

```
class A
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    int x;
```

```
protected:
```

```
    int y;
```

```
private:
```

```
    int z;
```

```
};
```

```
class B : public A
```

```
{
```

```
    // x is public
```

```
    // y is protected
```

```
    // z is not accessible from B
```

```
};
```

```
class C : protected A
```

```
{
```

```
    // x is protected
```

```
    // y is protected
```

```
    // z is not accessible from C
```

```
};
```

```
class D : private A    // 'private' is default for classes
```

```
{
```

```
    // x is private
```

```
    // y is private
```

```
    // z is not accessible from D
```

```
};
```

Single Inheritance:

In single inheritance, a class is allowed to inherit from only one class.

i.e. one sub class is inherited by one base class only.

Syntax:

```
class subclass_name : access_mode base_class
```

```
{
```

```
    //body of subclass
```

```
};
```

```
// C++ program to explain
```

```
// Single inheritance
```

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```

// base class
class Vehicle {
public:
    Vehicle()
    {
        cout << "This is a Vehicle" << endl;
    }
};

// sub class derived from two base classes
class Car: public Vehicle{

};

// main function
int main()
{
    // creating object of sub class will
    // invoke the constructor of base classes
    Car obj;
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

This is a vehicle

Multiple Inheritance: Multiple Inheritance is a feature of C++ where a class can inherit from more than one classes.

i.e one sub class is inherited from more than one base classes.

Syntax:

```

class subclass_name : access_mode base_class1, access_mode base_class2, ....
{
    //body of subclass
};

```

Here, the number of base classes will be separated by a comma (', ') and access mode for every base class must be specified.

```

// C++ program to explain
// multiple inheritance
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

```

```

// first base class
class Vehicle {
public:
    Vehicle()
    {
        cout << "This is a Vehicle" << endl;
    }
};

// second base class
class FourWheeler {
public:
    FourWheeler()
    {
        cout << "This is a 4 wheeler Vehicle" << endl;
    }
};

// sub class derived from two base classes
class Car: public Vehicle, public FourWheeler {

};

// main function
int main()
{
    // creating object of sub class will
    // invoke the constructor of base classes
    Car obj;
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

This is a Vehicle

This is a 4 wheeler Vehicle

Please visit this link to learn multiple inheritance in details.

Multilevel Inheritance: In this type of inheritance, a derived class is created from another derived class.

```

// C++ program to implement
// Multilevel Inheritance
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// base class
class Vehicle
{
public:
    Vehicle()
    {
        cout << "This is a Vehicle" << endl;
    }
};

class fourWheeler: public Vehicle
{ public:
    fourWheeler()
    {
        cout<<"Objects with 4 wheels are vehicles"<<endl;
    }
};

// sub class derived from two base classes
class Car: public fourWheeler{
public:
    car()
    {
        cout<<"Car has 4 Wheels"<<endl;
    }
};

// main function
int main()
{
    //creating object of sub class will
    //invoke the constructor of base classes
    Car obj;
    return 0;
}
output:

```

This is a Vehicle

Objects with 4 wheels are vehicles

Car has 4 Wheels

Hierarchical Inheritance: In this type of inheritance, more than one sub class is inherited from a single base class. i.e. more than one derived class is created from a single base class.

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// C++ program to implement

// Hierarchical Inheritance

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

// base class

class Vehicle

{

public:

Vehicle()

{

cout << "This is a Vehicle" << endl;

}

};

// first sub class

class Car: public Vehicle

{

};

// second sub class

class Bus: public Vehicle

{

};

// main function

int main()

{

// creating object of sub class will

// invoke the constructor of base class

Car obj1;

```
    Bus obj2;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:

This is a Vehicle

This is a Vehicle

Hybrid (Virtual) Inheritance: Hybrid Inheritance is implemented by combining more than one type of inheritance. For example: Combining Hierarchical inheritance and Multiple Inheritance.

Below image shows the combination of hierarchical and multiple inheritance:

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// C++ program for Hybrid Inheritance

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
// base class
```

```
class Vehicle
```

```
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
    Vehicle()
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout << "This is a Vehicle" << endl;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
//base class
```

```
class Fare
```

```
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
    Fare()
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout<<"Fare of Vehicle\n";
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
// first sub class
```

```
class Car: public Vehicle
```

```
{
```

```
};

// second sub class
class Bus: public Vehicle, public Fare
{

};

// main function
int main()
{
    // creating object of sub class will
    // invoke the constructor of base class
    Bus obj2;
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

This is a Vehicle

Fare of Vehicle

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