C++ Programming

Inheritance in Practice

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Inheritance in practice

- In past = major technique for reusability and extensions
- Now = A lot of careful before using it (E.g. as in homeworks)
  - ***Prefer composition over inheritance***
  - Avoid as **much** as possible inheritance. Use inheritance if you have **strong** justifications
    - It is really has-a relationship.
    - Parent class is superclass for all subclasses. Think deeper about future changes
      - But future is really hard to predict :(
    - You don’t do it just to do some **code reuse**
  - Avoid multiple inheritance as **much much much** as possible .
    - Be aware of Diamond problem (Homework)
    - Make the inheritance hierarchy a tree style
  - Don’t extend a base class that was not designed for extension (e.g. vector)
- No support for inheritance from many languages such as Java and C#

"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

"Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave."