

# Computer Programming

## Chapter 9: Class

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# [review] Constructor

- Constructor
  - A special member function
  - Used to initialize an object
  - We can use constructor to initialize data members
- Same name as the class  
Time::Time()  
{  
  
}  
• No return type
  - Not even *void*

# [review] Example: constructor

```
class Time
{
public:
    Time( ) //beginning of the constructor
    {
        Initialization when a Time object is created
    } // end of the constructor
    other part of the class.....
}
```

# 9.7 Access Functions and Utility Functions

- Access functions
  - Declared *public*
  - Use to
    - Read data
    - Display data
    - Test the truth or falsity of conditions
- Utility functions
  - Usually declared as *private*
  - Also known as *helper function*
  - To support (help) public member function

```
1 // Fig. 9.7: SalesPerson.h
2 // SalesPerson class definition.
3 // Member functions defined in SalesPerson.cpp.
4 #ifndef SALESP_H
5 #define SALESP_H
6
7 class SalesPerson
8 {
9 public:
10    static const int monthsPerYear = 12; // months in one year
11    SalesPerson(); // constructor
12    void getSalesFromUser(); // input sales from keyboard
13    void setSales( int, double ); // set sales for a specific month
14    void printAnnualSales(); // summarize and print sales
15 private:
16    double totalAnnualSales(); // prototype for utility function
17    double sales[ monthsPerYear ]; // 12 monthly sales figures
18 }; // end class SalesPerson
19
20#endif
```

**Fig. 9.7** | SalesPerson class definition.

```
1 // Fig. 9.8: SalesPerson.cpp
2 // SalesPerson class member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <iomanip>
5 #include "SalesPerson.h" // include SalesPerson class definition
6 using namespace std;
7
8 // initialize elements of array sales to 0.0
9 SalesPerson::SalesPerson()
10 {
11     for ( int i = 0; i < monthsPerYear; i++ )
12         sales[ i ] = 0.0;
13 } // end SalesPerson constructor
14
```

**Fig. 9.8** | SalesPerson class member-function definitions. (Part I of 3.)

```
15 // get 12 sales figures from the user at the keyboard
16 void SalesPerson::getSalesFromUser()
17 {
18     double salesFigure;
19
20     for ( int i = 1; i <= monthsPerYear; i++ )
21     {
22         cout << "Enter sales amount for month " << i << ": ";
23         cin >> salesFigure;
24         setSales( i, salesFigure );
25     } // end for
26 } // end function getSalesFromUser
27
28 // set one of the 12 monthly sales figures; function subtracts
29 // one from month value for proper subscript in sales array
30 void SalesPerson::setSales( int month, double amount )
31 {
32     // test for valid month and amount values
33     if ( month >= 1 && month <= monthsPerYear && amount > 0 )
34         sales[ month - 1 ] = amount; // adjust for subscripts 0-11
35     else // invalid month or amount value
36         cout << "Invalid month or sales figure" << endl;
37 } // end function setSales
```

```
38
39 // print total annual sales (with the help of utility function)
40 void SalesPerson::printAnnualSales()
41 {
42     cout << setprecision( 2 ) << fixed
43     << "\nThe total annual sales are: $"
44     << totalAnnualSales() << endl; // call utility function
45 } // end function printAnnualSales
46
47 // private utility function to total annual sales
48 double SalesPerson::totalAnnualSales()
49 {
50     double total = 0.0; // initialize total
51
52     for ( int i = 0; i < monthsPerYear; i++ ) // summarize sales results
53         total += sales[ i ]; // add month i sales to total
54
55     return total;
56 } // end function totalAnnualSales
```

**Fig. 9.8** | SalesPerson class member-function definitions. (Part 3 of 3.)

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```
1 // Fig. 9.9: fig09_09.cpp
2 // Utility function demonstration.
3 // Compile this program with SalesPerson.cpp
4
5 // include SalesPerson class definition from SalesPerson.h
6 #include "SalesPerson.h"
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    SalesPerson s; // create SalesPerson object s
11
12    s.getSalesFromUser(); // note simple sequential code; there a
13    s.printAnnualSales(); // no control statements in main
14 } // end main
```

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**Fig. 9.9** | Utility function demonstration. (Part 1 of 2.)

# 9.8 constructor with default arguments

- **Constructor** with Default Arguments
  - Constructor is called automatically when an object is created (declared)
  - Use for initialization
    - Default argument is useful for initialization
- Access functions
  - **Set**
    - For example (setHour, setMinute, setSecond)
  - **Get**
- Validity check with “set” member functions

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```
1 // Fig. 9.10: Time.h
2 // Time class containing a constructor with default arguments.
3 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp.
4
5 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6 #ifndef TIME_H
7 #define TIME_H
8
9 // Time abstract data type definition
10 class Time
11 {
12 public:
13     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor
14     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
15     void printUniversal(); // output time in universal-time format
16     void printStandard(); // output time in standard-time format
17 private:
18     int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
19     int minute; // 0 - 59
20     int second; // 0 - 59
21 }; // end class Time
22
23 #endif
```

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**Fig. 9.10** | Time class containing a constructor with default arguments.

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```
1 // Fig.9.11: Time.cpp
2 // Member-function definitions for class Time.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <iomanip>
5 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time from Time.h
6 using namespace std;
7
8 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero;
9 // ensures that Time objects start in a consistent state
10 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
11 {
12     setTime( hr, min, sec ); // validate and set time
13 } // end Time constructor
14
15 // set new Time value using universal time; ensure that
16 // the data remains consistent by setting invalid values to zero
17 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
18 {
19     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
20     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
21     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
22 } // end function setTime
```

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**Fig. 9.11** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part I of 2.)

```
23
24 // print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
25 void Time::printUniversal()
26 {
27     cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"
28         << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second;
29 } // end function printUniversal
30
31 // print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
32 void Time::printStandard()
33 {
34     cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 ) << ":"
35         << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 )
36         << second << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
37 } // end function printStandard
```

**Fig. 9.11** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part 2 of 2.)

```
1 // Fig. 9.12: fig09_12.cpp
2 // Demonstrating a default constructor for class Time.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time from Time.h
5 using namespace std;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     Time t1; // all arguments defaulted
10    Time t2( 2 ); // hour specified; minute and second defaulted
11    Time t3( 21, 34 ); // hour and minute specified; second defaulted
12    Time t4( 12, 25, 42 ); // hour, minute and second specified
13    Time t5( 27, 74, 99 ); // all bad values specified
14
15    cout << "Constructed with:\n\tt1: all arguments defaulted\n\t";
16    t1.printUniversal(); // 00:00:00
17    cout << "\n\t";
18    t1.printStandard(); // 12:00:00 AM
19
20    cout << "\n\tt2: hour specified; minute and second defaulted\n\t";
21    t2.printUniversal(); // 02:00:00
22    cout << "\n\t";
23    t2.printStandard(); // 2:00:00 AM
```

**Fig. 9.12** | Constructor with default arguments. (Part I of 3.)

```
24
25     cout << "\n\n\t3: hour and minute specified; second defaulted\n  ";
26     t3.printUniversal(); // 21:34:00
27     cout << "\n  ";
28     t3.printStandard(); // 9:34:00 PM
29
30     cout << "\n\n\t4: hour, minute and second specified\n  ";
31     t4.printUniversal(); // 12:25:42
32     cout << "\n  ";
33     t4.printStandard(); // 12:25:42 PM
34
35     cout << "\n\n\t5: all invalid values specified\n  ";
36     t5.printUniversal(); // 00:00:00
37     cout << "\n  ";
38     t5.printStandard(); // 12:00:00 AM
39     cout << endl;
40 } // end main
```

**Fig. 9.12** | Constructor with default arguments. (Part 2 of 3.)

# 9.9 Destructor

- Similar to Constructor
  - A special member function
  - Constructor : called when an object is created
  - Destructor : called when an object is destroyed
    - Used for termination housekeeping
- Syntax
  - ~ **ClassName** ()
- Receives no parameters and returns no value.
  - No return type
    - not even void.
- Only 1 destructor per class
- Must be public.

## 9.10 When Constructors and Destructors Are Called

- Exit
  - Force a program to terminate immediately
  - Does not execute the destructors of automatic objects
- Abort
  - Similar to exit
  - Does not execute any destructor

# Static, local, global

- Review: variables
  - Local variable
  - Global variable
  - **static** --- will not be destroyed
- Objects
  - **Static** objects
  - Local objects (e.g. within a function)
  - Global objects

```
1 // Fig. 9.13: CreateAndDestroy.h
2 // CreateAndDestroy class definition.
3 // Member functions defined in CreateAndDestroy.cpp.
4 #include <string>
5 using namespace std;
6
7 #ifndef CREATE_H
8 #define CREATE_H
9
10 class CreateAndDestroy
11 {
12 public:
13     CreateAndDestroy( int, string ); // constructor
14     ~CreateAndDestroy(); // destructor
15 private:
16     int objectID; // ID number for object
17     string message; // message describing object
18 }; // end class CreateAndDestroy
19
20 #endif
```

**Fig. 9.13** | CreateAndDestroy class definition.

```
1 // Fig. 9.14: CreateAndDestroy.cpp
2 // CreateAndDestroy class member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "CreateAndDestroy.h" // include CreateAndDestroy class definition
5 using namespace std;
6
7 // constructor
8 CreateAndDestroy::CreateAndDestroy( int ID, string messageString )
9 {
10    objectID = ID; // set object's ID number
11    message = messageString; // set object's descriptive message
12
13    cout << "Object " << objectID << "    constructor runs    "
14      << message << endl;
15 } // end CreateAndDestroy constructor
16
17 // destructor
18 CreateAndDestroy::~CreateAndDestroy()
19 {
20    // output newline for certain objects; helps readability
21    cout << ( objectID == 1 || objectID == 6 ? "\n" : "" );
22
23    cout << "Object " << objectID << "    destructor runs    "
24      << message << endl;
25 } // end ~CreateAndDestroy destructor
```

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```
1 // Fig. 9.15: fig09_15.cpp
2 // Demonstrating the order in which constructors and
3 // destructors are called.
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include "CreateAndDestroy.h" // include CreateAndDestroy class definition
6 using namespace std;
7
8 void create( void ); // prototype
9
10 CreateAndDestroy first( 1, "(global before main)" ); // global object
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
15     CreateAndDestroy second( 2, "(local automatic in main)" );
16     static CreateAndDestroy third( 3, "(local static in main)" );
17
18     create(); // call function to create objects
19
20     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES" << endl;
21     CreateAndDestroy fourth( 4, "(local automatic in main)" );
22     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
23 } // end main
```

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**Fig. 9.15** | Order in which constructors and destructors are called. (Part 1 of 3.)

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```
24
25 // function to create objects
26 void create( void )
27 {
28     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
29     CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5, "(local automatic in create)" );
30     static CreateAndDestroy sixth( 6, "(local static in create)" );
31     CreateAndDestroy seventh( 7, "(local automatic in create)" );
32     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
33 } // end function create
```

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**Fig. 9.15** | Order in which constructors and destructors are called. (Part 2 of 3.)

Object 1 constructor runs (global before main)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS

Object 2 constructor runs (local automatic in main)

Object 3 constructor runs (local static in main)

CREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS

Object 5 constructor runs (local automatic in create)

Object 6 constructor runs (local static in create)

Object 7 constructor runs (local automatic in create)

CREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS

Object 7 destructor runs (local automatic in create)

Object 5 destructor runs (local automatic in create)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES

Object 4 constructor runs (local automatic in main)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS

Object 4 destructor runs (local automatic in main)

Object 2 destructor runs (local automatic in main)

Object 6 destructor runs (local static in create)

Object 3 destructor runs (local static in main)

Object 1 destructor runs (global before main)

## 9.11 Set and Get Function

- Set function
  - Set the values of data member
- Get function
  - Get the value of data member
- A useful interface
  - Work well with private data member
  - Information hiding
    - Avoid direct access to data member
    - You must use Set and Get functions to access the data
  - Easy to use with validity check

```
1 // Fig. 9.16: Time.h
2 // Time class containing a constructor with default arguments.
3 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp.
4
5 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6 #ifndef TIME_H
7 #define TIME_H
8
9 // Time abstract data type definition
10 class Time
11 {
12 public:
13     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor
14
15     // set functions
16     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
17     void setHour( int ); // set hour (after validation)
18     void setMinute( int ); // set minute (after validation)
19     void setSecond( int ); // set second (after validation)
20
```

**Fig. 9.16** | Time class containing a constructor with default arguments. (Part I of 2.)

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```
21 // get functions
22 int getHour(); // return hour
23 int getMinute(); // return minute
24 int getSecond(); // return second
25
26 void printUniversal(); // output time in universal-time format
27 void printStandard(); // output time in standard-time format
28 private:
29     int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
30     int minute; // 0 - 59
31     int second; // 0 - 59
32 }; // end class Time
33
34 #endif
```

---

**Fig. 9.16** | Time class containing a constructor with default arguments. (Part 2 of 2.)

---

```
1 // Fig. 9.17: Time.cpp
2 // Member-function definitions for class Time.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <iomanip>
5 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time from Time.h
6 using namespace std;
7
8 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero;
9 // ensures that Time objects start in a consistent state
10 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
11 {
12     setTime( hr, min, sec ); // validate and set time
13 } // end Time constructor
14
15 // set new Time value using universal time; ensure that
16 // the data remains consistent by setting invalid values to zero
17 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
18 {
19     setHour( h ); // set private field hour
20     setMinute( m ); // set private field minute
21     setSecond( s ); // set private field second
22 } // end function setTime
```

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**Fig. 9.17** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part 1 of 4.)

```
23
24 // set hour value
25 void Time::setHour( int h )
26 {
27     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
28 } // end function setHour
29
30 // set minute value
31 void Time::setMinute( int m )
32 {
33     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
34 } // end function setMinute
35
36 // set second value
37 void Time::setSecond( int s )
38 {
39     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
40 } // end function setSecond
41
```

**Fig. 9.17** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part 2 of 4.)

```
42 // return hour value
43 int Time::getHour()
44 {
45     return hour;
46 } // end function getHour
47
48 // return minute value
49 int Time::getMinute()
50 {
51     return minute;
52 } // end function getMinute
53
54 // return second value
55 int Time::getSecond()
56 {
57     return second;
58 } // end function getSecond
59
```

**Fig. 9.17** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part 3 of 4.)

```
60 // print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
61 void Time::printUniversal()
62 {
63     cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << getHour() << ":"
64         << setw( 2 ) << getMinute() << ":" << setw( 2 ) << getSecond();
65 } // end function printUniversal
66
67 // print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
68 void Time::printStandard()
69 {
70     cout << ( ( getHour() == 0 || getHour() == 12 ) ? 12 : getHour() % 12 )
71         << ":" << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << getMinute()
72         << ":" << setw( 2 ) << getSecond() << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
73 } // end function printStandard
```

**Fig. 9.17** | Time class member-function definitions including a constructor that takes arguments. (Part 4 of 4.)

```
1 // Fig. 9.18: fig09_18.cpp
2 // Demonstrating the Time class set and get functions
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "time.h"
5 using namespace std;
6
7 void incrementMinutes( Time &, const int ); // prototype
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     Time t; // create Time object
12
13     // set time using individual set functions
14     t.setHour( 17 ); // set hour to valid value
15     t.setMinute( 34 ); // set minute to valid value
16     t.setSecond( 25 ); // set second to valid value
17
18     // use get functions to obtain hour, minute and second
19     cout << "Result of setting all valid values:\n"
20         << "    Hour: " << t.getHour()
21         << "    Minute: " << t.getMinute()
22         << "    Second: " << t.getSecond();
```

**Fig. 9.18** | Set and get functions manipulating an object's private data. (Part I of

```
23
24     // set time using individual set functions
25     t.setHour( 234 ); // invalid hour set to 0
26     t.setMinute( 43 ); // set minute to valid value
27     t.setSecond( 6373 ); // invalid second set to 0
28
29     // display hour, minute and second after setting
30     // invalid hour and second values
31     cout << "\n\nResult of attempting to set invalid hour and"
32             << " second:\n    Hour: " << t.getHour()
33             << "    Minute: " << t.getMinute()
34             << "    Second: " << t.getSecond() << "\n\n";
35
36     t.setTime( 11, 58, 0 ); // set time
37     incrementMinutes( t, 3 ); // increment t's minute by 3
38 } // end main
39
```

**Fig. 9.18** | Set and get functions manipulating an object's private data. (Part 2 of 4.)

```
40 // add specified number of minutes to a Time object
41 void incrementMinutes( Time &tt, const int count )
42 {
43     cout << "Incrementing minute " << count
44         << " times:\nStart time: ";
45     tt.printStandard();
46
47     for ( int i = 0; i < count; i++ ) {
48         tt.setMinute( ( tt.getMinute() + 1 ) % 60 );
49
50         if ( tt.getMinute() == 0 )
51             tt.setHour( ( tt.getHour() + 1 ) % 24 );
52
53         cout << "\nminute + 1: ";
54         tt.printStandard();
55     } // end for
56
57     cout << endl;
58 } // end function incrementMinutes
```

**Fig. 9.18** | Set and get functions manipulating an object's private data. (Part 3 of 4.)

## 9.13 Default member-wise assignment

- =
  - Assign each data member from object 1 to the corresponding data member in object 2

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```
1 // Fig. 9.19: Date.h
2 // Date class declaration. Member functions are defined in Date.cpp.
3
4 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
5 #ifndef DATE_H
6 #define DATE_H
7
8 // class Date definition
9 class Date
10 {
11 public:
12     Date( int = 1, int = 1, int = 2000 ); // default constructor
13     void print();
14 private:
15     int month;
16     int day;
17     int year;
18 }; // end class Date
19
20#endif
```

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**Fig. 9.22** | Date class declaration.

---

```
1 // Fig. 9.20: Date.cpp
2 // Date class member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "Date.h" // include definition of class Date from Date.h
5 using namespace std;
6
7 // Date constructor (should do range checking)
8 Date::Date( int m, int d, int y )
9 {
10     month = m;
11     day = d;
12     year = y;
13 } // end constructor Date
14
15 // print Date in the format mm/dd/yyyy
16 void Date::print()
17 {
18     cout << month << '/' << day << '/' << year;
19 } // end function print
```

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**Fig. 9.23** | Date class member-function definitions.

```
1 // Fig. 9.21: fig09_21.cpp
2 // Demonstrating that class objects can be assigned
3 // to each other using default memberwise assignment.
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include "Date.h" // include definition of class Date from Date.h
6 using namespace std;
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    Date date1( 7, 4, 2004 );
11    Date date2; // date2 defaults to 1/1/2000
12
13    cout << "date1 = ";
14    date1.print();
15    cout << "\ndate2 = ";
16    date2.print();
17
18    date2 = date1; // default memberwise assignment
19
20    cout << "\n\nAfter default memberwise assignment, date2 = ";
21    date2.print();
22    cout << endl;
23 } // end main
```

# 9.12 do not return a reference to a private data member

- Protect data member with private access
  - Usually apply Get and Set function to access private data member
  - Could be integrated with validity check
- Returning a reference may bypass the Get and Set function
  - Possibly bypass validity check

```
1 // Fig. 9.19: Time.h
2 // Time class declaration.
3 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp
4
5 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6 #ifndef TIME_H
7 #define TIME_H
8
9 class Time
10 {
11 public:
12     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 );
13     void setTime( int, int, int );
14     int getHour();
15     int &badSetHour( int ); // DANGEROUS reference return
16 private:
17     int hour;
18     int minute;
19     int second;
20 }; // end class Time
21
22 #endif
```

**Fig. 9.19** | Time class declaration.

```
1 // Fig. 9.20: Time.cpp
2 // Time class member-function definitions.
3 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time
4
5 // constructor function to initialize private data; calls member function
6 // setTime to set variables; default values are 0 (see class definition)
7 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
8 {
9     setTime( hr, min, sec );
10 } // end Time constructor
11
12 // set values of hour, minute and second
13 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
14 {
15     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
16     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
17     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
18 } // end function setTime
19
20 // return hour value
21 int Time::getHour()
22 {
23     return hour;
24 } // end function getHour
```

**Fig. 9.20** | Time class member-function definitions. (Part 1 of 2.)

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```
25
26 // POOR PRACTICE: Returning a reference to a private data member.
27 int &Time::badSetHour( int hh )
28 {
29     hour = ( hh >= 0 && hh < 24 ) ? hh : 0;
30     return hour; // DANGEROUS reference return
31 } // end function badSetHour
```

---

**Fig. 9.20** | Time class member-function definitions. (Part 2 of 2.)

```
1 // Fig. 9.21: fig09_21.cpp
2 // Demonstrating a public member function that
3 // returns a reference to a private data member.
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time
6 using namespace std;
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    Time t; // create Time object
11
12    // initialize hourRef with the reference returned by badSetHour
13    int &hourRef = t.badSetHour( 20 ); // 20 is a valid hour
14
15    cout << "Valid hour before modification: " << hourRef;
16    hourRef = 30; // use hourRef to set invalid value in Time object t
17    cout << "\nInvalid hour after modification: " << t.getHour();
18
19    // Dangerous: Function call that returns
20    // a reference can be used as an lvalue!
21    t.badSetHour( 12 ) = 74; // assign another invalid value to hour
22
```

**Fig. 9.21** | Returning a reference to a private data member. (Part I of 2.)

```
23     cout << "\n\n*****\n"
24     << "POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!\n"
25     << "t.badSetHour( 12 ) as an lvalue, invalid hour: "
26     << t.getHour()
27     << "\n*****" << endl;
28 } // end main
```

```
Valid hour before modification: 20
Invalid hour after modification: 30
```

```
*****
POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!
t.badSetHour( 12 ) as an lvalue, invalid hour: 74
*****
```

**Fig. 9.21** | Returning a reference to a private data member. (Part 2 of 2.)

# Summary: Chapter 9

- Object and Class
  - Data member
  - Member function
  - .
  - ->
  - Constructor
  - Destructor
- Separating interface from implementation
  - 3 files (main.cpp, myClass.h, myClass.cpp)
  - Complier and linker