C++ Exercises Set 4

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What is the meaning of 'encapsulation' and 'data hiding', why are they important when designing classes and why is the implementation irrelevant?

Encapsulation:

A programming concept where related sections of code (i.e. related functions and data) are bound together and are used only in relation to one another. Encapsulating code ensures that the code remains modular and the integrity of the data remains. The class encapsulates all actions performed on its data members. The class object may assume the responsibility for its own data—integrity.

Data hiding:

When data is hidden, it cannot be touched directly by anything outside of that class or classes that extend from this class (or as the book calls it, the data cannot directly by touched by the outer world). Things can access it, but only by using specific methods that the programmer made to either get or manipulate the data (called accessors and manipulators). This means that the data is much safer when compared to keeping all the data public. With data hiding you enforce the data—integrity. This is why encapsulation and data hiding go perfectly together.

Consider the example of the Wizard class interface underneath: (only the interface is required for the understanding of code encapsulation, because encapsulation is all about how the user approaches the data, the user only ever has to see the interface of a class and not the implementation.)

```
class Wizard
{
    int d_health;
    int d_magic;

    public:
        Wizard();
        fireball();
```

In the example above of the Wizard class, the 2 ints d_health and d_magic, the constructor Wizard() and the member function fireball() are all encapsulated together. If the program wants to work with these pieces of data specifically, it must use the Wizard class member functions. This also allows the programmer to change the member functions as long as the input and output stays the same and the declaration stays the same. The developer using these functions does not need to worry about the definition of the function, this makes the code more modular and easy to work with.

There are 2 ints defined in the private part of the class. All data in classes are private unless specified to be public — this is an important aspect of data hiding that classes implement. Private data is not allowed to be touched by anything other than the fellow members of the class. The information inside of d_health and d_magic stay separated from the publicly available data / local data, and that data remains "hidden" from code outside of the class (or the classes that inherit this code, when we will be using 'protected' later on).

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Implement the class "Person" as discussed in the C++ Annotations with additional members insert, and extract.

Listing 1: public_header/person.hh

```
#ifndef INCLUDED_PERSON_
#define INCLUDED_PERSON_
#include <string>
class Person
                                  // Name of person
// Address field
// Telephone number
    std::string d_name;
    std::string d_address;
std::string d_phone;
                                  // The mass in kg
    size_t
                 d_mass;
    public:
        // constructors
        Person()
                                     // Delegating constructor that sets
                                     // everything to to an empty string or 0
             Person("", "", "", 0)
        {}
        Person(
             std::string const &name,
             std::string const &address,
             std::string const &phone,
             size_t mass);
        // accessors
        std::string const &name()
                                        const:
        std::string const &address() const;
        std::string const &phone()
                                        const;
        size_t mass()
                                        const;
        // manipulators
        void setName(std::string const &name);
        void setAddress(std::string const &address);
        void setPhone(std::string const &phone);
        void setMass(size_t mass);
        void setDataMember(std::string &&data, size_t counter);
        static bool const hasOnly(std::string const &&charsAllowed,
                                     std::string const &stringToCheck);
        // other
        void insert(std::ostream &out);
        void extract(std::istream &in);
};
#endif
```

Listing 2: internal_header/person.ih

```
#include "../public_header/person.hh"
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

Listing 3: constructor/person_all_data_members.cc

Listing 4: name/name.cc

Listing 5: address/address.cc

Listing 6: phone/phone.cc

Listing 7: mass/mass.cc

Listing 8: setname/setname.cc

Listing 9: setaddress/setaddress.cc

```
#include "../internal_header/person.ih"

void Person::setAddress(string const &address)
```

Listing 10: setphone/setphone.cc

Listing 11: setmass/setmass.cc

Listing 12: setdatamember.cc

```
#include "../internal_header/person.ih"
void Person::setDataMember(string &&data, size_t counter)
                                     // According to the counter, set a
                                     // datamember everytime this function is
    switch (counter)
                                     // called
        case 0:
            setName(data);
        break:
        case 1:
            setAddress(data);
        break;
        case 2:
            setPhone(data);
        break;
                                     // For case 3 (mass) stoull has to be
                                     // used to be able to convert the string
           setMass(stoull(data));
                                     // to a size_t
        break;
    }
}
```

Listing 13: hasonly/hasonly.cc

Listing 15: extract/extract.cc

```
#include "../internal_header/person.ih"
while (getline(in, line))
                            // Get data from input and put it in line
                            // Add a , to the line for easy processing
      line += ',';
      size_t separatorPos, counter = 0;
      while ((separatorPos = line.find(',')) != string::npos)
                            // Send piece of data to setDataMember
          setDataMember(line.substr(0, separatorPos), counter);
          line.erase(0, separatorPos + 1);
          ++counter;
                            // Erase the piece of data from line,
                            }
                            // Add one to the counter, so setDataMember
   }
                            // handles the input correctly
```

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Design a class Line with two members, one that returns true if the line read contains non-ws characters, the other returns the next line consisting of non-ws characters.

Listing 16: public_header/line.hh

Listing 17: internal_header/line.ih

```
#include "../public_header/line.hh"

#include <iostream>
#include <cctype>
using namespace std;
```

Listing 19: getline/getline.cc