cis15-fall2007-sklar, assignment III, part 2

instructions

- This is the second part of the assignment for Unit III. It is worth 5 points.
- The first part was distributed on October 15. The second part will also be worth 5 points.
- Both parts are due on Monday October 29.
- Both parts of the assignment must be submitted by email. Follow these emailing instructions:
 - 1. Create a mail message addressed to sklar@sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu with the subject line cis15 hw3.
 - 2. Write your name, that is the name under which you registered for the course, in the email. When I get an email from deathmetal@aol.com or pinkprincess@yahoo.com, I can usually guess whose program it is, but that is not as good as *knowing* whose program it is.
 - 3. Attach ONLY the .cpp source code file created below.
 - 4. Failure to follow these instructions will result in points being taken away from your grade. The number of points will be in proportion to the extent to which you did not follow instructions ... (which can make it a lot harder for me to grade your work)

program description

For this assignment, you will develop a program that builds on the one you write for HW III Part 1.

In HW III, Part 1, you wrote a program that used the Caesar cipher to encrypt a string. In this assignment you will write a program to decrypt a string that was encrypted using the Caesar cipher.

To do this, you will *reuse* a number of the classes that you wrote for Part 1 of the assignment. Reuse of code is good software engineering.

As before, the intermediary test programs are for your benefit as a developer and should not be submitted. These *unit tests* and are created to let you test and debug the individual units of a complex program.

A. the "message" class

Your final program will, once again do the cryptography character by character, but also needs to deal with whole strings. The first thing to do is to adapt the message class to do this.

- 1. You need to add one function member to message:
 - void addToContent(char next); This function adds the character *next* to the data member *content*. Since you already have a function member void addToContent(string next), this new function *overloads* addToContent.
- 2. Create a main() for testing that creates an object myMessage of the message class, prompts for a string, reads one in, sets *content* of myMessage to the string that was entered, prompts for a character, reads that in, adds it to the *content* of myMessage, and then uses the print method of myMessage to print the string out.

This main is for unit testing, you don't hand it in.

B. the "caesar" class

1. Add to the class caesar a function decrypt that takes a char as an argument and returns a character. decrypt should reverse the Caesar cipher.

decrypt performs a static cast on c to make it into an integer, subtracts the shift from the integer (remembering to apply modulus arithmetic so that applying a shift of 2 to the letter z will give b), and then casts the result back to a character.

2. Modify the main() that you created in part A to prompt for and read in another character, create an instance of the caesar class, and use the encrypt method to encrypt that character.

Again, this main() is for unit testing only. Don't hand it in.

C. the "fileHandleString" class

- 1. Create a fileHandleString class that will be used as an interface between your program and an input file. It should have the following data and function members:
 - A data member of type ifstream
 - A constructor that opens the file output.txt for output using ios::in.
 - A destructor that closes the file input.txt.
 - A function member getFromFile that reads a string from the file output.txt.

This is obviously very similar to the fileHandleChar you wrote for Part 1.

2. Now modify the main() from the previous step so that it creates an object of type fileHandleString and uses it to read a string from a file (which you can create using your solution to Part 1).

D. the "encryption" class

- 1. You need to add the following to the encryption class:
 - A second data member of type message
 - A data member of type fileHandleString.
 - A function member called decryptThis

This function takes an integer as its input, and uses it, along with methods from the message, caesar, and fileHandleString to read in a string from a file, decrypt the string by shifting the characters the amount of the integer.

The reason you need two data members of type message is so you can use one to hold the string read from the file (and send it to the decryption routine) and one to build up the decrypted string, using the addToContent function that takes a char argument.

- A function member printDecrypted that prints the decrypted string.
- 2. Now modify the main() from the previous step so that it creates an object of type encryption, passes it the cipher text from a file and the encryption key that the user enters, and then uses decryptThis to decrypt the string and print the decrypted string.

E. a menu for the user

1. Modify main() so that it offers the user a menu. Choosing one option allows the user to enter plain text and a key, and writes the cipher text to a file.

Choosing the other option allows the user to enter a key, and the program uses the key to decrypts the cipher text.

F. a revised "encrypt"

The encrypt that you wrote for Part A is not very realistic. For extra credit, make it more realistic.

- 1. First modify the encrypt function so that it only generates upper case (capital) letters. This makes it harder to see where words begin.
- 2. Next, modify encrypt so that it generates a cipher text that is blocks of four letters followed by a space. In other words, encrypt removes any spaces from the cipher text and then introduces a space after every four characters.

G. marking rubric

This assignment is worth 5 points, plus 1 extra credit point. The breakdown is as follows:

- Revised message class with two constructors, two data members and five function members. (1 point)
- Revised caesar class with one data member, two constructors, and three function members. (1 point)
- fileHandleString class with one data member, constructor, destructor and function member. (1 point)
- encryption class, with five data members and three function members. (1 point)
- main() which gives the user the option of enrypting or decrypting a string. (1 point)
- An encrypt method that produces a cipher text in four character blocks, separated by spaces, and all in capitals.

(1 extra credit point)