Separate Compilation

Modified from Section 12.1



Separate Compilation

- C++ allows you to divide a program into parts
 - Each part can be stored in a separate file
 - Each part can be compiled separately
 - A class definition can be stored separately from a program.
 - This allows you to use the class in multiple programs

Abstract Data Type (ADT)

- An ADT is a class defined to separate the interface and the implementation
 - All member variables are private
 - The class definition along with the function declarations are grouped together as the interface of the ADT
 - Group the implementation of the operations together and make them unavailable to the programmer using the ADT

The ADT Interface

- The interface of the ADT includes
 - The class definition
 - The declarations of the basic operations which can be one of the following
 - Public member functions
 - Ordinary functions
 - Overloaded operators
 - The function comments

The ADT Implementation

- The implementation of the ADT includes
 - The function definitions
 - The public member functions
 - The private member functions
 - Non-member functions
 - Private helper functions
 - Member variables
 - Other items required by the definitions

Separate Files

- In C++ the ADT interface and implementation can be stored in separate files
 - The interface file stores the ADT interface
 - The implementation file stores the ADT implementation

A Minor Compromise

- The public part of the class definition is part of the ADT interface
- The private part of the class definition is part of the ADT implementation
 - This would hide it from those using the ADT
- C++ does not allow splitting the public and private parts of the class definition across files
 - The entire class definition is usually in the interface file

Case Study: DigitalTime

- The interface file of the DigitalTime ADT class contains the class definition
 - The values of the class are:
 - Time of day, such as 9:30, in 24 hour notation
 - The public members are part of the interface
 - The private members are part of the implementation
 - The comments in the file should provide all the details needed to use the ADT

Naming The Interface File

- The DigitalTime ADT interface is stored in a file named dtime.h
 - The .h suffix means this is a header file
 - Interface files are always header files
- A program using dtime.h must include it using an include directive

#include "dtime.h"

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```
//Header file dtime.h: This is the INTERFACE for the class DigitalTime.
//Values of this type are times of day. The values are input and output in
//24-hour notation, as in 9:30 for 9:30 AM and 14:45 for 2:45 PM.
#include <iostream>
                                    For the definition of the types
using namespace std;
                                    istream and ostream. which
                                    are used as parameter types
class DigitalTime
public:
    friend bool operator ==(const DigitalTime& time1, const DigitalTime& time2);
    //Returns true if time1 and time2 represent the same time;
    //otherwise, returns false.
    DigitalTime(int the_hour, int the_minute);
    //Precondition: 0 <= the_hour <= 23 and 0 <= the_minute <= 59.
    //Initializes the time value to the_hour and the_minute.
    DigitalTime();
    //Initializes the time value to 0:00 (which is midnight).
    void advance(int minutes added);
    //Precondition: The object has a time value.
    //Postcondition: The time has been changed to minutes added minutes later.
    void advance(int hours_added, int minutes_added);
    //Precondition: The object has a time value.
    //Postcondition: The time value has been advanced
    //hours_added hours plus minutes_added minutes.
    friend istream& operator >>(istream& ins, DigitalTime& the object);
    //Overloads the >> operator for input values of type DigitalTime.
    //Precondition: If ins is a file input stream, then ins has already been
    //connected to a file.
    friend ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const DigitalTime& the_object);</pre>
    //Overloads the << operator for output values of type DigitalTime.
    //Precondition: If outs is a file output stream, then outs has already been
    //connected to a file.
                                    This is part of the implementation.
private:
                                    It is not part of the interface.
    int hour;
                                    The word private indicates that
    int minute;
                                    this is not part of the public interface.
};
```



#include " " or < > ?

- To include a predefined header file use < and > #include <iostream>
 - < and > tells the compiler to look where the system stores predefined header files
- To include a header file you wrote, use " and " #include "dtime.h"
 - " and " usually cause the compiler to look in the current directory for the header file

The Implementation File

- Contains the definitions of the ADT functions
- Usually has the same name as the header file but a different suffix
 - Since our header file is named dtime.h, the implementation file is named dtime.cpp
 - Suffix depends on your system (some use .cxx or .CPP)

#include "dtime.h"

The implementation file requires an include directive to include the interface file:

#include "dtime.h"

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Implementation File for DigitalTime (part 1 of 4)

```
//Implementation file dtime.cpp (Your system may require some
//suffix other than .cpp): This is the IMPLEMENTATION of the ADT DigitalTime.
//The interface for the class DigitalTime is in the header file dtime.h.
#include <iostream>
#include <cctype>
#include <cstdlib>
#include "dtime.h"
using namespace std;
//These FUNCTION DECLARATIONS are for use in the definition of
//the overloaded input operator >>:
void read_hour(istream& ins, int& the_hour);
//Precondition: Next input in the stream ins is a time in 24-hour notation,
//like 9:45 or 14:45.
//Postcondition: the hour has been set to the hour part of the time.
//The colon has been discarded and the next input to be read is the minute.
void read_minute(istream& ins, int& the_minute);
//Reads the minute from the stream ins after read_hour has read the hour.
int digit_to_int(char c);
//Precondition: c is one of the digits '0' through '9'.
//Returns the integer for the digit; for example, digit_to_int('3') returns 3.
bool operator ==(const DigitalTime& time1, const DigitalTime& time2)
{
    return (time1.hour == time2.hour && time1.minute == time2.minute);
}
//Uses iostream and cstdlib:
DigitalTime::DigitalTime(int the_hour, int the_minute)
    if (the_hour < 0 || the_hour > 23 || the_minute < 0 || the_minute > 59)
        cout << "Illegal argument to DigitalTime constructor.";</pre>
        exit(1);
    }
```



Implementation File for DigitalTime (part 2 of 4)

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    {
        hour = the_hour;
        minute = the_minute;
    }
}
DigitalTime::DigitalTime() : hour(0), minute(0)
    //Body intentionally empty.
}
void DigitalTime::advance(int minutes_added)
    int gross_minutes = minute + minutes_added;
    minute = gross_minutes%60;
    int hour_adjustment = gross_minutes/60;
    hour = (hour + hour_adjustment)%24;
}
void DigitalTime::advance(int hours_added, int minutes_added)
{
    hour = (hour + hours_added)%24;
    advance(minutes_added);
}
//Uses iostream:
ostream& operator <<(ostream& outs, const DigitalTime& the object)
{
    outs << the_object.hour << ':';
    if (the_object.minute < 10)</pre>
        outs << '0':
    outs << the_object.minute;</pre>
    return outs;
}
```

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```
//Uses iostream:
istream& operator >>(istream& ins, DigitalTime& the_object)
{
    read_hour(ins, the_object.hour);
    read_minute(ins, the_object.minute);
    return ins;
}
int digit_to_int(char c)
    return ( int(c) - int('0') );
}
//Uses iostream, cctype, and cstdlib:
void read_minute(istream& ins, int& the_minute)
    char c1, c2;
    ins >> c1 >> c2;
    if (!(isdigit(c1) && isdigit(c2)))
        cout << "Error illegal input to read_minute\n";</pre>
        exit(1);
    the_minute = digit_to_int(c1)*10 + digit_to_int(c2);
    if (the_minute < 0 || the_minute > 59)
        cout << "Error illegal input to read_minute\n";</pre>
        exit(1);
```

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```
//Uses iostream, cctype, and cstdlib:
void read_hour(istream& ins, int& the_hour)
{
    char c1, c2;
    ins >> c1 >> c2:
    if ( !( isdigit(c1) && (isdigit(c2) || c2 == ':' ) ) )
    {
        cout << "Error illegal input to read_hour\n";</pre>
        exit(1);
    }
    if (isdigit(c1) && c2 == ':')
    {
        the_hour = digit_to_int(c1);
    else //(isdigit(c1) && isdigit(c2))
        the_hour = digit_to_int(c1)*10 + digit_to_int(c2);
        ins >> c2;//discard ':'
        if (c2 != ':')
            cout << "Error illegal input to read_hour\n";</pre>
            exit(1);
    }
    if ( the_hour < 0 || the_hour > 23 )
        cout << "Error illegal input to read_hour\n";</pre>
        exit(1);
}
```

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The Application File

- The Application file is the file that contains the program that uses the ADT
 - It is also called a driver file
 - Must use an include directive to include the interface file:

#include "dtime.h"

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```
//Application file timedemo.cpp (your system may require some suffix
//other than .cpp): This program demonstrates use of the class DigitalTime.
#include <iostream>
#include "dtime.h"
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    DigitalTime clock, old_clock;
    cout << "Enter the time in 24-hour notation: ";</pre>
    cin >> clock;
    old_clock = clock;
    clock.advance(15);
    if (clock == old_clock)
        cout << "Something is wrong.";</pre>
    cout << "You entered " << old clock << endl:</pre>
    cout << "15 minutes later the time will be "
         << clock << endl;
    clock.advance(2, 15);
    cout << "2 hours and 15 minutes after that\n"</pre>
         << "the time will be "
         << clock << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter the time in 24-hour notation: 11:15
You entered 11:15
15 minutes later the time will be 11:30
2 hours and 15 minutes after that
the time will be 13:45
```

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Running The Program

- Basic steps required to run a program: (Details vary from system to system!)
 - Compile the implementation file
 - Compile the application file
 - Link the files to create an executable program using a utility called a linker
 - Linking is often done automatically
- In stdlinux: list all .cpp files to get the a.out
 - g++ dtime.cpp timedemo.cpp

Compile dtime.h?

- The interface file is not compiled separately
 - The preprocessor replaces any occurrence of #include "dtime.h" with the text of dtime.h before compiling
 - Both the implementation file and the application file contain #include "dtime.h"
 - The text of dtime.h is seen by the compiler in each of these files
 - There is no need to compile dtime.h separately

Why Three Files?

- Using separate files permits
 - The ADT to be used in other programs without rewriting the definition of the class for each
 - Implementation file to be compiled once even if multiple programs use the ADT
 - Changing the implementation file does not require changing the program using the ADT

Reusable Components

- An ADT coded in separate files can be used over and over
- The reusability of such an ADT class
 - Saves effort since it does not need to be
 - Redesigned
 - Recoded
 - Retested

Multiple Classes

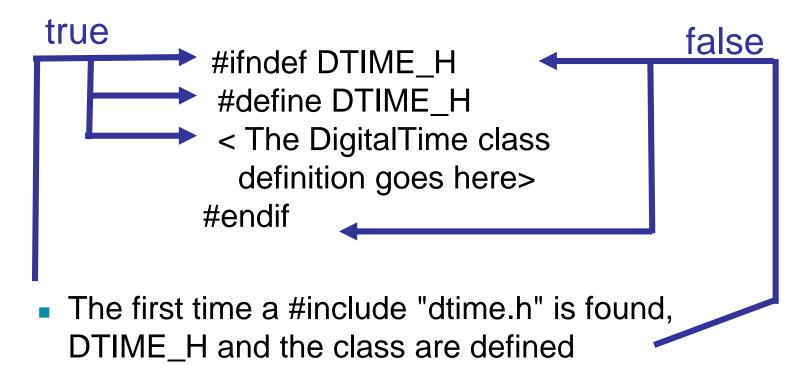
- A program may use several classes
 - Each could be stored in its own interface and implementation files
 - Some files can "include" other files, that include still others
 - It is possible that the same interface file could be included in multiple files
 - C++ does not allow multiple declarations of a class
 - The #ifndef directive can be used to prevent multiple declarations of a class

Introduction to #ifndef

- To prevent multiple declarations of a class, we can use these directives:
 - #define DTIME_H adds DTIME_H to a list indicating DTIME_H has been seen
 - #ifndef DTIME_H checks to see if DTIME_H has been defined
 - #endif
 If DTIME_H has been defined, skip to #endif

Using #ifndef

Consider this code in the interface file



The next time a #include "dtime.h" is found,
 all lines between #ifndef and #endif are skipped

Why DTIME_H?

- DTIME_H is the normal convention for creating an identifier to use with ifndef
 - It is the file name in all caps
 - Use '_ ' instead of '.'
- You may use any other identifier, but will make your code more difficult to read

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DISPLAY 12.4 Avoiding Multiple Definitions of a Class

```
//Header file dtime.h: This is the INTERFACE for the class DigitalTime.
   //Values of this type are times of day. The values are input and output in
    //24-hour notation, as in 9:30 for 9:30 AM and 14:45 for 2:45 PM.
    #ifndef DTIME H
    #define DTIME_H
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    #include <iostream>
    using namespace std;
    class DigitalTime
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   <The definition of the class DigitalTime is the same as in Display 12.1.>
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    };
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    #endif //DTIME_H
```

Defining Libraries

- You can create your own libraries of functions
 - You do not have to define a class to use separate files
 - If you have a collection of functions...
 - Declare them in a header file with their comments.
 - Define them in an implementation file
 - Use the library files just as you use your class interface and implementation files