Classes

CMSC 202

Programming & Abstraction

- All programming languages provide some form of ***abstraction***.
  - Also called ***information hiding***
  - Separates code use from code implementation
- Procedural Programming
  - Data Abstraction: using data structures
  - Control Abstraction: using functions
- Object Oriented Programming
  - Data and Control Abstraction: using classes

Procedural vs. Object Oriented

Procedural

Calculate the area of a circle given the specified radius

Sort this class list given an array of students

Calculate the student's GPA given a list of courses

Object Oriented

Circle, what's your radius?

Class list, sort your students

Transcript, what's the student's GPA?

What is a Class?

- From the Dictionary
  - A kind or category
  - A set, collection, group, or configuration containing members regarded as ***having certain attributes or traits in common***
- From an Object Oriented Perspective
  - A group of objects with ***similar properties, common behavior, common relationships with other objects, and common semantics***
  - We use classes for ***abstraction*** purposes.

Classes

Classes are “blueprints” for creating a group of objects.

A bird class to create bird objects

A car class to create car objects

A shoe class to create shoe objects

The blueprint defines

The class’s state/attributes as variables

The class’s behavior as methods

Class or Object?

- Variables of class types may be created just like variables of built-in types.
  - Using a set of blueprints you could create a bakery.
- You can create as many instances of the class type as you like.
  - There is more than one bakery in Baltimore.
- The challenge is to define classes and create objects that satisfy the problem.
  - Do we need an Oven class?

Structures

What about structs?

- Collection of data
- No operations explicitly related

```
struct DayOfYear
{
  int month;
  int day;
};

DayOfYear july4th;
july4th.month = 7;
july4th.day = 4;
```

Members

Structures

Good

- Simple
- Can be parameters to functions
- Can be returned by functions
- Can be used as members of other structs

Bad

- No operations
- Data is not protected
  - Any code that has access to the struct object has direct access to all members of that object

Classes – a Struct Replacement

Good

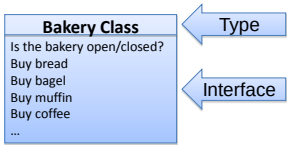
- Simple
- Objects can be parameters to functions
- Objects can be returned by functions
- Objects can be members of other classes
- Operations linked to data
- Data ***is*** protected
  - Code that uses an object MUST use the operators of the class to access/modify data of the object (usually)

Bad

- Nothing really…

Class Interface

- The requests you can make of an object are determined by its ***interface***.
- Do we need to know how bagels are made in order to buy one?
  - All we actually need to know is which bakery to go to and what action we want to perform.



Implementation

Code and ***hidden data*** in the class that satisfies requests make up the class's ***implementation***.

What's hidden in a bakery?

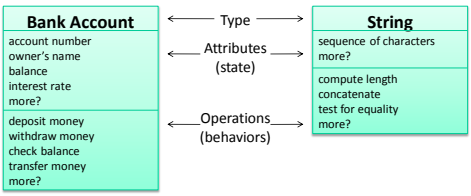
Every request made of an object must have an associated method that will be called.

In OO-speak we say that you are ***sending a message*** to the object, which responds to the message by executing the appropriate code.

Recall . . .

Class

- A ***complex data type*** containing:
  - Attributes – make up the object's ***state***
  - Operations – define the object's ***behaviors***



Class Example

```
class Car                          <-- Class-name
{
   public:                         <-- Protection Mechanism
      bool AddGas(float gallons);
      float GetMileage();          <-- Operations
      // other operations

   private:                        <-- Protection Mechanism
      float m_currGallons;
      float m_currMileage;         <-- Data
      // other data
};
```

Struct vs. Class

```
struct DayOfYear
{
  int month;
  int day;
};

// Code from main()
DayOfYear july4th;
july4th.month = 7;
july4th.day = 4;
```

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};

// Code from main()
DayOfYear july4th;
july4th.m_month = 7;
july4th.m_day = 4;
```

Class Rules – Coding Standard

Class names
- Always begin with capital letter
- Use mixed case for phrases
- General word for class (type) of objects
  - Ex: Car, Boat, Building, DVD, List, Customer, BoxOfDVDs, CollectionOfRecords, …

Class data
- Always begin with m_
  - Ex: m_fuel, m_title, m_name, …

Class operations/methods
- Always begin with capital letter
  - Ex: AddGas(), Accelerate(), ModifyTitle(), RemoveDVD(), …

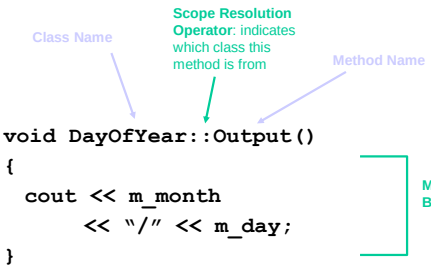
Class - DayOfYear

```
// Represents a Day of the Year
class DayOfYear
{
    public:
        void Output();
        int m_month;
        int m_day;
};

// Output method - displays a DayOfYear
void DayOfYear::Output()
{
    cout << m_month << "/" << m_day;
}

// Code from main()
DayOfYear july4th;
july4th.m_month = 7;
july4th.m_day = 4;
july4th.Output();
```

Method Implementation




```
void DayOfYear::Output()
{
  cout << m_month
       << "/" << m_day;
}
```

Method Body

Classes

```
// Represents a Day of the Year
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   void Output();
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};

// Output method - displays a DayOfYear
void DayOfYear::Output()
{
  cout << m_month << "/" << m_day;
}
```

Class Declaration

Goes in file ClassName.h

Class Definition

Goes in file ClassName.cpp

Classes, Part II

Section Goals

- Abstraction
  - Provide a simple interface to other classes/functions
  - Information Hiding
    - Hide details of **data storage** and **implementation**
- Encapsulation
  - Control access to data
    - Private versus Public
- Definition…
  - Classes describe user-defined ADTs
    - ***Abstract Data Types***

Class Member Access

Public
- Any code can access this member

Private
- Only members of the class can access this member

Default? If access mode unspecified, members are private

Syntax:

```
class ClassName
{
  public:
    // public functions
    // public data

  private:
    // private functions
    // private data
};
```

Improved DayOfYear Class

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   void Input( );
   void Output( );
   void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
   void Set( int newMonth );
   int GetMonthNumber( );
   int GetDay( );
  private:
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};
```

This is the Class declaration – belongs in DayOfYear.h

Using DayOfYear Class

```
int main( )
{
    DayOfYear today;

    // Attempt to use private data…
    today.m_month = 2;            // ERROR!
    today.m_day = 23;             // ERROR!
    cout << "Today: " << m_month << "/"
         << m_day << endl;        // ERROR!

    // Instead, use public methods…
    today.Set( 2, 23 );
    cout << "Today: " << today.GetMonth() << "/"
         << today.GetDay() << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Improved DayOfYear Class

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   void Input( );
   void Output( );
   void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
   void Set( int newMonth );
   int GetMonthNumber( );
   int GetDay( );
  private:
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};
```

What are these methods?

Class Methods

- Accessors
  - Allow outside code to inspect a private data member
  - Start with “Get” (usually)
- Mutators
  - Allow outside code to modify a private data member’
  - Start with “Set” (usually)
- Facilitators (Services)
  - Provide some service for outside code
    - Print all class data
    - Retrieve data from user
    - Format data into a string
    - Calculate something

Accessors, Mutators, Facilitators?

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
    void Input( );
    void Output( );

    void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
    void Set( int newMonth );

    int GetMonthNumber( );
    int GetDay( );
  private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
};
```

Facilitators

Mutators

Accessors

Class Implementation (Simple…)

```
void DayOfYear::Set( int newMonth, int newDay )
{
    m_month = newMonth;
    m_day = newDay;
}

void DayOfYear::Set( int newMonth )
{
    m_month = newMonth;
    m_day = 1;
}

int DayOfYear::GetMonthNumber( )
{
    return m_month;
}

int DayOfYear::GetDay( )
{
    return m_day;
}
```

These method implementations belong in DayOfYear.cpp file

How could the Set methods be improved?

Class Implementation (Improved)

```
//-------------------------------------------------
// Set
// PreConditions:
//       1 <= newMonth <= 12
//       1 <= newDay <= 31
// PostConditions:
//       day of year changed to user supplied values
//    if an error, exit program
//-------------------------------------------------
void DayOfYear::Set(int newMonth, int newDay)
{
    if ((newMonth >= 1) && (newMonth <= 12))
      m_month = newMonth;
    else
    {
      cout << "Illegal month value! Program aborted.\n";
      exit(1);
    }
    if ((newDay >= 1) && (newDay <= 31))
      m_day = newDay;
    else
    {
      cout << "Illegal day value! Program aborted.\n";
      exit(1);
    }
}
```

More Improvements

How else could this be improved?

- Valid day for each month
  - Ex: April has 30 days
- Valid day for month and year
  - Ex: February has 28 or 29 days, depending on year
- Bad data?
  - Set to “safe” value (ex: 1 for month or day)
  - Print an error & keep data
  - Return “false” to indicate illegal state
  - Set flag to “invalid object” (Zombie objects)

DayOfYear Input

```
void DayOfYear::Input( )
{
   cout << "Enter the month as a number: ";
   cin >> m_month;
   cout << "Enter the day of the month: ";
   cin >> m_day;

   if ((m_month < 1) || (m_month > 12)
       || (m_day < 1) || (m_day > 31))
   {
      cerr << "Illegal date! Program aborted.\n";
      exit(1);
   }
}
```

DayOfYear Output

```
void DayOfYear::Output( )
{
    switch (m_month)
    {
        case 1:  cout << "January   "; break;
        case 2:  cout << "February  "; break;
        case 3:  cout << "March     "; break;
        case 4:  cout << "April     "; break;
        case 5:  cout << "May       "; break;
        case 6:  cout << "June      "; break;
        case 7:  cout << "July      "; break;
        case 8:  cout << "August    "; break;
        case 9:  cout << "September "; break;
        case 10: cout << "October   "; break;
        case 11: cout << "November  "; break;
        case 12: cout << "December  "; break;
        default: cout << "Error in DayOfYear::Output."; break;
    }
    cout << m_day;
}
```

Using DayOfYear Class

```
int main( )
{
    DayOfYear today, bachBirthday;

    // input and echo today's date
    cout << "Enter today's date:\n";
    today.Input( );
    cout << "Today's date is ";
    today.Output( ); cout << endl;

    // set and output JSB's birthday
    bachBirthday.Set(3, 21);
    cout << "J. S. Bach's birthday is ";
    bachBirthday.Output( );
    cout << endl;
```

Using DayOfYear Class

```
    // CONT.
    // output special message
    if ((today.GetMonthNumber( ) == bachBirthday.GetMonthNumber( ))
        && (today.GetDay( ) == bachBirthday.GetDay( ) ))
       cout << "Happy Birthday Johann Sebastian!\n";
    else
       cout << "Happy Unbirthday Johann Sebastian!\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Class Design

Ask yourself:
- What properties must each object have?
  - What data-types should each of these be?
  - Which should be private? Which should be public?
- What operations must each object have?
  - What accessors, mutators, facilitators?
    - What parameters must each of these have?
      - Const, by-value, by-reference, default?
    - What return value should each of these have?
      - Const, by-value, by-reference?
  - Which should be private? Which should be public?

Rules of thumb:
- Data should be private (usually)
- Operations should be public (usually)
- At least 1 mutator and 1 accessor per data member (usually)

Guarding Header Files

To use a class, must #include declaration

```
#include "className.h"
```

Every file that uses class should #include it

How do you protect from including twice?

```
#ifndef CLASSNAME_H
#define CLASSNAME_H
// class declaration here…
#endif
```

Guard EVERY .h file

Include EVERY .h file that you directly use

Practice

Design & Implement the "Stapler" class
- Data
  - Number of Staples
    - Integer
    - Private
- Operations
  - Fill – fill stapler to max capacity
    - Parameters? None
    - Return value? None
    - Public
  - Staple – dispense one staple
    - Parameters? None
    - Return value? Bool – was action successful or not
    - Public

Challenge

Design and Declare an “Alarm Clock” class that beeps when the alarm goes off…

- What properties?
- What operations?

Implement your Alarm Clock class

- Assume there are functions implemented in a standard library called:
  - int GetCurrentHour(); - returns 0 to 23
  - int GetCurrentMinute(); - returns 0 to 59
- Assume there exists an external mechanism to make the clock update every minute…keep it simple…

Write a main function that

- Displays the current time to the user
- Sets the alarm for 9:51 am (so that you’re not late for your 10 am class)

Classes, Part III

Warmup

Using the following **part** of a class, implement the Sharpen() method, it removes 1 from the length:

```
class Pencil
{
  public:
    bool Sharpen();
  private:
    int m_length;
};
```

Class Review

```
class DayOfYear
{
    public:
        void Input( );
        void Output( );

        void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
        void Set( int newMonth );

        int GetMonthNumber( );
        int GetDay( );
    private:
        int m_month;
        int m_day;
};

// Declaring a DayOfYear object
DayOfYear today;
```

Facilitators

Mutators

Accessors

What's going on here?

Constructors

Special Methods that "build" (construct) an object

- Supply default values
- Initialize an object

Syntax:

```
ClassName();
ClassName::ClassName(){ /* code */ }
```

Notice

- No return type
- Same name as class!

Constructor Example

```
class DayOfYear
{
   public:
    DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay );

    void Input( );
    void Output( );

    void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
    void Set( int newMonth );

    int GetMonthNumber( );
    int GetDay( );
   private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
};
```

Constructor Example Implementation

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay )
{
  m_month = initMonth;
  m_day = initDay;
}

// Improved version
DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay )
{
  Set(initMonth, initDay);
}
```

How can this method be improved?

Why use a mutator?

Constructor Example Implementation

Initialization Lists

- Alternative to assignment statements (sometimes necessary!)
- Comma-separated list following colon in method definition

Syntax:

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay )
  : m_month( initMonth ), m_day( initDay )
{
}
```

Overloading Constructors

Yes – different parameter lists

Example

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay );

   DayOfYear( int initMonth );

   DayOfYear( );

   // other public methods…
  private:
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};
```

Overloading Constructors

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay )
{
  Set(initMonth, initDay);
}

DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth )
{
  Set(initMonth, 1);
}

DayOfYear::DayOfYear( )
{
  Set(1, 1);
}
```

What would be another alternative to having all 3 of these methods?

Overloading Constructors

```
class DayOfYear
{
  public:
   DayOfYear( int initMonth = 1, int initDay = 1 );

   // other public methods…
  private:
   int m_month;
   int m_day;
};

DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay  )
{
  Set(initMonth, initDay);
}
```

Default Parameters!

Constructors

Why haven't we seen this before?

- Compiler builds a default constructor
  - Unless you define a constructor…

Think about the following:

- vector<DayOfYear> days(20);
  - Calls default constructor for DayOfYear!

What if something goes wrong?

- One solution: Zombie objects
- Another solution: Throw exception (later…)

Zombie Objects

```
class DayOfYear
{
   public:
    DayOfYear( int initMonth = 1, int initDay = 1 );

    bool isValid();

    // other public methods…
   private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
    bool m_isValid;
};

bool DayOfYear::isValid()
{
   return m_isValid;
}
```

```
DayOfYear::DayOfYear( int initMonth, int initDay )
    :m_month( initMonth), m_day( initDay )
{
   if (m_month < 1 || m_month > 12)
    m_isValid = false;
   else if ( m_day < 1 || m_day > 31)
    m_isValid = false;
   else if ( day too big for the specified month)
    m_isValid = false
   else
    m_isValid = true;
}
```

Practice

Stapler class

What would the constructor look like?

Initialize a stapler to have 50 staples

Const and Objects

With an Object

```
const DayOfYear jan1st(1, 1);
jan1st.Set(1, 5);     // ERROR
```

```
myfile.cpp: In function `int main()':
myfile.cpp:20: passing `const DayOfYear' as
  `this' argument of `void DayOfYear::Set(int,
  int)' discards qualifiers
```

Const and Methods

Const member functions
- Promise not to modify the current object
  - Usually accessors, print functions, …

Compiler checks
- Directly – is there an assignment to data member in method?
- Indirectly – is there a call to a non-const method?

Syntax

```
retType methodName(parameters) const;
```

Const Example

```
class DayOfYear
{
   public:
    DayOfYear( int initMonth = 1, int initDay = 1 );

    void Input( );
    void Output( ) const;

    void Set( int newMonth, int newDay );
    void Set( int newMonth );

    int GetMonthNumber( ) const;
    int GetDay( ) const;
   private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
};
```

Promise not to alter data members!

Const Rules

Const member functions
- Can be called on const and non-const objects
- Can call other const member functions
- Cannot call non-const member functions

Non-const member functions
- Can be called only on non-const objects
  - Otherwise, compiler error!
- Can call const and non-const member functions

Const objects
- Can be passed as const argument

Non-const objects
- Can be passed as const or non-const argument

Practice?

What is wrong with this?

```
int DayOfYear::GetDay ( ) const
{
   if (m_day < 1 )
      Set( m_month, 1 );
   return m_day;
}
```

Practice

What is wrong with this?

```
void Bob ( const DayOfYear& doy)
{
   OutputDayOfYear ( doy );

   cout << "Please enter your birth month and day \n";

   int birthMonth, birthDay;
   cin >> birthMonth >> birthDay;

   doy.Set( birthMonth, birthDay );
}
```

Implementing with Const

Start from the beginning

- Don't try to add const at the end of implementing

Use for

- Member functions that don't change object
  - Facilitators (maybe) and Accessors (most definitely)
- Parameters whenever reasonable
  - Not with pass-by-value
  - Yes with pass-by-reference

Designing Classes

Ask yourself the following questions:

- What are the responsibilities of this type of object?
- What actions can an object take?
- What actions can another function take on an object?
- What information does an object store?
- What information does an object need access to?

For each method:

- What parameters (const, ref, const-ref, val)?
  - Preconditions – what values are legal for parameters?
- What return value (const, ref, const-ref, val)?
  - Postconditions – what was altered by method?
- Does this method change the object (const, non-const)?

Practice – Add const!

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

class Person {
    public:
        Person( string name, int age );
        string GetName( );
        int GetAge( );
        void HappyBirthday( );
    private:
        string m_name;
        int m_age;
};
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Person.h"
using namespace std;

Person::Person( string name, int age )
{
    m_name = name;
    m_age = age;
}

string Person::GetName( )
{
    return m_name;
}

int Person::GetAge( )
{
    return m_age;
}

void Person::HappyBirthday( )
{
```

Challenge

Revisiting our Staple class

- Add a constructor
  - Initialize number of staples to the value of a parameter
- Retain the “Staple” method
  - Removes 1 staple
- Retain the “Fill” method
  - Completely fills to 100
- Add a “AddStaples” method
  - Adds some number of staples (parameter)
- Add a “GetNbrOfStaples” method
  - Returns the current number of Staples
- Add consts whenever appropriate
  - Parameters and methods!

Classes, Part IV

Warmup

```
Class Oven
{
    public
        Oven( int initTemp = 0 );

        void SetTemp( int newTemp );

        int GetTemp() const;

    private
        int m_temp = 0;
}
```

```
Oven( int initTemp = 0 )
    : m_temp(initTemp)
{ }

void setTemp( int newTemp );
{
    newTemp = m_temp;
}

int GetTemp()
{
    return m_temp;
}
```

Warmup (Corrected)

```
class Oven
{
    public:
        Oven( int initTemp = 0 );

        void SetTemp( int newTemp );

        int GetTemp() const;

    private:
        int m_temp;
};
```

```
Oven::Oven( int initTemp )
    : m_temp(initTemp)
{ }

void Oven::SetTemp( int newTemp )
{
    m_temp = newTemp;
}

int Oven::GetTemp() const
{
    return m_temp;
}
```

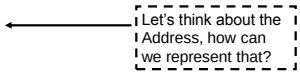
Review

What term is used for “instance of a class”?
What is another term for “information hiding”?
What is a name for functions in a class?
What is a default constructor?
What are the limitations of a const object?
What does “const” mean with a method?

Student Class

Designing a Student…
- What data do we need?

Name
SSN
Address
Phone
Email ID
Course list
…



Aggregation

Objects can hold other objects!
- Class defines a private data member of another Class-type
- “has-a” relationship

Example

```
class Student
{
    public:
        // some methods…
    private:
        Address m_address;
        // more data…
};
```

Aggregation

We have 3 classes for this project

- MazeCell
- Maze
- MazeCrawler

How can we use aggregation here?

Aggregation – Another Look

```
class Vacation
{
    public:
        Vacation( int month, int day, int nbrOfDays );
        // more methods…
    private:
        DayOfYear m_startDay;
        int m_lengthOfTrip;
        // more data…
};

Vacation::Vacation( int month, int day, int nbrOfDays )
    : m_startDay(month, day), m_lengthOfTrip(nbrOfDays)
{
    // code…
}
```

What's going on here?

Implicit call to the Constructor! Remember – initializer lists were important! Only way to call Constructor!

Aggregation

```
class Vacation
{
   public:
      Vacation( int month, int day, int
        nbrOfDays );
      // more methods…
   private:
      DayOfYear m_startDay;
      int m_lengthOfTrip;
      // more data…
};
```

Can Vacation access DayOfYear's private data members?

Aggregation

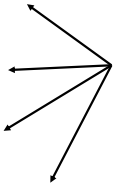
House “has-a”
- Front Door
- Set of bedrooms
- Garage
- Address

Garage “has-a”
- Lawnmower
- Rake
- Car

Car “has-a”
- Driver
- Set of passengers

Driver “has-a”
- Name
- Address

…



You can have as many layers of aggregation as you need – until you get to a set of primitive types!

Static

```
int foobar()
{
   int a = 10;
   ++a;
   return a;
}
```

```
int foobar()
{
   static int a = 10;
   ++a;
   return a;
}
```

Static and Classes?

Static data member
- ALL objects share data
- If one changes, affects all

Static methods
- Can access static data
- CANNOT access non-static data or methods

Regular methods
- Can access static data
- Can access non-static data and methods

Static Example

```
class Person
{
    public:
        static bool SpendMoney(int amount);
    private:
        static Wallet m_wallet;
        Wallet m_moneyClip;
};

// In Person.h

Wallet Person::m_wallet(0);

bool Person::SpendMoney( int amount )
{
    m_wallet.RemoveMoney(amount);
    m_moneyClip.RemoveMoney(amount); // compiler error!!!
}
```

```
// In main

// Create a person
Person Bob;

// Bob adds money to the wallet
Bob.AddMoney(100);

// Anyone can call SpendMoney!
Person::SpendMoney(100);

// Bob has no money!
Bob.SpendMoney(10); // fails!!
```

Incremental / Modular Development & Compilation

- General Programming Approach
  - Bottom-Up Development
    - Work on one class
    - Write one method at a time
      - Develop, test, repeat
    - Test class in isolation
  - Bottom-Up Testing
    - Test one class in isolation
    - Test two classes in isolation (when they are connected)
    - …
    - Test all classes together

Stubbed Class

```
class Stapler
{
     public:
          Stapler();
          bool Staple();
          void Fill();
          bool AddStaples(int nbrStaples);
          int GetNbrStaples();
     private:
          int m_nbrStaples();
};

Stapler::Stapler()
{ }

bool Stapler::Staple()
{ return true; }

void Stapler::Fill()
{ }

bool Stapler::AddStaples(int nbrStaples)
```

```
// Testing main
int main()
{
     Stapler stapler;
     cout << stapler.GetNbrStaples() << endl;

     cout << stapler.Staple() << endl;
     cout << stapler.GetNbrStaples() << endl;

     cout << stapler.AddStaples(10) << endl;
     cout << stapler.GetNbrStaples() << endl;

     stapler.Fill();
     cout << stapler.GetNbrStaples() << endl;

     cout << stapler.AddStaples(10) << endl;
     cout << stapler.GetNbrStaples() << endl;

     return 0;
}
```

P2 - Design

Test cases
- Use these with your Testing main
- Run tests on your class EVERY time you modify it

Implementation
- Write 5 lines
- Save
- Compile
- Test
- Repeat

Challenge

Come up with 1 GOOD example for each of the following:
- Class that uses aggregation
- Class that uses static data
  - This one may be tough…

Do not use examples from class, slides, text, or lecture notes…