

# ICT283 Assignment 1

## Objectives:

1. design and write good structured and object-oriented C++ programs;
2. design and write well documented C++ programs that use programmer designed data structures;
3. design and execute test plans (unit tests and application tests);
4. draw Unified Modeling Language class diagrams that can be implemented;
5. discuss (and apply) the theory and application of data structures and the associated algorithms;
6. design and implement solutions that adhere to given specifications and requirements.

You do not work in groups for this assignment as this is an individual assignment.

## Due:

(Submission date/time in the LMS submission area will **override** the due day/time below.)  
4 pm - Perth, WA time Friday, Week 7.

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## How to submit

(also see unit guide - section on Assignment/Project submission/return: Internals: LMS  
Externals: LMS

For submitting in LMS, zip up the entire folder. Make sure that you have included all needed files. Do not include temporary files or files not relevant to the assignment.

Name the zip file with the unit code, Assignment number, your name, student number.

ICT283\_Assignment1\_Samuel\_A\_Ben\_3070737.zip (submission by Sam A. Ben with student number 3070737) or alternatively,

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Textual submissions should be type-written. External documentation can only be in the following formats:

Text (.txt)

PDF (.pdf)

RTF (.rtf)

HTML (.html)

Image formats: PNG, GIF, JPG, TIFF, and BMP.

Assignment cover sheet requirements are listed in the unit guide.

LMS submissions do not require submission of a cover sheet, but you should ensure that the requirements are met.

## Mandatory Preparation:

**Textbook:** It is essential to complete chapter 1, and all chapters till the chapter on “*Overloading and Templates*” from the unit textbook “*C++ Programming: Program Design Including Data Structures*” by D.S. Malik. You can use whichever edition is available at your institution’s bookshop or provided to you.

**Lecture notes and Lab work:** All lecture material and laboratory work up to Topic 5. Lab 6 should also be completed where your **Vector is further tested in isolation**.

The Vector data structure must be tested before use in this assignment.

## Assignment Question:

Please read the following very carefully to identify the requirements of the assignment. You should make separate notes.

Do not start the design or coding until you have understood the requirements. If unsure of something, check the Question and Answer (QandA) file for the assignment. If your query is not addressed in the QandA file for the assignment, please email your query to your lecturer.

You should also check the assignment’s QandA file regularly as the file can be updated and it may have discussion of new issues that you might not have considered.

**This assignment continues from laboratory 5 (Lab 5).** You will be reusing the Vector, Date, and Time classes as well as data file reading code from Lab 5 with some modifications as indicated below. You must ensure that these classes have been thoroughly unit tested before using in this assignment. See file “*LabExcTopic05.doc*” for Topic 5.

If you have not completed lab 5, you will need to complete question 5 from that lab before starting work on this assignment. Unit testing of the classes used in Lab 5 is absolutely essential.

Design an object-oriented solution and implement the solution in C++ to solve the problem described below.

The data files that you need for this assignment are made available to you in the **data** folder. **The order of the columns is not the same.** This data comes from historical data recorded by sensors and is available at <http://www.met.murdoch.edu.au/>. Data is logged at intervals of 10

minutes. Sample data in comma-separated value text files is made available for this assignment. Each file may contain up to a year's worth of data for multiple sensors. Data for each date-time recording are on separate rows. Within each row, a comma separates the value for each sensor. The sensor codes are found at <http://www.met.murdoch.edu.au/sensors>. Examine the data using a text editor **and** in a spreadsheet application. If you download your own data, you may want to remove the first few rows if the key list (sensor list) is there. The data that is supplied to you with this assignment does not contain the key list and is to be used in the assignment. A separate file called *SensorCodes.rtf* is provided which shows what the sensors are. The supplied data files are in the format that you have to work with, but the arrangement of the columns may be different in each of the files provided.

You should also create test versions of the data files so that you can control/specify the various test conditions that needs to be checked. Even though the provided data files are large, they may not cover all the needed test conditions.

Assignment assessors will be using specially crafted test files to test your program. The file formats would be similar to what is provided to you but the data is likely to be different. For your assignment to be considered to be working<sup>1</sup>, the assignment must give correct results when using the assessors' test files.

Note: Don't tick "Date/Time in UTC" when downloading the data yourself. When downloading your own data, you may find that the data column arrangement may not be the same if the backend code at the website has changed. Your program should be able to handle different arrangements of the columns.

To understand the nature of the data, you must complete the lab for topic 5. You need to understand the nature of the data files and how to read the data and load the data into the required data structures. You will need the code that you developed in labs 5 and 6 to continue work on this assignment. Check that your lab 5 code works with each of the data files that are provided as the column arrangements are different. This means your code would need to select which columns to read by examining column headers first.

Design and then write an Object-Oriented program in C++ that meets the specifications shown below. You should provide a suitable menu with an exit option in your main program. When designing the output, imagine yourself as the user of the program. You want the user interaction to be concise but user friendly on the command line. Do not use GUI interaction.

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<sup>1</sup> Consider this as client acceptance testing when you, the software developer, is handing over the software to the client. The client is not going to give you their test data for you to tweak your software to work.  
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## Input/Output (user):

Sample output formats shown below use *made up* data for the year 1905.

Menu options are:

1. The average *wind speed* and sample standard deviation for this wind speed given a **specified month and year**. (print on screen only)

Example output format if there is data:

*January 1905:*

*Average speed: 5.5 km/h*

*Sample stdev: 1.2*

Example output format if there is no data for specified month and year:

*March 1905: No Data*

2. Average *ambient air temperature* and sample standard deviation for **each month of a specified year**. (print on screen only)

Example output format is:

*1905*

*January: average: 25.5 degrees C, stdev: 12.2*

*February: average: 27.5 degrees C, stdev: 10.1*

*March: No Data*

...

3. Total *solar radiation* in kWh/m<sup>2</sup> **for each month of a specified year**. (print on screen only)

Example output format is:

*1905*

*January: 196.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>*

*February: 200.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>*

*March: No Data*

...

4. Average wind speed (km/h), average ambient air temperature and total solar radiation in kWh/m<sup>2</sup> for **each month of a specified year**. The standard deviation is printed in ( ) next to the average. (print to a file called "WindTempSolar.csv")

Output Format:

*Year*

*Month, Average Wind Speed(stdev), Average Ambient Temperature(stdev), Solar*

## Radiation

Example output format is:

1905

January,5.5(1.2),25.5(12.2),196.4

February,4.5(3.1),27.5(10.1),200.3

...

Year is printed on the first line and the subsequent lines list the month and the average *wind speed*, average *ambient air temperature* (with their standard deviations) and the total *solar radiation* for each month. The values are comma separated as shown in the example.

**For menu item 4: If data is not available for any month, do not output the month.** In the example, March 1905 has no data. Nothing is output for March. If the entire year's data is not available, output just the year on the first line and the message "No Data" on the second line.

If data is not available for a particular field, then the output field is blank. As an example, let's say temperature data is not available for February 1905, the output this month will look like:

February,4.5(3.1), ,200.3

### 5. Exit the program.

The user specifies the year and/or month as numeric values. Your program asks for these on the command line and the user types in the required numeric values and presses the "Enter" key. **Date and month entries on the command line must be numeric.** For example, the user types in the value 1 and not the string January or Jan to represent the first month of the year.

The user is not asked to enter a file name. See lab 6.

Although there a number of data columns in the data file, you will only use columns with labels **WAST** (date and time), **S** (Wind Speed), **SR** (Solar Radiation) and **T** (Ambient air temperature). The order of the columns may vary from one data file to the next.

Convert units carefully as the output units are not all the same as the units in the data files. For example, input column S is in m/s but the output needed is km/h. The units for solar radiation in the input data file and the output are also not the same.

## Processing:

**Your program loads the data first from the *data* folder.**

Like lab 5, the program for assignment 1 will use only **one** input data file (.csv) **from the *data* folder**.

Reminder: Your program must **not** ask the user for an input file name.

Unlike lab 5 where the name of the data file is hard coded into the program, assignment 1 will first read a file called *data\_source.txt*. See Lab 6.

The file *data\_source.txt* will contain the name of the input file that actually contains the data. The file *data\_source.txt* is hard coded into the assignment 1 program and this file will contain the name of the actual input data file (.csv). An example *data\_source.txt* is provided and it contains an input file name. Your program **must load** data from the file name found in *data\_source.txt*.

Do not read data files from anywhere else other than the data folder that is provided. There are some input data files provided. One data file is smaller than the others and the column arrangements are different. Your program should be able to read in any one with just a change in the file *data\_source.txt*. Your code should not require rebuilding if a different input data file is needed. **This means that your program must work with different arrangements of column data and it does not need to be rebuilt to read in a different input data file.**

**After** loading the data into the required data structures (see below), your program displays the menu to the user. The required data structures (see below) must be used for menu items 1 to 4.

Make sure the design is modular to cater for future iterations of the assignment requirements. For example, future iterations might require handling of more data fields, use of different data structures. New output requirements may be needed.

If you do not attempt to "future-proof" your design (modularise, increase cohesion, reduce coupling), you will find that you will be re-doing all (or most of) the work to cater for new or modified Assignment 2 requirements within a very much-restricted time frame (can be less than 2 weeks).

Heed the advice and lessons learned in Labs 1 to 6. Complete all readings **and** lab work from earlier topics before starting to work on this assignment. You can of course write small programs to test out ideas needed for this assignment: like how to read and extract data from the given data files (labs 5 and 6); test out algorithms for doing the required processing and unit test basic classes like the Date, Time and Vector classes from lab 5 for use in this assignment.

## Data Structures:

Reuse the *Date*, *Time* and *template Vector* classes from the laboratory exercises.

A template vector class, called *Vector* (from Lab 5) must be used and you must write your own minimal and complete **template Vector** class to store data in a linear structure (see Lab



5). For the purposes of the assignment, a **Vector** class is a *dynamic array encapsulated in a class called Vector*. Access to the private array is through the Vector's public methods. This Vector is **not** the same as the STL vector (see labs 5 and 6). The Vector for the assignment provides the same functionality as the array with controlled access.

The Vector contains only a few methods that are absolutely essential for the Vector. Nice to have functionality should not be implemented as methods. Such nice to have functionality can be provided by helper routines that are not methods (and not friends). As an example, in lab 4 you had the I/O operators that were routines that provided I/O convenience to the classes. Helper routines can also be functions and procedures that operate on the Vector class.

The Vector should allow for resizing. If more space is needed in the Vector than what is available, the Vector would increase its size. As required in lab 5, the client of Vector should not need to make this request to increase size.

To better understand the template requirement, you should complete the textbook chapter on “*Overloading and Templates*” and complete Lab 5.

Make sure that the implementation of a method is separate from the method's prototype declaration (interface) in a class. This ensures that the implementation and the interface are separate. For template classes both interface and implementation will be in the same .h (header) file but in separate parts of the file. For non-template classes, the interface will be in .h files and the implementation will be in .cpp files. For a template class like Vector, only a Vector.h is needed.

Header files (.h) must be documented using doxygen style comments as shown in the file *ModelFile.h* in *doxyexample* folder from earlier topics. See *DoxyExample* from Topic 1. Comments should be indented to the right so that method prototypes stand out from the comments.

As indicated earlier, you should design your classes so that they can be used in the future with different specifications of this assignment. See the Lab 5 exercise where you are asked to “future-proof” your design.

You should be careful that you do not have data structure classes that have I/O methods or friends. Completion of laboratory session 4 is also essential. If you have data structure classes that do I/O, aside from not getting marks, you will have to do a lot more re-coding (i.e. a lot more work) when the I/O requirements change. You may want to have dedicated I/O classes instead or let the main program deal with I/O. Be mindful of the principles of cohesion and coupling as these concepts underlie some of the SOLID principles (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID>) and GRASP ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GRASP\\_\(object-oriented\\_design\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GRASP_(object-oriented_design))) or more detailed in this [PDF file link](#) (if interested). GRASP is optional at this stage.

STL data structures/algorithms **cannot** be used in this assignment.

You may use `std::string` and string stream classes in your program instead of using C like strings. You may use `iostream` and file handling classes and objects in C++. See laboratory exercises.

Any advice and further clarifications to these requirements would be found in the QandA file in the assignment 1 area. Questions and Answers (if any) would also be found in this file. The QandA file for Lab 5 is also relevant for this assignment. Markers will assume that you have followed the advice in both the Assignment and Lab QandA files.

## Notes:

- A. The five program menu items listed above are part of assignment 1 requirements. There can be other requirements that you do not need to implement in this assignment, but your design and implementation should be such that additional requirements could be added without major re-design and re-write of the code.
- B. As background information (not relevant to this assignment), research papers (see <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1876610213000829>, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960148108001353>) suggest that solar panel (PV) performance can be affected by temperature.
- C. Solar radiation data is recorded in the text data file as  $\text{W/m}^2$  (Watts per square meter). This is the amount of solar energy being measured per second over an area of one square meter. Or, in other words, the amount of power that is being detected over an area of one square meter. The actual meaning of the value is found here <http://www.met.murdoch.edu.au/details>. As the value recorded is the average  $\text{W/m}^2$  over a 10-minute period, you need to convert this to  $\text{kWh/m}^2$ . This is done by converting the power in Watts (W) over a 10-minute period to Watts-hours. 10 minutes is  $1/6$  hour. So, if the power is 120W for 10 minutes, this would equate to  $120\text{W} \times 1/6 \text{ hour} = 20\text{Wh}$ . To convert Wh to kWh, divide this value by 1000. Thus, you have 0.02 kWh. So  $120\text{W/m}^2$  for 10 minutes is  $0.02 \text{ kWh/m}^2$ . You may want to view [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kilowatt\\_hour](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kilowatt_hour) for a further discussion if you are interested. Manually check calculations done by your code. If the output is wrong, your program would be considered as not working.

Assignment markers<sup>2</sup> use their own test data files to test your program. You will not have access to these test data files and so it would not be possible for you to fake results. Our test data files will have the same format as that provided to you, but the data will be different. Column arrangements would also be different. If your program does not work on the assignment marker's test data file, your program will be deemed as not working. So test thoroughly.

- D. You will notice that the data also has solar radiation recorded at night. So, to simplify the problem, *only solar radiation values  $\geq 100 \text{ W/m}^2$  are to be used in your program.*
- E. Examine the requirements carefully. Do you need to keep the data for each of the 10-minute readings or can you aggregate for the day or the month? For example, a cloud floating by would cause the solar reading to drop temporarily. Are these short-term

<sup>2</sup> Treat the markers as clients. If your program does not work with the client's test data file, your program has failed client acceptance test. In the real world, the contract can specify penalties.



changes relevant to working out solar radiation received from one month or year to the next? What if the requirements change? Think of what other information can be extracted from this data in the future. You will need to justify the approach you took.

- F. You need to keep to the requested specifications. So, calculating and presenting anything more (or less) than what is asked for violates the specifications and your work may get penalised. The specifications also require certain data structures to be used in the solution.
- G. If you are interested in solar power, an easy starting point is [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar\\_power](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_power). Similarly, for wind power, you may want to start at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind\\_power](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind_power). Neither of these sites is needed for this assignment. It only serves to provide a background to the work you are doing.
- H. Any advice and further clarifications to these requirements would be found in the QandA file in the assignment 1 area when the QandA becomes available.

## Submission requirements (for all students):

You must provide **all** of the following in LMS;

- UML design and Data Dictionary (diagrams should show high level **and** the detailed version)
  - Data Dictionary to accompany the UML diagram. Present this in the form of a table as shown in the lecture notes.
  - Written rationale for the design – answer “why” you did something in a particular way or why something is needed. “What it does”, is written in the code comments and not in the rationale. Except for simple setters/getters, provide rationale for **each** method and attribute in your Vector class and any other class that you write. We would like to know why you designed something in a particular way – i.e., what is your thinking behind the design. *You do **not** have to provide a rationale for simple setters/getters. Add an extra column to the **Data Dictionary** shown in topic 4, Lecture 11. Label the column “Rationale”.*
  - Algorithm – so that a non-C++ programmer can implement your approach. The algorithm should be understandable by a programmer who does not know C++ but may know Java, or some other programming language. If you like, you can use the algorithm writing style used in our reference book *Introduction to Algorithms* by Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest and Stein. One example is on page 18 of the third edition of this reference book. Alternatively, you may also decide to use the algorithm writing style from our ICT159 text [Simple Program Design by Robertson](#) (see My Unit Readings for ict283 in the library). You should use meaningful names relevant to this assignment problem.
- Source code with doxygen style comments. All .h files should have doxygen comments as shown in *ModelFile.h*. Implementation files (.cpp) have normal code comments.
- Doxygen output (only html output) in a sub directory called “html”. Doxygen settings to extract everything.
- Program that builds (using Codebloks C++11 setting) and runs. All we would need to do to build your program is to load your solution file: the Codeblocks project file (.cbp) and select “build”. Although we will use our own data file(s), you must still provide the

data file you are using so that the program builds and works as submitted.

- Test plan
- Output of test run(s)
- A declaration indicating what works and what does not work in your program. This declaration should be provided as a separate document called “*evaluation.txt*”. The declaration is a summary of your test plan and output of test runs. Test plan and output of test runs have a lot of detail and are separate documents. *The file evaluation.txt is only a summary – like an executive summary – done as dot points.*

*Printed versions of documents apply **only** when there is a notification in LMS asking for hard copies.*

Do not print code. Code will only exist as soft copy.

## Marking

All marking/feedback via LMS.

UML diagram (High level and Low level)	10
Written rationale for the design with Data Dictionary	10
Non-programming language specific algorithm. <i>Marks not allocated if algorithm is word processed code. The algorithm should not use C++ program code-like syntax.</i>	10
Program that builds and works (includes coding, coding style including readability, doxygen comments, C++ classes). Program can work with different arrangements of column data. <i>Marks not allocated if program does not build or doxygen output is not provided.</i>	30
Non-STL Vector class implementation and usage. <i>Marks not allocated if STL data structures/algorithms used.</i>	30
Evaluation, Test plan and testing. <i>Marks only if evaluation.txt is also provided.</i>	10
Total	100

Marking, and consequently feedback time allocated to staff is tightly controlled. This time allocation is outside any unit coordinators control. It is no longer possible to attempt to debug your assignment or give detailed advice when marking. So, before you submit or demonstrate, please make sure that submission requirements are strictly adhered to, and submission is fully tested<sup>3</sup> in Codeblocks **C++11** using your test plan. Do not fake/falsify any result in the test plan as there will be no marks for the entire assignment if any test is faked/falsified.

<sup>3</sup> You already know this process as you revised it when completing the ict159 revision exercise at the start of semester/trimester.  
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There is a very important lesson where code is concerned: never hope for the best, as that hope will be dashed by your code.

Where an assessed demonstration is needed, there is an average of 7 minutes to convince your tutor/lecturer that you know all aspects of your work. There would not be time to discuss anything else.

Progress on the assignment (i.e. Labs 5 and 6) needs to be demonstrated in the weeks leading up to the submission of the assignment.

There are no marks given unless progress is demonstrated in-person, normally during your laboratory/tutorial time.

The assignment that is submitted may require personal defence/demonstration after submission.

If this defence/demonstration is needed, you will be contacted. If you do not defend/demonstrate in-person, no marks will be given, resulting in a mark of 0.