

Admin

- ◇ Assign 2 handout missing page!
 - PDF on web is complete or take a page to amend your paper copy
- ◇ Today's topics
 - CS106 class library: Functions as data, client callbacks, recursion intro
- ◇ Reading
 - Reader ch. 4 (today), ch. 5 (next)
- ◇ Got strep?
 - No cafe handout today, but I will be in my office after class for a while

Lecture #7

Specific plot functions

```
const double Incr = .1;

void PlotSin(double start, double stop)
{
    double centerY = GetWindowHeight()/2.0;
    MovePen(start, centerY + sin(start));
    for (double x = start; x <= stop; x += Incr)
        LineTo(x, centerY + sin(x));
}

void PlotSqrt(double start, double stop)
{
    double centerY = GetWindowHeight()/2.0;
    MovePen(start, centerY + sqrt(start));
    for (double x = start; x <= stop; x += Incr)
        LineTo(x, centerY + sqrt(x));
}
```

- ◇ Code is identical, except for function invoked
 - Let's unify!

Generic plot function

```
void Plot(double start, double stop, double (fn)(double))
{
    double centerY = GetWindowHeight()/2.0;
    MovePen(start, centerY + fn(start));
    for (double x = start; x <= stop; x += Incr)
        LineTo(x, centerY + fn(x));
}
```

- ◇ Using function as data!
 - Client passes function by name to `Plot` which graphs it

```
int main()
{
    Plot(0, 2, sin);
    Plot(1, 10, sqrt);
    Plot(2, 5, MyFunction);
    Plot(2, 5, GetLine); // doesn't compile!
    ...
}
```

Back to Set

- ◇ Set needs to compare elements to establish order
- ◇ Default strategy applies relational ops:

```
{
    if (one == two) return 0;
    else if (one < two) return -1;
    else return 1;
}
```
- ◇ What happens if this doesn't make sense for the client's type?
 - E.g. `==` and `<` don't work on this type

Template compilation error

```
struct studentT {
    string first, last;
    int idNum;
    string emailAddress;
};

int main()
{
    Set<studentT> students;
```

- Generates a compile error when instantiating the template:
Error: no match for 'operator==' in 'one == two'
Error : illegal operands 'studentT' == 'studentT'
(point of instantiation: 'main()')
(instantiating: OperatorCmp<studentT>(studentT, studentT)')
cmpfn.h line 25 if (one == two) return 0;
- This is because < and == don't work for structs!

Client callback function

- Functions as data provides solution!
 - Set written to use a function to compare two elements
 - By default it uses OperatorCmp, which applies <, ==
- Client can supply their own function
 - Must match prototype as specified by Set
 - Takes two elements, returns int
- Client's function does comparison of elements
 - Using desired info to get right sense of equal/order
 - Result is negative/zero/positive
- Client passes function to Set constructor
 - Set holds onto fn, and will *callback* client whenever it needs to compare two elements

Supplying callback function

```
struct studentT {
    string first, last;
    int idNum;
};

int CmpById(studentT a, studentT b)
{
    if (a.idNum < b.idNum) return -1;
    else if (a.idNum == b.idNum) return 0;
    else return 1;
}

int main()
{
    Set<studentT> set(CmpById); // ok!
```

Building things: ADTs rock!

- Map of Set
 - Google's web index (word to matching pages)
- Vector of Queues
 - Grocery store checkout lines
- Set of sets
 - Menu for a smoothie shop
- Stack of Maps
 - Compiler stores local variables and enter/exit nested scopes

Solving problems recursively

- ◇ Recursion is an indispensable tool in a programmer's toolkit
 - Simple solutions to complex problems
 - Elegance can lead to better programs: easier to modify, extend, verify
- ◇ Get help solving the problem from coworkers (clones) who work and act like you do
 - Delegate similar, smaller problem to clone
 - Combine result from clone(s) to solve total problem

Recursive decomposition

- ◇ Standard decomp divides problem into dissimilar subproblems
 - Read file, store numbers, sort, ...
- ◇ Recursive decomp divides problem into smaller versions of same problem
 - Campus survey
 - Phone trees
 - Fractal drawing
- ◇ Recursive problems have "self-similar" structure in solution