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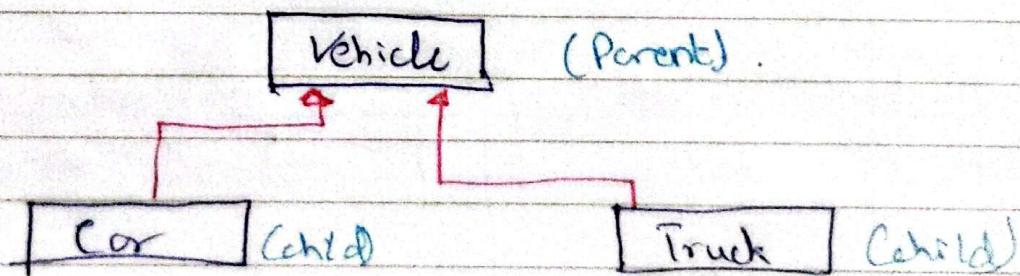
## Inheritance.

Inheritance allows a new class to be based on an existing class. The new class automatically inherits all the member variables and functions, except constructor and destructor, of the class it is based on.

- It can be said to be a parent-child relationship.
- it is "is a" relationship
- In UML's it is represented by:  
" child  $\rightarrow$  parent"

### Example:

- a car is a vehicle.
- a truck is a vehicle.

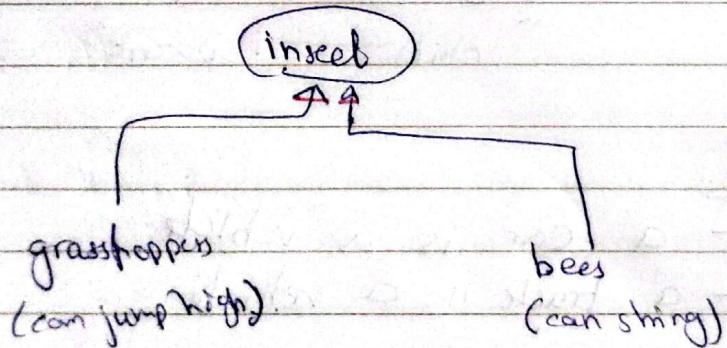


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## The concept of generalization and specialization:

- In real world we can find many objects that are specialized version of other more general objects.
- Example ~~tell~~ the term insect describes a very general ~~for~~ types of creatures with numerous ~~same~~ characteristics.

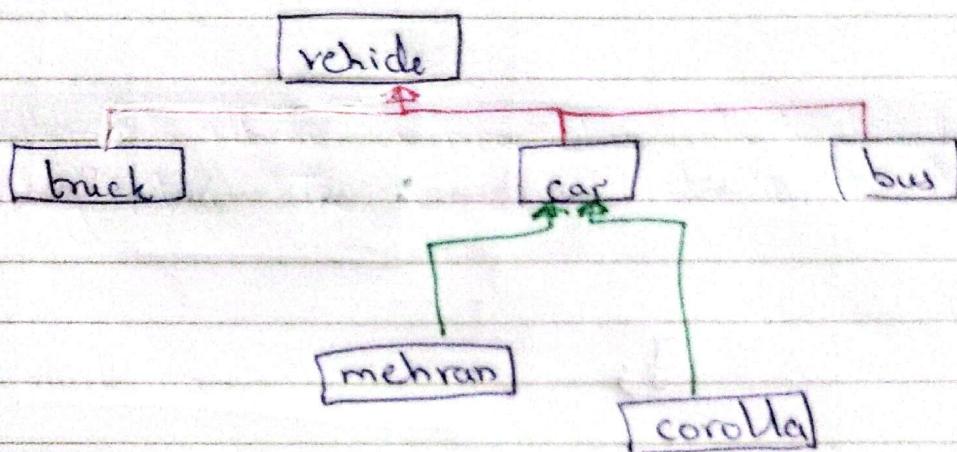
So Grass Hoppers & Bees are insects because they have all the general characteristics of insects. But furthermore, they have some special abilities i.e grass hoppers can jump high ~~but~~ and bees can sting.



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More example of inheritance:

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- car, bus and truck inherit from vehicle.
- mehran and corolla inherit from car.

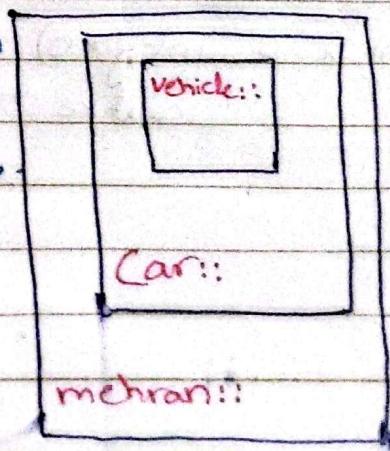
- car will have all the ~~characteristics~~ member variables/functions of vehicle.

= mehran will have all the member variables/functions of car & vehicle.

(bcz car already have all variables/functions of vehicle).

~~an easy~~ ~~well~~ way to interpret mehran:

= Mehran contains  
Car which  
contains vehicle.



- ~~obj~~ ":", there are global scope operator, written to show scope of all classes.

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How to do inheritance in cpp?

class Class Name : access modifier Base/parent class name

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- access modifiers = Public, Private, protected

### Example

```
1 class A{  
2 private:  
3     int x,y;  
4  
5 public:  
6     void display () {  
7         cout << "x = " << x << endl;  
8     }  
9     A( int x=0, int y=0 ) : x(x), y(y) {}  
10    ~A() cout << "dele A" << endl;  
11  
12 };
```

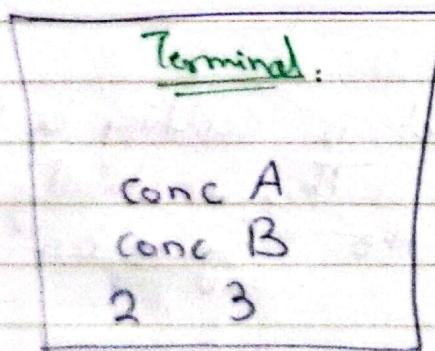
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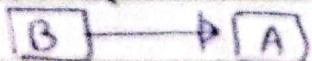
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```
15  
16  
17 class B : public A {  
18     public:  
19         B( int x=0, int y=0 ) : A(x,y) {}  
20         // constructor  
21         ~B() {}  
22     }  
23 };  
24  
25 int main() {  
26     B b(2,3);  
27     b.display(); // also b.A::display() allowed  
28 }  
29  
30 }
```

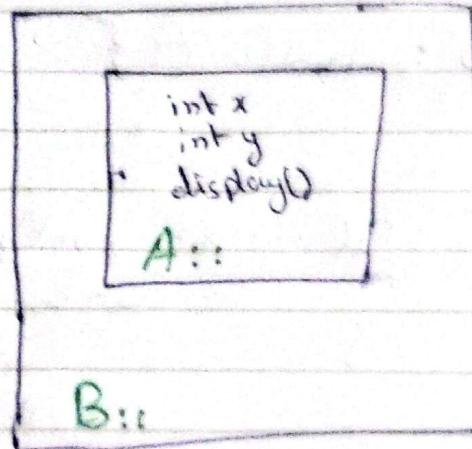


What is Happening in code:

- class B is a child of class A.



so B inherits everything from A.



Figure

— When B is created in main, firstly the Parents are made i.e. A. This is why A's constructor is called first.

### Line 29:

— Here b object is calling a function made in A. This is totally possible. Why? See the figure on top of page:

we can see that A lies inside B so B can access A's display.

### Explain

— But there is a problem!!!

— we cannot access x and y inside B bcz they are private for A.

How to fix → next page.

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## Protected Members:

- like public and private , protected class access also exists.

Protected members of base class are like private members but they CAN be accessed by derived classes . The base class access specifications determines how private , public and protected base class members are accessed when they are inherited by base classes .

Private	Only inside the Base class. Derived class <del>nor</del> <del>not</del> allowed to use.
Protected	Inside BASE & derived classes. Banned in global or any other place .
Public	Available everywhere.

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Example:

Class A {

protected :

int x;

int y;

void display() { cout --- } .

};

class B : public A {

public :

void Change ( int xl, int yl ) {

x = xl;

y = yl;

}

;}

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```
int main () {
```

B b;

b. change ( 5,3); ✓ allowed

b. display (); X Error

}

What's Happening ?

- Change function is allowed bcz x and y are now freely available to be used in B class.

- Display function is NOT allowed bcz it is a protected member of class A, it is allowed in B but not in main or anywhere else.

Fix:

make display function [public].

## Class access:

When we inherit classes we write public, private or protected before them, this can completely alter the class access.

class B: access modifier A { ... };

This can alter class access.

Access Modifier applied.			
	Public	Protected	Private
Public	Public	Protected	Private
Protected	Protected	Protected	Private
Private	unaccessible	unaccessible	unaccessible

### Table explanation:

The table shows what the original access was of members and then how it changes based on the modifier applied.

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Example of how public changes to protected:

class A {

public:

void display () { cout << "Haha" << endl; }

}

class B : protected A { };

int main () {

A a;

B b;

b.display(); X error.

a.display(); ✓ allowed.

}

Now if we access display from B., display has been made protected and so cannot be accessed ~~not~~ in global or other places.

- This is only if ~~B is a~~ we access member of A THROUGH B.

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- also if extend the chain and say:

class C : public B { };

even now display is allowed  
inside this class BUT  
not outside

- as we can see in the table  
if we try to change  
protected to public , it will  
remain protected.

### Example of ~~protected~~ private:

- consider the same protected one example but change protected to private . also consider Class C to exist .
- Now <sup>as</sup> C CANNOT access  
display also.  
why?

In class B , display became private  
so now we cannot access it  
~~public~~ in C + like we saw how  
we could not use x,y is  
when they were private in the section  
before protected members.

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Constructors and destructors in base and derived classes.

The base class's constructor is called before derived class's constructor.

The destructors are called in reverse so Derived / child class's destructor is called first.

Be careful while using member initializers.

Consider int x, y to be variables of a class A which inherits to B.

class B: ~~public~~ A {

public:

B( ~~int~~ x1, int y1) : ~~A(x1)~~, y(y1) {}  
Error.

x and y haven't even been made yet - member initializer is ~~very~~ at very start of a program.

Fix: (2 ways):

1) B( int x1, int y1) : A(x1, y1) {}.

2) B( int x1, int y1) { x=x1; y=y1; }.

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- in 1) way we are using the constructor of A. if it exist. At member initializer <sup>parent</sup> object is being made so we can use its constructor to make it.
- In 2) way objects have already been made so now x and y are variables of B so and we can assign value.

### TIP Remember:

if Class A had e.g. x as an CONST int. Then we will can ONLY follow first way of member initializer as other way is like changing const value which is not possible.

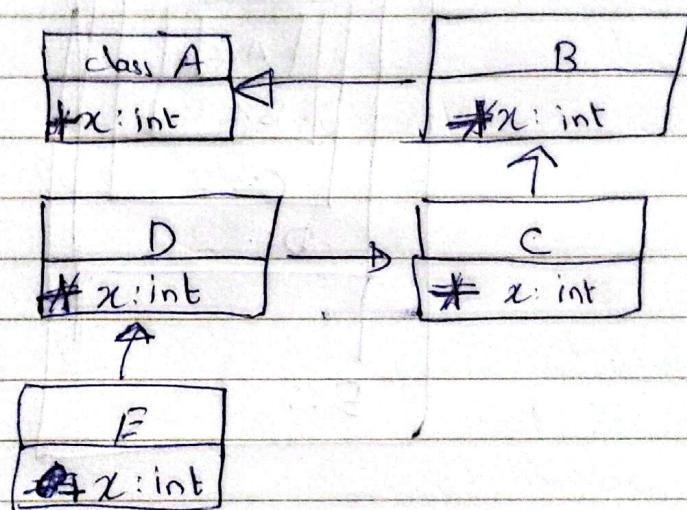
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## Class Hierarchies:

- There can be a very long chain of inheritances.

But what if they all had a same member variable  $x$ .



int main() {

E e;

cout << e.x << endl;

}

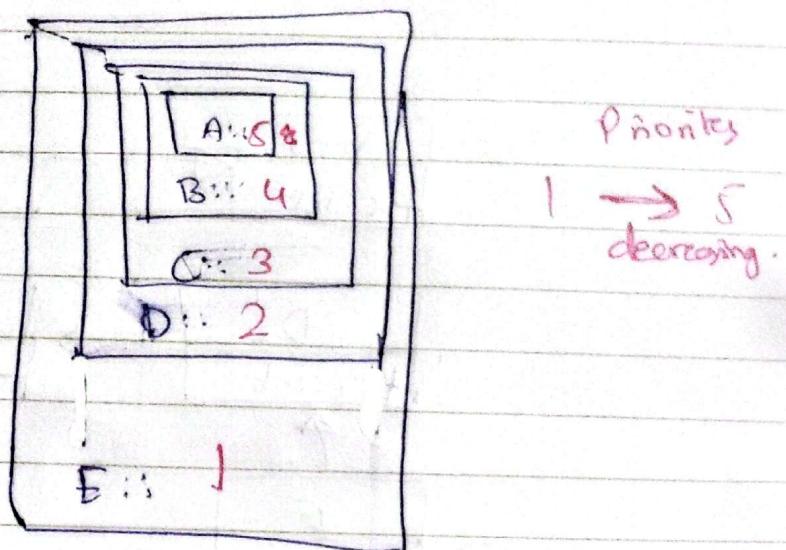
The output will be the  $x$  of class B. The most derived or youngest class.

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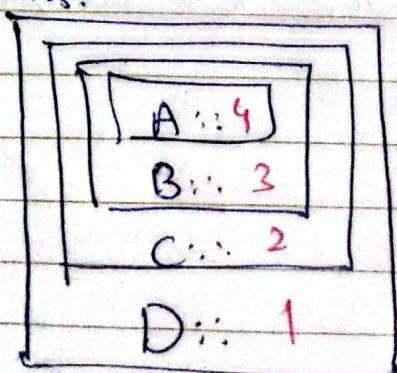
- This shows that the most newest or youngest class has most ~~power~~ priority.



What if I wrote:

D d;  
cout << n << endl;

This means:



so this will output 4 3 2 1.

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So, How to access after xc's.

we can use a simple concept of  
~~global~~ scope resolution operator ":".

cout << e. A::x << endl; ✓

cout << e. C::x << endl; ✓ works

cout << d. B::x << endl; ✓

This allows us to  
 use more particular  
 members.

// This concept is not only for  
 variables BUT all Members  
 like functions.

## Redeclared functions / Shadowing:

This is having the same name member of function in both base and derived classes.

- This is the same concept we started in last section.

- The highest priority is of the most childest or the outermost class : make in diagrams.
- The members of other BASE Classes CAN ONLY BE USED if:
  - 1) No ~~shadowed~~ <sup>redfined</sup> function in derived class
  - 2) Using scope operator " :: "

Instead of these 2 conditions there is no way of using them.

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## Example:

```
class A {  
public:
```

```
    void print (string n) {  
        cout << "In A" << endl;  
    }.
```

```
} ;
```

```
class B : public A {  
public:
```

```
    void print (int x) {  
        cout << "In B" << endl;
```

```
} ;
```

```
int main () {
```

```
    B b;
```

b.print (5); ✓ allowed

// b.print ("Hi"); X error.

b.A.print ("Hi"); ✓ allowed.

}

QUESTION

why doesn't b.print("Hi") work?

when we use this function, b call  
it's own print but it has  
a parameter as an int which  
CANNOT be converted into a string  
so it was an error.

Also A's print was NOT  
USED bcz priority is of  
b's print.

Fix::

- 1) use ~~A::print~~ as shown in  
4th line of main.
- 2) change names of function and  
use each function with its  
respective name.
- 3) remove the print function from  
B and function of A will  
be used.

// In this ~~section~~ we were able to differentiate  
over loaded and ~~overriden~~ functions.