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FRIENDLY FUNCTIONS:-

We know private members can not be accessed from outside the class. That is a non - member function can't have an access to the private data of a class. However there could be a case where two classes manager and scientist, have been defined we should like to use a function income-tax to operate on the objects of both these classes.

In such situations, c++ allows the common function to be made friendly with both the classes , there by following the function to have access to the private data of these classes .Such a function need not be a member of any of these classes.

To make an outside function "friendly" to a class, we have to simply declare this function as a friend of the classes as shown below :

```
class ABC
{
-----
-----
public:
-----
-----
    friend void xyz(void);
};
```

The function declaration should be preceded by the keyword friend , The function is defined else where in the program like a normal C ++ function . The function definition does not use their the keyword friend or the scope operator :: . The functions that are declared with the keyword friend are known as friend functions. A function can be declared as a friend in any no of classes. A friend function, as though not a member function , has full access rights to the private members of the class.

A friend function processes certain special characteristics:

- It is not in the scope of the class to which it has been declared as friend.
- Since it is not in the scope of the class, it cannot be called using the object of that class. It can be invoked like a member function without the help of any object.
- Unlike member functions.

Example:

```
#include<iostream.h>
class sample
{
    int a;
    int b;
public:
    void setvalue( ) { a=25;b=40;}
    friend float mean( sample s);
}
float mean (sample s)
{
    return (float(s.a+s.b)/2.0);
}

int main ( )
{
```

```

sample x;
x . setvalue( );
cout<<"mean value="<<mean(x)<<endl;
return(0);

}

```

output:
mean value : 32.5

A function friendly to two classes

```

#include<iostream.h>
class abc;
class xyz
{
    int x;
public:
    void setvalue(int x) { x-= I; }
    friend void max (xyz,abc);
};
class abc
{
    int a;
public:
    void setvalue( int i) {a=i; }
    friend void max(xyz,abc);
};

void max( xyz m, abc n)
{
    if(m . x >= n.a)
        cout<<m.x;
    else
        cout<< n.a;
}

int main( )
{
    abc j;
    j . setvalue( 10);
    xyz s;
    s.setvalue(20);
    max( s , j );
    return(0);
}

```

SWAPPING PRIVATE DATA OF CLASSES:

```

#include<iostream.h>

class class-2;
class class-1
{

```

```

        int value 1;
public:
    void indata( int a) { value=a; }
    void display(void) { cout<<value<<endl; }
    friend void exchange ( class-1 &, class-2 &);
};

class class-2
{
    int value2;
public:
    void indata( int a) { value2=a; }
    void display(void) { cout<<value2<<endl; }
    friend void exchange(class-1 & , class-2 &);
};
void exchange ( class-1 &x, class-2 &y)
{
    int temp=x. value 1;
    x. value 1=y.value2;
    y.value2=temp;
}

int main( )
{
    class-1 c1;
    class-2 c2;
    c1.indata(100);
    c2.indata(200);
    cout<<"values before exchange:"<<endl;
    c1.display( );
    c2.display( );
    exchange (c1,c2);
    cout<<"values after exchange :"<< endl;
    c1. display ( );
    c2. display ( );
    return(0);
}

```

output:

```

values before exchange
    100
    200
values after exchange
    200
    100

```

PROGRAM FOR ILLUSTRATING THE USE OF FRIEND FUNCTION:

```
#include< iostream.h>
class account1;
class account2
{
private:
    int balance;
public:
    account2( ) { balance=567; }
    void showacc2( )
    {
        cout<<"balanceinaccount2 is:"<<balance<<endl;
    }
friend int transfer (account2 &acc2, account1 &acc1,int amount);
};

class account1
{
private:
    int balance;
public:
    account1 ( ) { balance=345; }

    void showacc1 ( )
    {
        cout<<"balance in account1 :"<<balance<<endl;
    }
friend int transfer (account2 &acc2, account1 &acc1 ,int amount);
};

int transfer ( account2 &acc2, account1 & acc1, int amount)
{
    if(amount <=acc1 . bvalance)
    {
        acc2. balance + = amount;
        acc1 .balance - = amount;
    }
    else
        return(0);
}

int main()
{
    account1  aa;
    account2  bb;

    cout << "balance in the accounts before transfer:" ;
    aa . showacc1( );
    bb . showacc2( );
    cout << "amt transferred from account1 to account2 is:";
    cout<<transfer ( bb,aa,100)<<endl;
```

```
        cout<< " balance in the accounts after the transfer:";
        aa . showacc 1 ( );
        bb. showacc 2( );
        return(0);
    }
```

output:

balance in the accounts before transfer

balance in account 1 is 345

balance in account2 is 567

and transferred from account1 to account2 is 100

balance in account 1 is 245

balance in account2 is 667

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RETURNING OBJECTS:

```
#include< iostream,h>
class complex
{
    float x;
    float y;
public:
    void input( float real , float imag)
    {
        x=real;
        y=imag;
    }
    friend complex sum( complex , complex);
    void show ( complex );
};

complex sum ( complex c1, complex c2)
{
    complex c3;
    c3.x=c1.x+c2.x;
    c3.y=c1.y+c2.y;
    return c3;}

void complex :: show ( complex c)
{
    cout<<c.x<<" +j "<<c.y<<endl;
}

int main( )
{
    complex a, b,c;
    a.input(3.1,5.65);
    b.input(2.75,1.2);
    c=sum(a,b);
    cout <<" a="; a.show(a);
    cout <<" b= "; b.show(b);
    cout <<" c=" ; c.show(c);
    return(0);
}
```

output:

```
a =3.1 + j 5.65
b= 2.75+ j 1.2
c= 5.55 + j 6.85
```