

Object oriented Programming with C++

Classes and Objects

Class

- **Class** is a way to bind **data** and its associated **functions** together.
- It allows the data (and functions) to be hidden, if necessary, from external use.
- When defining a class, we creating a new **abstract data type** that can be treated like any other built-in data type.
- Class **specification** has two parts:
 - Class declaration
 - Class function definitions
- Class declaration describes the **type** and **scope** of its members.

Class

The general form of **class declaration**:

```
class class_name
{
    private:
        variable declaration;
        function declaration;
    public:
        variable declaration;
        function declaration;
};
```

Class

- Keyword **class** specifies, that what follows is an abstract data of type **class_name**.
- Body of class enclosed within **braces** and terminated by **semicolon**.
- Contains declaration of variables and functions, collectively called as **class members**.

Class

- Keyword **private** and **public** are known as visibility labels.
- If both keyword are missing then, by default, all members are **private** .
- **public** member function can have access to **private** data members and **private** functions.
- **public** members can be accessible from outside class.

Class

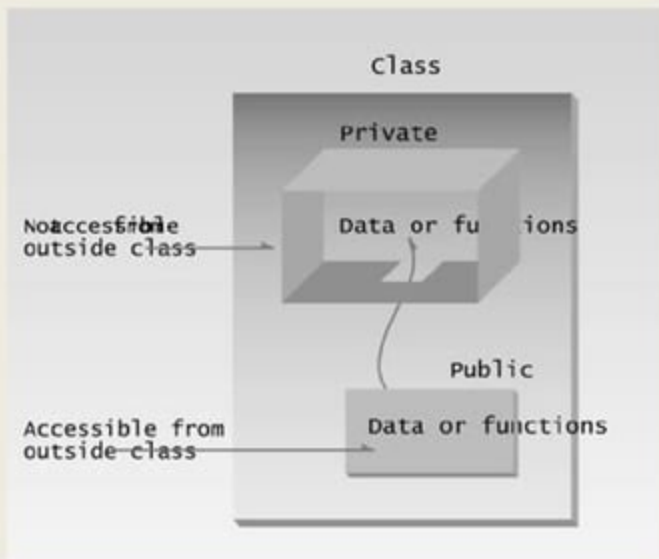


Fig. 1 Data hiding in classes

Class

A Simple class example:

```
class item
{
    int number;           //variable declaration
    float cost;           //private by default
public:
    void getdata(int a, float b); //functions declaration
    void putdata(void);
};                          //ends with semicolon
```

Creating Objects

- Once a class has been declared, we can create variables of that type by using the class name.
- For Example:

```
item x;    // memory for x is created.  
item x, y, z;
```

- Another way,

```
class item  
{  
    .....  
    .....  
}x, y, z;
```


Accessing Class Members

- Syntax:

`object-name.function-name (argList) ;`

- For example:

`x.getdata (100, 75.5) ;`

- Similarly,

`x.putdata () ;`

- The statement like,

`getdata (100, 75.5) ;`

- has no meaning. Similarly,

`x.number = 100 ;` is illegal.

Defining Member Functions

- A member function of a class is a function that has its **definition** or its **prototype** within the class definition like any other variable.
- It operates on any **object** of the class of which it is a member, and has **access** to all the **members** of a class for that object.
- Member functions can be defined in two parts:
 - **Outside** the class function
 - **Inside** the class function
- Both place definition should perform same task.

Outside class definition

- Member functions that are declared inside a class have to be defined separately outside the class.
- The general form of definitions is:

```
return-type class-name :: function-name (argList)
{
    function body
}
```

- Membership label **class-name ::** tells the compiler that function **function-name** belongs to **class-name** specified in header line.
- Symbol **::** is called scope resolution operator.

Outside class definition

- For instance, consider function **getdata()** and **putdata()**.

```
void item :: getdata(int a, float b)
{
    number = a;
    cost = b;
}
void item :: putdata(void)
{
    cout << "Number :" << number << "\n";
    cout << "Cost :" << cost << "\n";
}
```

- Function do not return any value, their return type is **void**.

Inside class definition

```
class item
{
    int number;
    int cost;
public:
    void getdata(int a, float b); //declaration
    //inline function
    void putdata(void)
    {
        cout << "Number :" << number << "\n";
        cout << "Cost :" << cost << "\n";
    }
};
```

- When a function is defined inside a class, it is treated as **inline** function;

Inline function

- We must keep inline functions **small**, small inline functions have better efficiency.
- Inline functions do increase efficiency, but we should not make all the functions inline.
- Because if we make large functions inline, it may lead to **code bloat**, and might affect the speed too.
- Hence, it is advised to define large functions **outside** the class definition using scope resolution **::** operator, because if we define such functions inside class definition, then they become inline automatically.

Inline function

- The compiler is unable to perform inlining if the function is too **complicated**. So we must avoid **big looping** conditions inside such functions.
- In case of inline functions, entire function body is inserted in place of each call, so if the function is large it will **affect speed** and **memory badly**.



Making an outside function inline:

```
class item
{
    int number;           //private by default
    float cost;
public:
    void getdata(int a, float b); //Declaration
};
inline void item :: getdata (int a, float b) // use membership label
{
    number = a;           //private variables
    cost = b;             //directly used
}
```


C++ program with class

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class item
{
    int number;           //private by default
    float cost;
public:
    void getdata(int a, float b); //Declaration
    //function defined inside class
    void putdata()
    {
        cout << "Number :" << number << endl;
        cout << "Cost :" << cost << endl;
    }
};
```

C++ program with class

```
//.....Member Function Definition.....  
void item :: getdata (int a, float b)  // use membership label  
{  
    number = a;                        //private variables  
    cost = b;                          //directly used  
}  
  
//.....Main program.....  
int main()  
{  
    item x;                            //create object x  
    x.getdata (200, 175.50);           //call member function  
    x.putdata();                       //call member function  
    return 0;  
}
```

Programming Exercise:

Define a class to display triangle:

Include the following
members:

Data member:

- Row
- Column

Member function:

- display_num_tri();
- Display_alph_tri();

1	a
2 3	b c
4 5 6	d e f

Programming Exercise:

Define a class to interchange the values of X and Y:

Include the following members:

Data member:

- X
- Y

Member function:

- `getdata();`
- `putdata();`
- `swapnum();`

Programming Exercise:

Define a class to calculate area of rectangle:

Include the following members:

Data member:

- length
- breadth

Member function:

- getdata();
- putdata();
- area();

Nesting of member functions

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class set
{
    int m,n;
public:
    void input(void);
    int largest(void);
    void display(void)
    {
        cout << "Largest value :" << largest() << endl;
    }
};
```

Nesting of member functions

```
//.....Member Function Definition.....  
void set :: input (void)  
{  
    cout << "Enter the values of m and n: " << endl;  
    cin >>m>>n;  
}  
int set :: largest()  
{  
    if (m >= n)  
        return m;  
    else  
        return n;  
}  
//.....Main program.....  
int main()  
{  
    set x;  
    x.input();  
    x.display();  
    return 0;  
}
```

Private member functions

```
class sample
{
    int m;
    void read (void);    //private member function
public:
    void update(void);
    void write(void);
};
```

If **x** is an object of **sample**.

```
x.read();    // won't work
```

```
void sample :: update (void)
{
    read (); // simple call; no object used
}
```


Static data members

- **Static** data members hold **global** data that is common to all **objects** of the class.
- For **example**, such global data are,
 - Count of objects currently present,
 - Common data accessed by all objects, etc.
- Let us consider class **Account**. We want all objects of this class to calculate **interest** at the rate of say 4.5%.
- Therefore, this data should be **globally** available to all **objects** of this class.

Static data members

Characteristics:

- It is initialized to **zero** when the first object of its class is created. No other initialization is permitted.
- Only **one copy** of that member is created for the entire class and is shared by all the **objects** of that class, no matter how many objects are created.
- It is **visible** only within the class, but its **lifetime** is the entire program.

Static data members

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class item
{
    static int count;
    int number;
public:
    void getdata (int a)
    {
        number = a;
        count ++;
    }
    void getcount()
    {
        cout << "Count: " << count << "\n";
    }
};

int item :: count;
```

Static data members

```
int main()
{
    item a, b, c;           //count initialized to zero.

    cout << "Before reading data:" << "\n";

    a.getcount();           //display count.
    b.getcount();           //display count.
    c.getcount();           //display count.

    a.getdata(100);         //getting data.
    b.getdata(200);         //getting data.
    c.getdata(300);         //getting data.

    cout << "After reading data:" << "\n";

    a.getcount();           //display count.
    b.getcount();           //display count.
    c.getcount();           //display count.

    return 0;
}
```

Static member function

- **static** keyword makes the function free from the individual **object** of the class and its scope is **global** in the class without creating any side effect for the other part of the program.
- A member function that is declared as **static** has a following **properties**:
 - A static function can have access to only other **static** members (functions or variables) declared in the same class.
 - A static member function can be called using the **class name** (instead of its objects) as follows:

class-name :: function-name;

Static member function:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class test
{
    static int c;
public:
    static void count()
    {
        c++;
    }
    static void display()
    {
        cout << "Value of count:" << c << endl;
    }
};
```

Static member function:

```
int test :: c;

int main()
{
    test :: display();
    test :: count();
    test :: count();
    test :: display();
    return 0;
}
```


Friend function

- The central idea of **encapsulation** and **data hiding** concept is that any non-member function has no access permission to the **private data** of the class.
- The **private members** of the class are accessed only from member functions of that class.
- Any non-member function cannot access the **private data** of the class.
- C++ allows a mechanism, in which a non-member function has access permission to the private members of the class.
- This can be done by declaring a non-member function **friend** to the **class** whose private data is to be accessed. Here **friend** is a keyword.

Friend function

- For **example**, Consider a case where two classes, **manager** and **scientist**, have been defined.
- We would like to use a function **income_tax()** to operate on the objects of both these classes.
- Here we declare **income_tax()** as friend.
- Such function need not be a member of any of these classes.

Friend function

Properties:

- There is **no scope restriction** for the friend function; hence they can be called without using **objects**.
- Unlike member functions of a class, friend function can not access the members directly. On the other hand, it uses **objects** and **dot** operator to access private and public member variable of class.
- Use of friend function is rarely done, because it **violates** the rule of **encapsulation** and **data hiding**.
- Function can be declared in **public** or **private** sections without changing its meaning.
- Usually, it has **objects** as arguments.

Friend function

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class account
{
    char name [20];
    int acno;
    float balance;
public:
    void read (void)
    {
        cout << "Enter Name: " << endl;
        cin >> name;
        cout << "Enter A/c no: " << endl;
        cin >> acno;
        cout << "Enter Balance: " << endl;
        cin >> balance;
    }
    friend void showbal (account); // declaration
};

void showbal (account ac)
{
    cout << "Balance of a/c no " << ac.acno << "is Rs. " << ac.balance;
}

int main()
{
    account k;
    k.read();
    showbal(k); // call friend function.
    return 0;
}
```

Friend function

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class ABC; //forward declaration
class XYZ
{
    int data;
public:
    void setvalue (int value)
    {
        data = value;
    }
    friend void add (XYZ, ABC); // declaration
};

class ABC
{
    int data;
public:
    void setvalue (int value)
    {
        data = value;
    }
    friend void add (XYZ, ABC); // declaration
};
```

Friend function

```
void add (XYZ x, ABC a)
{
    cout << "Sum of data values: " << x.data + a.data << endl;
}

int main()
{
    XYZ y;
    ABC b;
    y.setvalue(5);
    b.setvalue(50);
    add(y, b); // call friend function.
    return 0;
}
```

Friend function

*“A **friend** function is a **non-member** function that has special rights to access **private** data members of any object of the class of whom it is a **friend**”.*

Friend classes

- A class can be a **friend** of another class. Member functions of a friend class can access **private** data members of objects of the class of which it is a friend.
- If a class B is to be made a **friend** of class A, then the statement
friend class B;
- Should be written within the **definition** of class A.

Friend classes

```
class manager;    //forward declaration
class emp
{
    int eid;
    char empname [10];
public:
    void getdata()
    {
        cout << "Enter Emp ID:" << endl;
        cin >> eid;
        cout << "Enter Emp Name: " <<endl;
        cin >> empname;
    }
    friend class manager;
};
```


Friend classes

```
class manager
{
public:
    void putdata (emp e)
    {
        cout << "Emp ID: " << e.eid << endl;
        cout << "Emp Name : " << e.empname << endl;
    }
};

int main()
{
    emp e;
    e.getdata ();
    manager m;
    m.putdata (e);
    return 0;
}
```

Friend classes

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Square;    //forward declaration.

class Rectangle
{
    int width, height;
public:
    void getdata(int w, int h)
    {
        width = w;
        height = h;
    }
    void display()
    {
        cout << "Rectangle: " << width * height << endl;
    }
    void morph(Square);
};
```

Friend classes

```
class Square
{
    int side;
public:
    void getdata(int s)
    {
        side = s;
    }
    void display()
    {
        cout << "Square: " << side * side << endl;
    }
    friend class Rectangle;
};

void Rectangle::morph(Square s)
{
    width = s.side;
    height = s.side;
}
```

We declared **Rectangle** as a friend of **Square** so that **Rectangle** member functions could have access to the **private** member, **Square::side**

Friend classes

```
int main ()
{
    Rectangle rec;
    rec.getdata (5, 10);

    Square sq;
    sq.getdata (5);

    cout << "Before:" << endl;
    rec.display();
    sq.display();

    rec.morph(sq);

    cout << "\nAfter:" << endl;
    rec.display();
    sq.display();

    return 0;
}
```

- In our example, **Rectangle** is considered as a friend class by **Square** but **Rectangle** does not consider **Square** to be a friend
- So **Rectangle** can access the private members of **Square** but not the other way around.

Array of objects:

- We can create many objects at a time.
- For **example**, if the name of the class is **Student** then,

Student s1,s2,s3;

- Here s1,s2,s3 are three **objects** .
- Consider there are so many students and therefore if we declare object for each student as s1,s2,s3,..sn it is very **complicated** for writing.
- For that we use **array of objects**

Array of objects:

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

class student
{
    int rno;
    char name [20];
    int m1,m2;
public:
    void getinfo(void)
    {
        cout << "Enter details of student:";
        cin >> rno;
        cin >>name;
        cin >>m1>>m2;
    }
    void display(void)
    {
        cout << "\n" << rno<< "\t"<< name<<"\t";
        cout << m1 << "\t" << m2 << "\t" << m1 + m2;
    }
};
```

Array of objects:

```
int main()
{
    int num;
    cout << "How many student records u want to enter?" << endl;
    cin >> num;

    student s[num]; // creating array of objects..

    cout << "Enter the information of " << num << "students: " << endl;

    for (int i = 0; i < num; i++)
    {
        s[i].getinfo();
    }

    cout << "Students details: " << endl;
    cout << "Roll No \t" ;
    cout << "Name \t";
    cout << "Sub1 \t Sub2 \t Total";

    for (int i = 0; i < num; i++)
    {
        s[i].display();
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Objects as function arguments:

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class time
{
    int hours,minutes;
public:
    void gettime(int h,int m)
    {
        hours=h;
        minutes=m;
    }
    void puttime(void)
    {
        cout<<hours<<"hours and";
        cout<<minutes<<"minutes "<<endl;
    }
    void sum(time,time);
};
```


Objects as function arguments:

```
void time::sum(time t1,time t2)
{
    minutes = t1.minutes + t2.minutes;
    hours = minutes / 60;
    minutes = minutes % 60;
    hours = hours + t1.hours + t2.hours;
}

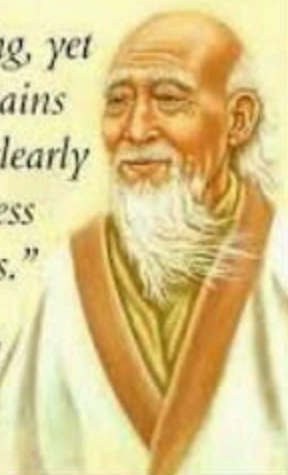
int main( )
{
    time t1,t2,t3;
    t1.gettime(2,45);
    t2.gettime(3,30);
    t3.sum(t1,t2);

    cout <<"T1 = " << t1.puttime();
    cout <<"T2 = " << t2.puttime();
    cout <<"T3 = " << t3.puttime();

    return 0;
}
```

*"Water is the softest thing, yet
it can penetrate mountains
and earth. This shows clearly
the principle of softness
overcoming hardness."*

Lao Tzu



To be continued.....