Object Oriented Programming – Implementation

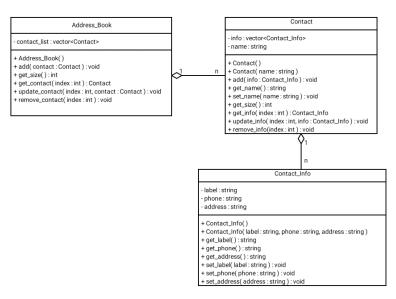
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Address Book Design









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 - Polymorphism only works on on references and pointers (more on this later)!



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- We will talk about pointers next semester. For now, we will just use this to distinguish the member from the parameter as shown above.





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Contact();Contact(std::string name);
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• We use this when we create an object:

```
Contact mom{"Mom"};
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Lab Activity: Implement the Address Book

- mkdir labs/address
- 2 cp examples/21-00P/* labs/address
- Ocompile the program:
 g++ main.cpp contact.cpp iofun.cpp -o address
- Run the program. Notice how it does very little.
- Implement the missing classes.
- Implement the missing functions in main.



