

Section 3.1 C++11

inline namespace

```

}

#endif

The implementation file my_thing.cpp contains all of the noninline function bodies that will be translated separately into the my_thing.o file:

// my_thing.cpp:
#include <my_thing.h>

namespace my // outer namespace (used directly by clients)
{
    inline namespace impl_v1 // inner namespace (for implementer use only)
    {
        Thing::Thing() : i(0) // Load a 4-byte value into Thing's data member.
        {
        }
    }
}

```

Observing common good practice, we include the header file of the **component** as the first substantive line of code to ensure that — irrespective of anything else — the header always compiles in isolation, thereby avoiding insidious include-order dependencies.⁵ When we compile the source file `my_thing.cpp`, we produce an object file `my_thing.o` containing the definition of the same linker symbol, such as `_ZN2my7impl_v15ThingC1Ev`, for the default constructor of `my::Thing` needed by the client:

```
$ g++ -c my_thing.cpp
```

We can then link `main.o` and `my_thing.o` into an executable and run it:

```
$ g++ -o prog main.o my_thing.o
$ ./prog

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```

Now, suppose we were to change the **definition** of `my::Thing` to hold a **double** instead of an **int**, recompile `my_thing.cpp`, and then relink with the original `main.o` without recompiling `main.cpp` first. None of the relevant linker symbols would change, and the code would recompile and link just fine, but the resulting binary `prog` would be IFNDR: the client would be trying to print a 4-byte, **int data member**, `i`, in `main.o` that was loaded by the library **component** as an 8-byte, **double** into `d` in `my_thing.o`. We can resolve this problem by changing — or, if we didn’t think of it in advance, by adding — a new `inline namespace` and making that change there:

⁵See **lakos20**, section 1.6.1, “Component Property 1,” pp. 210–212.