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Sure, I'd be happy to explain abstract classes and provide some sample code in C++ to help illustrate how they work.

In C++, an abstract class is a class that cannot be instantiated. Instead, it is designed to be used as a base class for other classes that will inherit from it. The purpose of an abstract class is to define a common interface for a set of classes, without implementing the functionality for that interface. The derived classes that inherit from the abstract class will then provide their own implementation for the interface.

To define an abstract class in C++, you use the "virtual" keyword to declare a method that does not have an implementation. This method is called a pure virtual function, and it is denoted by placing "= 0" after the function declaration. Here is an example of an abstract class in C++:

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```csharp
class Shape {
  public:
    virtual void draw() = 0;
    virtual double area() = 0;
};
```

In this example, the Shape class is an abstract class that defines two pure virtual functions: "draw" and "area". These functions do not have an implementation in the Shape class, but any derived class that inherits from Shape must implement them.

Now let's look at an example of a derived class that inherits from the Shape abstract class and provides its own implementation for the "draw" and "area" functions:

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```csharp
class Circle : public Shape {
  public:
```