Testing ADTs in C++

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It would be nice if every new ADT we wrote worked correctly the first time it compiled properly, but the real world just doesn’t work that way.

One advantage of organizing your code into a collection of ADTs is that ADTs provide, not only a convenient way to package up the functionality of your code, but also a convenient basis for testing.

The *Unit test frameworks give us a powerful tool for unit testing. But we still need to pick the tests.

1 Be Smart: Generate and Check

Testing addContact

In our earlier test for addContact, we weren’t particularly thorough:

```cpp
TEST_F ( MailingListTests , addContact ) {
    mlist.addContact ( jones );
    EXPECT_TRUE ( mlist.contains ( "Jones" ));
    EXPECT_EQ ( "Jones" , mlist.getContact ( "Jones" ).getName ( ));
    EXPECT_EQ ( 4 , mlist.size ( ));
```
• Missing functional case: adding a contact that already exists

• Missing boundary/special case: adding to an empty container

• Missing special cases: Adding to beginning or end of an ordered sequence

Adding Variety

Some of our concerns could be addressed by adding tests but varying the parameters:

```cpp
TEST_F ( MailingListTests , addExistingContact ) {
    mlist.addContact ( baker ) ;
    EXPECT_TRUE ( mlist.contains ( "Baker" )) ;
    EXPECT_EQ ( "Baker" , mlist.getContact ( "Baker" ).getName ( ) ) ;
    EXPECT_EQ ( 3 , ml.size ( ) ) ;
}
```
Generate and Check

A useful design pattern for producing well-varied tests is

for v: varieties of ADT {
    ADT x = generate(v);
    result = applyFunctionBeingTested(x);
    check (x, result);
}

- generate and check could be separate functions or in-line
  - depends on whether you can re-use in multiple tests
Generate and Check

for v: varieties of ADT {
    ADT x = generate(v);
    result = applyFunctionBeingTested(x);
    check (x, result);
}

- Most common “variety” would be size
  – Could also be different constructors (in which case you might not literally have a loop:

    ADT x (constructor1);
    result = applyFunctionBeingTested(x);
    check (x, result);

    ADT x2 (constructor2, ...);
    result = applyFunctionBeingTested(x2);
check (x2, result);

Example: addContact
A more elaborate fixture will aid in generating mailing lists of different sizes:

```cpp
// The fixture for testing class MailingList.
class MailingListTests {
public:
    Contact jones;
    vector<Contact> contacts;

    MailingListTests() {
        jones = Contact("Jones", "21 Penn. Ave.");
        contacts.clear();
        contacts.push_back (Contact ("Baker", "Drury Ln.") );
        contacts.push_back (Contact ("Holmes", "221B Baker St.") );
    }
};
```
contacts.push_back(jones);
contacts.push_back(Contact("Wolfe", "454 W. 35th St."));

~MailingListTests() {
}

MailingList generate(int n) const {
    MailingList m;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        m.addContact(contacts[i]);
    return m;
}
Example: addContact - many sizes

```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (addContact, MailingListTests) {
  for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
    MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
    MailingList ml (ml0);
    bool alreadyContained = ml.contains("Jones");
    ml.addContact (jones);
    BOOST_CHECK (ml.contains("Jones"));
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL ("Jones", ml.getContact("Jones").getName());
    if (alreadyContained) {
      BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), sz);
    } else {
      BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), sz+1);
    }
  }
```
• Here we generate mailing lists of a variety of sizes and add Jones to them
• At larger sizes, Jones is already in the list – functional case covered
• $sz == 0$ covers one of our boundary/special cases

Example: addContact - ordering

```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (addContact, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sel = 0; sel < contacts.size(); ++sel)
    {
        Contact& toAdd = contacts[sel];
        const Name& nameToAdd = contacts[sel];
        for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz)
        {
```
MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
MailingList ml (ml0);
bool alreadyContained = ml.contains(nameToAdd);
ml.addContact (toAdd);
BOOST_CHECK (ml.contains(nameToAdd));
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (nameToAdd, ml.getContact(nameToAdd).getName());
if (alreadyContained)
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), sz);
else
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), sz+1);
}
}

• We can also explore adding to different positions (beginning, middle, end)
  – by varying which element we add
2 Be Thorough: Mutators and Accessors

OK, let’s say we want to design a unit test suite for our MailingList ADT.

Just staring at the ADT interface, where do we start? The criteria we suggested earlier (typical values, extremal values, special values) may be of help, but it’s far from obvious how to apply those ideas.

There is an organized way to approach this test design. It starts with the recognition that the member functions of an ADT can usually be divided into two groups - the mutators and the accessors. Mutator functions are the functions that alter the value of an object. These include constructors and assignment operators. Accessor functions are the functions that “look at” the value of an object but do not change it. Some functions may both alter an object and return part of its value - we’ll have to wing it a bit with those.

Mutators and Accessors

To test an ADT, divide the public interface into

- mutators: functions that alter the value of the object
• **accessors:** functions that “look at” the current value of an object

  – Occasional functions will fall in both classes

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**Organizing ADT Tests**

The basic procedure for writing an ADT unit test is to

1. Consider each mutator in turn.

2. Write a test that begins by applying that mutator function.

   • Then consider how that mutator will have affected the results of each accessor.
   • Write assertions to test those effects.

Commonly, each mutator will be tested in a separate function.
2.1 Example: Unit Testing of the MailingList Class

Example: Unit Testing of the MailingList Class

```cpp
#ifndef MAILINGLIST_H
#define MAILINGLIST_H

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include "contact.h"

/**
   A collection of names and addresses
*/
class MailingList
{
 public:
```
MailingList();
MailingList(const MailingList&);  
~MailingList();  

const MailingList& operator= (const MailingList&);

// Add a new contact to the list
void addContact (const Contact& contact);

// Does the list contain this person?
bool contains (const Name&) const;

// Find the contact
const Contact& getContact (const Name& nm) const;
//pre: contains(nm)

// Remove one matching contact
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```cpp
void removeContact (const Contact&);
void removeContact (const Name&);

// combine two mailing lists
void merge (const MailingList& otherList);

// How many contacts in list?
int size() const;

bool operator== (const MailingList& right) const;
bool operator< (const MailingList& right) const;

private:

struct ML_Node {
    Contact contact;
};
```
ML_Node* next;

ML_Node (const Contact& c, ML_Node* nxt)
    : contact(c), next(nxt)
{};

ML_Node* first;
ML_Node* last;
int theSize;

// helper functions
void clear();
void remove (ML_Node* previous, ML_Node* current);

friend std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const MailingList&);
Look at our MailingList class.
What are the mutators? What are the accessors?

MailingList Mutators
The mutators are

- the two constructors,
- the assignment operator,
- addContact,
• both removeContact functions, and
• merge.

MailingList Accessors
The accessors are
• size,
• contains
• getContact
• operator== and operator<
• the output operator operator«
Unit Test Skeleton

Here is the basic skeleton for our test suite.

```cpp
#define BOOST_TEST_MODULE MailingList test

#include "mailinglist.h"

#include <string>
#include <sstream>
#include <vector>

#include <boost/test/included/unit_test.hpp>

using namespace std;
```

Now we start going through the mutators.

Testing the Constructors
The first mutators we listed were the two constructors. Let’s start with the simpler of these.

Apply The Mutator

```cpp
BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE ( constructor ) {
    MailingList ml;
}
```

First we start by applying the mutator.

Apply the Accessors to the Mutated Object

Then we go down the list of accessors and ask what we expect each one to return.

```cpp
BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE ( constructor ) {
    MailingList ml;
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL ( 0 , ml.size ( ) );
}
```
BOOST_CHECK (!ml.contains( "Jones"));
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml, MailingList ());
BOOST_CHECK (! (ml < MailingList ()));

1. It’s pretty clear, for example, that the size() of the list will be 0
2. contains() would always return false
3. The EQUAL test checks the operator==
4. We check for consistency of operator<

We can’t check the accessors

• getContact
  – can’t satisfy the pre-condition, and

• operator<
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– behavior unspecified

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Testing the Copy Constructor

BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE ( copyConstructor, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz)
    {
        MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);  
        MailingList ml1 = ml0; // copy constructor
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml1);  
    }

    // Minimal check for deep copy - changing one should not affect the other
    MailingList ml0 = generate(2);
    MailingList ml1 = ml0; // copy constructor
    ml1.addContact(jones);
}
We use the generate-and-check pattern.

Here we invoke the function under test.

The check function - we'll look at this in a moment.

The second half of this is more subtle. I expect that copies are distinct. Once a copy is made, updating one object should not change the other. A failure suggests that we have done an improper shallow copy.

The Check Function for Copying
// The fixture for testing class MailingList.

class MailingListTests {
    public:
        Contact jones;
        vector<Contact> contacts;

    MailingListTests() {
    :

    void shouldBeEqual (const MailingList& ml0, const MailingList& ml1) const {
        BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml1.size(), ml0.size());  // 1
        for (int i = 0; i < ml0.size(); ++i) {  // 2
            BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml1.contains(contacts[i].getName()), ml0.contains(contacts[i].getName()));
            if (ml1.contains(contacts[i].getName()))
                BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml1.getContact(contacts[i].getName()), ml0.getContact(contacts[i].getName()));
    }
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```cpp

}  

BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml0, ml1);  // 3
BOOST_CHECK (!(ml0 < ml1));
BOOST_CHECK (!(ml1 < ml0));

ostringstream out0;
out0 << ml0;
ostream out1;
out1 << ml1;

BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (out0.str(), out1.str());
```

1 Sizes should be equal

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Both lists should agree as to what they contain.

Relational ops - should be equal and not less/greater

Whatever they print, it should match

Testing the Assignment Operator

```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE ( assignment, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
        MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
        MailingList ml1;
        MailingList ml2 = (ml1 = ml0);  // assignment
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml1);    // ①
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml2);    // assignment returns a value ②
    }
}
```
• Very similar to testing the copy constructor

⚠️ But remember that assignment operators now only change the value on the left, but also return a copy of the assigned value.

  - We need to check both.
Fortunately, we can re-use the check function developed for the copy constructor.

Testing addContact

```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (addContact, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sel = 0; sel < contacts.size(); ++sel) {
        Contact& toAdd = contacts[sel];
        const Name& nameToAdd = toAdd.getName();
        for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
            MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
            MailingList ml (ml0);
            bool alreadyContained = ml.contains(nameToAdd);
            ml.addContact (toAdd);
        }
    }
}```
BOOST_CHECK (ml.contains(nameToAdd));
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (toAdd, ml.getContact(nameToAdd));
if (alreadyContained)
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), (int)sz);
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK (! (ml0 < ml));
    BOOST_CHECK (! (ml < ml0));
}
else
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), (int)sz+1);
    BOOST_CHECK_NE (ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK (((ml0 < ml) || (ml < ml0))); // one must ...
    BOOST_CHECK (!((ml0 < ml) && (ml < ml0))); // ...but not...
}
ostringstream out;
Similar to version developed earlier, but now we go systematically through all the accessors

- Needed to add checks on relational operators and output operator

...and so on...

We continue in this manner until done.

```c++
#define BOOST_TEST_MODULE MailingList test
#include "mailinglist.h"
```
#include <string>
#include <sstream>
#include <vector>

#include <boost/test/included/unit_test.hpp>
//#define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK 1
//#include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>

using namespace std;

// The fixture for testing class MailingList.
class MailingListTests  {
  public:
    Contact jones;
    vector<Contact> contacts;
MailingListTests() {
    jones = Contact("Jones", "21 Penn. Ave.");
    contacts.clear();
    contacts.push_back (Contact ("Muffin Man", "Drury Ln."));  
    contacts.push_back (Contact ("Holmes", "221B Baker St."));  
    contacts.push_back(jones);  
    contacts.push_back (Contact ("Wolfe", "454 W. 35th St."));  
}

~MailingListTests() {
}

MailingList generate(int n) const
{
    MailingList m;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
m.addContact(contacts[i]);
    return m;
}

void shouldBeEqual (const MailingList& ml0, const MailingList& ml1) const {
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml1.size(), ml0.size());
    for (int i = 0; i < ml0.size(); ++i)
    {
        BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml1.contains(contacts[i].getName()), ml0.contains(contacts[i].getName()));
        if (ml1.contains(contacts[i].getName()))
            BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml1.getContact(contacts[i].getName()), ml0.getContact(contacts[i].getName()));
    }
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml0, ml1);
    BOOST_CHECK (!(ml0 < ml1));
    BOOST_CHECK (!(ml1 < ml0));
ostringstream out0;
out0 << ml0;
ostringstream out1;
out1 << ml1;

BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (out0.str(), out1.str());

BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE ( constructor ) {
    MailingList ml;
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (0, ml.size());
    BOOST_CHECK (!ml.contains("Jones");
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml, MailingList());

BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE ( constructor ) { 
    MailingList ml;
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (0, ml.size());
    BOOST_CHECK (!ml.contains("Jones");
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml, MailingList());
}
BOOST_CHECK(!(ml < MailingList()));

BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE(copyConstructor, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
        MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
        MailingList ml1 = ml0; // copy constructor
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml1);
    }

    // Minimal check for deep copy - changing one should not affect the other
    MailingList ml0 = generate(2);
    MailingList ml1 = ml0; // copy constructor
    ml1.addContact(jones);
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(2, ml0.size());
BOOST_CHECK_NE (ml0, ml1);
}

BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE ( assignment, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
        MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
        MailingList ml1;
        MailingList ml2 = (ml1 = ml0); // assignment
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml1);
        shouldBeEqual(ml0, ml2); // assignment returns a value
    }
}

// Minimal check for deep copy - changing one should not affect the other
MailingList ml0 = generate(2);
MailingList ml1;
ml1 = ml0; // copy constructor
ml1.addContact(jones);
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (2, ml0.size());
BOOST_CHECK_NE (ml0, ml1);

BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (addContact, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sel = 0; sel < contacts.size(); ++sel)
    {
        Contact& toAdd = contacts[sel];
        const Name& nameToAdd = toAdd.getName();
        for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz)
        {
            MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
            MailingList ml (ml0);
bool alreadyContained = ml.contains(nameToAdd);
ml.addContact(toAdd);
BOOST_CHECK(ml.contains(nameToAdd));
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(toAdd, ml.getContact(nameToAdd));
if (alreadyContained)
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml.size(), (int)sz);
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK(!(ml0 < ml));
    BOOST_CHECK(!(ml < ml0));
}
else
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml.size(), (int)sz+1);
    BOOST_CHECK_NE(ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK(((ml0 < ml) || (ml < ml0)));  // one must
    BOOST_CHECK(!((ml0 < ml) && (ml < ml0))));  // ...but not
```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (removeContact, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sel = 0; sel < contacts.size(); ++sel) {
        Contact& toAdd = contacts[sel];
        const Name& nameToAdd = toAdd.getName();
        for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz) {
            MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
            MailingList ml (ml0);
```
bool alreadyContained = ml.contains(nameToAdd);
ml.removeContact(toAdd);
BOOST_CHECK(!ml.contains(nameToAdd));
if (!alreadyContained)
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml.size(), (int)sz);
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK(!((ml0 < ml)));
    BOOST_CHECK(!((ml < ml0));
}
else
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ml.size(), (int)sz-1);
    BOOST_CHECK_NE(ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK((ml0 < ml) || (ml < ml0)); // one must
    BOOST_CHECK(!((ml0 < ml) && (ml < ml0))); // ...but not
```cpp
ostringstream out;
out << ml;
string outs = out.str();
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(outs.find(nameToAdd), string::npos);
}
}

BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE (removeContactByName, MailingListTests) {
    for (unsigned sel = 0; sel < contacts.size(); ++sel)
    {
        Contact& toAdd = contacts[sel];
        const Name& nameToAdd = toAdd.getName();
        for (unsigned sz = 0; sz < contacts.size(); ++sz)
        {
            MailingList ml0 = generate(sz);
            MailingList ml (ml0);
```
bool alreadyContained = ml.contains(nameToAdd);
ml.removeContact (nameToAdd);
BOOST_CHECK (!ml.contains(nameToAdd));
if (!alreadyContained)
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), (int)sz);
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK (!((ml0 < ml));
    BOOST_CHECK (!((ml < ml0));
}
else
{
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL (ml.size(), (int)sz-1);
    BOOST_CHECK_NE (ml0, ml);
    BOOST_CHECK (((ml0 < ml) || (ml < ml0));  // one must
    BOOST_CHECK (!(((ml0 < ml) && (ml < ml0))));  // ...but no
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```cpp
istringstream out;
out << ml;
BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(out.str().find(nameToAdd), string::npos);
```

```cpp
BOOST_FIXTURE_TEST_CASE(merging, MailingListTests) {
    MailingList ml0;
    ml0.addContact(contacts[0]);
    ml0.addContact(contacts[1]);
    ml0.addContact(contacts[2]);

    MailingList ml1;
    ml1.addContact(contacts[2]);
    ml1.addContact(contacts[3]);
```
ml1.merge(ml0);
shouldBeEqual(ml1, generate(4));
}

• Yes, BTW, I did discover quite a few bugs in my MailingList code while putting this together.

2.2 Testing for Pointer/Memory Faults

In our example, we did not write explicit tests for the destructor. Partly that’s because the destructor is already being invoked a lot - every time we exit a function or a \{ \} statement block that declares a local variable. So we have some good reason to hope that the destructor has been well exercised already.
Also, most of the effects of a destructor are hard to see directly. How do you check to see if memory has been successfully deleted?

**Testing for Pointer/Memory Faults**

Most destructors simply delete pointers, and pointer issues are particularly difficult to test and debug.

- One way that pointer/memory use can be tested is to employ specialized tools that replace the system functions for allocating and deallocating memory (`malloc` and `free`) with special versions that
  - keep track of all blocks of memory that have been allocated,
  - whether those blocks have been freed,
  - whether any block has been freed more than once, etc.
Tools for Testing Pointer/Memory Faults

- Purify is a well known commercial package for this purpose, but is not cheap.
- I have had good results with a free tool called LeakTracer.

3 Be Independent: Mock Objects

The Lowly Stub

- Most of what *Unit does is to provide a standard, convenient framework for writing test drivers.
- But unit testing often requires stubs as well
  - supplying values/operations to the module under test
  - processing outputs from the module under test
We can avoid stubs by doing bottom-up integration
  – reduces independence of test suites
  – restricts development options

Where ADTs and Stubs Meet
In some ways, ADTs and OOP make it easier to do stubs.
A *mock object* is an object whose interface emulates a “real” class for testing purposes.
Mock objects may…
  • be simpler than the real thing
  • stand-in for classes not yet implemented
  • decouple test suites
• offer mechanisms for data collection, thus improving testability

Example: Mailing List
In our MailingList tests, we relied on a Contact class.
Here is the real interface for Contact:

```cpp
#ifndef CONTACT_H
#define CONTACT_H

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include "name.h"
#include "address.h"

class Contact {
```
Name theName;
Address theAddress;

public:
    Contact (Name nm, Address addr)
        : theName(nm), theAddress(addr)
    {}

Name getName() const {return theName;}
void setName (Name nm) {theName = nm;}

Address getAddress() const {return theAddress;}
void setAddress (Address addr) {theAddress = addr;}

bool operator==(const Contact& right) const
{}
return theName == right.theName
    && theAddress == right.theAddress;
}

bool operator< (const Contact& right) const
{
    return (theName < right.theName)
        || (theName == right.theName
            && theAddress < right.theAddress);
}
};

inline
std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const Contact& c)
{
    out << c.getName() << " @ " << c.getAddress();
    return out;
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

struct Name {
    std::string last;
    std::string first;
    std::string middle;
};
Name (std::string lastName, 
    std::string firstName, 
    std::string middleName)
    : last(lastName), first(firstName), 
    middle(middleName)
    {}

bool operator== (const Name& right) const;
bool operator< (const Name& right) const;

};

std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Name& addr);

#endif
#ifndef ADDRESS_H
#define ADDRESS_H

#include <iostream>
#include <string>

struct Address {
    std::string street1;
    std::string street2;
    std::string city;
    std::string state;
    std::string zipcode;

    Address (std::string str1,
             std::string str2,
             std::string cty,
             std::string st,
             std::string zpc);
};
std::string stte,
    std::string zip)
    : street1(str1), street2(str2),
      city(cty), state(stte), zipcode(zip)
    {}

bool operator==(const Address& right) const;
bool operator<(const Address& right) const;

std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Address& addr);

# endif
What Do We Need for the MailingList Test?

But in our tests, the only things we needed to do with contacts was

- create them with known names
- copy/assign them
- getName()
- compare them, ordering by name

A Mock Contact

So we made do with a simpler interface that

- made it easier to create and check contacts during testing
- but would still compile with the existing MailingList code
#ifndef CONTACT_H
#define CONTACT_H

#include <iostream>
#include <string>

typedef std::string Name;
typedef std::string Address;

class Contact {
    Name theName;
    Address theAddress;

public:
    Contact() {}
    Contact (Name nm, Address addr)
: theName(nm), theAddress(addr)
{}

Name getName() const {return theName;}
void setName (Name nm) {theName= nm;}

Address getAddress() const {return theAddress;}
void setAddress (Address addr) {theAddress = addr;}

bool operator== (const Contact& right) const
{
    return theName == right.theName
    && theAddress == right.theAddress;
}

bool operator< (const Contact& right) const
{  
    return (theName < right.theName)  
        || (theName == right.theName  
            && theAddress < right.theAddress);  
}  
};

inline  
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Contact& c)  
{  
    out << c.getName() << " @ " << c.getAddress();  
    return out;  
}

#endif

Replacing the Name and Address classes by simple strings.
OOP and Mocks

Object-oriented languages make it easier to create some mock objects

• Declare the mock as a subclass of the real interface
• Override the functions as desired

Example: for an application that drew graphics using the Java `java.awt.Graphics` API, I created the following as a mock class:

```java
package Pictures;

import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Font;
import java.awt.FontMetrics;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Image;
```
import java.awt.Rectangle;
import java.awt.Shape;
import java.awt.image.ImageObserver;
import java.text.AttributedCharacterIterator;

/**
 * Special version of Graphics for testing that simply writes all graphics
 * requests to a string.
 *
 * @author zeil
 */

public class GraphicsStub extends Graphics {

    private StringBuffer log;

    public GraphicsStub() {

    }
}
log = new StringBuffer();
}

public void clearRect(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("clearRect",
             "" + arg0 + "::" + arg1 + "::" + arg2 + "::" + arg3);
}

public void clipRect(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("clipRect",
             "" + arg0 + "::" + arg1 + "::" + arg2 + "::" + arg3);
}

public void copyArea(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, int arg5) {
    entering("copyArea",
             "" + arg0 + "::" + arg1 + "::" + arg2 + "::" + arg3 + ":" + arg4 + ":" + arg5);
}
public Graphics create() {
    entering("create", "");
    return new GraphicsStub();
}

public void dispose() {
    entering("dispose", "");
}

public void drawArc(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, int arg5) {
    entering("drawArc",
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":" + arg4);
}

public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, ImageObserver arg3) {
    entering("drawImage",
            ":" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
    return true;
}

public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, Color arg3,
                          ImageObserver arg4) {
    entering("drawImage",
            ":" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
    return true;
}

public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3,
                          int arg4, ImageObserver arg5) {
    entering("drawImage",
            ":" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":" + arg4 + ":" + arg5);
    return true;
}
return true;
}

public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, Color arg5, ImageObserver arg6) {
  entering("drawImage",
            
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":": + arg6 + ":" + arg7 + ":" + arg8);
  return true;
}

public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, int arg5, int arg6, int arg7, int arg8, ImageObserver arg9) {
  entering("drawImage",
            
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":": + arg6 + ":" + arg7 + ":" + arg8);
  return true;
}
```java
public boolean drawImage(Image arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3,
                          int arg4, int arg5, int arg6, int arg7, int arg8, Color arg9,
                          ImageObserver arg10) {
    entering("drawImage",
             "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":" + arg4 + ":" + arg5 + ":" + arg6 + ":" + arg7 + ":" + arg8 + ":" + arg9);
    return true;
}

public void drawLine(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("drawLine",
             "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
}

public void drawOval(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("drawOval",
             "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
}
```
public void drawPolygon(int[] arg0, int[] arg1, int arg2) {
    entering("drawPolygon",
            " + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2);
}

public void drawPolyline(int[] arg0, int[] arg1, int arg2) {
    entering("drawPolyline",
            " + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2);
}

public void drawRoundRect(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, int arg5) {
    entering("drawRoundRect",
            " + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":" + arg4 + ":" + arg5);
}
public void drawString(String arg0, int arg1, int arg2) {
    entering("drawString",
        "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2);
}

public void drawString(AttributedCharacterIterator arg0, int arg1, int arg2) {
    entering("drawString",
        "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2);
}

public void fillArc(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3, int arg4, int arg5) {
    entering("fillArc",
        "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":");
}
public void fillOval(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("fillOval",
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
}

public void fillPolygon(int[] arg0, int[] arg1, int arg2) {
    entering("fillPolygon",
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2);
}

public void fillRect(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
    entering("fillRect",
            "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
}

public void fillRoundRect(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3,
int arg5) {
    entering("fillRoundRect",
             "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3 + ":" + arg4 + ":" + arg5);
}

private Shape clip = null;
public Shape getClip() {
    return clip;
}

public Rectangle getClipBounds() {
    return null;
}

private Color color;
public Color getColor() {
    return color;
}
public Font getFont() {
    return null;
}

public FontMetrics getFontMetrics(Font arg0) {
    return null;
}

public void setClip(Shape arg0) {
    entering("setClip",
            ",
            " + arg0);
    clip = arg0;
}

public void setClip(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3) {
entering("setClip",
        "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1 + ":" + arg2 + ":" + arg3);
}

**public void** setColor(Color arg0) {
    entering("setColor",
            "" + arg0);
    color = arg0;
}

**public void** setFont(Font arg0) {
    entering("setFont",
            "" + arg0);
}

**public void** setPaintMode() {
    entering("setPaintMode", "");
}
public void setXORMode(Color arg0) {
    entering("setXORMode",
        "" + arg0);
}

public void translate(int arg0, int arg1) {
    entering("translate",
        "" + arg0 + ":" + arg1);
}

public String toString()
{
    return log.toString();
}
public void clear()
{
    log = new StringBuffer();
}

private void entering(String functionName, String args)
{
    log.append(functionName);
    log.append(":");
    log.append(args);
    log.append("n");
}

It basically writes each successive graphics call into a string, that can later be examined by unit test cases.
OO Mock Example

Here is a test using that mock:

```java
package PictureTests;
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Point;
import java.lang.reflect.Method;
import java.util.Scanner;
import junit.framework.*;
import junit.textui.TestRunner;
import Pictures.GraphicsStub;
import Pictures.LineSegment;
import Pictures.Shape;

/**
 * Test of the LineSegment class
 */
```
public class LineSegmentTest extends TestCase {
    public void testPlot() {
        Point p1 = new Point(22, 341);
        Point p2 = new Point(104, 106);
        LineSegment ls = new LineSegment(p1, p2, Color.blue, Color.red);
        GraphicsStub g = new GraphicsStub();
        GraphicsStub gblue = new GraphicsStub();
        gblue.setColor(Color.blue);
        GraphicsStub gline1 = new GraphicsStub();
        gline1.drawLine(22, 341, 104, 106);
        GraphicsStub gline2 = new GraphicsStub();
        gline2.drawLine(104, 106, 22, 341);
ls.plot(g);

```cpp
testMockGraphics()
```

```cpp
assertTrue (g.toString().contains(gblue.toString()));
assertTrue (g.toString().contains(gline1.toString())
  || g.toString().contains(gline2.toString()));
```

- The (main) mock graphics object is created here.
- The function being tested is called here.
- Then, assertions like this one can test the info recorded in the mock object.

Mock Frameworks

Increasingly, unit test frameworks are including special support for mock object creation.

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For example, the Google Mock Framework provides support for creating mock objects that automatically keep a log of calls made to them.

And adds special functions and test assertions to both test that the expected calls were made and controlling what results will be returned from those calls.

E.g., the following assertion says that a function `g.foo(x)` will be called 5 times, with `x` being 1 and 2 one time each.

```cpp
EXPECT_CALL(turtle, foo(_))
    .TIMES(3)
    .WillRepeatedly(Return(150));
EXPECT_CALL(turtle, foo(1))
    .WillOnce(Return(100));
EXPECT_CALL(turtle, foo(2))
    .WillOnce(Return(200));
```

It also specifies what value should be returned on each call.

If the function is called 6 times, or if one or more of the 5 expected calls are
not made before the test case ends, the EXPECT\_CALL assertion fails, just like other test assertions.

4 Be Pro-active: Write the Tests First

Be Pro-active

Ideally, we have made it easier to write self-checking unit tests than to write the actual code to be tested.

- The goal is to encourage a philosophy of writing the tests before writing the code.

Debugging: How Can You Fix What You Can’t See?
Testing ADTs in C++

The test-first philosophy is easiest to understand in a maintenance/debugging context.

• Before attempting to debug, write a test that reproduces the failure.

• How else will you know when you’ve fixed it?

• From a practical point of view, debugging generally involves running the buggy input, over and over, while you add debugging output or step through with a debugger.
  
  – You want that to be as easy as possible.
  
  – Doing this at the unit level, instead of in the context of the entire system, is often a dramatically better use of your time and effort.

Test-Writing as a Design Activity
Every few years, software designers rediscover the principle of writing tests before implementing code. Agile and TDD (Test-Driven Development) are just the latest in this long chain.

- Writing tests while “fresh” yields better tests than when they are done as an afterthought

- Thinking about boundary and special values tests helps clarify the software design
  - Reduces the number of eventual faults actually introduced

- Encourages designing for testability
  - Making sure that the interface provides the “hooks” you need to do testing in the first place.