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7.2 Access Control and Encapsulation

At this point, we have defined an interface for our class; but nothing forces users to use that interface. Users can reach inside Sales_data object and meddle with its implementation.

In C++, we use access specifiers to enforce encapsulation:

- Members defined after a public specifier are accessible to all parts of the program. The public members define the interface to the class.
- Members defined after a private specifier are accessible to the member functions of the
 class but are not accessible to code that uses the class. The private sections encapsulate
 the implementation.

Redefine our Sales data Class:

```
class Sales_data {
public: // access specifier added
   Sales_data() = default;
   Sales_data(const std::string &s, unsigned n, double p): bookNo(s), units_sold(n), revenue(p*n) { }
   Sales_data(const std::string &s): bookNo(s) { }
   Sales_data(std::istream&);
   std::string isbn() const { return bookNo; }
   Sales_data &combine(const Sales_data&);

private: // access specifier added
   double avg_price() const { return units_sold ? revenue/units_sold : 0; }
   std::string bookNo; unsigned units_sold = 0; double revenue = 0.0;
};
```

The constructors and member functions that are part of the interface follow the public specifier; the data members and the functions that are part of the implementation follow the private

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specifier.

Using the class or struct Keyword

We used the class keyword rather than struct to open the class definition.

This change is strictly stylistic; we can define a class type using either keyword. The only difference between struct and class is the default access level.

A class may define members before the first access specifier. Access to such members depends on how the class is defined.

- If we use the struct keyword, the members defined before the first access specifier are public
- If we use the class keyword, then the members are private.

As a matter of programming style, when we define a class intending for all of its members to be public, we use struct.

If we intend to have private members, then we use class.

Note: The only difference between using class and using struct to define a class is the default access level.

7.2.1 Friends

A class can allow another class or function to access its nonpublic members by making that class or function a friend. A class makes a function its friend by including a declaration for that function preceded by the keyword friend:

```
class Sales_data {
   // friend declarations for nonmbmer Sales_data operations added
   friend Sales_data add(const Sales_data &, const Sales_data &);
   friend std::istream &read(std::istream&, Sales_data&);
   friend std::ostream &print(std::ostream&, const Sales_data&);

public: // access specifier added
   Sales_data() = default;
   Sales_data(const std::string &s, unsigned n, double p): bookNo(s), units_sold(n), revenue(p*n) { }
   Sales_data(const std::string &s): bookNo(s) { }
   Sales_data(std::istream&);
   std::string isbn() const { return bookNo; }
   Sales_data &combine(const Sales_data&);
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private: // access specifier added
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