Chapter 6: Classes and Data Abstraction

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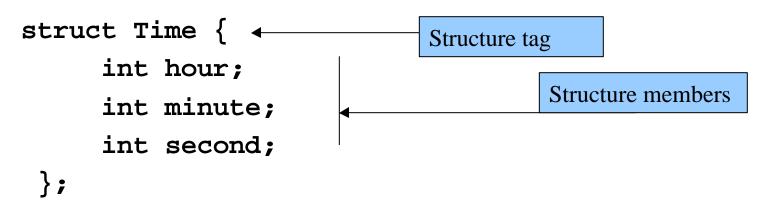
6.1 Introduction

- Object-oriented programming (OOP)
 - Encapsulates data (attributes) and functions (behavior) into packages called classes
- Information hiding
 - Implementation details are hidden within the classes themselves
- Classes
 - Classes are the standard unit of programming
 - A class is like a blueprint reusable
 - Objects are instantiated (created) from the class
 - For example, a house is an instance of a "blueprint class"



6.2 Structure Definitions

- Structures
 - Aggregate data types built using elements of other types



- Members of the same structure must have unique names
- Two different structures may contain members of the same name
- Each structure definition must end with a semicolon



6.2 Structure Definitions

- Self-referential structure
 - Contains a member that is a pointer to the same structure type
 - Used for linked lists, queues, stacks and trees
- struct
 - Creates a new data type that is used to declare variables
 - Structure variables are declared like variables of other types
 - Example:

```
Time timeObject, timeArray[ 10 ],
    *timePtr, &timeRef = timeObject;
```

6.3 Accessing Members of Structures

- Member access operators:
 - Dot operator (.) for structures and objects
 - Arrow operator (->) for pointers
 - Print member hour of timeObject:

```
cout << timeObject.hour;</pre>
```

```
OR
```

```
timePtr = &timeObject;
```

```
cout << timePtr->hour;
```

- timePtr->hour is the same as (*timePtr).hour
- Parentheses required: * has lower precedence than .



```
1 // Fig. 6.1: fig06 01.cpp
                                                                                    Outline
2 // Create a structure, set its members, and print it.
  #include <iostream>
3
4

    Define the struct

   using std::cout;
5
   using std::endl;
6
7
                                                                          1.1 Define prototypes
   struct Time {
                    // structure definition
8
                                                                          for the functions
      int hour:
9
                    // 0-23
10
     int minute; // 0-59
                                         Creates the user-defined structure
                                                                          2. Create a struct
     int second;
11
                     // 0-59
                                         type Time with three integer
12 };
                                                                          data type
                                         members: hour, minute and
13
                                        second.
14 void printMilitary( const Time & );
                                                                          2.1 Set and print the
15 void printStandard( const Time & ); // prototype
                                                                          time
16
17 int main()
18 {
19
      Time dinnerTime; // variable of new type Time
20
21
      // set members to valid values
      dinnerTime.hour = 18;
22
      dinnerTime.minute = 30;
23
24
      dinnerTime.second = 0;
25
26
      cout << "Dinner will be held at ";</pre>
      printMilitary( dinnerTime );
27
                                                Dinner will be held at 18:30 military time,
      cout << " military time, \nwhich is ";</pre>
28
                                                which is 6:30:00 PM standard time.
29
      printStandard( dinnerTime );
      cout << " standard time.\n";</pre>
30
31
```

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```
// set members to invalid values
32
      dinnerTime.hour = 29;
33
34
      dinnerTime.minute = 73;
35
36
      cout << "\nTime with invalid values: ";</pre>
37
      printMilitary( dinnerTime );
                                     Time with invalid values: 29:73
      cout << endl;
38
39
      return 0;
40 }
41
42 // Print the time in military format
43 void printMilitary( const Time &t )
44 {
      cout << ( t.hour < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << t.hour << ":"
45
           << ( t.minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << t.minute;
46
47 }
48
49 // Print the time in standard format
50 void printStandard( const Time &t )
51 {
52
      cout << ( ( t.hour == 0 || t.hour == 12 ) ?
53
                12 : t.hour % 12 )
           << ":" << ( t.minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << t.minute
54
           << ":" << ( t.second < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << t.second
55
56
           << ( t.hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
57 }
```

<u>Outline</u>

2.2 Set the time to an invalid hour, then print it

3. Define the functions printMilitary **and** printStandard Dinner will be held at 18:30 military time, which is 6:30:00 PM standard time.

Time with invalid values: 29:73

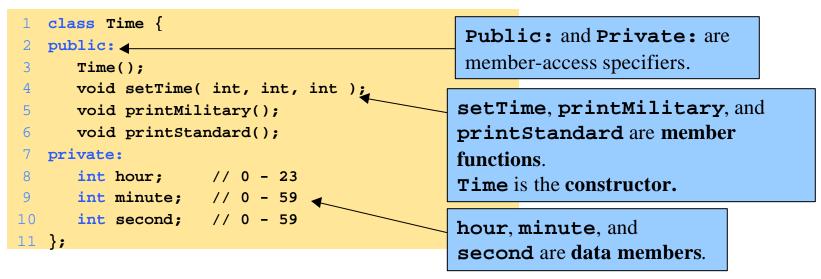


<u>Outline</u>

Program Output

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- Classes
 - Model objects that have attributes (data members) and behaviors (member functions)
 - Defined using keyword class
 - Have a body delineated with braces ({ and })
 - Class definitions terminate with a semicolon
 - Example:



- Member access specifiers
 - Classes can limit the access to their member functions and data
 - The three types of access a class can grant are:
 - **Public** Accessible wherever the program has access to an object of the class
 - **private** Accessible only to member functions of the class
 - **Protected** Similar to private and discussed later
- Constructor
 - Special member function that initializes the data members of a class object
 - Cannot return values
 - Have the same name as the class

- Class definition and declaration
 - Once a class has been defined, it can be used as a type in object, array and pointer declarations
 - Example:

```
Time sunset, // object of type Time

arrayOfTimes[ 5 ], // array of Time objects

*pointerToTime, // pointer to a Time object

&dinnerTime = sunset; // reference to a Time object
```

Note: The class name

becomes the new type

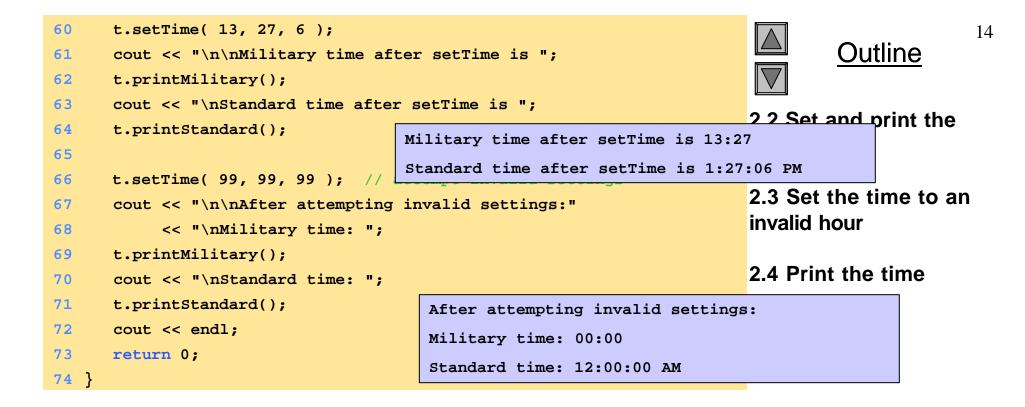
specifier.



```
1 // Fig. 6.3: fig06 03.cpp
                                                                                             12
                                                                               Outline
2 // Time class.
3 #include <iostream>
4
                                                                      1. Define a Time class
  using std::cout;
5
  using std::endl;
6
                                                                      1.1 Define default
7
  // Time abstract data type (ADT) definition
                                                                      values for the time
8
9 class Time {
10 public:
11
      Time();
                                    // constructor
12 void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
13 void printMilitary(); // print military time format
     void printStandard(); // print standard time format
14
15 private:
     int hour; // 0 - 23
16
17 int minute; // 0 - 59
    int second; // 0 - 59
18
19 };
20
21 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero.
22 // Ensures all Time objects start in a consistent state.
                                                                     Note the : preceding
23 Time::Time() { hour = minute = second = 0; }
                                                                     the function names.
24
25 // Set a new Time value using military time. Perform validity
26 // checks on the data values. Set invalid values to zero.
27 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
28 {
29
      hour = (h \ge 0 \& \& h < 24)? h : 0;
     minute = (m \ge 0 \& \& m < 60) ? m : 0;
30
      second = (s \ge 0 \&\& s < 60) ? s : 0;
31
32 }
```

```
33
                                                                                                13
                                                                                  Outline
34 // Print Time in military format
35 void Time::printMilitary()
36 {
                                                                         1.2 Define the two
      cout << ( hour < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << hour << ":"
37
                                                                         functions
           << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute;
38
                                                                         printMilitary and
39 }
                                                                         printstandard
40
41 // Print Time in standard format
                                                                         2. In main, create an
42 void Time::printStandard()
                                                                         object of class Time
43 {
      cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
44
           << ":" << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute
                                                                         2.1Print the initial
45
           << ":" << ( second < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << second
46
                                                                         (default) time
47
           << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
48 }
49
50 // Driver to test simple class Time
51 int main()
52 {
                                                The initial military time is 00:00
      Time t; // instantiate object t of class
53
54
                                                The initial standard time is 12:00:00 AM
      cout << "The initial military time is ";</pre>
55
                                                                     Notice how functions are
      t.printMilitary();
56
      cout << "\nThe initial standard time is ";</pre>
                                                                     called using the dot (.)
57
      t.printStandard();
58
                                                                     operator.
59
```

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The initial military time is 00:00 The initial standard time is 12:00:00 AM

Military time after setTime is 13:27 Standard time after setTime is 1:27:06 PM

After attempting invalid settings: Military time: 00:00 Standard time: 12:00:00 AM Program Output

- Destructors
 - Functions with the same name as the class but preceded with a tilde character (~)
 - Cannot take arguments and cannot be overloaded
 - Performs "termination housekeeping"
- Binary scope resolution operator (::)
 - Combines the class name with the member function name
 - Different classes can have member functions with the same name
- Format for defining member functions

ReturnType ClassName::MemberFunctionName(){

}



- If a member function is defined inside the class
 - Scope resolution operator and class name are not needed
 - Defining a function outside a class does not change it being public or private
- Classes encourage software reuse
 - Inheritance allows new classes to be derived from old ones



6.6 Class Scope and Accessing Class Members

- Class scope
 - Data members and member functions
- File scope
 - Non member functions
- Inside a scope
 - Members accessible by all member functions
 - Referenced by name
- Outside a scope
 - Members are referenced through handles
 - An object name, a reference to an object or a pointer to an object



6.6 Class Scope and Accessing Class Members

- Function scope
 - Variables only known to function they are defined in
 - Variables are destroyed after function completion
- Accessing class members
 - Same as structs
 - Dot (.) for objects and arrow (->) for pointers
 - Example:
 - t.hour is the hour element of t
 - TimePtr->hour is the hour element



```
1 // Fig. 6.4: fig06 04.cpp
2 // Demonstrating the class member access operators . and ->
  11
3
   // CAUTION: IN FUTURE EXAMPLES WE AVOID PUBLIC DATA!
4
   #include <iostream>
5
                                                 It is rare to have
6
                                                 public member
   using std::cout;
7
                                                 variables. Usually
  using std::endl;
8
                                                 only member
9
                                                 functions are
10 // Simple class Count
                                                 public; this
11 class Count {
                                                 keeps as much
12 public:
                                                 information hidden
13
      int x:
                                                 as possible.
      void print() { cout << x << endl; }</pre>
14
15 };
16
17 int main()
18 {
                                   // create counter object
19
      Count counter,
            *counterPtr = &counter, // pointer to counter
20
            &counterRef = counter; // reference to counter
21
22
23
      cout << "Assign 7 to x and print using the object's name: ";</pre>
24
      counter.x = 7;
                          // assign 7 to data member x
      counter.print();
                          // call member function print
25
26
      cout << "Assign 8 to x and print using a reference: ";
27
28
      counterRef.x = 8; // assign 8 to data member x
      counterRef.print(); // call member function print
29
30
```



2. Create an object of the class

2.1 Assign a value to the object. Print the value using the dot operator

2.2 Set a new value and print it using a reference

31	cout << "Assign 10 to x and print using a pointer: ";			
32	counterPtr->x = 10; // assign 10 to data member x	Outline ²⁰		
33	<pre>counterPtr->print(); // call member function print</pre>			
34	return 0;	2.3 Set a new value		
		and print it using a		
35 }		pointer		

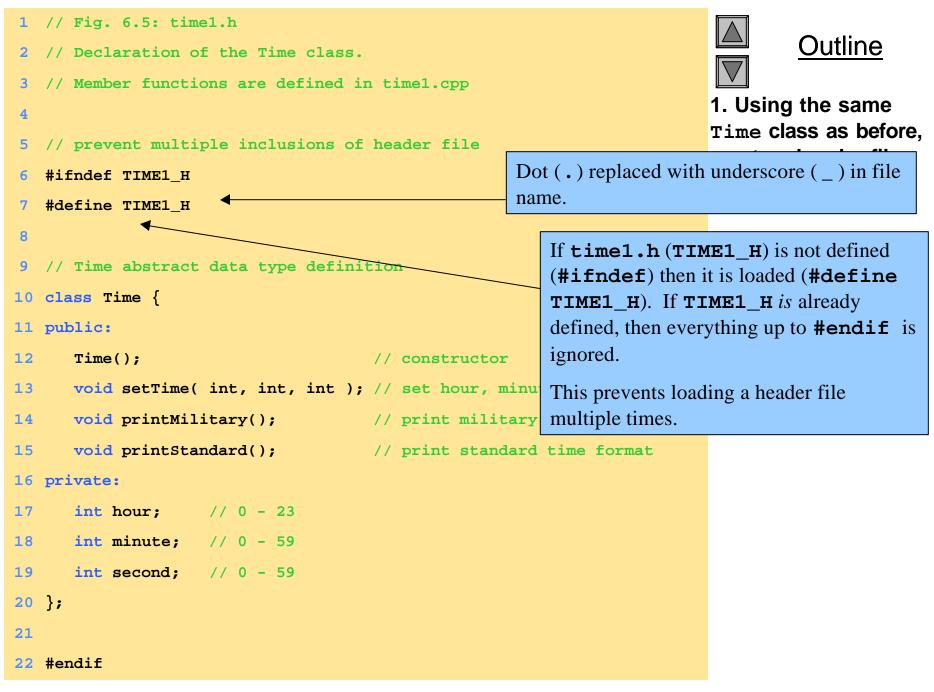
Assign	7	to	х	and	print	using	the	object's	s name:	7
Assign	8	to	\mathbf{x}	and	print	using	a r	eference	: 8	
Assign	1() to	2	c and	l print	z using	j a	pointer:	10	

Program Output

6.7 Separating Interface from Implementation

- Separating interface from implementation
 - Makes it easier to modify programs
 - Header files
 - Contains class definitions and function prototypes
 - Source-code files
 - Contains member function definitions





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```
23 // Fig. 6.5: time1.cpp
24 // Member function definitions for Time class.
                                                                                        Outline
25 #include <iostream>
26
27 using std::cout;
                                                                              2. Create a source
                                              Source file uses #include
28
                                                                              code file
29 #include "time1.h"
                                              to load the header file
30
                                                                              2.1 Load the header
31 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero.
32 // Ensures all Time objects start in a consistent state.
                                                                              file to get the class
33 Time::Time() { hour = minute = second = 0; }
                                                                              definitions
34
35 // Set a new Time value using military time. Perform validity
36 // checks on the data values. Set invalid values to zero.
                                                                              2.2. Define the
37 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
                                                                              member functions of
38 {
                                                                              the class
39
      hour
             = (h \ge 0 \& \& h < 24)? h : 0;
40
      minute = (m \ge 0 \& \& m < 60) ? m : 0;
      second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0;
41
                                                                        Source file contains
42 }
                                                                       function definitions
43
44 // Print Time in military format
45 void Time::printMilitary()
46 {
47
      cout << ( hour < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << hour << ":"
           << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute;
48
49 }
50
51 // Print time in standard format
52 void Time::printStandard()
53 {
      cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 )
54
55
           << ":" << ( minute < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << minute
          << ":" << ( second < 10 ? "0" : "" ) << second
56
          << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
57
58 }
```

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6.8 Controlling Access to Members

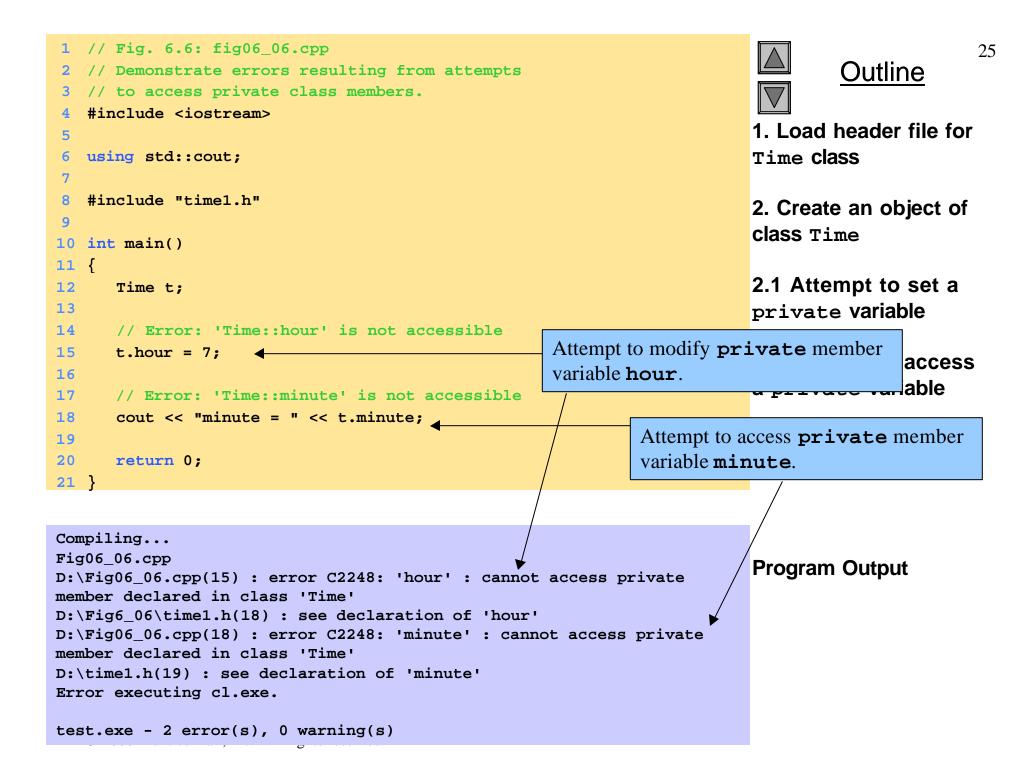
• public

- Presents clients with a view of the services the class provides (interface)
- Data and member functions are accessible

• private

- Default access mode
- Data only accessible to member functions and **friend**s
- private members only accessible through the public class interface using public member functions

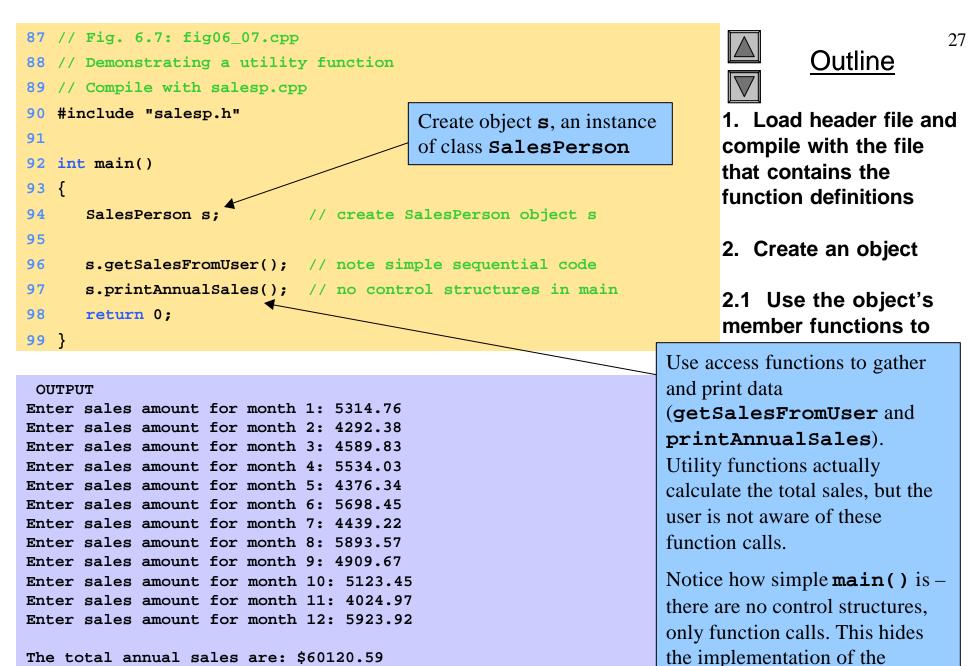




6.9 Access Functions and Utility Functions

- Utility functions
 - private functions that support the operation of public functions
 - Not intended to be used directly by clients
- Access functions
 - **public** functions that read/display data or check conditions
 - Allow **public** functions to check **private** data
- Following example
 - Program to take in monthly sales and output the total
 - Implementation not shown, only access functions

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program.

The total annual sales are: \$60120.59

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6.10 Initializing Class Objects: Constructors

- Constructors
 - Initialize class members
 - Same name as the class
 - No return type
 - Member variables can be initialized by the constructor or set afterwards
- Passing arguments to a constructor
 - When an object of a class is declared, initializers can be provided
 - Format of declaration with initializers:

Class-type ObjectName(value1,value2,...);

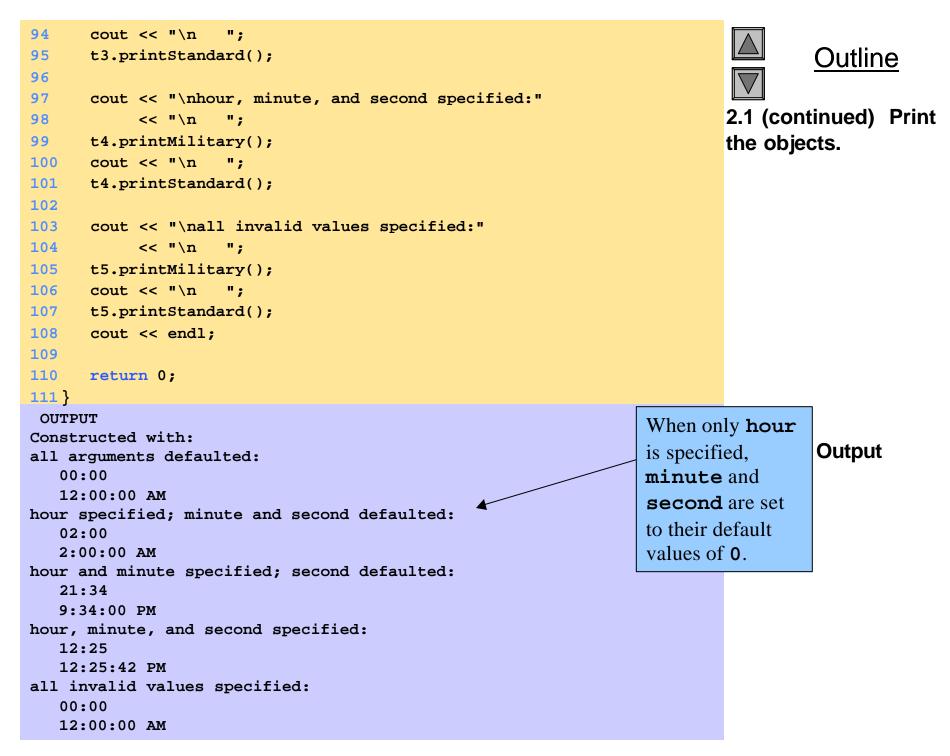
Default arguments may also be specified in the constructor prototype



```
1 // Fig. 6.8: time2.h
                                                                                               29
                                                                                 Outline
  // Declaration of the Time class.
2
  // Member functions are defined in time2.cpp
3
                                                                        1. Define class Time
4
                                                                        and its default values
   // preprocessor directives that
5
  // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6
  #ifndef TIME2 H
7
  #define TIME2 H
8
9
10 // Time abstract data type definition
11 class Time {
12 public:
                                                                      Notice that default settings
                                                                      for the three member
      Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor
13
                                                                      variables are set in
      void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second
14
                                                                      constructor prototype. No
     void printMilitary(); // print military time format
15
                                                                      names are needed; the
      void printStandard(); // print standard time format
16
                                                                      defaults are applied in the
17 private:
                                                                      order the member variables
      int hour; // 0 - 23
18
                                                                      are declared.
     int minute; // 0 - 59
19
     int second; // 0 - 59
20
21 };
22
23 #endif
```

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```
61 // Fig. 6.8: fig06_08.cpp
                                                                                                  30
62 // Demonstrating a default constructor
                                                                                    Outline
63 // function for class Time.
64 #include <iostream>
                                                                           2. Create objects
                            Notice how objects are initialized:
65
                            Constructor ObjectName (value1, value2...);
                                                                           using default
66 using std::cout;
67 using std::endl;
                            If not enough values are specified, the rightmost
                                                                           arguments
68
                            values are set to their defaults.
69 #include "time2.h"
                                                                          2.1 Print the objects
70
71 int main()
72 {
                           // all arguments defaulted
73
      Time t1,
74
           t2(2),
                           // minute and second defaulted
           t3(21, 34),
75
                          // second defaulted
           t4(12, 25, 42), // all values specified
76
77
           t5(27, 74, 99); // all bad values specified
78
79
      cout << "Constructed with:\n"
80
           << "all arguments defaulted:\n
                                             ";
      t1.printMilitary();
81
      cout << "\n ";
82
83
      t1.printStandard();
84
      cout << "\nhour specified; minute and second defaulted:"
85
           << "\n
                    ";
86
87
      t2.printMilitary();
      cout << "\n ";
88
      t2.printStandard();
89
90
      cout << "\nhour and minute specified; second defaulted:"</pre>
91
92
           << "\n ";
93
      t3.printMilitary();
```



6.12 Using Destructors

- Destructors
 - Are member function of class
 - Perform termination housekeeping before the system reclaims the object's memory
 - Complement of the constructor
 - Name is tilde (~) followed by the class name (i.e., ~Time)
 - Recall that the constructor's name is the class name
 - Receives no parameters, returns no value
 - One destructor per class
 - No overloading allowed



6.13 When Constructors and Destructors Are Called

- Constructors and destructors called automatically
 - Order depends on scope of objects
- Global scope objects
 - Constructors called before any other function (including main)
 - Destructors called when **main** terminates (or **exit** function called)
 - Destructors not called if program terminates with abort
- Automatic local objects
 - Constructors called when objects are defined
 - Destructors called when objects leave scope
 - i.e., when the block in which they are defined is exited
 - Destructors not called if the program ends with exit or abort

6.13 When Constructors and Destructors Are Called

- Static local objects
 - Constructors called when execution reaches the point where the objects are defined
 - Destructors called when main terminates or the exit function is called
 - Destructors not called if the program ends with **abort**



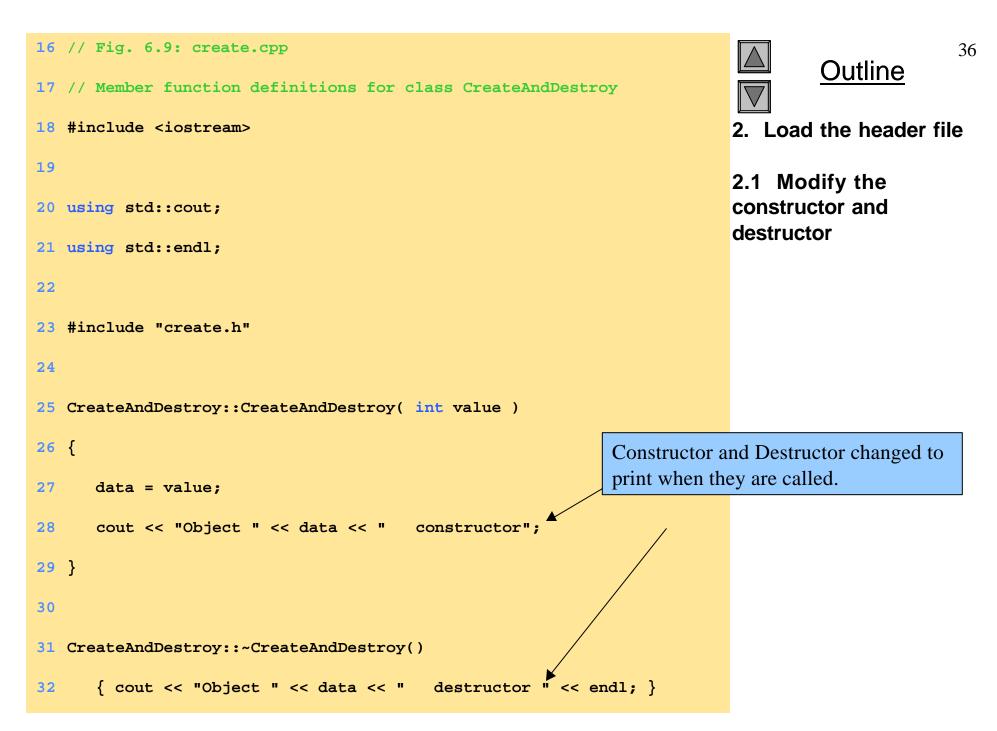
```
1 // Fig. 6.9: create.h
2 // Definition of class CreateAndDestroy.
  // Member functions defined in create.cpp.
3
  #ifndef CREATE H
4
  #define CREATE_H
5
6
   class CreateAndDestroy {
7
  public:
8
      CreateAndDestroy( int ); // constructor
9
      ~CreateAndDestroy(); // destructor
10
11 private:
12
     int data;
13 };
14
15 #endif
```

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1.1 Include function prototypes for the destructor and constructor



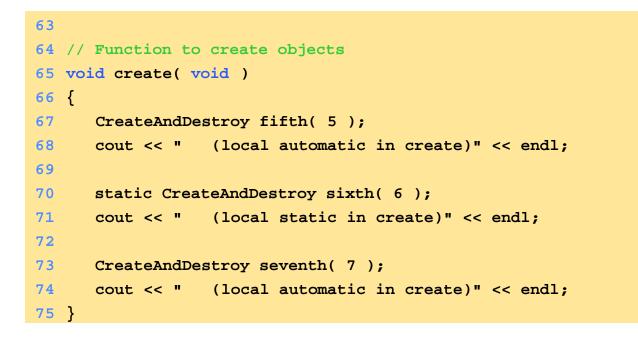
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```
33 // Fig. 6.9: fig06 09.cpp
34 // Demonstrating the order in which constructors and
35 // destructors are called.
36 #include <iostream>
37
38 using std::cout;
39 using std::endl;
40
41 #include "create.h"
42
43 void create( void ); // prototype
44
45 CreateAndDestroy first( 1 ); // global object
46
47 int main()
48 {
49
      cout << " (global created before main)" << endl;</pre>
50
51
      CreateAndDestroy second( 2 ); // local object
      cout << " (local automatic in main)" << endl;</pre>
52
53
      static CreateAndDestroy third( 3 ); // local object
54
55
      cout << " (local static in main)" << endl;</pre>
56
      create(); // call function to create objects
57
58
      CreateAndDestroy fourth( 4 ); // local object
59
60
      cout << " (local automatic in main)" << endl;</pre>
      return 0;
61
62 }
```



<u>Outline</u>

3. Create multiple objects of varying types





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OUTPUT Object 1 Object 2 Object 3 Object 5 Object 6 Object 7 Object 7	constructor constructor constructor constructor constructor destructor	(global created before main) (local automatic in main) (local static in main) (local automatic in create) (local static in create) (local automatic in create)	▶		Program Output
Object 5 Object 4 Object 4 Object 2 Object 6 Object 3 Object 1	destructor constructor destructor destructor destructor destructor destructor	(local automatic in main)	co de (a	onstructor epends on automatic,	the order of the and destructor call the types of variables global and static) ociated with.

6.14 Using Data Members and Member Functions

- Member functions
 - Allow clients of the class to set (i.e., write) or get (i.e., read) the values of private data members
 - Example:

Adjusting a customer's bank balance

- private data member balance of a class BankAccount could be modified through the use of member function computeInterest
- A member function that sets data member interestRate could be called setInterestRate, and a member function that returns the interestRate could be called getInterestRate
- Providing *set* and *get* functions does not make **private** variables **public**
- A set function should ensure that the new value is valid



6.15 A Subtle Trap: Returning a Reference to a Private Data Member

- Reference to an object
 - Alias for the name of the object
 - May be used on the left side of an assignment statement
 - Reference can receive a value, which changes the original object as well
- Returning references
 - public member functions can return non-const references to private data members
 - Should be avoided, breaks encapsulation

```
1 // Fig. 6.11: time4.h
  // Declaration of the Time class.
2
  // Member functions defined in time4.cpp
3
4
   // preprocessor directives that
5
   // prevent multiple inclusions of header file
6
  #ifndef TIME4 H
7
  #define TIME4_H
8
                         Notice how member function
9
                         badSetHour returns a reference
10 class Time {
                         (int & is the return type).
11 public:
      Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0);
12
      void setTime( int, int, int );
13
14
      int getHour();
      int &badSetHour( int ); // DANGEROUS reference return
15
16 private:
17
      int hour;
18
     int minute;
19
     int second;
20 };
21
22 #endif
```



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1.1 Function prototypes

1.2 Member variables

```
23 // Fig. 6.11: time4.cpp
24 // Member function definitions for Time class.
25 #include "time4.h"
26
27 // Constructor function to initialize private data.
28 // Calls member function setTime to set variables.
29 // Default values are 0 (see class definition).
30 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
      { setTime( hr, min, sec ); }
31
32
33 // Set the values of hour, minute, and second.
34 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
35 {
36
      hour
             = (h \ge 0 \&\& h < 24)? h : 0;
      minute = (m \ge 0 \& \& m < 60) ? m : 0;
37
      second = (s \ge 0 \&\& s < 60) ? s : 0;
38
39 }
40
41 // Get the hour value
42 int Time::getHour() { return hour; }
43
44 // POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE:
45 // Returning a reference to a private data member.
46 int &Time::badSetHour( int hh )
47 {
      hour = (hh \ge 0 \& hh < 24)? hh : 0;
48
49
50
      return hour; // DANGEROUS reference return
51 }
```

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1.1 Function definitions

badSetHour returns a
reference to the
private member
variable hour.
Changing this reference
will alter hour as well.

```
52 // Fig. 6.11: fig06 11.cpp
                                                                                     43
                                                                        Outline
53 // Demonstrating a public member function that
54 // returns a reference to a private data member.
55 // Time class has been trimmed for this example.
                                                                1.2 Declare reference
56 #include <iostream>
57
58 using std::cout;
                                                                2. Change data using a
                                 Declare Time object t and
59 using std::endl;
                                                                reference
                                 reference hourRef that is
60
61 #include "time4.h"
                                 assigned the reference returned by
62
                                 the call t.badSetHour(20).
                                                                3. Output results
63 int main()
64 {
65
     Time t;
     int &hourRef = t.badSetHour( 20 );
66
                                                   Hour before modification: 20
67
68
     cout << "Hour before modification: " << hourRef;</pre>
                                                            Alias used to set the value
     hourRef = 30; // modification with invalid value
69
                                                            of hour to 30 (an invalid
     cout << "\nHour after modification: " << t.getHour() </pre>
70
                                                            voluo)
71
                                             Hour after modification: 30
72
     // Dangerous: Function call that returns
     // a reference can be used as an lvalue!
73
     t.badSetHour(12) = 74;
74
                                                        Function call used as an lvalue
     75
                                                        and assigned the value 74
76
          (another invalid value).
77
          << "badSetHour as an lvalue, Hour: "
78
          << t.getHour()
79
          ******
80
                                                      POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!!!
81
     return 0;
82 }
                                                      badSetHour as an lvalue, Hour: 74
                                                      *****
```

```
Hour before modification: 20
Hour after modification: 30
```



<u>Outline</u>

Program Output

HourRef used to change hour to an invalid value. Normally, the function **setbadSetHour** would not have allowed this. However, because it returned a reference, hour was changed directly.

6.16 Assignment by Default Memberwise Copy

- Assigning objects
 - An object can be assigned to another object of the same type using the assignment operator (=)
 - Member by member copy
- Objects may be
 - Passed as function arguments
 - Returned from functions (call-by-value default)



```
1 // Fig. 6.12: fig06 12.cpp
2 // Demonstrating that class objects can be assigned
3 // to each other using default memberwise copy
  #include <iostream>
4
5
6 using std::cout;
7 using std::endl;
8
9 // Simple Date class
10 class Date {
11 public:
12
      Date( int = 1, int = 1, int = 1990 ); // default constructor
     void print();
13
14 private:
     int month;
15
16 int day;
17
     int year;
18 };
19
20 // Simple Date constructor with no range checking
21 Date::Date( int m, int d, int y )
22 {
23
     month = m;
24 \quad day = d;
25
     year = y;
26 }
27
28 // Print the Date in the form mm-dd-yyyy
29 void Date::print()
      { cout << month << '-' << day << '-' << year; }</pre>
30
```

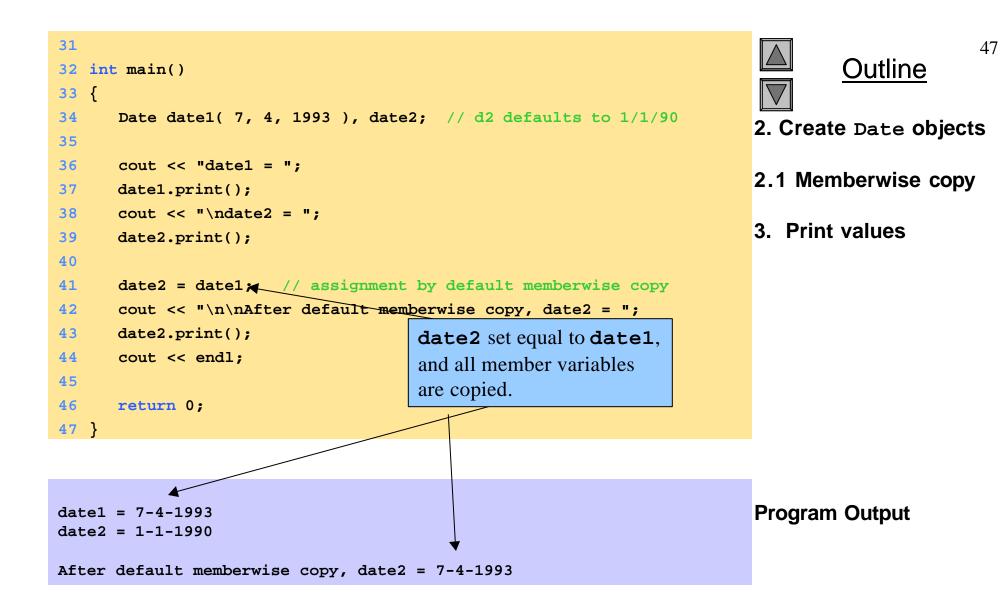
functions

Outline

1.1 Define member

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^{1.} Define class



6.17 Software Reusability

- Software resusability
 - Implementation of useful classes
 - Class libraries exist to promote reusability
 - Allows for construction of programs from existing, welldefined, carefully tested, well-documented, portable, widely available components
 - Speeds development of powerful, high-quality software

