**CS173: Intermediate Computer Science**

**Reading 10**

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1. Is it a must to follow the principles of information hiding in software engineering? Because in the textbook, it states that “the files TimeOfDay.h and TimeOfDay.obj must be available to users of the TimeOfDay class.” If we must make the specification file publicly available, why do we need to create an additional implementation file, while we can do this job in the client file since the users would be able to read the specification file? I assume that this approach would make the program’s size smaller compared to creating additional implementation file.