

Program Documentation Requirements
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Driver/main Files (.cpp)

```
/******
*** NAME           :                               ***
*** CLASS          : CSc XXX                       ***
*** ASSIGNMENT     :                               ***
*** DUE DATE       :                               ***
*** INSTRUCTOR     : GAMRADT                       ***
*****
*** DESCRIPTION : <detailed english description of the current assignment> ***
*****/

// preprocessor directives
// global declarations and definitions – constants, data types, functions
// main function definition

/******
*** FUNCTION <name of function>                               ***
*****
*** DESCRIPTION : <detailed english description of the function> ***
*** INPUT ARGS  : <list of all input argument names>           ***
*** OUTPUT ARGS: <list of all output argument names>          ***
*** IN/OUT ARGS : <list of all input/output argument names>    ***
*** RETURN      : <return type and return value name>         ***
*****/
ReturnType functionName( <argument declarations> )
{
    // etc...
}
```

Notes:

- readable, self-describing identifier names are required.
- a separate function description block is required for each function definition other than main.

Header Files (.h)

```
/*
*** NAME      :
*** CLASS     : CSc XXX
*** ASSIGNMENT :
*** DUE DATE  :
*** INSTRUCTOR : GAMRADT
*****
*** DESCRIPTION : <general english description of the abstract data type>
***              <including supporting operations>
*****/

#ifndef _MYADT_H
#define _MYADT_H

// other preprocessor directives
// exportable declarations and definitions – constants, data types

class MyClass
{
    public:
        // exportable
/*
*** FUNCTION <name of function>
*****
*** DESCRIPTION : <general english description of the function>
*** INPUT ARGS   : <list of all input arguments>
*** OUTPUT ARGS  : <list of all output arguments>
*** IN/OUT ARGS  : <list of all input/output arguments>
*** RETURN       : <return type and return value>
*****/
        ReturnType exportableFunction( <argument declarations> );
    private:
        // non-exportable
        // No Documentation
        ReturnType nonExportableFunction( <argument declarations> );
        // all other non-exportable members – constants, types, data
};

#endif
```

Note:

- a separate function description block is required for each exportable function declaration.

Implementation Files (.cpp)

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/******  
*** NAME      :                               ***  
*** CLASS     : CSc XXX                       ***  
*** ASSIGNMENT :                               ***  
*** DUE DATE  :                               ***  
*** INSTRUCTOR : GAMRADT                      ***  
*****  
*** DESCRIPTION : <detailed english description of the abstract data type> ***  
***              <including supporting operations>                             ***  
*****/  
  
#include "myadt.h"                               // matching header file  
// other preprocessor directives  
  
/******  
*** FUNCTION <name of function>                               ***  
*****  
*** DESCRIPTION : <detailed english description of the function> ***  
*** INPUT ARGS  : <list of all input argument names>           ***  
*** OUTPUT ARGS : <list of all output argument names>          ***  
*** IN/OUT ARGS : <list of all input/output argument names>    ***  
*** RETURN     : <return type and return value name>           ***  
*****/  
ReturnType MyClass::functionName( <argument declarations> )  
{  
    // etc...  
}
```

Note:

- a separate function description block is required for each function definition.