

EECE 2560: Fundamentals of Engineering Algorithms

Abstract Data Types



Abstraction

- Separate purpose of a module from its implementation
- Specifications do not indicate how to implement
 - Able to use without knowing implementation



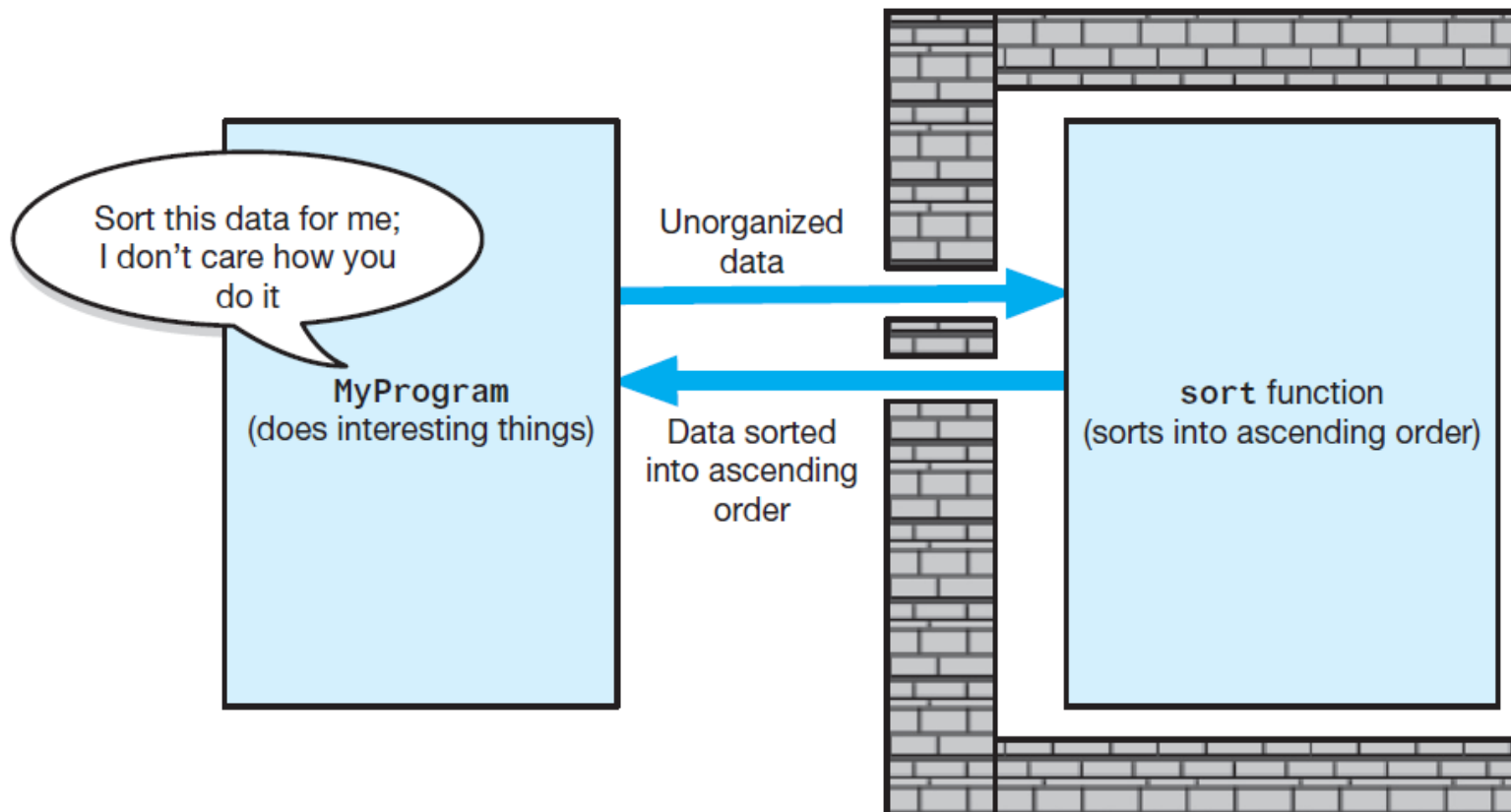
Information Hiding (1 of 3)

- Abstraction helps identify details that should be hidden from public view
 - Ensured no other module can tamper with these hidden details.
- Isolation of the modules cannot be total, however
 - Client programmer must know what tasks can be done, how to initiate a task
- Interface for a class made up of publicly accessible methods and data that allow the client programmer to accomplish class's essential tasks.



Information Hiding (2 of 3)

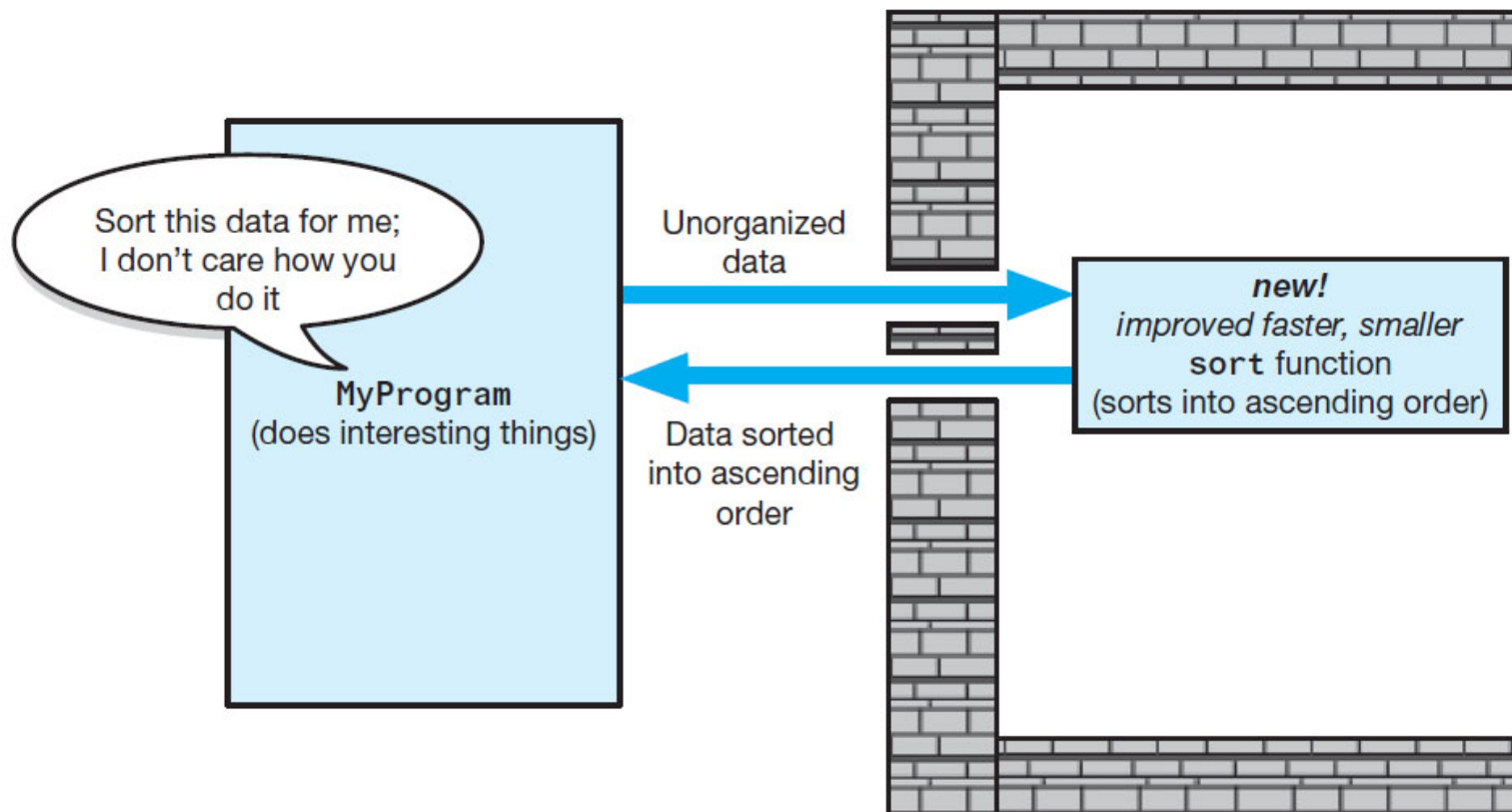
- Tasks communicate through a slit in the wall:





Information Hiding (3 of 3)

- A revised implementation communicates through the same slit in the wall





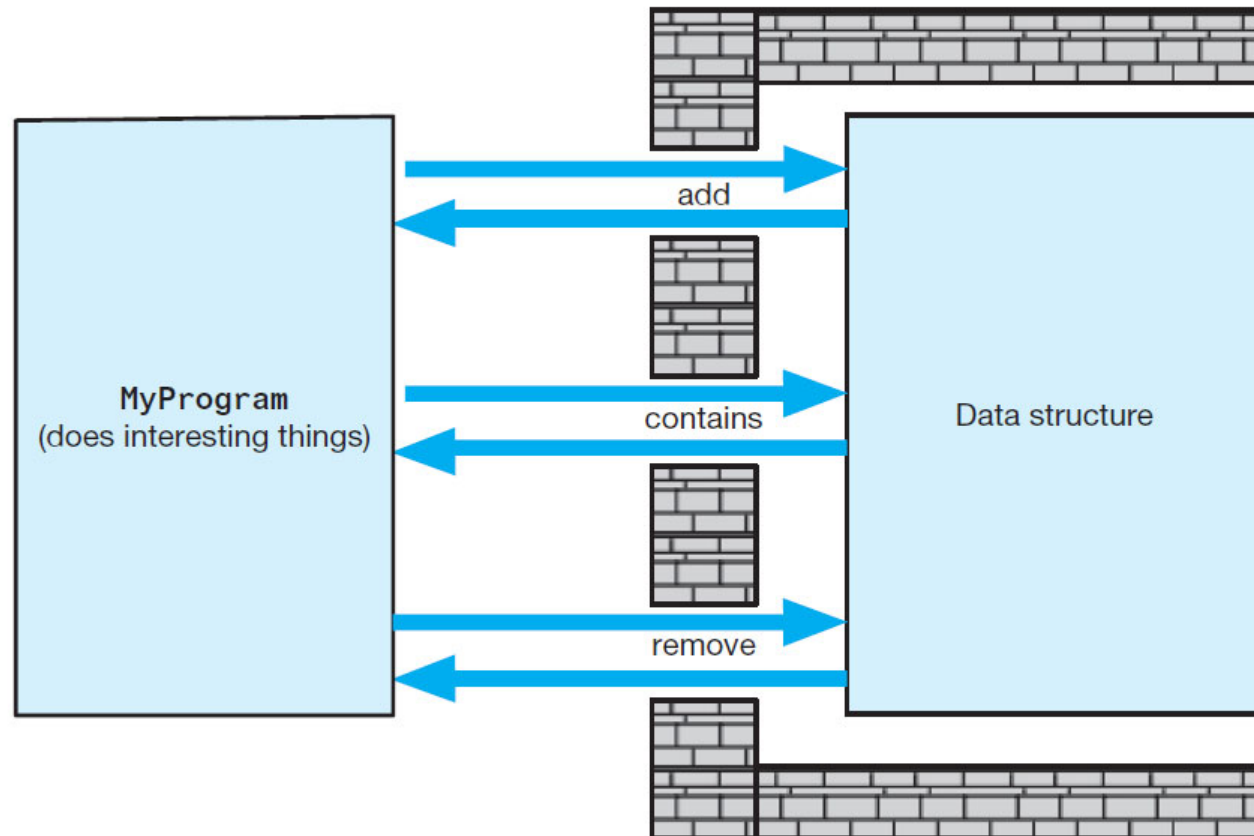
Abstract Data Types (ADT) (1 of 2)

- An ADT : a collection of data **and** a set of operations on data
- Typical operations on data
 - Add data to a data collection.
 - Remove data from a data collection.
 - Ask questions about the data in a data collection.
- A data structure : an implementation of an ADT within a programming language.



ADT (2 of 2)

- A **wall** of ADT operations isolates a data structure from the program that uses it.





Designing an ADT

- Evolves naturally during the problem-solving process
 - What data does a problem require?
 - What operations does a problem require?
- ADTs typically have initialization and destruction operations
 - Assumed but not specified at this stage



The ADT Bag

- Consider the bag to be an abstract data type.
 - We are specifying an abstraction inspired by an actual physical bag
 - Doesn't do much more than contain its items
 - Can unordered and possibly duplicate objects
 - We insist objects be of same or similar types
- Knowing just its interface
 - Can use ADT bag in a program



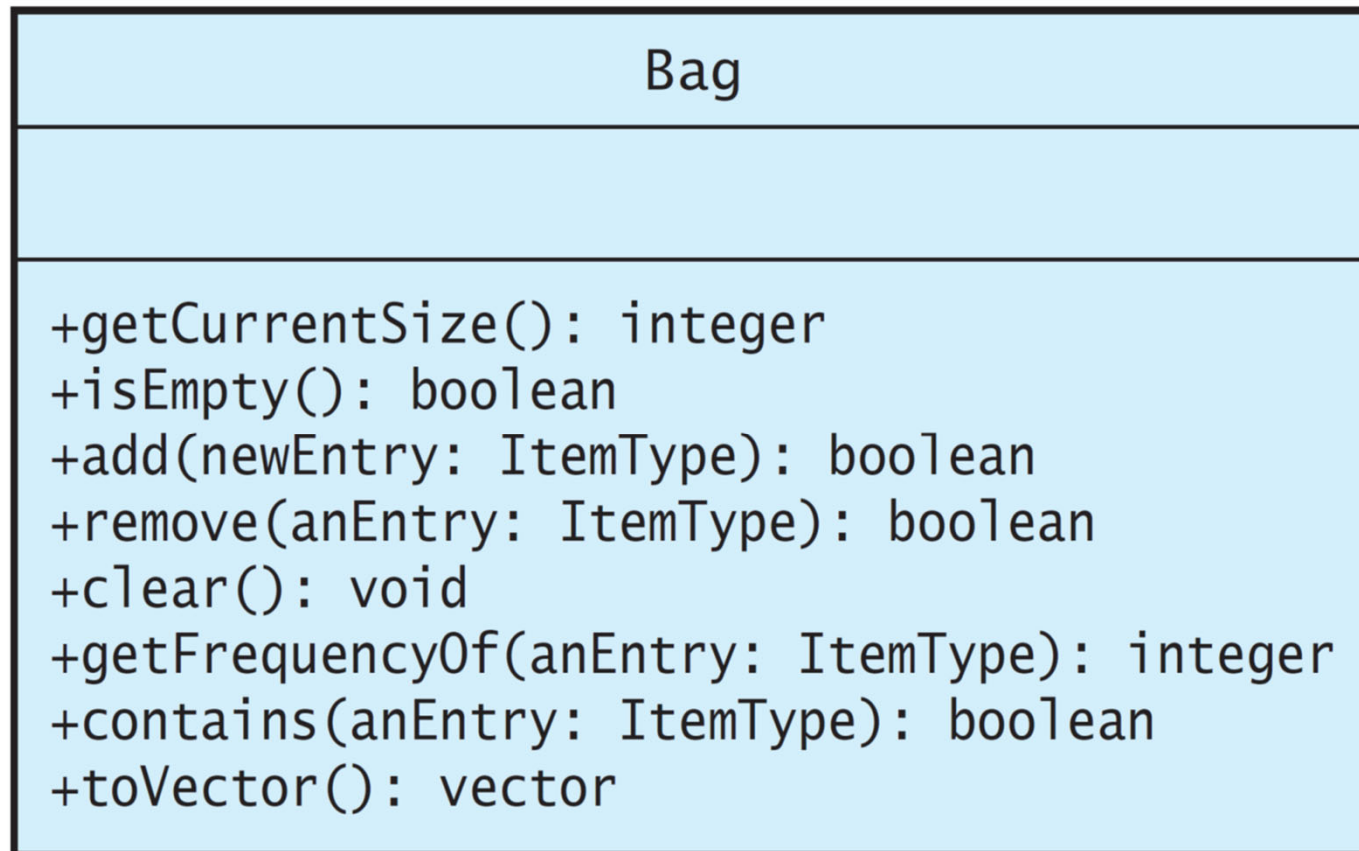
Identifying Behaviors

<i>Bag</i>
<i>Responsibilities</i>
<i>Get the number of items currently in the bag</i>
<i>See whether the bag is empty</i>
<i>Add a given object to the bag</i>
<i>Remove an occurrence of a specific object from the bag, if possible</i>
<i>Remove all objects from the bag</i>
<i>Count the number of times a certain object occurs in the bag</i>
<i>Test whether the bag contains a particular object</i>
<i>Look at all objects that are in the bag</i>
<i>Collaborations</i>
<i>The class of objects that the bag can contain</i>



Specifying Data and Operations

- UML (Unified Modeling Language) notation for the class Bag





ADT Bag Header File (1 of 2)

```
template<class ItemType>
class Bag
{
private:
    static const int DEFAULT_BAG_SIZE = 6;
    ItemType items[DEFAULT_BAG_SIZE]; // array of bag items
    int itemCount; // current count of bag items
    int maxItems; // max capacity of the bag

    // Returns either the index of the element in the array items that
    // contains the given target or -1, if the array does not contain
    // the target.
    int getIndexOf(const ItemType& target) const;
```



ADT Bag Header File (2 of 2)

public:

```
    Bag();  
    int getCurrentSize() const;  
    bool isEmpty() const;  
    bool add(const ItemType& newEntry);  
    bool remove(const ItemType& anEntry);  
    void clear();  
    bool contains(const ItemType& anEntry) const;  
    int getFrequencyOf(const ItemType& anEntry) const;  
    std::vector<ItemType> toVector() const;  
}; // end Bag
```



Class Static and Const Members

- A class member (attribute or method) that is defined as `static` is shared across all the objects instances of the class. This means for all objects of the class there is only one copy of the static member.
 - Example of accessing the static member:
`<class name>::<static member name> = 50;` or
`<object name>.<static member name> = 50;`
 - A static, method scope variable only gets initialized once.
- Applying the `const` operator to a class attribute members makes the attribute effectively read only and it can be initialized once at its definition line.
- Applying `const` to a class method prevents the method from modifying any class member attributes.



Using the ADT Bag (1 of 2)

```
#include <iostream> // For cout and cin
#include <string>    // For string objects
#include "Bag.h"     // For ADT bag

int main()
{
    std::string clubs[] = { "Joker", "Ace", "Two", "Three", "Four",
                             "Five", "Six", "Seven", "Eight", "Nine",
                             "Ten", "Jack", "Queen", "King" };

    // Create our bag to hold cards.
    Bag<std::string> grabBag;

    // Place six cards in the bag.
    grabBag.add(clubs[1]);
    grabBag.add(clubs[2]);
    grabBag.add(clubs[4]);
    grabBag.add(clubs[8]);
    grabBag.add(clubs[10]);
    grabBag.add(clubs[12]);
```



Using the ADT Bag (2 of 2)

```
// Get friends guess and check it.
int guess = 0;
while (!grabBag.isEmpty())
{
    std::cout << "What is your guess? (1 for Ace to 13 for King):";
    std::cin >> guess;

    // Is card in the bag?
    if (grabBag.contains(clubs[guess])) {
        // Good guess - remove card from the bag.
        std::cout << "You get the card!\n";
        grabBag.remove(clubs[guess]);
    }
    else {
        std::cout << "Sorry, card was not in the bag.\n";
    } // end if
} // end while

std::cout << "No more cards in the bag. Game over!\n";
return 0;
}; // end main
```