

PIC 10A 1C. Week 9b Exercises. TA: Eric Kim. [\[Solutions\]](#)

Note: In this class, always make constructors and member functions public, and member variables private!
Also: const-correctness, and reference parameters when appropriate.

1. Oh my glob

```
class Person {  
public:  
    Person(string name, int age);  
    Person(string name) : myname(name), myage(1000) {}  
    Person(int age) : myname("Glob"), myage(age) {}  
    string get_name() const;  
    int get_age() { return this->myage; }  
private:  
    string myname;  
    int myage;  
};  
Person::Person(string name, int age) : myname(name), myage(age) {}  
string Person::get_name() const {  
    return this->myname;  
}
```

Consider the following code. Find the errors, and describe what went wrong:

```
Person finn("Finn", 12);  
const Person jake("Jake", 30);  
cout << finn.get_name() << " " << jake.get_name();  
cout << finn.get_age() << " " << jake.get_age();  
cout << jake.myage + finn.myage;  
Person marcy("Marceline");  
Person glob(9000);
```

[\[Solution\]](#)

```
cout << finn.get_age() << " " << jake.get_age(); // ERROR  
"jake" is declared const, but it calls a non-const member function "get_age()", which is an error.  
cout << jake.myage + finn.myage; // ERROR  
myage is declared a private variable within the Person class.
```

2. Even Steven meets Steven Evens

Write a class EvenGenerator that generates the even numbers starting from 2.

```
EvenGenerator mygen;  
cout << mygen.next(); // Displays: 2  
cout << mygen.next(); // Displays: 4  
int val = mygen.next();  
cout << mygen.next(); // Displays: 8
```

[\[Solution\]](#)

```
class EvenGenerator {  
public:  
    EvenGenerator() : v(2) {}
```

```

int next() {
    int out = this->v;
    this->v += 2;
    return out;
}
private:
    int v;
};

The member variable "v" keeps track of where we are in the sequence.

```

3. Expand your mind

Write a function `expand_nums` that, given a vector of positive ints, repeats each integer based on its value. Negative numbers and zero should be unmodified:

```

vector<int> nums = {2, 1, 0, 3, -5};
vector<int> out = expand_nums(nums); // out is: [2,2,1,0,3,3,3,-5]

```

[Solution]

```

vector<int> expand_nums(const vector<int>& vec) {
    vector<int> out;
    for (int x : vec) {
        if (x <= 0) {
            out.push_back(x);
        } else {
            for (unsigned i = 0; i < x; ++i) {
                out.push_back(x);
            }
        }
    }
    return out;
}

```

4. Hip to be square

Consider the following function `vecsquare`:

```

/**
 * Squares the integers of a vector. Modifies (mutates) the vector.
 * @param vec The input vector of integers.
 * @return void
 */
void vecsquare(vector<int> vec) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < vec.size(); ++i) {
        vec[i] = vec[i]*vec[i];
    }
}

```

The desired usage is:

```

vector<int> v = {2, 3, 4};
vecsquare(v); // v is now: [4, 9, 16]

```

Does the function vecsquare behave correctly? If not, describe why not, and suggest a simple fix.

[Solution]

Nope! vecsquare makes a *copy* of the input vector, and modifies only the local copy. The simplest fix is to pass the input vector to vecsquare by reference:

```
void vecsquare(vector<int>& vec) { // Only change: &
    for (size_t i = 0; i < vec.size(); ++i) {
        vec[i] = vec[i]*vec[i];
    }
}
```

5. Saving Pvt. Private (starring: Maj. Major)

```
class A {
public:
    A() : b(0) {}
    void foo();
private:
    int b;
};
void A::foo() {
    this->b = this->b + 10;
}
```

The member variable "b" is declared private, yet foo() accesses and modifies b. Does foo() compile correctly? Explain why or why not.

[Solution]

Yup, it's fine. Private variables can only be accessed within the class, ie within a constructor or member function. Here, foo() is a member function for the A class, thus it can access b just fine.

6. Shadowing this

Recall that, within a class, "this" is a pointer to the current object. However, using it is sometimes optional when accessing member variables. For instance, the following is valid code:

```
class Dog {
public:
    Dog(string name) : myname(name) {}
    void bark() const;
private:
    string myname;
};
void Dog::bark() const {
    cout << this->myname << endl;
    cout << myname << endl; // This works too!
}
```

What is a scenario where you must use the "this" parameter to refer to the object's member variable?

[Solution]

If a local variable is called "myname" within a member function/constructor, then you must use "this->myname" to disambiguate which myname you refer to.

```
void Dog::bark() const {
```

```

string myname = "bob";
cout << myname; // Refers to local variable myname = "bob"!
cout << this->myname; // Refers to member variable myname.
}

```

7. Don't fib around

Write a class FibGenerator that generates the Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, etc. Recall that the n-th term of the sequence is simply the sum of the previous two terms:

```

FibGenerator myfib;
for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
    cout << myfib.next() << " ";
}
// Outputs: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21

```

Hint: You may want to keep track of the previous two terms by defining two member variables.

[Solution]

```

class FibGenerator {
public:
    FibGenerator() : prev1(0), prev2(0) {}
    unsigned int next();
private:
    unsigned int prev1; // stores Fib(n-1)
    unsigned int prev2; // stores Fib(n-2)
};

unsigned int FibGenerator::next() {
    if ((this->prev1 == 0) && (this->prev2 == 0)) {
        /* Special case: first time we call next() */
        this->prev1 = 1;      this->prev2 = 0;
        return 1;
    }
    /* Compute Fib(n) = Fib(n-1) + Fib(n-2) */
    unsigned int fibn = this->prev1 + this->prev2;
    /* Update prev1, prev2 to set up for the next call to next() */
    this->prev2 = this->prev1;
    this->prev1 = fibn;
    return fibn;
}

```