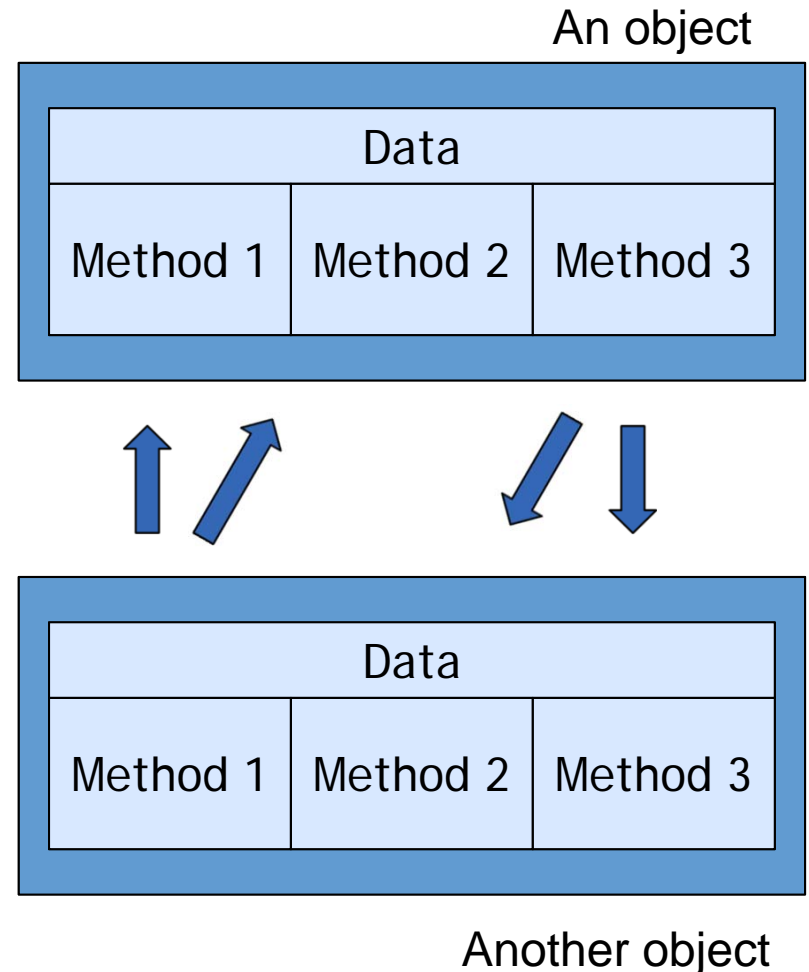
■ Procedural program

- ✦ Passive data



■ Object-oriented program

- ✦ Active data



What Is An Object & A Class?

- If you look around you, you will see objects everywhere
 - ✦ Any physical entity is an object
 - ✦ E.g., Nick, Joanne, your chair, his desk, her pen, my computer, etc.
- Each object has its own attribute values
 - ✦ E.g., each student has his/her own name, age, ID, gender, and major
- Objects that share the same attributes form a class
 - ✦ Nick and Joanne are all students



Real World vs Programming World

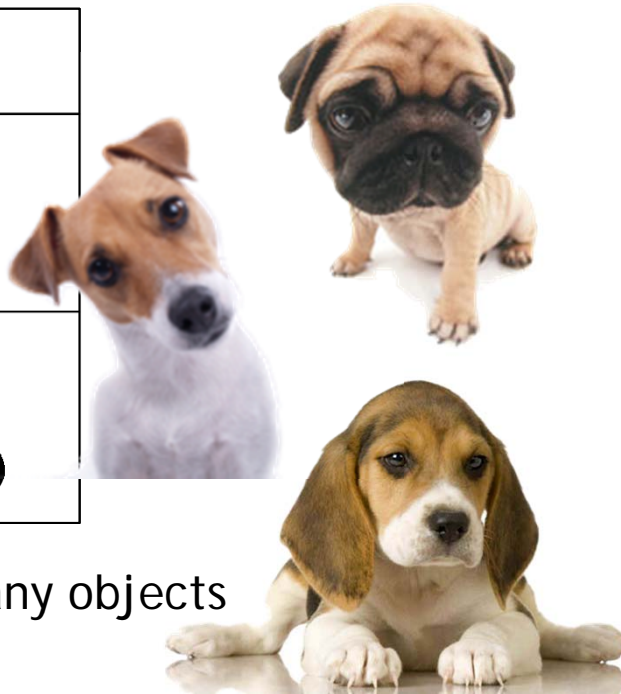
- Real world
 - ✦ Objects that share the same attributes form a class
- Programming world (programmers are God)
 - ✦ Programmers define classes that they need and create objects from the classes
 - ✦ Programmers design computer programs to *describe/represent* real-world objects or virtual objects



Objects & Classes

- An object is instantiated from a class
 - ✦ The object is called an instance of the class
- A class is a blueprint that is used to construct objects

DOG
breed size name
run() bark() playdead()



One class, many objects



Designing A Class

- When you design a class, think about the objects that will be created from that class
 - ✦ Things the object knows about itself
 - ◆ **Data members**
 - Represent the object's *state* or *attributes*
 - Also called **fields** or **instance variables** in OO languages
 - ◆ **Member functions**
 - Represents the object's *behavior*
 - Also called **methods** in OO languages



Designing A Class: Attributes & Behaviors

- Attributes = data members
- Behaviors = member functions
- Dogs
 - ✦ Attributes: name, color, breed, hungry, age
 - ✦ Behaviors: barking, fetching, wagging tail
- Students
 - ✦ Attributes: name, age, ID, gender, class, major
 - ✦ Behaviors: taking courses, doing homework, taking exams



struct vs class

- A class is a user-defined data type
 - ✦ An **abstract data type**
- struct in C is also a user-defined data type, but struct has no operations

```
struct myStruct {  
    int field1;  
    int field2;  
};  
  
int main() {  
    struct myStruct var;  
    var.field1 = 10;  
    var.field2 = 20;  
}
```

```
class myClass {  
    int member1;  
    int member2;  
    int func() { ... }  
    void myClass() { ... }  
};  
  
int main() {  
    myClass var;  
    var.member1 = 10;  
    var.member2 = 20;  
    var.func();  
}
```

An object



Why We Call Classes Abstract Data Types?

- Data members or member functions in a class can be “hidden” to
 - ◆ Other classes/objects or
 - ◆ Programmers who use the class

Student (Li sa)	
publ i c:	
name: Lisa	
gender: female	
maj or: CS	
pri vate:	
age: 18	
publ i c:	
bool i sTeenager() {	
return (age >= 13	
&& age <= 19);	
}	



You'll never know.

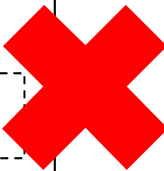


How old is Lisa?

```
cout << Li sa. age;
```

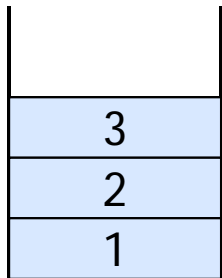
Compilation error!

```
cout << bool al pha <<  
Li sa. i sTeenager();  
true
```



Designing A Class for Stack

- Stack: a last-in, first-out data structure



Stack

```
class Stack {  
    private:  
        int max, top;  
        int *array;  
    public:  
        Stack() {  
            max = 10;  
            top = -1;  
            array = new int[max];  
        }  
        ~Stack() {  
            delete [] array;  
        }  
        void push(int e) { ... }  
        int pop() { ... }  
        bool isEmpty() { ... }  
        bool isFull() { ... }  
        void clear() {top = -1;}  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Stack s;  
  
    s.push(1);  
    s.push(2);  
    s.push(3);  
  
    int e;  
    e = s.pop();
```

s.array[0] = 0;
// compilation error

s.top = -1;
// compilation error

s.clear();

}



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Object-Orient Programming

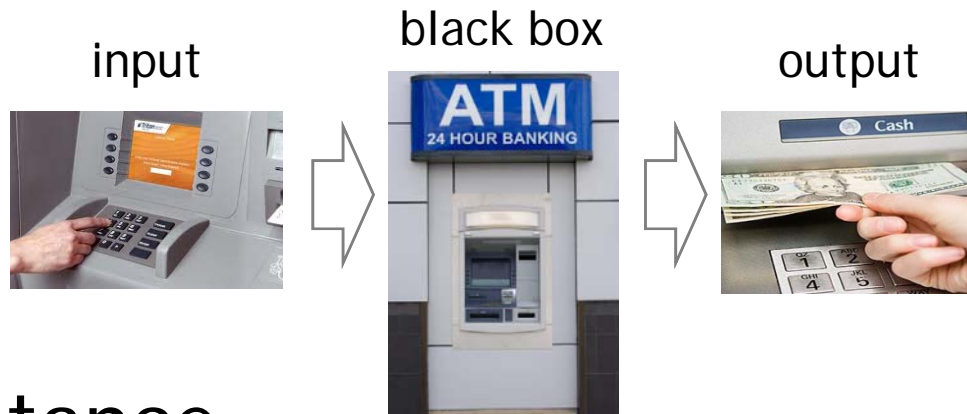
- Object-oriented programming
 - ✦ Programs may be seen as **a collection of cooperating objects**
- Procedural programming
 - ✦ Programs may be seen as **a list of instructions** to the computer
- In OOP, we send messages to an object and tells a member function of the object to perform its task
 - ✦ Each message is a **member-function call**



Important OO Concepts: P.I.E.

■ Encapsulation (abstract data type)

- ◆ “Black box” – information hiding



■ Inheritance

- ◆ Related classes share implementation and/or interface, allowing reuse of codes

■ Polymorphism

- ◆ Ability to use a class without knowing its type



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Classes

- A class defines the abstract characteristics of a group of similar **obj ects**
 - ✦ Attributes (data members)
 - ✦ Behaviors (member functions)
- A class is a user-defined type
 - ✦ Can be used to create objects
 - ◆ Variables of the class type
 - ✦ C++ is an extensible language
- Syntax

```
class class_name {  
    [access_specifier_label : ]  
    // declarations for data members  
    // declarations/definitions for member functions  
};
```



Access-Specifier Labels

- **private**

- ✦ The data members or member functions can be used only in the class for which they are declared
- ✦ The default accesses for class members

- **public**

- ✦ The data members or member functions are available to public

- **protected**

- ✦ Will be discussed later in Chapter 12 (Inheritance)

- Each data member of a class should have **private** visibility unless it can be proven that the data member needs **public** visibility

- ✦ The principle of least privilege



Class Scope

- Class scope contains
 - ✦ Data members
 - ◆ Variables declared in the class definition
 - ✦ Member functions
 - ◆ Functions declared in the class definition
- Within a class's scope
 - ✦ Class members are accessible by all member functions
- Outside a class's scope
 - ✦ **public** class members are referenced through a handle (an object name, a reference/pointer to an object)
 - ◆ E.g., `object.member`
 - ✦ **private** class members could not be accessed by anybody



Class Scope (Cont'd)

- Variables declared in a member function
 - ✦ Have block scope
 - ✦ Known only to that function
- Hiding a class-scope variable
 - ✦ In a member function, define a variable with the same name as a variable with class scope
 - ✦ Such a hidden variable can be accessed by preceding the name with the class name followed by the scope resolution operator (::)

```
class Foo {  
    int x;  
    void bar() {  
        int x;  
        x = x + ::x;  
    }  
}
```



Declaring or Defining Member Functions

- The definition (implementation) of a member function is usually defined outside the class body
 - ✦ Preceded by the class name and ::
- The compiler will attempt to **inline** a member function if the member function is defined completely in the class body



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Designing and Using A Class Time

```
class Time {
public:
    Time(); // constructor
    void setTime(int, int, int); // set hour, minute, second
    void printUniversal(); // print in universal-time format
    void printStandard(); // print in standard-time format
private:
    int hour; // 0-23
    int minute; // 0-59
    int second; // 0-59
};

Time::Time() {
    hour = minute = second = 0;
}

void Time::setTime(int h, int m, int s) {
    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;
    minute = (m >= 0 && m < 60) ? m : 0;
    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;
}

void Time::printUniversal() {
    cout << setfill('0') << setw(2) << hour << ":"
         << setw(2) << minute << ":" << setw(2) << second << endl;
}

void Time::printStandard() {
    cout << (hour == 0 || hour == 12) ? 12 : hour % 12
         << ":" << setfill('0') << setw(2) << minute << ":"
         << setw(2) << second << (hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM")
         << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    Time t;

    t.setTime(13, 27, 6);

    t.printUniversal();
    t.printStandard();

    t.hour = 10; // ERROR
    return 0;
}
```

13: 27: 06
1: 27: 06 PM



Using the Time Class (Creating Time Objects)

```
class Time {
```

```
    ...
    int hour;
    int minute;
    int second;
```

```
};
```

```
Time::Time() { ... }
```

```
void Time::setTime(int h, int m, int s) { ... }
```

```
void Time::printUniversal() { ... }
```

```
void Time::printStandard() { ... }
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    Time sunset; // object of type Time
```

```
    Time arrayOfTimes[ 5 ]; // array of 5 Time objects
```

```
    Time &dinnerTime = sunset; // reference to a Time object
```

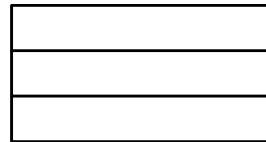
```
    Time *timePtr = &dinnerTime; // pointer to a Time object
```

```
    timePtr = new Time; // equivalent to timePtr = new Time()
```

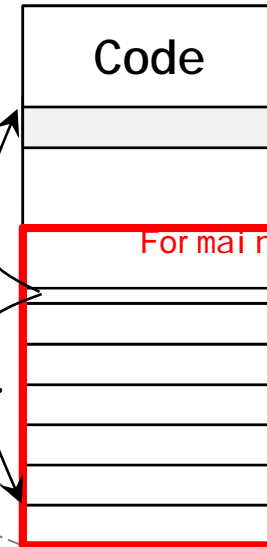
```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

`sizeof(Time) = sizeof(int) * 3`



`sunset.hour`
`sunset.minute`
`sunset.second`



`timePtr`

`arrayOfTimes`

`sunset, dinnerTime`



Using Member Functions (or Data Members)

- Member functions are within the class's scope
 - ✦ Known only to other members of the class unless referred to via
 - ◆ Dot member selection operator (.)
 - Object of the class

`sunset.printUniversal();`
 - Pointer to an object of the class

`(*timePtr).printStandard();`
 - ◆ Arrow member selection operator (->) for pointer

`timePtr->printStandard();`



Designing A Time Class (Cont'd)

```
class Time {  
public:  
    Time(); // constructor  
    void setTime(int, int, int); // set hour, minute, second  
    void printUniversal(); // print in universal-time format  
    void printStandard(); // print in standard-time format
```

The interface of Time class

```
private:
```

```
    int hour; // 0-23  
    int minute; // 0-59  
    int second; // 0-59
```

The implementation of Time class

```
};  
Time::Time() {  
    hour = minute = second = 0;  
}  
void Time::setTime(int h, int m, int s) {  
    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;  
    minute = (m >= 0 && m < 60) ? m : 0;  
    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;  
}  
void Time::printUniversal() {  
    cout << setfill('0') << setw(2) << hour << ":"  
        << setw(2) << minute << ":" << setw(2) << second << endl;  
}  
void Time::printStandard() {  
    cout << (hour == 0 || hour == 12) ? 12 : hour % 12 )  
        << ":" << setfill('0') << setw(2) << minute << ":"  
        << setw(2) << second << (hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM")  
        << endl;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    Time t;  
  
    t.setTime(13, 27, 6);  
  
    t.printUniversal();  
    t.printStandard();  
  
    t.hour = 10; // ERROR  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

A client of Time class



Putting All Things in a File is Bad for Reusability

- We could put the interface and implementation of class `Time` and the client into a file, say `time.cpp`
 - ✦ But the `Time` class in `time.cpp` cannot be reused by other programs

```
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};

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    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;
}

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}

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    cout << (hour == 0 || hour == 12) ? 12 : hour % 12 << " : " << setfill('0') << setw(2) << minute << " : " << setw(2) << second << (hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM") << endl;
}

int main() {
    Time t;
    t.setTime(13, 27, 6);
    t.printUniversal();
    t.printStandard();
    return 0;
}
```

`time.cpp`

```
int main() {
    Time begin;
    Time end;
    ...
}
```

`foo.cpp`

```
> g++ time.cpp foo.cpp
redefinition of 'int main()'
```



Placing a Class in a Separate File for Reusability

```
class Time {  
public:  
    Time();  
    void setTime(int, int, int);  
    void printUniversal();  
    void printStandard();  
private:  
    int hour;  
    int minute;  
    int second;  
};
```

time.h

Interface

```
#include <iostream>  
#include <iomanip>  
#include "time.h"  
using namespace std;  
  
Time::Time() {  
    hour = minute = second = 0;  
}  
  
void Time::setTime(int h, int m, int s) {  
    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;  
    minute = (m >= 0 && m < 60) ? m : 0;  
    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;  
}  
  
void Time::printUniversal() {  
    cout << setfill('0') << setw(2) << hour << ":" <<  
        << setw(2) << minute << ":" << setw(2) << second << endl;  
}  
  
void Time::printStandard() {  
    cout << ((hour == 0 || hour == 12) ? 12 : hour % 12) <<  
        << " " << setfill('0') << setw(2) << minute << ":" <<  
        << setw(2) << second << ((hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM")) <<  
        << endl;  
}
```

time.cpp

Implementation

```
#include "time.h"  
int main() {  
    Time t;  
  
    t.setTime(13, 27, 6);  
  
    t.printUniversal();  
    t.printStandard();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

myTime.cpp

Client

```
> g++ time.cpp myTime.cpp -o myTime.out  
> ./myTime.out  
13:27:06  
1:27:06 PM  
> g++ -c time.cpp  
> g++ time.o foo.cpp -o foo.out
```

```
#include "time.h"  
int main() {  
    Time begin;  
    Time end;  
    ...  
}
```

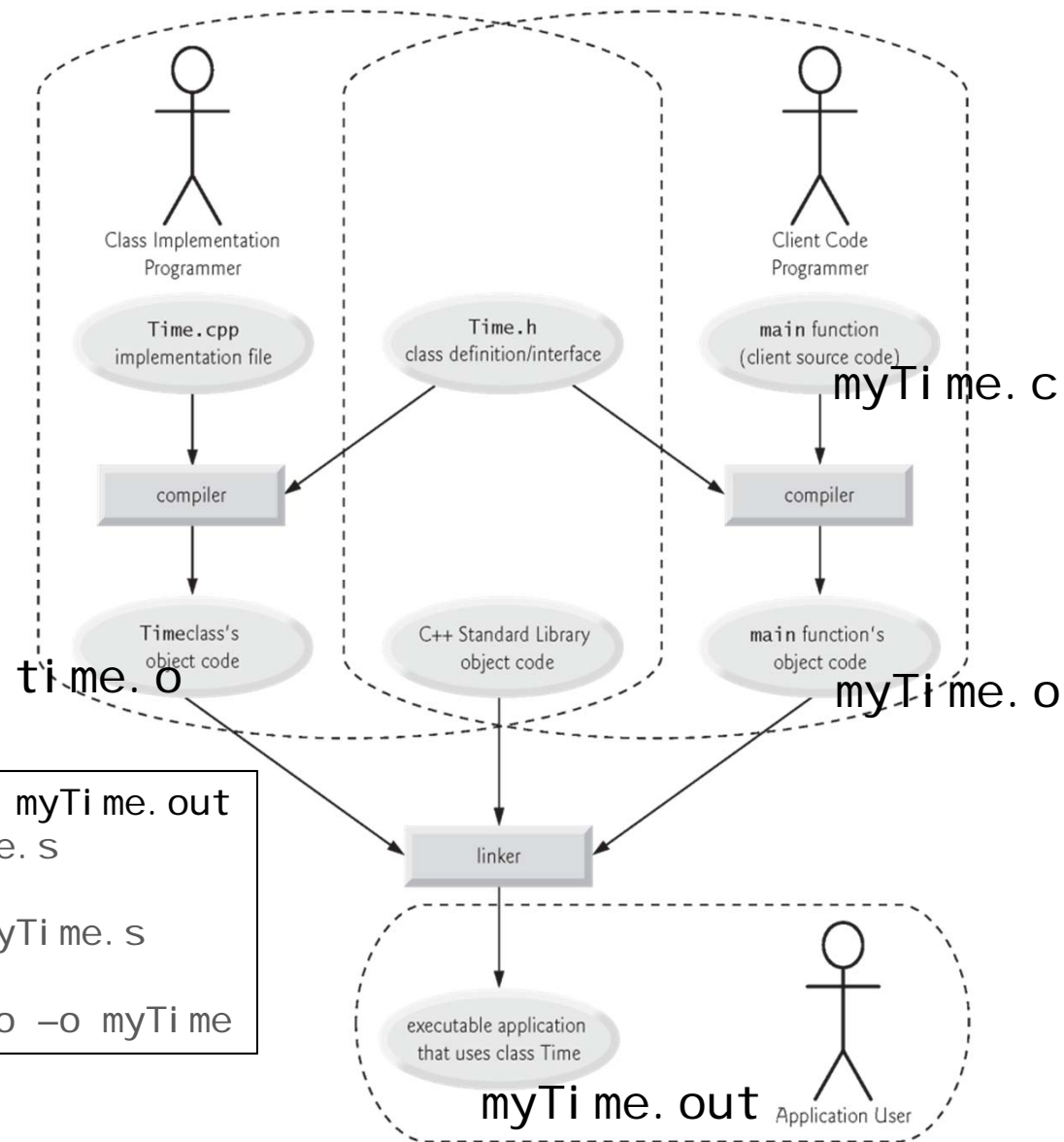
foo.cpp

- The implementation of class Time is encapsulated (hidden) to the clients (users)



Compilation and Linking Processes

- g++ performs a series of tasks
- You may use “-v” option to see the commands executed



```
> g++ -v time.cpp myTime.cpp -o myTime.out
.../cc1plus ... time.cpp -o time.s
.../as ... time.s -o time.o
.../cc1plus ... myTime.cpp -o myTime.s
.../as ... myTime.s -o myTime.o
.../collect2 ... time.o myTime.o -o myTime
```



#include Preprocessor Directive

- Used to include header files
 - ✦ Instructs C++ preprocessor to replace directive with a copy of the contents of the specified file
- Quotes (" ") indicate user-defined header files
 - ✦ Preprocessor first looks in current directory
 - ✦ If the file is not found, looks in C++ Standard Library directory
- Angle brackets (< >) indicate C++ Standard Library
 - ✦ Preprocessor looks only in C++ Standard Library directory
- "g++ -E myTime.cpp" outputs the result after preprocessing



Preprocessor Wrappers

- What happens here?

```
#include "time.h"

// other header file
```

other.h

```
#include "time.h"
#include "other.h"

int main() {
    ...
}
```

myTime.cpp

- Use preprocessor wrappers for time.h to prevent multiple inclusions of header file

```
#ifndef TIME_H
#define TIME_H

class Time {
    ...
};

#endif
```

time.h



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Designing Member Functions

- Recall: when designing a class, we have to define
 - ✦ Data members (attributes of objects)
 - ✦ Member functions (behaviors of objects)
- Categories of member functions
 - ✦ Constructors/destructors
 - ✦ Access functions
 - ✦ Utility functions (helper functions)
 - ✦ Set/get functions



Constructors (1/2)

■ Constructor

- ⊕ A special member function that is written to
 - ◆ initialize data members of an object or/and
 - ◆ allocate additional memory for the object
- ⊕ Has the same name with the class
- ⊕ Returns no value
- ⊕ Implicitly called when an object is created
 - ◆ Treat an object like a variable and recall when a variable is mapped to the memory
 - Mapped to static data section,
 - Mapped to stack, or
 - Mapped to heap
- ⊕ Constructor itself does not actually allocate the object's memory



Constructors (2/2)

■ Constructor

- ✦ Compiler provides a default constructor (with no parameters) if none included
 - ◆ With “empty” body
- ✦ Once you explicitly declare absolutely any constructor for a class, the compiler stops providing the implicit default constructor
 - ◆ If you still need the default constructor, you have to explicitly declare and define it yourself



Destructors (2/2)

■ Destructor

- ⊕ A special member function that is written to
 - ◆ perform termination housekeep or/and
 - ◆ reclaim the memory allocated by constructors
 - To avoid memory leak
- ⊕ Its name is the tilde character (~) followed by the class name
- ⊕ Receives no parameters and returns no value
- ⊕ Implicitly called when an object is destroyed



Destructors (2/2)

■ Destructor

- ✦ Destructor itself does not actually release the object's memory
 - ◆ Objects on stack (automatic objects) are destroyed when leaving the scope
 - ◆ Objects on static data section or heap are destroyed when the program terminates
 - ◆ Objects on heap can also be destroyed when an explicit deallocation is made
- ✦ Compiler provides an “empty” destructor if none included
- ✦ Generally, destructor calls are made in the reverse order of the corresponding constructor calls



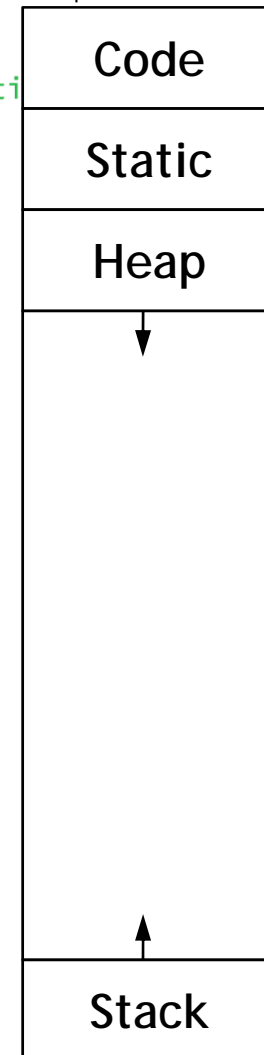
An Example of Constructors/Destructors Being Called

```
1  // Fig. 9.13: CreateAndDestroy.h
2  // CreateAndDestroy class definition.
3  // Member functions defined in CreateAndDestroy.cpp.
4  #include <string>
5  using namespace std;
6
7  #ifndef CREATE_H
8  #define CREATE_H
9
10 class CreateAndDestroy
11 {
12 public:
13     CreateAndDestroy( int, string ); // constructor
14     ~CreateAndDestroy(); // destructor
15 private:
16     int objectID; // ID number for object
17     string message; // message describing object
18 }; // end class CreateAndDestroy
19
20 #endif
```



An Example of Constructors/Destructors Being Called

```
1 // Fig. 9.15: fig09_15.cpp
2 // Demonstrating the order in which constructors and
3 // destructors are called.
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include "CreateAndDestroy.h" // include CreateAndDestroy class definition
6 using namespace std;
7
8 void create( void ); // prototype
9
10 CreateAndDestroy first( 1, "(global before main)" ); // global object
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
15     CreateAndDestroy second( 2, "(local automatic in main)" );
16     static CreateAndDestroy third( 3, "(local static in main)" );
17
18     create(); // call function to create objects
19
20     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES" << endl;
21     CreateAndDestroy fourth( 4, "(local automatic in main)" );
22     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
23 } // end main
24
25 // function to create objects
26 void create( void )
27 {
28     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
29     CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5, "(local automatic in create)" );
30     static CreateAndDestroy sixth( 6, "(local static in create)" );
31     CreateAndDestroy seventh( 7, "(local automatic in create)" );
32     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
33 } // end function create
```



An Example of Constructors/Destructors Being Called

1. Locations for static data are reserved
2. Calling constructor for first
3. Pushing main's ARI to stack (locations for local variables and parameters are reserved)
4. Calling constructor for second
5. Calling constructor for third
6. Pushing create's ARI to stack (locations for local variables and parameters are reserved)
7. Calling constructor for fifth
8. Calling constructor for sixth
9. Calling constructor for seventh
10. Calling destructor for seventh
11. Calling destructor for fifth
12. Popping create's ARI from stack
13. Calling constructor for fourth
14. Calling destructor for fourth
15. Calling destructor for second
16. Popping main's ARI from stack
17. Calling destructor for sixth
18. Calling destructor for third
19. Calling destructor for first
20. Program terminates

definit

object

Code

first

third

sixth

For create

seventh

fifth

For main

fourth

second

```
CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5, "(local automatic in create)" );
static CreateAndDestroy sixth( 6, "(local static in create)" );
CreateAndDestroy seventh( 7, "(local automatic in create)" );
cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
} // end function create
```



Rewriting the Time Class

```

class Time {
public:
    Time(int=10, int=0, int=0, int=0); // constructor
    ~Time(); // destructor
    ...
private:
    int *hourHistory; // a pointer to array of hour histories
    int maxHourHistory; // max number of hour histories
    int numHourHistory; // number of hour histories
    ...
};

Time::Time(int size, int h, int m, int s) {
    hourHistory = new int[size];
    maxHourHistory = size;
    numHourHistory = 0;
    setTime(h, m, s);
}

Time::~Time() {
    delete [] hourHistory;
}

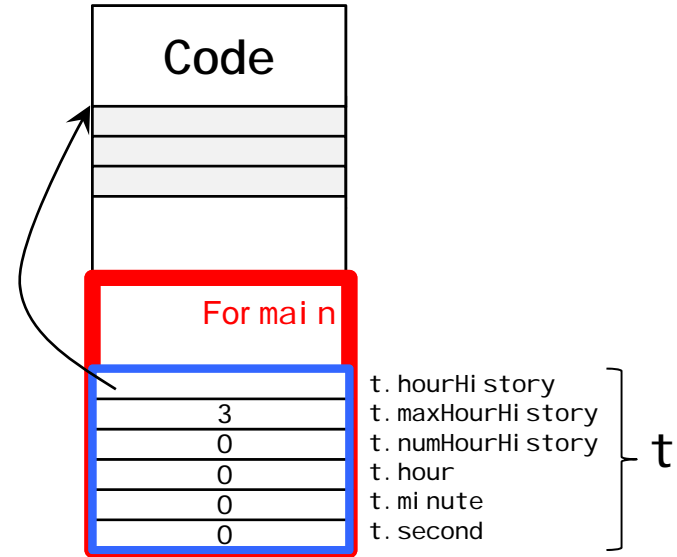
void Time::setTime(int h, int m, int s) {
    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;
    minute = (m >= 0 && m < 60) ? m : 0;
    second = (s >= 0 && s < 60) ? s : 0;
    hourHistory[numHourHistory++ % maxHourHistory] = hour;
}

```

The diagram illustrates the memory layout. It shows a 'Code' block and a 'For main' block. The 'For main' block contains an array of 5 integers, with the first element highlighted in red and containing the value 3. An arrow points from the 'For main' block to the 'Code' block.

```
int main() {
    Time t(3);

    return 0;
}
```



Program Termination with `exit` and `abort`

- Both functions often are used to terminate a program when an error is detected
 - ✦ Require `<cstdlib i b>`
- `exit(1);`
 - ✦ The destructors of objects on static data section or heap are called before termination
 - ✦ The destructors of automatic objects are not called
- `abort();`
 - ✦ No destructors are called



Access Functions

- Usually designed for the public to

- ✦ Read or display data

```
void Time::printStandard() { ... }  
void Time::printUniversal() { ... }
```

- ✦ Test the truth or falsity of conditions

- ◆ Such functions are often called predicate functions

```
bool Time::isAM() {  
    return (hour < 12);  
}
```



Utility Functions

- Also called helper functions
- Usually designed for the class (not the public) to support the operation of public member functions
 - ✦ They are **private member functions**

```
void Time::printStandard() {  
    cout << convertHour()  
        << ":" << setfill('0') << setw(2) << minute << ":"  
        << setw(2) << second << (hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM")  
        << endl;  
}  
  
int Time::convertHour() {  
    return ( (hour == 0 || hour == 12) ? 12 : hour % 12 );  
}
```



Set and Get Member Functions

- Recall: Each data member of a class should have **private** visibility unless it can be proven that the data member needs **public** visibility
- **public** member functions
- Allow the client code to *set* and *get* the value of the **private** data members in a constrained manner
 - ✦ Set functions also called mutators
 - ✦ Get functions also called accessors



Enhancing the Time Class

```
class Time {  
public:
```

```
    void setHour(int);
```

```
    int getHour();
```

```
    ...
```

```
private:
```

```
    int hour;
```

```
    int minute;
```

```
    int second;
```

```
    ...
```

```
};
```

```
class Time {  
public:  
    int hour;  
    int minute;  
    int second;  
    ...  
};
```

```
void Time::setHour(int h) {
```

```
    hour = (h >= 0 && h < 24) ? h : 0;
```

```
    hourHistory[numHourHistory++ % maxHourHistory] = hour;
```

```
}
```

```
int Time::getHour() {
```

```
    return hour;
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {  
    Time t(3);
```

```
    t.setHour(30);
```

```
    // invalid value is detected
```

```
    t.hour = 30;
```

```
    // invalid value is set
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



Return a Reference/Pointer to a private Member

■ DON'T DO THIS!!

- ✦ This is a subtle trap
- ✦ This enables the client code to access the class's private members at will
 - ◆ Breaks the encapsulation of the class
 - ◆ Private members are not private any more

```
int &Time::badSetHour(int h) {  
    hour = (h >= 0 && H < 24) ? h : 0;  
    return hour;  
}  
int main() {  
    Time t;  
    int &hourRef = t.badSetHour(20);  
    hourRef = 30; // invalid value is set  
    return 0;  
}
```



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Default Memberwise Assignment

- Assignment operator (=)
 - ✦ Can be used to assign an object to another object of the same type
 - ◆ Each data member of the right object is assigned to the same data member in the left object
 - ✦ Can cause serious problems when data members contain pointers to dynamically allocated memory



Memberwise Assignment: An Example

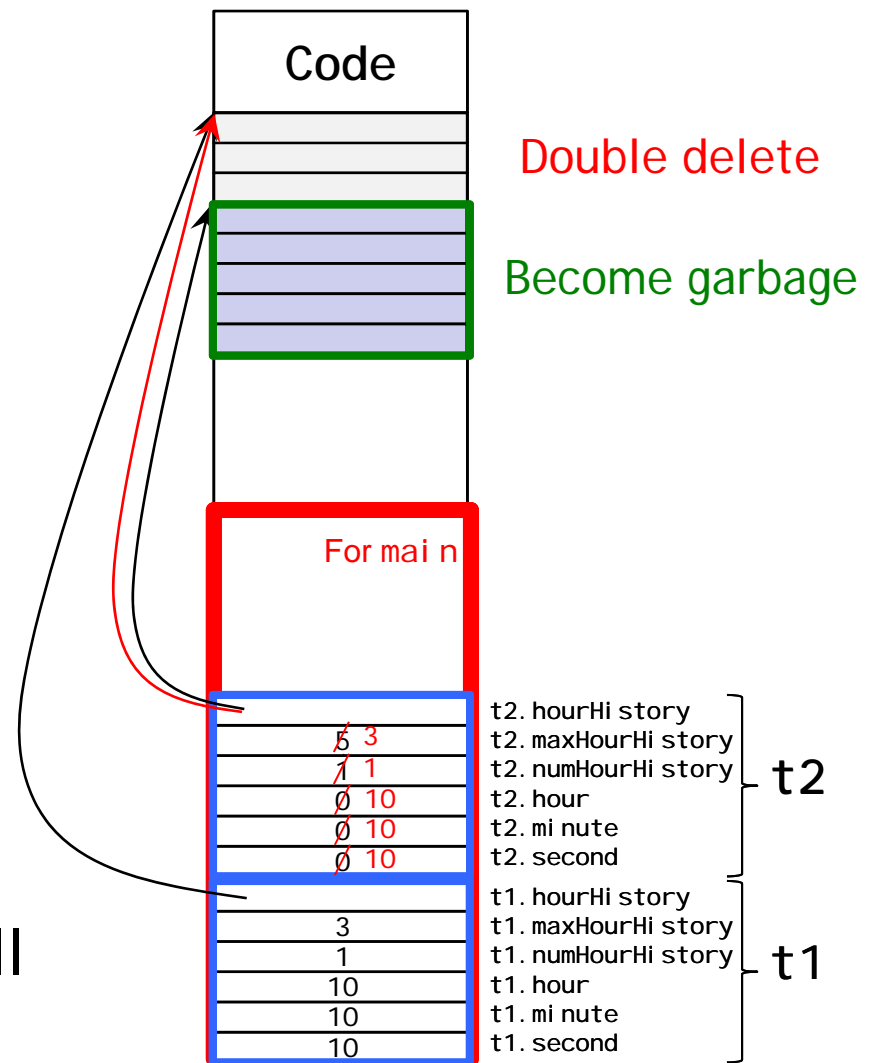
```
#include "time.h"
```

```
int main() {  
    Time t1(3, 10, 10, 10);  
    Time t2(5);  
    t1 = t2;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
Time::~Time() {  
    delete [] hourHistory;  
}
```

time.h

- Solutions to this problem will be discussed in Chapter 11 (Operator Overloading)



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Passing and Returning Objects

- Similar to variables, objects may be passed as function arguments and may be returned from functions
 - ✦ Using **pass-by-value** by default (a copy of the object is passed or returned)
 - ✦ The **copy constructor** of the class that the object derived from will be called to create the new object



Default Copy Constructor

- For each class, the compiler provides a default copy constructor
 - ✦ Copies each member of the original object into the corresponding member of the new object
 - ◆ Can cause serious problems when data members contain pointers to dynamically allocated memory
 - ◆ More discussions along with the discussions about the problem on memberwise assignment will be made in Chapter 11 (Operator Overloading)



Default Copy Constructor for Class Time

time.h

```
class Time {  
    ...  
    Time(const Time &); // default copy constructor  
    ...  
    int hour;  
    int minute;  
    int second;  
    ...  
};
```

Must receive a reference to prevent infinite recursion, calling each object's copy constructor again and again

time.cpp

```
Time::Time(const Time &t) {  
    hour = t.hour;  
    minute = t.minute;  
    second = t.second;  
} // copies all data members
```



Copy Constructor

- A *copy constructor* is called whenever a new variable is created from an object
 - ✦ An object is passed or returned by value
 - ✦ An object is declared and *initialized from another object*

```
Time sunset;           // constructor is used to build
                        // sunset
Time t1(sunset);        // copy constructor is used to
                        // build t1
Time t2 = t1;           // copy constructor is used to
                        // initialize t2 in declaration
t2 = t1; // Assignment operator, no constructor
        // or copy constructor is used
```

