Introduction to Programming with C++

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Contents are based on book by Y. Daniel Liang

- The ofstream class can be used to write primitive data-type values, arrays, strings, and objects to a text file.
- We create an object, output, from the ofstream class.
- Then, we open a file named scores.txt for the output object.
- The program creates an instance of ofstream and writes two lines to the file scores.txt.
- Each line consists of **first name** (a string), **middle name initial** (a character), **last name** (a string), and **score** (an integer).

```
#include <fstream>
int main()
  ofstream output;
      // Create a file List13_1.cpp
  output.open("scores.txt");
    // Write two lines
  output << "John" << " " << "T" << " " << "Smith"
                       << " " << 90 << endl;
  output << "Eric" << " " << "K" << " " << "Jones"
           << " " << 85 << endl;
  output.close();
  cout << "Done" << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
                 output << "John" << " " << "T" << "Smith" << " " << 90 << endl;
                                 John T Smith 90
                                 Eric K Jones 85
                 output << "Eric" << " " << "K" << "Jones" << " " << 85 << endl;
```

 The close() function must be used to close the stream for the object.

 The program creates an instance of ifstream and reads data from the file scores.txt.

```
int main()
  ifstream input("scores.txt");
  // Read data List13_2.cpp
  string firstName;
  char mi;
  string lastName;
  int score;
  input >> firstName >> mi >> lastName >> score;
  cout << firstName << " " << mi << " "
       << lastName << " " << score << endl;
  input >> firstName >> mi >> lastName >> score;
  cout << firstName << " " << mi << " "
       << lastName << " " << score << endl;
  input.close();
  cout << "Done" << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
                           input >> firstName >> mi >> lastName >> score;
                                          John T Smith 90
                                 scores.txt
                                 file
                                          Eric K Jones 85
                           input >> firstName >> mi >> lastName >> score;
```

- To read data correctly, you need to know exactly how data are stored.
- For example, the program in List13_2.cpp would not work if the file contained score as a double value with a decimal point.

Homework: There are 8 scores in test3.txt. Please read them in and find the highest score and the lowest score.