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Specifying the Public Interface of a Class

We will design a cash register class, starting with the public interface. The interface consists of all member functions that a user of the class may need.

By observing a real cashier working, we realize we need member functions to do the following:

- Clear the cash register to start a new sale.
- Add the price of an item.
- Get the total amount owed and the count of items purchased.



Class Definition Syntax

To define a class you write:

```
class NameOfClass
{
  public:
    // the public interface
  private:
    // the data members
};
```

CashRegister class definition

```
class CashRegister
public:
   void clear();
   void add item(double price);
   double get total() const;
   int get count() const;
private:
   // data members will go here
```

It is legal to declare the private members before the public section, but most programmers place the public section first.

It is also legal to have private functions and public data members, but these rarely are appropriate.

Member Functions: Accessors and Mutators

There are two kinds of member functions:

Mutator: modifies the data members of the object. For example,

```
void clear();
```

Accessor: does not modify data members. For example,

double get_total() const;



Figure 3 The Interface of the CashRegister Class

Accessors

This statement will print the current total:

cout << register1.get_total() << endl;</pre>

Common Error: (Shown in small font, enlarge to see)

Can you find the error?

```
class MysteryClass
public:
private:
int main()
```

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Data Representation

Let's continue with the design of CashRegister.

Each CashRegister object has member functions get_count and get_total, so it must store the item count of the sale that is rung up.

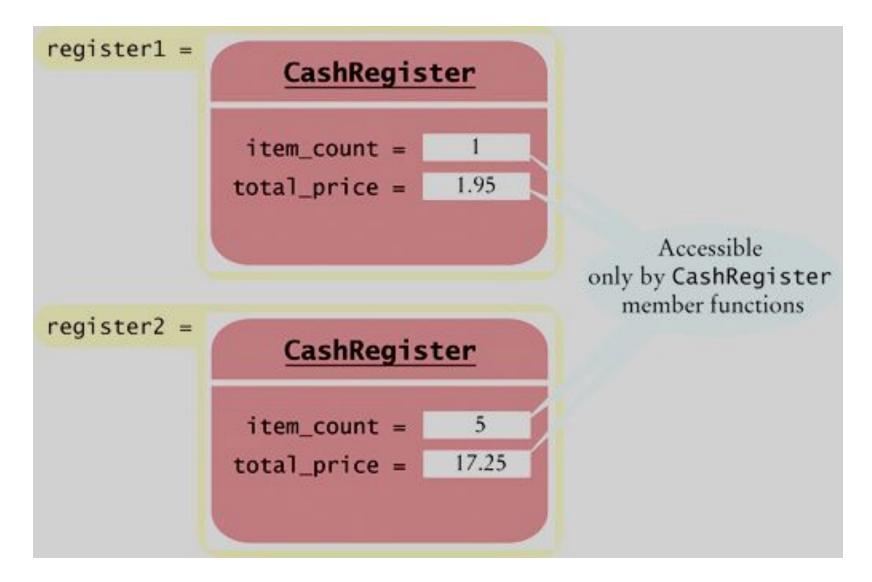
It must either store all entered prices (as a vector or array) and compute the total in the function call, or it must store the total.

Since the latter is simpler and adequate, we'll just store the total.

The Complete Cash Register Interface, with Data

```
class CashRegister
public:
   void clear();
   void add item(double price);
   double get total() const;
   int get count() const;
private:
   int item count;
   double total price;
};
```

Example of Two CashRegister Objects with Data Members



Encapsulation Motivation

Because the data members are private, this won't compile:

```
int main()
{
    ...
    cout << register1.item_count;
    // Error—use get_count() instead
}</pre>
```

The encapsulation mechanism guarantees:

1. We can write the mutator for item_count so that item_count cannot be set to a negative value.

If item_count were pubic, it could be directly set to a negative value by some misguided (or worse, devious) programmer.

2. If we need to change or improve implementation details later, these should not affect users of the public class interface.

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Implementing the Member Functions

Now we have what the interface does, and what the data members are, what is the next step?

Implementing the member functions.

NOT a Member Function

```
void add_item(double price)
{
   item_count++;
   total_price = total_price + price;
}
```

Unfortunately this is NOT the add_item member function: It is a separate function, just like you used to write.

It has no connection with the CashRegister class unless we prefix the function name in the header with

CashRegister::

Member Functions

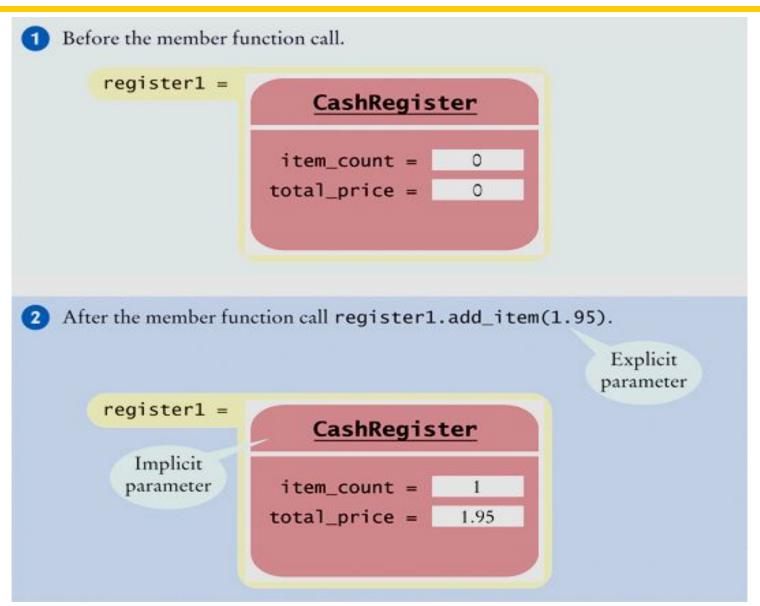
```
void CashRegister::add item(double price)
   item count++;
   total price = total price + price;
int CashRegister::get count() const
   return item count;
/* NOTE that we do NOT declare the item count or
total price variables in the member functions -
they only get declared in the Class interface
definition */
```

Implicit Parameters

```
In the member function call (in main):
                 register1.add item(1.95);
 The variable register1 is an implicit parameter to the member
function. But you don't include it in your code:
   void CashRegister::add item(double price)
       item count++;
       total price = total price + price;
Whenever a member function accesses a variable in the Class's data,
the compiler automatically includes the implicit parameter and a dot
(shown fictitiously in italics below):
   void CashRegister::add item(double price)
      implicit parameter.item count++;
      implicit parameter.total price =
            implicit parameter.total price + price;
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```

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Implicit Parameters vs. Explicit



Calling a Member Function from a Member Function

We have already written the add_item member function

Let's add a member function to add multiple copies of the same item to the total. This new function calls the single-unit function via a loop:

```
void CashRegister::add_items(int qnt, double
  prc)
{
  for (int i = 1; i <= qnt; i++)
    {
     add_item(prc);
  }
}</pre>
```

Calling a Member Function from Another: no Dot

When one member function calls another member function on the same object, you do **not** use the dot notation.

And, of course, the object remains an implicit parameter for both functions.

```
void CashRegister::add_items(int qnt, double
  prc)
{
  for (int i = 1; i <= qnt; i++)
    {
     add_item(prc);
  }
}</pre>
```

The Cash Register Program, Part 1

```
// sec05/cashregister.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
/**
   A simulated cash register that tracks
   the item count and the total amount due.
* /
class CashRegister
public:
   /**
      Clears the item count and the total.
   * /
   void clear();
   /**
      Adds an item to this cash register.
      @param price the price of this item
   */
   void add item(double price);
```

The Cash Register Program, Part 2

```
/**
      @return the total amount of the current sale
   double get total() const;
   /**
      @return the item count of the current sale
   */
   int get count() const;
private:
   int item count;
   double total price;
```

The Cash Register Program, Part 3

```
void CashRegister::clear()
   item count = 0;
   tota\overline{l} price = 0;
void CashRegister::add item(double price)
   item count++;
   total price = total price + price;
double CashRegister::get total() const
   return total price;
int CashRegister::get count() const
   return item count;
```

The Cash Register Program, Part 4 (NOT a member function)

```
/**
   Displays the item count and total
   price of a cash register.
   @param reg the cash register to display
NOT a member function of the class !!
So the CashRegister must be passed as an
  explicit parameter - is not implicit.
*/
void display(CashRegister reg)
   cout << reg.get count() << " $"</pre>
      << fixed << setprecision(2)
      << reg.get total() << endl;
```

The Cash Register Program, main() and the output

```
int main()
   CashRegister register1;
   register1.clear();
   register1.add item(1.95);
   display(register1);
   register1.add item(0.95);
   display(register1);
   register1.add item(2.50);
   display(register1);
   return 0;
     Program Run Output:
     Item 1: $1.95
     Item 2: $2.90
     Item 3: $5.40
```

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Practice It: The CashRegister

```
    Trace through the function calls of

  main(), filling in this diagram of the
  values of register1's data members:
int main()
                                 total price
                                             item count
   CashRegister register1;
   register1.clear();
   register1.add item(1.95);
   display(register1);
   register1.add item(0.95);
   display(register1);
   register1.add item(2.50);
   display(register1);
   return 0;
```

Programming Tip: const Correctness (1)

You should declare all accessor functions with the const reserved word.

For example, suppose you write:

```
class CashRegister
{
    void display(); // Bad - no const
    ...
};
```

When you compile your code, no error is reported.

Programming Tip: const Correctness (2)

But suppose that another programmer uses your CashRegister class in a function:

```
void display_all(const CashRegister
registers[])
{
   for (int i = 0; i < NREGISTERS; i++)
      { registers[i].display(); }
}</pre>
```

For efficiency, that programmer declared the registers[] parameter as const.

But the call registers[i].display() will not compile. Because CashRegister::display is not tagged as const, the compiler suspects that the call may modify registers[i].

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