

Lab Sheet 7

Understanding the Concept of Virtual function, Virtual base class and

RTTI

Virtual Function

The overridden function in the derived class can be invoked by means of a base class pointer if the function is declared virtual in the base class. Suppose a virtual function `get()` is defined in the base class `Base` and again it is defined in the derived class `Derived`.

We can use the base class pointer to invoke the `get()` function of the derived class.

```
Derived d;
```

```
Base *b;
```

```
b=&d;
```

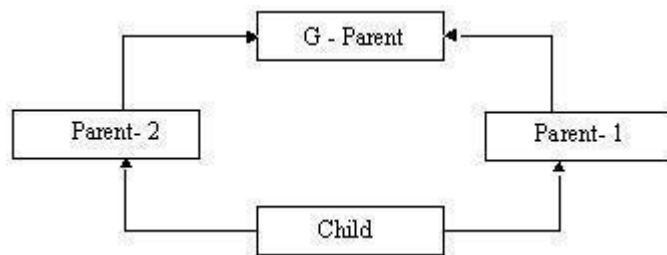
```
b-> get( ) //it calls the get ( ) function of the  
derived
```

```
class.
```

Virtual Destructors

When a base class pointer that is pointing to a derived class object is deleted, destructor of the derived class as well as destructors of all its base classes is invoked, if the destructor in the base class is declared as virtual.

Virtual Base Class



In this type of inheritance there may be ambiguity in the members of the derived class child because it is derived from two base classes, which are again derived from the same base class. Hence to avoid this ambiguity the class G - parent can be made virtual.

Runtime Type Information (RTTI)

The runtime type information is one of the features of C++ that exhibit runtime polymorphic behavior. In C++ we can find the type information of an object at runtime and change the type of the object at runtime. The operators `dynamic_cast` and `typeid` are used for runtime type information.

For example if `Animal` is a polymorphic base class and `Dog` and `Cat` are derived classes of base class `Animal` then

```
Animal *anmp;
```

```
Dog dg;
```

```
Cat ct;
```

```
anmp=&dg;
```

```
cout<< typeid(*anmp).name();
```

displays the information of the object pointed by `anm` pointer Similarly

```
Cat *cpt;
```

```
cpt=dynamic_cast<Cat*>(panm);
```

The down cast is successful if `panm` is holding the address of objects of class `Cat`.

Exercises

1. Write a program to create a class `shape` with functions to find area of the shapes and display the name of the shape and other essential component of the class. Create derived classes `circle`, `rectangle` and `trapezoid` each having overridden functions `area` and `display`. Write a suitable program to illustrate virtual functions and virtual destructor.

```

#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
#define pi 3.1415
using namespace std;
class shape
{
protected:
    string sname;
    float sarea;
public:
    shape()
    {
        sname = "shape";
        sarea = 0;
    }
    shape(float a, string n="shape")
    {
        sname = n;
        sarea = a;
    }
    virtual float area()
    {
        return sarea;
    }
    string name()
    {
        cout << "Shape " << sname <<
            endl; return sname;
    }
    virtual ~shape()
    {
        cout << "Destructor of Shape " << endl;
    }
};
class circle:public shape
{
protected:
    float radius;
public:
    circle(int r, string n = "circle")
    {

```

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        radius = r;
        sname = n;
    }
    float area()
    {
        sarea = pi * radius * radius;
        return shape::area();
    }
    string name()
    {
        cout << "Circle " << sname <<
        endl; return sname;
    }
    ~circle()
    {
        cout << "Circle destructor" << endl;
    }
};

class rectangle:public shape
{
protected:
    float length, breadth;
public:
    rectangle(float l, float b, string
n="rectangle"):length(l),breadth(b)
    {
        sname = n;
    }
    float area()
    {
        sarea = length*breadth;
        return shape::area();
    }
    string name()
    {
        cout << "Rectangle " << sname <<
        endl; return sname;
    }
    ~rectangle()
    {

```

```

        cout << "Rectangle destructor" << endl;
    }
};
class trapezoid:public shape
{
protected:
    float paralleleside[2];
    float nonparallelside[2];
public:
    trapezoid(float a1, float a2, float b1, float
b2, string n= "Trapezoid")
    {
        paralleleside[0] = a1;
        paralleleside[1] = a2;
        nonparallelside[0] = b1;
        nonparallelside[1] = b2;
        sname = n;
    }
    float area()
    {
        sarea =
(paralleleside[0]+paralleleside[1])/2.0*(nonparallelside[0
]+nonparallelside[1])/2.0;
        return shape::area();
    }
    string name()
    {
        cout << "Trapezoid " << sname <<
endl; return sname;
    }
    ~trapezoid()
    {
        cout << "Trapezoid destructor" << endl;
    }
};
int main()
{
    shape *sh;
    sh = new circle(4,"ball");
    sh->name();
    cout << sh->area() << endl;

```

```

    delete(sh);
    sh = new trapezoid(200,400, 100 ,
100,"fancy stadium");;
    sh->name();
    cout << sh->area() << endl;
    delete(sh);
    sh = new rectangle(240,240,"ground");;
    sh->name();
    cout << sh->area() << endl;
    delete(sh);
    return 0;
}

```

2. Create a class Person and two derived classes Employee, and Student, inherited from class Person. Now create a class Manager which is derived from two base classes Employee and Student. Show the use of the virtual base class.

```

#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;

```

```

class Person
{
private:
    string name;
public:
    Person() {}
    Person(string n)
    {
        name = n;
    }
    string getname()
    {
        return name;
    }
};

class Employee: virtual public Person
{
private:

```

```

    int salary;
public:
    Employee(string n, int s):Person(n),salary(s){};
    int getsalary()
    {
        return salary;
    }
};
class Student: virtual public Person
{
private:
    string major;
public:
    Student(string n, string m):Person(n),major(m){};
    string getmajor()
    {
        return major;
    }
};
class Manager:public Employee, public Student
{
private:
public:
    Manager(string n, string m, int s): Employee(n,s),
Student(n,m), Person(n)
    {
    };
};
int main()
{
    Manager xyz("ABCD","EFGH",50000);
    cout << "name " << xyz.getname() << endl;
    cout << "major " << xyz.getmajor() << endl;
    cout << "salary " << xyz.getsalary() << endl;
    return 0;
};

```

3. Write a program with Student as abstract class and create derive

classes Engineering, Medicine and Science from base class Student. Create the objects of the derived classes and process them and access them using array of pointer of type base

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
using namespace std;
class student
{
    private:
    protected:
        string name;
        int rank;
    public:
        virtual string getname() = 0;
        virtual int getrank() = 0;
};
class engineering : public student
{
    private:
    public:
        engineering(string n,int
            r){ name= n;
            rank=r;
        }
        string getname()
        {
            return name;
        }
        int getrank()
        {
            return rank;
        }
};
class medicine: public student
{
    private:
    public:
        medicine(string n,int r){
            name=n;
```

```
    rank=r;  
}  
string getname()
```

```

    {
        return name;
    }
    int getrank()
    {
        return rank;
    }
};
class science : public student
{
private:
public:
    science(string n, int r){
        name = n;
        rank = r;
    }
    string getname()
    {
        return name;
    }
    int getrank()
    {
        return rank;
    }
};

int main()
{
    student* st[3];
    st[0] = new engineering("Abcd", 3);
    st[1] = new medicine("Efgh",1);
    st[2] = new science("Ijkl",2);
    cout << "Student of various field" <<
    endl; for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {

        cout << "Name " << st[i]->getname() << endl;
        cout << "Rank " << st[i]->getrank() << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

4. Create a polymorphic class Vehicle and create other derived classes Bus, Car and Bike from Vehicle. With this program illustrate RTTI by the use of dynamic_cast and typeid operators.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
#include <typeinfo>
using namespace std;
class vehicle
{
private:
protected:
    string registration;
    int noofwheels;
public:
    vehicle(string r, int n)
    {
        registration = r;
        noofwheels = n;
    }
    string getregistration()
    {
        cout << "Vehicle getRegistratin called" <<
        endl; return registration;
    }
};
class bus : public vehicle
{
private:
public:
    bus(string
    r):vehicle(r,4){}; string
    getregistration() {
        cout << "Bus getRegistratin called" <<
        endl; return registration;
    }
};
```

```

class car : public vehicle
{
private:
public:
    car(string
    r):vehicle(r,4){}; string
    getregistration() {
        cout << "Car getRegistratin called" <<
        endl; return registration;
    }
};

class bike : public vehicle
{
private:
public:
    bike(string
    r):vehicle(r,2){}; string
    getregistration() {
        cout << "Bike getRegistratin called" <<
        endl; return registration;
    }
};

int main()
{
    vehicle *vlist[3];
    bus *bs = new bus("1");
    car *c = new car("1");
    bike *b = new bike("1");
    vlist[0] = dynamic_cast<vehicle
    *>(bs); vlist[1] =
    dynamic_cast<vehicle *>(c); vlist[2] =
    dynamic_cast<vehicle *>(b); for(int i
    = 0; i < 3 ; i++) {
        cout << typeid(*vlist[i]).name() << endl;
        cout << vlist[i]->getregistration() << endl;
    }
    cout << typeid(*bs).name() << endl;
    cout << typeid(*c).name() << endl;
    cout << typeid(*b).name() << endl;
}

```

```
    return 0;  
}
```