Object Oriented Programming

Classes

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Procedural Vs Object Oriented programming

Procedural programming

This approach is populated with variable of different types (data) and the grouped pieces of code (functions)

It works well for simple and small project

Object Oriented Programming

The data and functions are enclosed together in the same environment

- It is suitable for large and complex projects
- C++ was created as a universal tool for object orient programming

Syntax of a Class

• The members of a class are private (access specifier) by default

```
class <identifier>{
private:
        <type> <identifier_list>;
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         . . .
public:
        <type> <function 1>{
        <type> <funtion 2>{
};
```

An example

```
class Student {
    private:
        int rollNo=0;
        string name="N/A";
        char section='-';
    public:
        void display();
};
```

- here the private and public keywords are called access specifiers
- the variable are called data members
- the functions are called functions or operations of the class

An example continued ...

```
void Student::display(){
        cout<<"roll no: "<<rollNo<<endl;
        cout<<"name: "<<name<<endl;
        cout<<"section: "<<section<<endl;
}</pre>
```

• a function declared inside the class body can be defined outside the class body using the :: (scope resolution operator)

An example continued ...

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        Student ali:
        ali.display();
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Constructor

A constructor is a function with a same name as the class but with no return type. It is automatically called when a object of a class is created. It has to be a public access specifier

```
class Student {
        private:
                 int rollNo=0;
                 string name="N/A";
                 char section='-';
        public:
                 Student(int x, string y, char b){
                          rollNo = x:
                         name = y;
                          section = b;
                 void display();
};
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