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- **Definition**: Data Encapsulation or Information Hiding is the concealing of the implementation details of a data object from the outside world.
- **Definition: Data Abstraction** is the **separation** between the specification of a data object and its implementation.
- **Definition**: A **data type** is a collection of **objects** and a set of **operations** that act on those objects.
- **Definition**: An **abstract data type** (ADT) is a data type that is organized in such a way that the **specification** of the objects and the **specification** of the operations on the objects is separated from the representation of the objects and the **implementation** of the operations.

Advantages of Data Abstraction and

- Data EncapsulationSimplification of software development
- Testing and Debugging
- Reusability
- Modifications to the representation of a data type

ADT Example

ADT NaturalNumber is

objects: An ordered sub-range of the integers starting at zero and ending at the maximum integer (MAXINT) on the computer.

functions: for all x, y belong to NaturalNumber; TRUE, FALSE belong to Boolean and <, ==, and = are the usual integer operations where +, -,

Zero(): NaturalNumber	::=	0
IsZero(x): Boolean	::=	if $(x == 0)$ IsZero = TRUE
		else IsZero = FALSE
Add(x, y): NaturalNumber ::=	if (x+y <=	MAXINT) Add = x + y
		else Add = MAXINT
Equal(x, y): Boolean	::=	if $(x == y)$ Equal = TRUE
		else Equal = FALSE
Successor(x): NaturalNumber	::=	if (x == MAXINT) <i>Successor</i> = x
		else $Successor = x + 1$
Substract(x, y): NaturalNumber	::=	if $(x < y)$ Substract = 0
		else $Substract = x - y$

end NaturalNumber

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ADT & C++ Class

- A class name
- Data members
- Member functions (operations)



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Program 2.1 Definition of the C++ class Rectangle

#define RECTANGLE_H			
// In the header file			
class Rectangle {			
// The following members are public			
// Constructor			
// Deconstructor			
// return the height of the rectangle			
int GetWidth(); // return the width of the rectangle			
// The following members are private			
int x1, y1, h, w;			
// (x1, y1) are the coordinates of the bottom left corner of the rectangle			
// w is the width of the rectangle; h is the height of the rectangle			
};			
#endif			

Program 2.2 Implementation of operations on Rectangle

// In the source file Rectangle.C
#include "Rectangle.h"

// The prefix "Rectangle::" identifies GetHeight() and GetWidth() as member functions belong to class Rectangle. It is required because the member functions are implemented outside their class definition

int Rectangle::GetHeight() {return h;}
int Rectangle::GetWidth() {return w;}

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Constructor and Destructor

- Constructor: is a member function which initializes data members of an object.
 - <u>Advantage</u>: all class objects are well-defined as soon as they are created.
 - Must have the same name of the class
 - Must not specify a return type or a return value
- Destructor: is a member function which deletes data members immediately before the object disappears.
 - Must be named identical to the name of the class prefixed with a tilde ~.
 - It is invoked automatically when a class object goes out of scope or when a class object is deleted.

Examples of Constructor for Rectangle

Rectangle::Rectangle (int x, int y, int height, int width)

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x1 = x; y1 = y;
h = height; w = width;
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Rectangle::Rectangle (int x = 0, int y = 0, int height = 0, int width = 0) : x1(x), y1(y), h(height), w(width) { }

Rectangle r(1, 3, 6, 6); Rectangle *s = new Rectangle(0, 0, 3, 4);

Operator Overloading

 C++ can distinguish the operator == when comparing two floating point numbers and two integers. But what if you want to compare two Rectangles?

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int Rectangle::operator==(const Rectangle &s)
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if (this == &s) return 1;
if ((x1 == s.x1) && (y1 == s.y1) && (h == s.h) && (w == s.w)) return 1;
else return 0;
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Function Overloading

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- Function overloading is the practice of declaring the same function with different signatures. The same function name will be used with different number of parameters and parameters of different type.
- Example(next page)

