



Programming and Computer Applications-2

Introduction to Classes

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Procedural and Object-Oriented Programming

- Procedural programming focuses on the process/actions that occur in a program
- Object-Oriented programming is based on the data and the functions that operate on it.

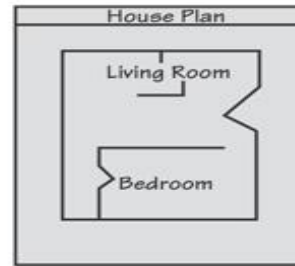
Object-Oriented Programming Terminology

- class: like a **struct** (allows bundling of related variables), but variables and functions in the class can have different properties than in a **struct**
- object: an instance of a **class**, in the same way that a variable can be an instance of a **struct**

Classes and Objects

- A Class is like a blueprint and objects are like houses built from the blueprint

Blueprint that describes a house.



Instances of the house described by the blueprint.



Object-Oriented Programming Terminology

- attributes: members of a class
- methods or behaviors: member functions of a class

Introduction to Classes

- Objects are created from a **class**
- Format:

```
class ClassName
{
    declaration;
    declaration;
};
```

Class Example

```
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        double width;
        double length;
    public:
        void setWidth(double);
        void setLength(double);
        double getWidth() const;
        double getLength() const;
        double getArea() const;
};
```

Access Specifiers

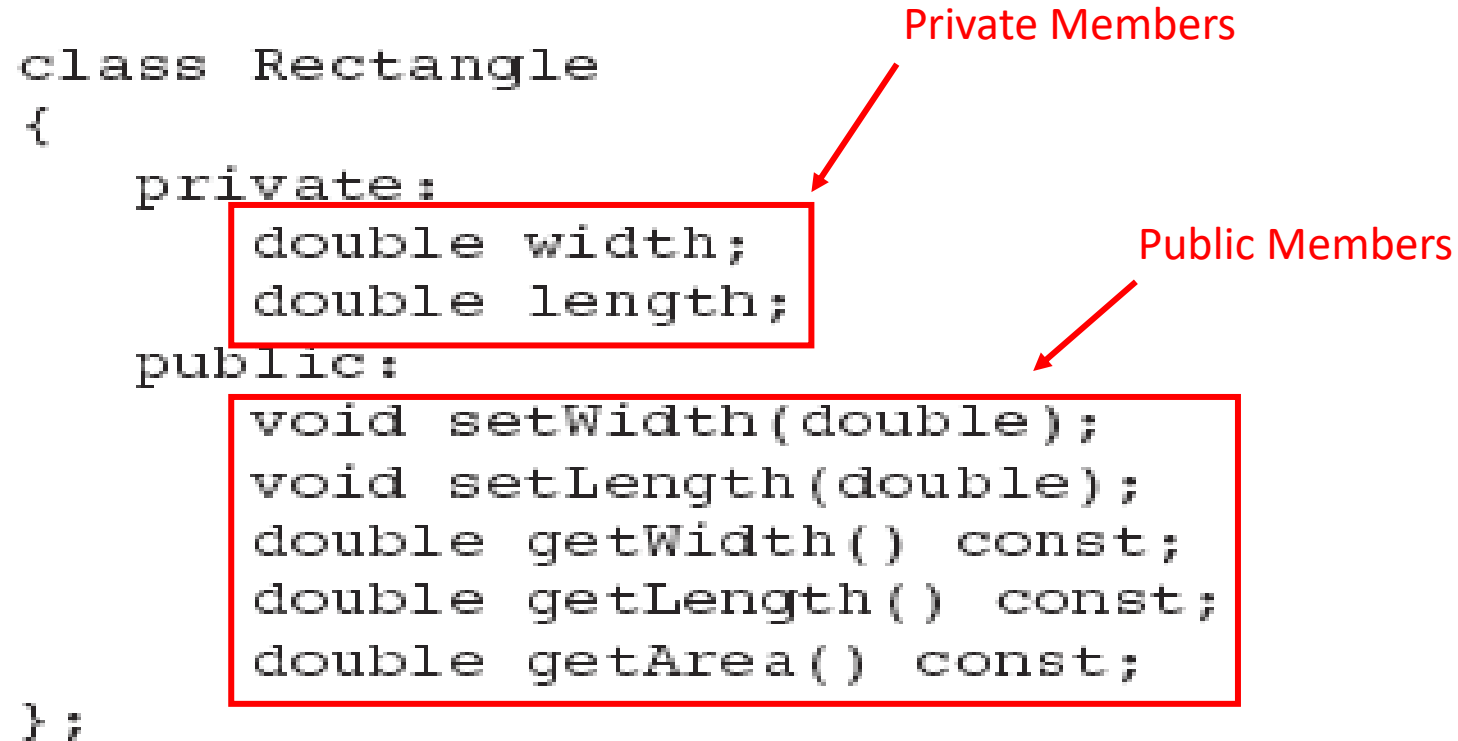
- Used to control access to members of the class
- **public:** can be accessed by functions outside of the class
- **private:** can only be called by or accessed by functions that are members of the class

Class Example

```
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        double width;
        double length;
    public:
        void setWidth(double);
        void setLength(double);
        double getWidth() const;
        double getLength() const;
        double getArea() const;
};
```

Private Members

Public Members

The diagram illustrates the structure of the Rectangle class. It features two red boxes: one enclosing the private member declarations (double width; and double length;) and another enclosing the public member declarations (setWidth, setLength, getWidth, getLength, and getArea). A red arrow points from the label 'Private Members' to the first box, and another red arrow points from the label 'Public Members' to the second box.

More on Access Specifiers

- Can be listed in any order in a class
- Can appear multiple times in a class
- If not specified, the default is **private**

Using `const` With Member Functions

- `const` appearing after the parentheses in a member function declaration specifies that the function will not change any data in the calling object.

```
double getWidth() const;  
double getLength() const;  
double getArea() const;
```

Defining a Member Function

- When defining a member function:
 - Put prototype in class declaration
 - Define function using class name and scope resolution operator `::`

```
int Rectangle::setWidth(double w)
{
    width = w;
}
```

Accessors and Mutators

- **Mutator:** a member function that stores a value in a private member variable, or changes its value in some way
- **Accessor:** function that retrieves a value from a private member variable. Accessors do not change an object's data, so they should be marked **const**.

Defining an Instance of a Class

- An object is an instance of a class
- Defined like structure variables:

```
Rectangle r;
```

- Access members using dot operator:

```
r.setWidth(5.2);
```

```
cout << r.getWidth();
```

- Compiler error if attempt to access **private** member using dot operator

```
// This program demonstrates a simple class.
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// Rectangle class declaration.
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        double width;
        double length;
    public:
        void setWidth(double);
        void setLength(double);
        double getWidth() const;
        double getLength() const;
        double getArea() const;
};

//*****
// setWidth assigns a value to the width member.    *
//*****
void Rectangle::setWidth(double w)
{
    width = w;
}
```

```
//*****
// setLength assigns a value to the length member. *
//*****

void Rectangle::setLength(double len)
{
    length = len;
}

//*****
// getWidth returns the value in the width member. *
//*****

double Rectangle::getWidth() const
{
    return width;
}

//*****
// getLength returns the value in the length member. *
//*****

double Rectangle::getLength() const
{
    return length;
}
```



```
//*****
// getArea returns the product of width times length. *
//*****

double Rectangle::getArea() const
{
    return width * length;
}
//*****
// Function main *
//*****
int main()
{
    Rectangle r;    // Define an instance of the Rectangle class
    double rectWidth; // Local variable for width
    double rectLength; // Local variable for length

    // Get the rectangle's width and length from the user.
    cout << "This program will calculate the area of a\n";
    cout << "rectangle. What is the width? ";
    cin >> rectWidth;
    cout << "What is the length? ";
    cin >> rectLength;
```

```
// Store the width and length of the rectangle
// in the box object.
r.setWidth(rectWidth);
r.setLength(rectLength);

// Display the rectangle's data.
cout << "Here is the rectangle's data:\n";
cout << "Width: " << r.getWidth() << endl;
cout << "Length: " << r.getLength() << endl;
cout << "Area: " << r.getArea() << endl;
return 0;
}
```

Program Output

```
This program will calculate the area of a
rectangle. What is the width? 10 [Enter]
What is the length? 5 [Enter]
Here is the rectangle's data:
Width: 10
Length: 5
Area: 50
```

Inline Member Functions

- Member functions can be defined
 - inline: in class declaration
 - after the class declaration
- Inline appropriate for short function bodies:

```
int getWidth() const  
{ return width; }
```

Constructors

A constructor is a member function of a class which initializes objects of a class.

In C++, Constructor is automatically called when object(instance of class) create.

It is special member function of the class.

Constructors

- Member function that is automatically called when an object is created
- Purpose is to construct an object
- Constructor function name is class name
- Has no return type

Default Constructors

- A default constructor is a constructor that takes no arguments.
- If you write a class with no constructor at all, C++ will write a default constructor for you, one that does nothing.
- A simple instantiation of a class (with no arguments) calls the default constructor:

```
Rectangle r;
```

Passing Arguments to Constructors

- To create a constructor that takes arguments:
 - indicate parameters in prototype:

```
Rectangle(double, double);
```

- Use parameters in the definition:

```
Rectangle::Rectangle(double w, double len)
{
    width = w;
    length = len;
}
```

Passing Arguments to Constructors

- You can pass arguments to the constructor when you create an object:

```
Rectangle r(10, 5);
```


Example

```
// example: class constructor
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Rectangle {
    int width, height;
public:
    Rectangle (int,int);
    int area () {return (width*height);}
};
Rectangle::Rectangle (int a, int b) {
    width = a;
    height = b;
}
```

Example

```
int main () {  
    Rectangle r1(3,4);  
    Rectangle r2(5,6);  
    cout << "r1 area: " << r1.area() << endl;  
    cout << "r2 area: " << r2.area() << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

rect area: 12

rectb area: 30

More About Default Constructors

- If all of a constructor's parameters have default arguments, then it is a default constructor. For example:

```
Rectangle(double = 0, double = 0);
```

- Creating an object and passing no arguments will cause this constructor to execute:

```
Rectangle r;
```

Destructors

- Member function automatically called when an object is destroyed
- Destructor name is ~classname, *e.g.*, **~Rectangle**
- Has no return type; takes no arguments
- Only one destructor per class, *i.e.*, it cannot be overloaded
- If constructor allocates dynamic memory, destructor should release it

Overloading Constructors

- A class can have more than one constructor
- Overloaded constructors in a class must have different parameter lists:

```
Rectangle() ;
```

```
Rectangle(double) ;
```

```
Rectangle(double, double) ;
```

Overloading Constructors

```
// overloading class constructors
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Rectangle {
    int width, height;
public:
    Rectangle ();
    Rectangle (int,int);
    int area (void) {return (width*height);}
};
```

Overloading Constructors

```
Rectangle::Rectangle () {  
    width = 5;  
    height = 5;  
}
```

```
Rectangle::Rectangle (int a, int b) {  
    width = a;  
    height = b;  
}
```

Overloading Constructors

```
int main () {  
    Rectangle r1(3,4);  
    Rectangle r2;  
    cout << "r1 area: " << r1.area() << endl;  
    cout << "r2 area: " << r2.area() << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

rect area: 12

rectb area: 25

Only One Default Constructor and One Destructor

- Do not provide more than one default constructor for a class: one that takes no arguments and one that has default arguments for all parameters

```
Square () ;
```

```
Square(int = 0) ; // will not compile
```

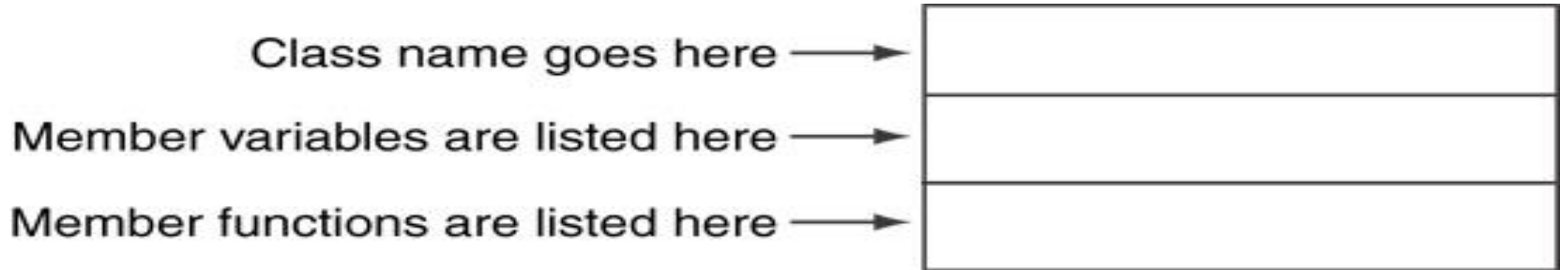
- Since a destructor takes no arguments, there can only be one destructor for a class

The Unified Modeling Language

- *UML* stands for *Unified Modeling Language*.
- The UML provides a set of standard diagrams for graphically depicting object-oriented systems

UML Class Diagram

- A UML diagram for a class has three main sections.



Example: A Rectangle Class

Rectangle
width length
setWidth() setLength() getWidth() getLength() getArea()

```
class Rectangle
{
    private:
        double width;
        double length;
    public:
        bool setWidth(double);
        bool setLength(double);
        double getWidth() const;
        double getLength() const;
        double getArea() const;
};
```

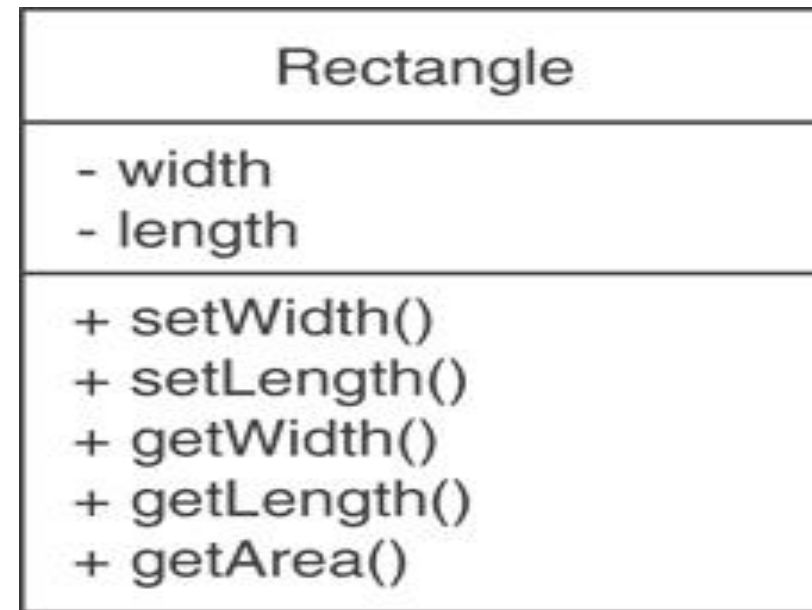
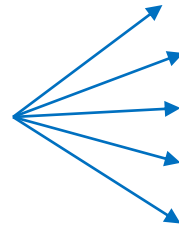
UML Access Specification Notation

- In UML you indicate a private member with a minus (-) and a public member with a plus(+).

These member variables are private.



These member functions are public.



UML Data Type Notation

- To indicate the data type of a member variable, place a colon followed by the name of the data type after the name of the variable.
 - width : double
 - length : double

UML Parameter Type Notation

- To indicate the data type of a function's parameter variable, place a colon followed by the name of the data type after the name of the variable.

+ setWidth(w : double)

UML Function Return Type Notation

- To indicate the data type of a function's return value, place a colon followed by the name of the data type after the function's parameter list.

+ setWidth(w : double) : void

The Rectangle Class

Rectangle
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- width : double- length : double
<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ setWidth(w : double) : bool+ setLength(len : double) : bool+ getWidth() : double+ getLength() : double+ getArea() : double