

Lab # 3

Object:

To understand the concepts of classes and to build classes and create object.

Theory:

A class can be viewed as a customized 'struct' that **encapsulates data and function**. Format of a class definition:

```
class your_class_name
{
    member_access_specifier:
        data members;
    member_access_specifier:
        member_functions();
};
```

When cin and cout are used to perform I/O, actually objects are created from istream and ostream respectively that has been defined in istream header file.

Building a Class

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class smallobj                                //declare a class
{
private:
    int somedata;                             //class data
public:
    void setdata(int d)                       //member function to set data
    { somedata = d; }
    void showdata()                           //member function to display data
    {
        cout << "Data is " << somedata << endl; }
};

void main()
{
    smallobj s1, s2;                          //define two objects of class smallobj
    s1.setdata(1066);                          //call member function to set data
    s2.setdata(1776);
    s1.showdata();                             //call member function to display data
    s2.showdata();
}
```

Exercise:

1. Create a class DM which stores and displays the values of distances. DM stores distances in meters and centimeters. The value of distance should be entered by the user.