

Programming Project #5: An Employee Mini-Directory

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(Loosely based on Exercises 10.2 and 10.3)

Let's build a mini-directory that allows us to look up employee information. Your program will first read this information from a data file, after which it will display all the data that was input. Next, your program will repeatedly query the user for an employee's name, display the each employee's information. To keep things simple, let's only track an employee's name, office, and phone extension.

To do this cleanly, let's use a `Minidir` datatype for mini-directories. This datatype should be designed as a `class` having the following member functions:

- `is_empty()`, whose value is `true` if the `Minidir` object is empty, and `false` otherwise.
- `find()`, which finds an employee with a particular name, that name being a `string` parameter.

The implementation data of a `Minidir` will be a `vector<Employee>`, called `data`. This data should be `private`, since we don't want a query program to change our database.

`Minidir` will also have two helper functions: an input operator and an output operator. These will be `friends` of the `Minidir` class, meaning that they can access `data`, even they're not member functions.

Note that we have now introduced an `Employee` datatype. Let's implement this as a `struct` having data members named `name`, `office`, and `phone`, all of which should be `strings`. This datatype will also have an input operator and an output operator as helper functions. I found it helpful to also have a three-parameter constructor, the parameters being the name, office, and phone number.

Not surprisingly, the `Minidir` datatype will be given by two files:

- `Minidir.h`: the header file for the `Employee` and `Minidir` datatypes.
- `Minidir.cc`: the corresponding implementation file.

In addition, you'll need a file `proj5.cc`, whose main function reads a mini-directory from an input file, prints the whole directory on standard output, and then goes into a query/response loop allowing the user to look up employee information.

The project share directory `~agw/class/programming-c++/share/proj5` contains the following files:

- A header file `Minidir.h` for the class.
- A stub version `proj5-stub.cc` of `proj5.cc`.
- A working Linux executable `proj5-agw` that you can play around with.
- A `Makefile`, so that you can use `make` to build the program and `make clean` to clean up detritus.

Copy these to your working directory, as usual.

Your job is to flesh out the details of `proj5.cc` and to write the implementation file `Minidir.cc`. Please work incrementally.

Deliverables: A clean typescript, consisting of the following lines and their output:

```
cat Minidir.cc  
cat proj5.cc  
make clean  
make  
proj5 data0  
proj5 data1  
proj5 data2
```

Good luck!