C++ Classes & OOP

CMSC 240 Software Systems Development

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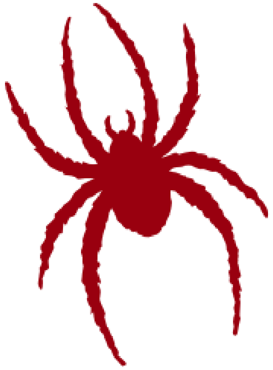

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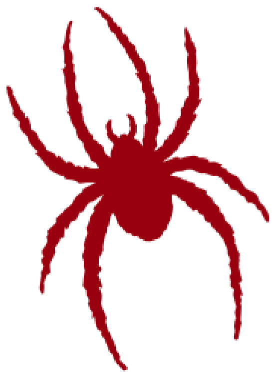

Procedural Programing

```
int main()
{
    procedure1();

    // ...

    procedure2();

    return 0;
}
```

```
void procedure1()
{
    // ...
}
```

```
void procedure2()
{
    // ...
    procedure3();
}
```

```
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{
    // ...
}
```

Procedural vs. Object-Oriented

- Procedural programming
  - Data and operations on data are *separate*
  - Requires passing data to functions
- Object-oriented programming
  - Data and operations on data are *together* in an object
  - Organizes programs like the real world
    - All objects are associated with both attributes and activities
  - Using objects improves software reusability and makes programs easier to both develop and maintain

How do we accomplish this in C++? With **classes**!

abstraction

Design that hides the details of how something works while still allowing the user to access complex functionality.

class

A class defines a new data type for our programs to use.

This sounds familiar...

```
struct Point3D
{
    double x;
    double y;
    double z;
};
```

```
struct Car
{
    int year;
    string brand;
    string model;
};
```

struct

A way to group together variables of different data types under a single name.

Then what's the difference between a **class** and a **struct**?

What is a Class?

- Examples of classes we've already seen:
  - **`string`**
  - **`vector`**
  - **`array`**

- Every class has two parts:
  - an **interface** specifying what operations can be performed on instances of the class (this defines the abstraction boundary)
  - an **implementation** specifying how those operations are to be performed

Classes provide their users with a **public interface** and separate this from a **private implementation**

Abstraction Boundary

Public Interface Available to Users

Private Implementation Behind the Scenes

API: Application Programming Interface

C++ | Containers library | **std::vector**

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```
private:
  // Constant-time move assignment when source object's memory can be
  // moved, either because the source's allocator will move too
  // or because the allocators are equal.
  void
  _M_move_assign(vector&& __x, std::true_type) noexcept
  {
    vector __tmp(get_allocator());
    this->_M_impl._M_swap_data(__tmp._M_impl);
    this->_M_impl._M_swap_data(__x._M_impl);
    std::__alloc_on_move(_M_get_Tp_allocator(), __x._M_get_Tp_allocator());
  }

  // Do move assignment when it might not be possible to move source
  // object's memory, resulting in a linear-time operation.
  void
  _M_move_assign(vector&& __x, std::false_type)
  {
    if (__x._M_get_Tp_allocator() == this->_M_get_Tp_allocator())
      _M_move_assign(std::move(__x), std::true_type());
    else
      {
        // The rvalue's allocator cannot be moved and is not equal,
        // so we need to individually move each element.
        this->assign(std::__make_move_if_noexcept_iterator(__x.begin()),
                     std::__make_move_if_noexcept_iterator(__x.end()));
        __x.clear();
      }
  }
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Information Hiding

encapsulation

The process of grouping related information and relevant functions into one unit and defining where that information is accessible.

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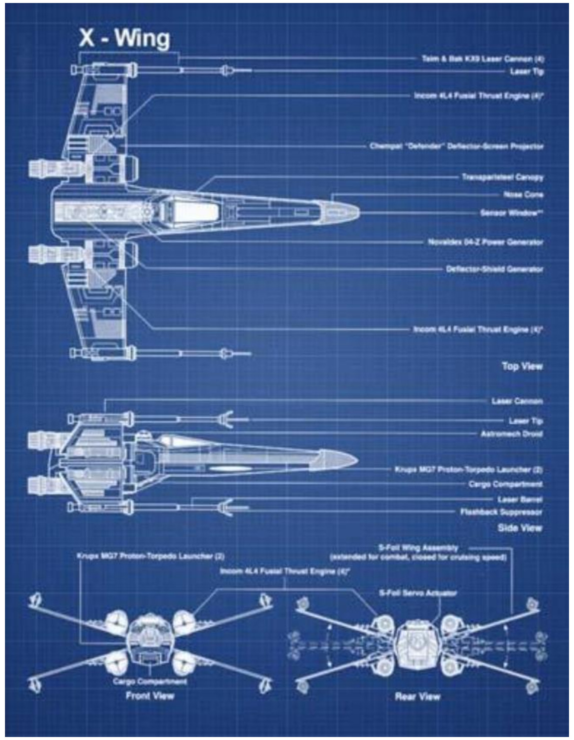

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Class	Instance
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University	University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, USA
Bank	First National Bank of Richmond

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```
vector<int> numbers;
```

Creates an **instance** of the `vector` **class**
(i.e. an object of the type `vector`)

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Classes are useful in helping us with complex programs where information and behavior can be grouped into objects.

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Coffee Maker

Microwave Oven

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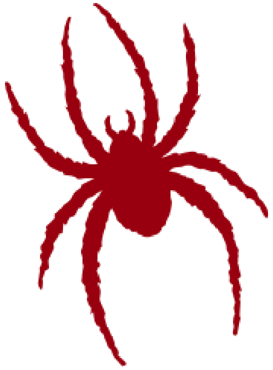

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- Clients of the class can then include (using the **`#include`** directive) the header file to use the class.

Design a Toaster Class

1. Member variables: What variables make up this new type?
   - heat level
   - is it currently toasting

2. Member functions: What functions can you call on a variable of this type?
   - set/get heat level
   - start/stop toasting
   - get toasting status

3. Constructor: What happens when you make a new instance of this type?
   - initial heat level

Header files

What’s in a header?

Toaster.h

C Toaster.h > ...

```c
#ifndef TOASTER_H
#define TOASTER_H

#endif
```

This boilerplate code is called an **`#include` guard**. It's used to make sure weird things don't happen if you include the same header twice.

C Toaster.h > ...

```
#ifndef TOASTER_H
#define TOASTER_H


class Toaster
{











};

#endif
```

This is a **class definition**. We're creating a new class called **`Toaster`**. Like a **`struct`**, this defines the name of a new type that we can use in our programs.

Toaster.h > ...

```
#ifndef TOASTER_H
#define TOASTER_H


class Toaster
{











};

#endif
```

Don't forget to add the semicolon!

You'll run into some scary compiler errors if you leave it out!

C Toaster.h > ...

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#define TOASTER_H


class Toaster
{

public:




private:




};

#endif
```

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class Toaster
{

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#endif
```

The **public interface** specifies what functions you can call on objects of this type.

Think things like the **`vector.length()`** function or the **`string.find()`**

Toaster.h > ...

```
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#define TOASTER_H


class Toaster
{

public:




private:




};

#endif
```

The **private implementation** contains information that objects of this class type will need in order to do their job properly. This is invisible to people using the class.

Toaster.h > ...

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{

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private:




};

#endif
```

Abstraction Boundary

Toaster.h > ...

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```
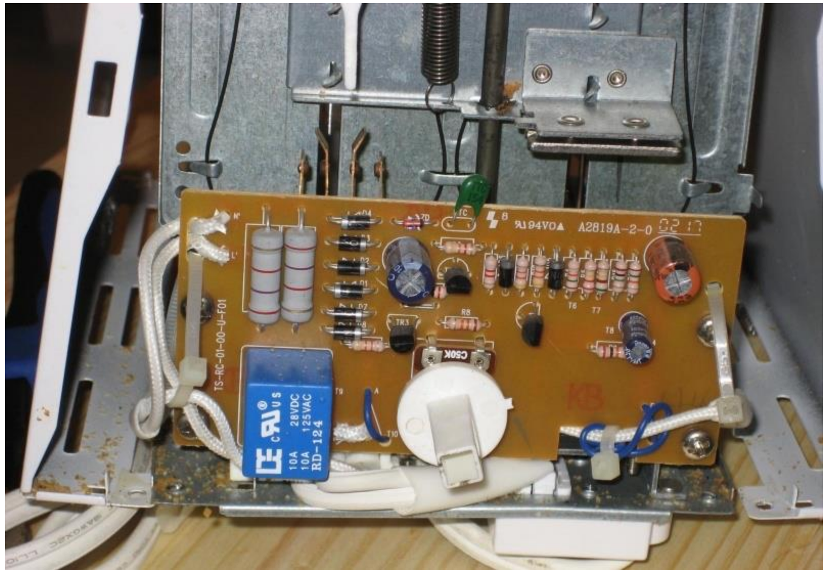

Public Interface
(What it looks like)

Private Implementation
(How it works)



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class Toaster
{

public:
    Toaster(int initialLevel);
    void toast();
    void cancel();
    bool isOn();
    int getLevel();
    void setLevel(int newLevel);
private:



};

#endif
```

The public **member functions** of the `Toaster` class are functions you can call on objects of type `Toaster`.

All member functions must be defined in the class definition. We will implement these functions in the C++ file.

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#endif
```

The private **data members** of the `Toaster` class. This tells us how the class is implemented. Internally we are storing a heat level and an on/off value for toasting. The only code that can access or modify these values is the `Toaster` implementation.

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Class definition and name

Public Methods

Member variables

Private Methods

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Implementation files

Toaster.cpp > ...

```cpp
#include "Toaster.h"
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If we are going to implement the **`Toaster`** type, the **`.cpp`** file needs to have the class definition available.

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```
#include "Toaster.h"

Toaster::Toaster(int initialLevel) { setLevel(initialLevel); }
```

The syntax **`Toaster::`** means "look inside of Toaster." The `::` operator is called the scope resolution operator in C++ and is used to say where to look for things.

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We don’t need to specify where the **`setLevel`** method is. The compiler knows we are inside of **`Toaster`**.

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