Mechatronic Engineering

Object Oriented Programming and Software Engineering
Laboratory instruction 6
C++ introduction

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1 Classes.

Class is a data type that similarly to structures is composed of many data types. By creation of a class, programmer creates new data type that can be a model of realistic object.

1.1 Class definition.

```
class our_type
{
//class body
};
```

As one can see, class definition is simple. It is important to remember about adding a semicolon after the closing bracket.

1.2 Class elements.

To create a class object, one has to proceed as with variable declaration:

```
our_type name_of_the_object;
```

In C++ it is possible to create a pointer or reference in the class type:

```
our_type *poit; // pointer

our_type any_object;
our_type &pnickname = any_object // reference
```

In the shown class definition one can find a blank space (commented as class body). Inside it the elements of the class are declared. Class elements can be any data:

```cpp
class processor{
Public:
  int n_cores;
  float clck_sp;
  int n_thr;
  char name[80];
};
```

In order to refer to object elements one has to use the following notation:

- `object.element`
- `pointer -> element`
- `reference.element`

Let's assume that we will create the following objects, on which we will implement certain operations:

```cpp
processor i5;            // definition of object specimen
processor *poit;            // definition of pointer
processor &ifive = i5;    // definition of reference
```

To associate a value of element `n_cores` in `i5` object it is necessary to use following methods

```cpp
i5.n_cores = 4;

poit = &i5;

poit->n_cores = 4;

ifive.n_cores = 4;
```

Functions also can be used as class elements. They are called member functions. They are used to work with member data.

```cpp
class mob_phone {
public:
  void call(int num);
  void vibrate(bool vib);
  int ph_num;
```

```
    bool vibration;
    char cont_name[80];
    char disp_call_name(char cont[]);
};
```

In the above definition one can see that function declarations are mixed with data declarations. This is happening because the range of validity scope for class data is covering the whole class.
It is possible to use as an element for the class elements from other classes.

1.3   Labels.

In the above example one could notice notation public. It was so-called class label. Classes can have three types of labels:

−   **private** – this means that elements declared in its range will be only available to use inside of the class that they are declared. This means that only member functions of this class will be able to use them;
−   **public** – this means that elements declared in its range will be available inside the class and beyond it;
−   **protected** – similar to private. It provides members to the classes derived from the class in which it is used.
In default if no labels will occur inside the class, members will have private labels.

1.4   Member functions.

The member function is used to perform operations on class data members. It is also the only (though not quite) tool for performing operations on private label components. The function is called for a particular object of the class.

```
object_name.name_of_member_function(argument);
```

For the following class[1]:

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[1] Source: J. Grębosz, Symfonia C++

```
class person {
    char name[80];
    int age;
  public:
    void memo(char *, int);
    void write();
};
```

and objects:

```
person student1, student2, student3;
```

to use the member function:

```
student1.memo("John Smith", 23);
```

Member functions can be defined in two places:
– inside class definition;
– after declaration inside class definition outside the class body. It is necessary to add before the name of the function **name_of_the_class::**

Example:

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

class processor {
    int n_thread;
    int n_core;
  public:
    int proc_param(int thr, int cores) {
      n_thread = thr;
      n_core = cores;
    }
    void disp_param();
};
```

```cpp
void processor::disp_param() {
   cout << "\nProcessor has " << n_thread << " threads";
   cout << "\nProcessor has " << n_core << " cores";
}

main() {
   processor i5, i7;
   cout << "Program stores and displays the processors "
   << "data\n";

   i5.proc_param(4, 4);
   i7.proc_param(8, 4);
   cout << "\n\ti5\n";

   i5.disp_param();
   cout << endl; cout
   << "\n\ti7\n";

   i7.disp_param();
   cout << endl;
return 0;
}
```

Task

Based on the information provided in this manual, please improve the simple utility interface of the snack and beverage vending machine created on previous laboratories.

Program requirements:
1. Rebuild the vending machine software to object oriented program (add classes and objects).