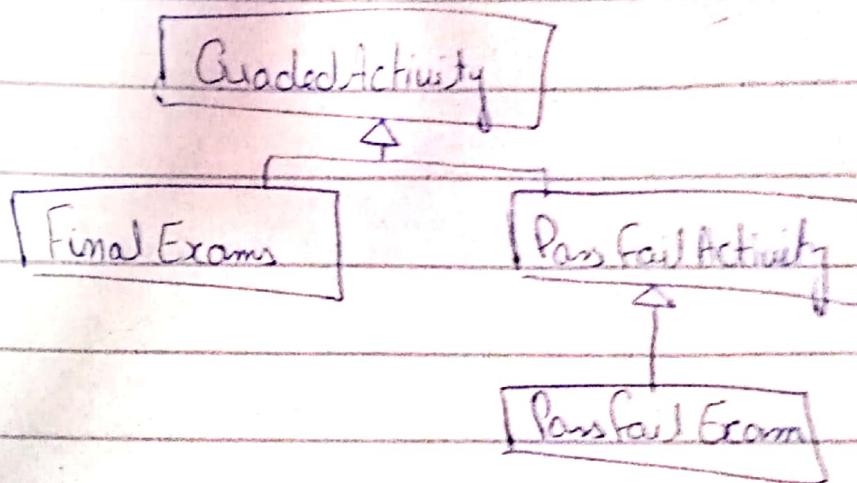


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- Software designers mostly use Family Tree like
- In Hierarchies,
  - General Classes are on Top of the tree
  - Specialized Classes are on Bottom of the tree



- Polymorphism:

It allows an object "reference variable" or "pointer"

↳ To call objects of different types

↳ To call correct member function

↳ Depending upon the type of object being referenced.

### Example

`void displayGrade (const GradedActivity &activity)`

→ `GradedActivity test1(88.0)`

~~FinalExam~~ `test2(100,25)`

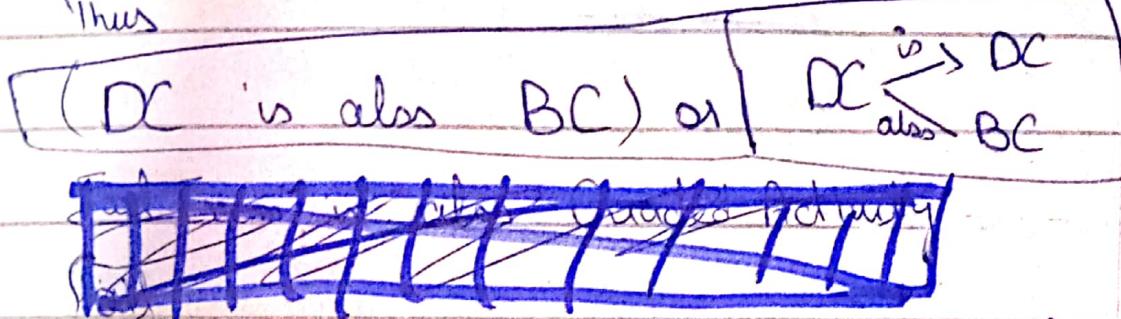
`displayGrade (test1); // Base object`  
`displayGrade (test2); // Derived object`

work for  
Why it can call both object.

when its data type is Base Class?

As there is a "Relation" b/w BC and DC

Thus



- Final Exam is not only Final Exam, it is (Final Exam) is also Grade Activity object
- Final Exam is a Graded Activity

Because of this Relationship we can also pass the object of Final Exam in displayGrade function.

## Polymorphism Requires Reference or P

Polymorphism behaviour is not possible by value

↳ So that's why they ~~Value~~

~~Value~~ Requires

Reference or Pointer.

So that's why when we call  
displayGrade() we pass an  
Object (BC, DC) by Reference.

So ~~In~~ In Case of Virtual Function  
It will be call according to its  
~~the~~ Class level.

# Base Class Pointer:

Pointer of BC, may be assigned  
the address of a derived class object.

Graded Activity \* exam = new PassFailExam(100, 25, 75);  
(,)

cout << exam -> getScore() << endl;

cout << exam -> getLetterGrade() << endl;

¶ A way for Base Array and having Different  
Derived Class Object :-

Graded Activity \* tests [NUM\_TESTS] =

{ new GradedActivity(88.0),

new PassFailExam(100, 25, 70.0),

new GradeActivity(67.0),

new PassFailExam(50, 12, 60.0)

};

// to Display Grade

for (int count = 0; count < NUM\_TESTS; count++) {

cout << "Test " << count + 1 << ":" << endl;

displayGrade(test[count]);

cout << endl; }

# Base Class Pointers and Reference

## Know only About Base Class Members.

A base class pointer can store address of any class that derives from the base class.

But there are some limitations with the Base Pointer

(Base Class Pointer)  
It can only call the functions written in it (Base Class)

If there is some member function in DC, BC pointer cannot call it, to call that function make a **Virtual Function** in Base Class and overridden in **Derived Class**.

Thus

The "is-a" Relationship  
does not Work Reverse.

✓ Honey Bee is an Insect

✗ Insect is an Honey Bee

Why?

cause not all insects are Honey Bee  
likewise not all insects obj are Honey Bee Obj  
Thus not all BaseClass obj are DerivedClass Obj

But All Derived Class obj are Base Class Obj  
As All HoneyBees are Insects.

Let's come to Point:

You cannot assign address of  
Base Class obj → Derived Class Pointer.

But with the help of Static cast  
we can do this

GradeActivity \* gaPointer = new GradeActivity (88.0);

// Even this will not work

FinalExam \* fePointer = gaPointer;

But we with the help of Static Cast  
we can do this

FinalExam \* fePointer = static cast <FinalExam\*> (gaPointer)

// This will work with limitations.

What error will cause by static\_cast

~~for~~

Fe Pointer → getScore() << edll;

Fe Pointer → getLetterGrade() << edll;

Fe Pointer → getPointsEach() << edll;

→ This will get Error at runtime.

Cause this object doesn't have

getPointsEach (that it is PassFailExam class  
in GradeActivity).

## Redefining vs Overriding:

When a Class Redefine a Virtual Function it is called Overridden

Overridden are dynamically bound.

Redefined Fns are statically bound.

## Virtual Destructor:

A good Programming Practice,

Any Class that has a Virtual

member function, should also have virtual Destructor.

What if the class doesn't require  
destructor then?

It should have a virtual destructor  
with no statement.

As it have no statement, All the  
derived class will have automatically  
the virtual destructor.

It will be overridden when a  
Derived class have ~~const~~ definition  
of its Destructor.

### For Polymorphism:

make sure ~~the~~ Base Class Must have  
Virtual ~~no~~ Destructors.

As if we assign address of DC to  
BC, when BC destroys DC <sup>destructor</sup> doesn't  
execute, This can cause error of some  
functional issues or memory leakage.

Thus Just add virtual with Base Destructor

So ~~both~~ DC destructor can be  
executed and a BC destructor (due to ~~delete~~<sup>obj</sup>).

Before Chaging:

Code: ~~Base Pointer~~

Base \* BasePointer = new Derived Obj

delete \* ~~BasePointer~~

Result:

Base Class Constructor called.

Derived Class Constructor called.

Base Class Destructor called

Chaging:

virtual ~Base() {

}

After Chaging:

Base Class Constructor Called

Derived Class Constructor Called

Derived Class Destructor Called

Base Class Destructor Called

C++ 11's override and Final Key words.

Due to change of Parameters  
but same Name even with  
the use of Virtual Function, ~~it~~ It  
will not be overridden.

To Prevent this we write  
**overridden** at the end.

Sol:

B.C      virtual void function A (int arg) const

D.C      virtual void function A (~~long~~ arg) const **override**

Override keyword is added in heading.

## Preventing a Member Function From Being Overridden:

To make a virtual function to  
not further overridden we  
use ~~use down~~ in class hierarchy.  
we use **Final** keyword-

Virtual Void message () const final;

→ If the derived class attempts  
to override a final member function,  
the compiler generates an error.

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# Polymorphism & Virtual Member Function.

- Virtual Member Function:
  - Function in Base Class
  - That expects to be redefine  
↳ in Derived Class.
  - These functions are defined with **virtual**:

~~virtu~~

virtual void Y() { ... }

- Supports **Dynamic Binding**  
↳ Functions binds at **run time**  
to function that they call
- Without **Virtual** keyword, C++  
uses **Static Binding** (**compile time**)

**Example (15-a)**

```
Void displayGrade ( const GradeActivity & activity )
```

{

```
cout << setprecision(1) << fixed;
```

```
cout << "The activity's numeric score is "
```

```
<< activity.getScore() << endl;
```

```
cout << "The activity's letter grade is "
```

```
<< activity.getLetterGrade() << endl;
```

}

This function have Parameter GradeActivity  
reference variable

↳ So it can reference any object that is  
defined from GradeActivity

That's mean we can pass any object

of • GradeActivity

• Final Exam

• Pass Fail Exam

• or any other object that is derived  
from GradeActivity.

⇒ But a Static Binding Problem occur.

```
#include "PassFailActivity.h"
```

```
void displayGrade(const GradeActivity &activity);
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

// Create a PassFail Activity object.

// minimum Passing Score is 70

```
PassFailActivity test(70);
```

// Set the score to 72

```
test.setScore(72);
```

// Display the object's grade data.

// The letter grade should be 'P'

// What will be displayed?

```
displayGrade(test);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
void displayGrade(const GradeActivity &activity)
```

```
{
```

// Code written before.

```
}
```

## Output :

The activities mark grade is 72.0

" " is C

- ⇒ As you can see from the example output the getLetterGrade member function returned 'C' instead of 'P'. This is because the Grade Activity class's get Letter Grade function was executed ~~instead of~~ instead of
- ⇒ Pass Fail Activity class's version of the function.

## Static Binding :

- As it display 'C' instead of 'P'
- because the call to getLetterGrade is statically bound (at compile time) with Graded Activity class's version of the function.

## To Solve this Problem:

It can be solve by making the function virtual in Base class.

So that

# Virtual Functions:

- A virtual function is dynamically bound its calls at runtime
- At runtime,
  - C++ determines the type of object making the call
  - and binds the function to the appropriate version of the function
- Making a Function Virtual

Place Virtual Key used before return type in Base Class Declaration

Virtual char getLetterGrade() const;

- The compiler will not bind the function to call Instead

The program will bind them at runtime

## Class GradedActivity

protected:

double Score;

public:

GradedScore() { Score = 0.0; }

GradedScore(double s) { Score = s; }

void setScore(double s) { score = s; }

double getScore() const { return score; }

virtual char getLetterGrade() const;

}

• Now, this function is now virtual.

• The function also becomes virtual in all derived classes automatically!

When we compile the program

" " " is 72.0

is P

Note:

This type of behavior is known as polymorphism. The term polymorphism means "

the ability to take many forms.

# The Meaning of Polymorphism

## Demonstrate Polymorphism.

In this we pass object of  
Gradec Activity and PassFail Exam class  
to the Display Grade function

void displayGrade (const GradeActivity &);

int main()

{

GradeActivity test1(88.0);

// Total Question 100, Missed 25, Passing Score 70

PassExams <sup>fail</sup> test2(100, 25, 70.0);

cout << "Test 1:\n";

~~cout~~ displayGrade(test1);

cout << "Test 2:\n";

displayGrade (test2);

return 0;

}

## Output:

Test 1:

The activity .... is 88.0

U L ? n is B

Test 2:

// .... is 75.0

U U ? n is P

Polymorphism requires  **References  
Pointers.**

- Polymorphism behavior is only possible when an object is referenced by a reference variable or a pointer or demonstrated in the `DisplayGrade` function.

## Base Class Pointers:

- Can define a pointer to a base class object
- Can assign it ~~to~~ the address of a derived class object

Addres<sup>s</sup> D.C's object       B.C's pointer ~~(g)~~ .  
-  start ~~(g - r - s - l - f)~~

GradedActivity \*exam = new PassFailActivity(100, 23, 70);

cout << exam->getScore() << endl;

cout << exam->getLetterGrade() << endl;



- Base Class Pointers only know about members of the base class
  - So you cannot use a base class pointer to call a derived class function

- Redefined function in derived class will be ignored unless base class declares the function ~~base~~ virtual

## Redefining vs Overriding:



They are statically bound      They are dynamically bound

non-virtual function  
is redefined      virtual function is  
overridden

## Virtual Destructors:

- Make the Destructor of class virtual  
↳ If the class could ever become a base class
- Otherwise, the compiler will perform static binding on the destructor  
If the class ever is derived from.

→ Example in 15-14 o

## 15.7 Abstract Base Classes and Pure Virtual Functions

Pure Virtual Function:

A virtual function that must be overridden in a derived class that has objects.

`virtual void Y()=0;`

= 0 indicates pure virtual function

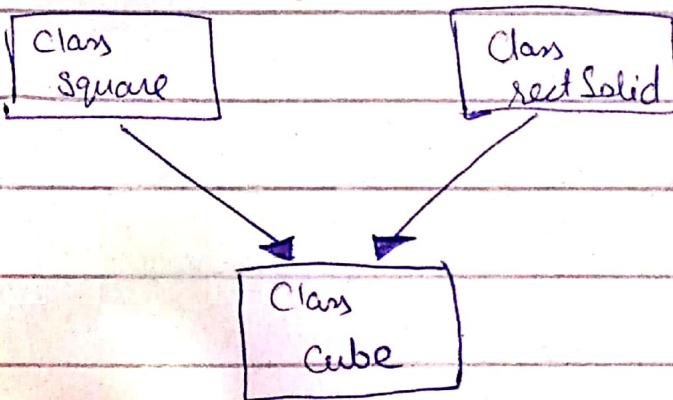
Abstract Base Class

- That have at least one Pure Virtual Function
- Can't have object
- Made for Derived classes
  - ↳ whose object have to be made
- Its Pointer can be made

## 15.8 Multiple Inheritance

→ A Derived class can have more than one base class.

- Each class can have its own access specification (public, protected, private) in derived class's definition
- Class cube : public square, public rectSolid;



- To Pass Argument, we can Pass to both:  
base classes' constructor

~~constructor~~

Cube :: cube (int side) : square (side),  
rectSolid (side, side, side);

→ This thing can be only done in  
Constructors.

### - Base class constructor

- They are called in order given in Class Declaration
- not in order used in class constructor.

### • Problem:

what if base classes have member

variables / function with the same name?

### Solution:

- Derived classes redefines the multiply-defined function

- Derived class invokes member function in a particular base class using scope resolution operator ::

↳ Compile errors occur if derived class uses base class function without one of these solutions

## Note:

① If the base class has no default constructor, then the derived class must have a constructor that calls one of the base class constructors.

② If the base class access specification is left out of a declaration,

↪ The default Access Specification is **Private**

For Example:

→ Class Test : Grade

Similar too → Class Test : **private** Grade.

③ The BC constructors called before the DC constructors  
The DC destructors called <sup>before</sup> ~~after~~ the BC destructors,  
In Inheritance.

④ Passing Arguments to Base Class Constructor:

Q

① If BC constructor takes arguments?

② what if there are more than one constructor in BC

Ans:

Let the DC constructor pass arguments to the base class constructor.

e.g. Sube(): Rectangle()

DC constructor

BC constructor

This is write only in definition of a Constructor  
not in Parameter of the constructor

- $\text{ClassName} :: \text{ClassName}(\text{ParameterList}) : \text{BaseClassName}(\text{Argument List})$
- $\text{Cube}(\text{double w}, \text{double len}, \text{double h}) : \text{Rectangle}(w, h)$   
↳ orders of Arguments doesn't matter.
- ~~It~~ When Rectangle executed the Cube will execute.

## • What value we can Pass on Base constructor:

- Derived Class Constructor parameter
- Literal values
- Global values that are accessible to the file containing the derived class constructor definition
- Expression involving any of these values.  
(in Polymorphism)
- Sometimes it is useful to overload a base class function with a function of same name in the derived function.
- $\text{BaseClassName} :: \text{FunctionName}(\text{Argument List})$   
↳ we can use this in Derived Class to call Base class function that is overridden in Derived Class.