

CS 1428  
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Lab 8

## Introduction:

By now you are very familiar with creating and using variables of different types. But C++ does not limit you to using built in data types. You can also create collections of primitive data types called **structs** which can represent more complex objects from the real world. So if, for instance, you knew that every student has a name, an age, and a major then a student could be represented like this:

```
struct Student {  
    string    name;  
    int       age;  
    string    major;  
}
```

```
Student student1;  
student1.name = "Gentry";
```

This allows us to collect data into logical packets which are easier to understand than declaring big groups of primitive variables separately. This is also the first step towards "Object Orientation" which collects all of your code into logically related packets rather than just the data.

The purpose of today's lab is to familiarize you with defining, declaring, and using **structs**.

## Directions:

1- Launch Code::Blocks and start a new file. Name it your\_last\_name\_lab8.cpp.

2- Include the standard header for this lab:

```
//Your Name  
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```

3- Include the `iostream` and `string` standard libraries and declare some functions that we will be using in this lab. Start your main function:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main() {
```

4- You have been hired as the in-house developer for a real estate broker. They need to be able track a large number of Properties which they are currently handling. Create a **struct** called Property which will hold the following pieces of information:

address	a string of numbers and letters
city	a string of letters
price	a number, possibly with a decimal
available	true or false

5- Create an **array** of **Properties** with the following values:

123 Lovely Ln San Marcos 155000.00 true	246 Awful Way Buda 144000.25 true	135 Bigol Hill Kyle 123888.99 true
235 LBJ Court San Marcos 200000.00 true	1123 Van Zandt Dr Austin 900000.00 true	136 Triangle Pl New Braunfels 66000.00 true

6- Write a function called **printProperty** which will take a Property as a parameter and neatly print the values of the that Property to the console. Your output should be strongly similar to the following sample:

<b>Address:</b>	<b>123 Lovely Ln</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>San Marcos</b>
<b>Price:</b>	<b>155000.00</b>
<b>Available:</b>	<b>true</b>

7- Your shop has been working hard and has sold several properties. They want to be able to easily update your array so that the **available** value in the array gets set to **false** instead of **true**. Write a function with the following signature:

**Parameters:** a string **address** which holds the address of a Property, an array of Properties called **properties**, and an int **size** which holds the size of the array **properties**

**Precondition:** **properties** has been properly initialized and as **size** properties stored in it.

**Postcondition:** one value in properties with the same address as given in the parameters should have its **available** value set to **false**. Only one value should be changed in the properties array every time this function is called.

**Return:** **true** if a value has been updated and **false** otherwise.

**Hint:** use the `string.compare(string)` function to compare string. Do not use the `==` operator.  
<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/string/string/compare/>

**bool updateProperty(string address, Property properties[], int size);**

**8-** Call **updateProperty** from your **main** function to mark the following properties as sold:

- 1123 Van Zandt Dr
- 123 Lovely Ln
- 136 Triangle Pl

**9-** Finally, add a loop to your **main** function which will print every property which is still available for sale.

**10-** Build and Run your program. Fix any errors. Your output should look something like this: