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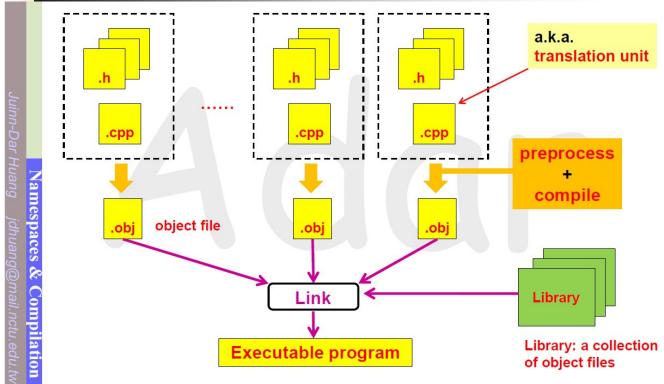
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## Making an Executable Program



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## Why Separate Compilation?

- Consider you are doing a software project with million lines of code ...
  - Code size of a source file ↑ → compile time ↑
  - Whenever any change (even in .h file) is made, you have to recompile the source file again
- Partition source code based on logical structure
  - Only compile the partial source code with change
  - Better readability and maintainability
- Separate compilation is better for encapsulation
  - Have you ever seen the source code implementing rand() in standard library cstdlib?
  - Promote software reusability



#### Review ADT in C++

- An ADT is a class defined to separate the interface and the implementation
  - All member variables are private
- The interface of the ADT includes
  - The class definition
  - The declarations of the basic operations, such as
    - Public member functions
    - Friend functions
    - Overloaded operators
- The implementation of the ADT includes
  - The definitions of member functions and operators
  - Make them unavailable to the programmer

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#### Separate Files

- In C++ the ADT interface and implementation can be stored in separate files
  - ADT interface is often stored in a header file (\*.h)
  - ADT implementation is often stored in source files (\*.cpp)
- C++ allows you to further divide the source code into several .cpp files
  - Each part can be stored and compiled separately
- Class definition and implementation can be stored separately from the main program
  - This allows you to use the class in multiple programs
  - Similar to creating your own libraries of classes





#### **Enable Separate Compilation**

- You must provide enough info required to compile a source file in isolation from the rest of the program
  - Ex: before using cout, you need to inform compiler in advance by using #include <iostream>
- For user-defined ADT, interface info is provided through the header file, ex: include "dtime.h"
  - Provide definitions of classes and functions only, no implementation details
- C++ does not allow splitting the public and private parts of the class definition across files
  - The entire class definition is usually included in the interface file

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## Case Study: DigitalTime

- The interface file of the class DigitalTime contains its definition
  - The values of the class are:
    - Time of day, such as 9:30, in 24 hour notation
  - The public members are part of the interface
  - The private members are part of the implementation
- The DigitalTime ADT interface is stored in a file named dtime.h
  - The .h suffix means this is a header file
  - Interface files are always header files
- A program using dtime.h must include it using an include directive → #include "dtime.h"



#### Example: dtime.h

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

class DigitalTime
{
public:
    friend bool operator ==(const DigitalTime& time1, const DigitalTime& time2);
    DigitalTime(int theHour, int theMinute);
    DigitalTime();
    void advance(int minutesAdded);
    void advance(int hoursAdded, int minutesAdded);
    friend istream& operator >>(istream& ins, DigitalTime& theObject);
    friend ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const DigitalTime& theObject);
private:
    int hour;
    int minute;
};</pre>
```



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#### #include " " or < > ?

- To include a predefined header file, use < and > Ex: #include <iostream>
  - < and > tells the compiler to look in the system directory that stores predefined header files
- To include a user-defined header file, use " and " Ex: #include "dtime.h"
  - " and " usually cause the compiler to look in the current directory for the header file





#### The Implementation File

- Contains the definitions of the ADT functions
- Usually has the same name as the header file but a different suffix
  - Since our header file is named dtime.h, the implementation file is named dtime.cpp
  - Suffix depends on your system (some use .cxx or .CPP)
- Class implementation also needs to know its definition first
  - Do remember to include the interface file at beginning by #include "dtime.h"



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## Example: dtime.cpp (1/3)

## Example: dtime.cpp (2/3)

```
ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const
                        DigitalTime& theObject)
{
   outs << theObject.hour << ':';
  if (theObject.minute < 10)
     outs << '0';
  outs << theObject.minute;
  return outs;
}
void readMinute(istream& ins, int& theMinute)
  char c1, c2;
  ins >> c1 >> c2;
  if (!(isdigit(c1) && isdigit(c2)))
     cout << "Illegal input to readMinute\n";
     exit(1);
  }
```

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## Example: dtime.cpp (3/3)

```
theMinute = digitToInt(c1)*10 + digitToInt(c2);
if (theMinute < 0 || theMinute > 59)
{
    cout << "Illegal input to readMinute\n";
    exit(1);
}

void readHour(istream& ins, int& theHour)
{
    char c1, c2;
    ins >> c1 >> c2;
    if ( !( isdigit(c1) && (isdigit(c2) || c2 == ':' ) ) )
    {
        cout << "Illegal input to readHour\n";
        exit(1);
    }
}</pre>
```

```
if (isdigit(c1) && c2 == ':')
{
    theHour = digitToInt(c1);
}
else //(isdigit(c1) && isdigit(c2))
{
    theHour = digitToInt(c1)*10 + digitToInt(c2);
    ins >> c2;
    if (c2 != ':')
    {
        cout << "Illegal input to readHour\n";
        exit(1);
    }
}
if ( theHour < 0 || theHour > 23 )
{
    cout << "Illegal input to readHour\n";
    exit(1);
}</pre>
```

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#### The Application File

- dtime.cpp is not a complete program yet
  - You have no main() to execute
- Another application file is required, which contains the program that uses the ADT
  - It is also called a driver file
  - Of course, application file also needs to know the class definition before using it → #include "dtime.h"
- In summary, the basic steps to run a program are
  - Compile the implementation file
  - Compile the application file
  - Link the object files to create an executable program
    - The tool, linker, is often done automatically after compilation

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#### Example: test.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "dtime.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    DigitalTime clock, oldClock;
    cout << "Enter the time in 24-hour notation: ";
    cin >> clock;
    oldClock = clock;
    clock.advance(15);
    if (clock == oldClock)
        cout << "Something is wrong.";</pre>
```

#### Sample Dialogue

Enter the time in 24-hour notation: 11:15
You entered 11:15
15 minutes later the time will be 11:30
2 hours and 15 minutes after that
the time will be 13:45





#### Why Use Three Separate Files?

- The ADT can be used in other programs without rewriting the definition of the class for each
  - Ensure the consistency between different files
- Implementation file is compiled only once even if multiple programs use the ADT
  - Save compilation time
- Changing the implementation file does not require changing the program using the ADT
  - Hide the implementation details from the users
  - Easier for reuse !!



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#### Compile dtime.h?

- The interface file is not compiled separately
  - Replace any occurrence of #include "dtime.h" with the text of dtime.h before compiling
  - This is done at the preprocess step
- Both the implementation file and the application file contain #include "dtime.h"
  - The text of dtime.h is seen by the compiler in each of these files
  - There is no need to compile dtime.h separately
- Do remember to put only the declarations that do not need compilation in the header file

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#### **Illustration of Preprocessing**

#### dtime.h

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class DigitalTime
{
......
};
```

#### test.cpp

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```
#include <iostream>
#include "dtime.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
{
......
}
```

Preprocessor "copies" the texts of dtime.h into test.cpp before compilation

```
#include <iostream>
class DigitalTime
{
    ......
};
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    ......
}
```



#### A Header File Usually Contains

- Type definitions
- Type declarations
- Typedefs / type aliases
- **Enumerations**
- Class template definitions
- Class template declarations
- Declarations/definitions of function templates
- **Function declarations**
- Inline function definitions
- Data declarations
- Constant definitions
- Include directives
- Macro definitions

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Named namespaces

```
int f(double);
```

class XYZ { ..... };

typedef intPtr int\*;

class ABC;

inline void g(char ch) { ..... }

enum Light {RED, YELLOW, GREEN};

template<typename T> class V {...};

template<typename T> class Z;

extern int a;

const float PI = 3.14159

#include <cstdlib>

#define VERSION 12

namespace N { ..... }



#### A Header File Should not Contain

- Ordinary function definitions char get(char \*p) { ..... }
  - Declarations only
- Data definitions
  - Only constants are allowed
- Aggregate definitions
- Unnamed namespaces
  - Discussed later
- Using directives
  - Discussed later

- int a;
- short table[] =  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ ;
- namespace { ... }
- using namespace Foo;
- Unmatched definitions/declarations in different files



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#### Multiple Classes

- A program may use several classes
  - Each could be stored in its own interface and implementation files
  - Some files can "include" other files, that include the same definitions in common, ex: <iostream>
- It is possible that the same interface file is included in multiple files
  - C++does not allow multiple declarations of a class
- The #ifndef directive can be used to prevent multiple declarations of a class



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#### Introduction to #ifndef

- To prevent multiple declarations of a class, we can use these directives:
  - #define DTIME\_H adds DTIME\_H to a list indicating DTIME\_H is defined
  - #ifndef DTIME\_H checks to see if DTIME\_H has been defined
  - #endifIf DTIME\_H has been defined, skip to #endif
- DTIME\_H is the normal convention for creating an identifier to use with ifndef
  - It is the file name in all caps
  - Use '\_' instead of '.'

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Using the same name makes your code easy to read



#### Using #ifndef

Consider this code in the interface file

```
#ifndef DTIME_H

#define DTIME_H

< The DigitalTime class
definition goes here>
#endif
```

- The first time a #include "dtime.h" is found,
   DTIME\_H and the class are defined
- The next time a #include "dtime.h" is found, all lines between #ifndef and #endif are skipped



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#### Ex: Header File with #ifndef

```
#ifndef DTIME H
               #define DTIME H
               #include <iostream>
               using namespace std;
               class DigitalTime
               {
               public:
                 friend bool operator ==(const DigitalTime& time1, const DigitalTime& time2);
                 DigitalTime(int theHour, int theMinute);
same as in
                 DigitalTime();
previous
                 void advance(int minutesAdded);
example
                 void advance(int hoursAdded, int minutesAdded);
                 friend istream& operator >>(istream& ins, DigitalTime& theObject);
                 friend ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const DigitalTime& theObject);
               private:
                 int hour;
                 int minute;
```

#endif //DTIME\_H



#### Variable Linkage between Files

- You may use the variables/functions declared at somewhere else, even out of the current file
  - Special treatment is required about their linkage
- Internal linkage
  - A name can be used only in the file in which it is defined
  - Ex: constants, type aliases, ...
- External linkage
  - A name can be used in files different from the one in which it is defined
  - A keyword "extern" is required to notify the compiler; otherwise, this variable is undefined in the current scope
- No linkage
  - Local names (names defined inside functions)

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#### Example of External Linkage

- Programmer must ensure that all declarations referring to the same entity are consistent
  - a is ok, defined in file1 and used in file2
  - b is not ok, a global variable cannot be defined twice
  - c is not ok, there is no actual definitions in both files
  - Functions are implicitly declared as extern
    - Using f() is ok with prior declaration

file1.cpp

file2.cpp

```
int a = 1;  // Global a
double b = 1.0; // Global b
extern int c;  // where is it defined?
int f()  // Global f()
{
  int ans;  // no linkage
  ......
}
```



#### One-Definition Rule (ODR)

- A class, enum, inline function, template, (and ...) must be defined exactly once in a program
  - Ideally, it is defined once in a single file somewhere
  - Just like global variables
- It is difficult for compiler to catch the unmatched definitions in different files
  - Ex: T is int in file1.cpp while T is double in file2.cpp
  - Everything looks good while each file is compiled separately
- How to ensure the definitions are unique and consistent across all files
  - → Put all definitions in a header file that is included in all \*.cpp
  - If you update the header file, all \*.cpp are updated

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#### Why Namespace?

- Assume you get a software library, which contains a function void common(), from company ABC
- You also get a software library, which also contains a function void common(), from company XYZ
- Once you need to use functions from both libraries in your program, you run into a big trouble
  - Multiple definition for a function → link error !!
- Company ABC // in ABC.h Namespace ABC { void common(); }
- Company XYZ // in XYZ.h

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// in XYZ.h
Namespace XYZ { void common(); }

In user's program:

```
#include "ABC.h"
#include "XYZ.h"
void func() {
   ABC::common();
   XYZ::common();
}
```

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#### Namespaces

- A namespace is a collection of name definitions, such as class definitions and variable declarations
- To place code in a namespace
  - Use a namespace grouping

```
namespace Name_Space_Name
{
     Some_Code
}
```

- To use the namespace created → using directive
  - Assign namespace for each function → not convenient
    - using Name\_Space\_Name::function\_name();
  - Use all functions → one-time effort
    - using namespace Name\_Space\_Name;

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#### Namespaces: Adding a Function

- To add a function to a namespace
  - Declare the function in a namespace grouping namespace savitch1 { void greeting(); }
- Specify the namespace while defining the function
  - Define the function in a namespace grouping

```
namespace savitch1
{
    void greeting()
    {
       cout << "Hello from namespace ";
       cout << "savitch1.\n";
    }
}</pre>
```

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#### The Using Directive

- #include <iostream> places names such as cin and cout in the std namespace
- The program does not know about names in the std namespace until you add using namespace std;
  - If you do not use the std namespace, you can define cin and cout to behave differently
- To use a function defined in a namespace

 Include the using directive in the program where the namespace is to be used

 Call the function as the function would normally be called

You can assign a range 'for the using directive

int main( )
{
 using namespace savitch1;
 greeting( );
}



## Example of Namespace (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
namespace savitch1
{
   void greeting();
}
namespace savitch2
{
   void greeting();
}
void bigGreeting();
```

```
int main()
{
    using namespace savitch2;
    greeting();
}

using namespace savitch1;
    greeting();
}

bigGreeting();

Execute different
    functions !!
}
```



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## Example of Namespace (2/2)

```
namespace savitch1
{
    void greeting()
    {
       cout << "Hello from namespace savitch1.\n";
    }
}</pre>
```

```
namespace savitch2
{
    void greeting()
    {
       cout << "Greetings from namespace savitch2.\n";
    }
}

void bigGreeting()
{
    cout << "A Big Global Hello!\n";
}</pre>
```

#### Sample Dialogue

Greetings from namespace savitch2. Hello from namespace savitch1. A Big Global Hello!

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#### A Namespace Problem

- If the same name is used in two namespaces
  - The namespaces cannot be used at the same time
- Suppose you have the namespaces below:

```
namespace ns1
{
    fun1();
    myFunction();
}
```

```
namespace ns2
{
    fun2();
    myFunction();
}
```

Is there an easier way to use both namespaces considering that myFunction is in both?

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#### **Qualifying Names**

- To select individual functions from namespaces
  - using ns1::fun1; //makes only fun1 in ns1 avail
    - The scope resolution operator identifies a namespace here
    - Means we are using ONLY namespace ns1's version of fun1
  - If you only want to use the function once, call it like this ns1::fun1();
    - Similar to calling a member function of a class
- To qualify the type of a parameter from namespaces
  - Use the namespace and the type name int getNumber (std::istream inputStream)

...

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- istream is the istream defined in namespace std
- If istream is the only name needed from namespace std, then you do not need using namespace std



#### **Example of Qualified Names**

```
namespace Crystal {
                                       // Another alternative way
  void func3( );
                                       void Stone::func2( ) { // in Stone's scope
  void func4( );
                                          using Crystal::func4;
                                          func4();
                                                           // call Crystal::func4( )
namespace Stone {
                                          func4();
                                                           // call Crystal::func4( )
  void func1( );
                                       }
  void func2( );
}
                                                    It's OK now without specifying
                                                    the namespace of a function.
void Stone::func1( ) { // in Stone's scope
  func2();
                        // call Stone::func2( )
                        // error!! No func3 in this scope
  func3();
  Crystal::func3();
                        // OK, namespace is specified
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```



#### Directive/Declaration

- A using directive (e.g: using namespace std) makes all the names in the namespace available
- A using declaration (e.g. using std::cout) makes only one name available from the namespace
- You can also add using declaration in another namespace
  - Introduce a name from other scope into this one namespace Stone { void func1( ); void func2( ); using Crystal::func3;
- Make ALL names from Crystal accessible namespace Stone { void func1( ); void func2(); using namespace Crystal; // all names in Stone's scope }

// func3 now in Stone's scope



#### A Subtle Point

- A <u>using directive</u> potentially introduces a name
  - If ns1 and ns2 both define myFunction, using namespace ns1; using namespace ns2; is OK if myFunction is never used!
- A <u>using declaration</u> introduces a name into your code <u>right away</u>
  - No other use of the name can be made after that

```
using ns1::myFunction; using ns2::myFunction;
```

is illegal, even if myFunction is never used



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#### Using Declarations v.s Using Directives

```
namespace X {
   extern int i, j, k;
}
int k; // global k in this file

void f( ) {
   int i = 0;
   using namespace X;
   ++i; // local i
   ++j; // X::j
   ++k; // error!! X::k or global k?
   ++::k; // global k
   ++X::k; // X's k
}
```

using directive

using declaration

All names from X are injected into the namespace of function f.



#### **Unnamed Namespaces**

- By default, functions and data variables defined in global scope have external linkage
  - You can link to them if you know their names
- What if you want to keep them local within a file?
  - Ex: hide the implementation of private functions
- Use unnamed namespaces !!
  - No name to be accessed outside the file ...
  - Ex:

```
void g( ) {
namespace {
                            f(); // call f() in unnamed namespace
  int a;
  void f( ) { ... };
                 Names defined in the unnamed namespace
                                                                  6-43
```

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are local to the compilation unit (i.e. this file)



#### The Unnamed Grouping

Every compilation unit can have an unnamed namespace

Looks like other namespace, but no name is given:

namespace void sample\_function( ) } //unnamed namespace

- Names in the unnamed namespace
  - Can be used in the compilation unit without a namespace qualifier
  - Cannot be reused outside the compilation unit
- The DigitalTime interface of previous example is rewritten using unnamed namespace as follows



#### **Modified DigitalTime Class**

```
dtime.h
#ifndef DTIME H
#define DTIME H
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class DigitalTime
{ ..... };
#endif //DTIME H
```

class definition is also a public information → in named namespace

```
#ifndef DTIME H
#define DTIME_H
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
namespace dtimesavitch
  class DigitalTime
  { ..... };
#endif //DTIME_H
```

```
dtime.cpp
// include files
void readHour(istream& ins, int& theHour);
void readMinute(istream& ins, int& theMinute);
int digitToInt(char c);
// other friend functions and member functions
```

```
namespace { // declare unnamed namespace
  void readHour(...);
  void readMinute(...);
                          3 local functions are put
  int digitToInt(...);
                          into unnamed namespace
namespace dtimesavitch {
  // friend functions and member functions
                  public functions are put into
                        dtimesavitch namespace
namespace {
  // private functions for local scope only
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```



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## Test.cpp with Namespace

```
Unnamed namespace is
                      not in this file
#include <iostream>
#include "dtime.h"
                      → define a local version
void readHour(int& theHour);
int main()
  using namespace std;
  using namespace dtimesavitch;
  int theHour:
  readHour(theHour); // execute local version
  DigitalTime clock(theHour, 0), oldClock;
  oldClock = clock;
  clock.advance(15);
  if (clock == oldClock)
     cout << "Something is wrong.";
  cout << "You entered " << oldClock << endl;
  cout << "15 minutes later the time will be "
       << clock << endl;
```

```
clock.advance(2, 15);
  cout << "2 hours and 15 minutes after that\n"
        << "the time will be " << clock << endl;
  return 0;
}
void readHour(int& theHour) // local version
{
  using namespace std;
  cout << "Let's play a time game.\n"
        << "Let's pretend the hour has just
            changed.\n"
        << "You may write midnight as either
            0 or 24,\n"
        << "but I will always write it as 0.\n"
        << "Enter the hour as a number (0-24): ";
   cin >> theHour;
   if (theHour == 24)
     theHour = 0;
```



#### **Compilation Units Overlap**

- A header file can be #included in many files
  - If there is an unnamed namespace in the header file, you will have two unnamed namespaces now ...
  - This is OK as long as each of the compilation units makes sense independent of the other
  - A name in the header file's unnamed namespace
     cannot be defined again in other unnamed namespaces
- To avoid choosing a name for a namespace that has already been used
  - Add your last name to the name of the namespace
  - Or, use some other unique string



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#### Global or Unnamed Namespace

- Names in the global namespace have global scope
  - They are available without a qualifier to all program files
  - Each file shares the same global space
- Global and unnamed namespaces are different !!
- Global namespace
  - No name, but implicitly defined
  - Global scope → can be accesses by all files
  - Only one global namespace in a program (shared space)
- Unnamed namespace
  - No name, but explicitly defined
  - Local scope → can only be accessed within a file
  - Each file can have its own unique unnamed namespace

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