### Inheritance:

Reaccessability is yet another feature of OOP's. C++ strongly supports the concept of reusability. The C++ classes can be used again in several ways. Once a class has been written and tested, it can be adopted by another programmers. This is basically created by defining the new classes, reusing the properties of existing ones. The mechanism of deriving a new class from an old one is called 'INHERTTENCE'. This is often referred to as IS-A' relationship because very object of the class being defined "is" also an object of inherited class. The old class is called 'BASE' class and the new one is called'DERIEVED'class.

## **Defining Derived Classes**

A derived class is specified by defining its relationship with the base class in addition to its own details. The general syntax of defining a derived class is as follows:

```
class d_classname : Access specifier baseclass name
{
___ // members of derived class
};
```

The colon indicates that the a-class name is derived from the base class name. The access specifier or the visibility mode is optional and, if present, may be public, private or protected. By default it is private. Visibility mode describes the status of derived features e.g.

```
class xyz  //base class
{
    members of xyz
};
class ABC : public xyz  //public derivation
{
    members of ABC
};
class ABC : XYZ  //private derivation (by default)
{
    members of ABC
};
```

In the inheritance, some of the base class data elements and member functions are inherited into the derived class. We can add our own data and member functions and thus extend the functionality of the base class. Inheritance, when used to modify and extend the capabilities of the existing classes, becomes a very powerful tool for incremental program development.

# Single Inheritance

When a class inherits from a single base class, it is known as single inheritance. Following program shows the single inheritance using public derivation.

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
class worker
{
```

```
char name [10];
              public:
              void get ( );
       };
       void worker : : get ( )
              cout <<"yout name please"</pre>
              cin >> name;
              cout <<"your age please";</pre>
              cin >> age;
       void worker :: show ( )
              cout <<"In My name is :"<<name<<"In My age is :"<<age;
       class manager :: public worker //derived class (publicly)
              int now;
              public:
              void get();
              void show ( );
       };
       void manager : : get ( )
              worker:: get(); //the calling of base class input fn.
              cout << "number of workers under you";</pre>
              cin >> now;
              cin>>name>>age;
                             (if they were public)
       void manager :: show ( )
              worker:: show (); //calling of base class o/p fn.
              cout <<"iin No. of workers under me are: " << now;
              main()
              clrscr();
              worker W1;
              manager M1;
              M1 .get ();
              M1.show();
If you input the following to this program:
              Your name please
              Ravinder
              Your age please
              27
              number of workers under you
              30
```

int age;

```
Then the output will be as follows:
```

```
My name is: Ravinder
```

My age is: 27

No. of workers under me are: 30

The following program shows the single inheritance by private derivation.

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
class worker //Base class declaration
       int age;
       char name [10];
       public:
       void get();
       void show();
void worker : : get ( )
       cout << "your name please";</pre>
       cin >> name;
       cout << "your age please";</pre>
       cin >>age;
void worker : show ( )
       cout << "in my name is: " << name << "in" << "my age is : " << age;
class manager: worker //Derived class (privately by default)
       int now;
       public:
       void get();
       void show();
void manager : : get ( )
       worker:: get(); //calling the get function of base
       cout << "number of worker under you"; class which is
       cin >> now;
void manager : : show ( )
       worker::show();
       cout << "in no. of worker under me are: " << now;
main ()
```

```
clrscr();
               worker wl;
               manager ml;
               ml.get();
               ml.show();
The following program shows the single inheritance using protected derivation
       #include<conio.h>
       #include<iostream.h>
       class worker
                             //Base class declaration
       { protected:
               int age; char name [20];
               public:
               void get ( );
               void show ( );
       };
       void worker :: get ( )
              cout >> "your name please";
              cin >> name;
              cout << "your age please";</pre>
               cin >> age;
       void worker :: show ( )
              cout << "in my name is: " << name << "in my age is " << age;
       class manager:: protected worker // protected inheritance
               int now;
              public:
               void get ( );
               void show();
       void manager : : get ( )
              cout << "please enter the name In";</pre>
              cin >> name;
               cout << "please enter the age In"; //Directly inputting the data
               cin >> age; members of base class
               cout << " please enter the no. of workers under you:";</pre>
               cin >> now;
       void manager : : show ( )
       {
              cout « "your name is : "«name«" and age is : "«age;
               cout «"In no. of workers under your are: "«now;
       main()
              clrscr();
               manager ml;
               ml.get();
```

```
\begin{array}{c} cout \ll \text{"}\n \n";\\ ml.show (\ );\\ \end{array}
```

## Making a Private Member Inheritable

Basically we have visibility modes to specify that in which mode you are deriving the another class from the already existing base class. They are:

- a. **Private:** when a base class is privately inherited by a derived class, 'public members' of the base class become private members of the derived class and therefore the public members of the base class can be accessed by its own objects using the dot operator. The result is that we have no member of base class that is accessible to the objects of the derived class.
- b. **Public:** On the other hand, when the base class is publicly inherited, 'public members' of the base class become 'public members' of derived class and therefore they are accessible to the objects of the derived class.
- c. **Protected:** C++ provides a third visibility modifier, protected, which serve a little purpose in the inheritance. A member declared as protected is accessible by the member functions within its class and any class immediately derived from it. It cannot be accessed by functions outside these two classes.

The below mentioned table summarizes how the visibility of members undergo modifications when they are inherited

Base Class Visibility	Derived Class Visibility		
	Public	Private	Protected
Private	X	X	X
Public	Public	Private	Protected
Protected	Protected	Private	Protected

The private and protected members of a class can be accessed by:

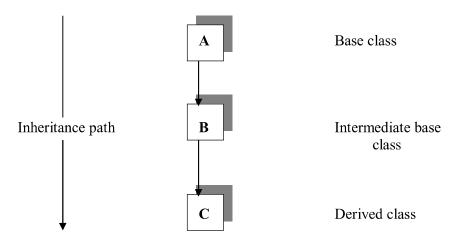
- a. A function i.e. friend of a class.
- b. A member function of a class that is the friend of the class.
- c. A member function of a derived class.

### **Student Activity**

- 1. Define Inheritance. What is the inheritance mechanism in C++?
- 2. What are the advantage of Inheritance?
- 3. What should be the structure of a class when it has to be a base for other classes?

### **Multilevel Inheritance**

When the inheritance is such that, the class A serves as a base class for a derived class B which in turn serves as a base class for the derived class C. This type of inheritance is called 'MULTILEVEL INHERITENCE'. The class B is known as the 'INTERMEDIATE BASE CLASS' since it provides a link for the inheritance between A and C. The chain ABC is called 'ITNHERITENCE\*PATH' for e.g.



The declaration for the same would be:

```
Class A
{
//body
}
Class B : public A
{
//body
}
Class C : public B
{
//body
}
```

This declaration will form the different levels of inheritance.

Following program exhibits the multilevel inheritance.

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
class worker  // Base class declaration
{
    int age;
    char name [20];
    public;
    void get();
```

```
void show( );
}
void worker: get ()
       cout << "your name please";</pre>
       cin >> name;
       cout << "your age please";</pre>
void worker : : show ( )
       cout << "In my name is: " << name << "In my age is: " << age;
class manager: public worker //Intermediate base class derived
              //publicly from the base class
       int now;
       public:
       void get();
       void show();
};
void manager :: get ( )
       worker::get();
                            //calling get ( ) fn. of base class
       cout << "no. of workers under you:";</pre>
       cin >> now;
void manager : : show ( )
{
       worker::show(); //calling show() fn. of base class
       cout << "In no. of workers under me are: "<< now;
class ceo: public manager
                             //declaration of derived class
              //publicly inherited from the
                     //intermediate base class
       int nom;
       public:
       void get ( );
       void show();
};
void ceo : : get ( )
       manager : : get ();
       cout << "no. of managers under you are:"; cin >> nom;
void manager : : show ( )
       cout << "In the no. of managers under me are: In";
       cout << "nom;
```

```
main()
{
          clrscr ();
          ceo cl;
          cl.get (); cout << "\n\n";
          cl.show ();
}

Worker

Private:
          int age;
          char name[20];
Protected:</pre>
```

## Manager:Worker

int age;

char name[20];

Private:

Private:
int now;

Protected:

Public:
void get()
void show()
worker::get()
worker::get()

# Ceo: Manager

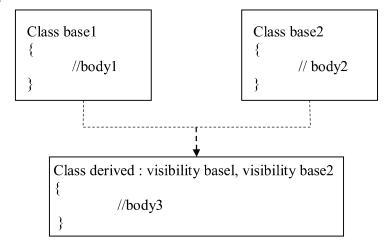
Public:
Protected:
Public:

All the inherited members

## **Multiple Inheritances**

A class can inherit the attributes of two or more classes. This mechanism is known as 'MULTIPLE INHERITENCE'. Multiple inheritance allows us to combine the features

of several existing classes as a starring point for defining new classes. It is like the child inheriting the physical feature of one parent and the intelligence of another. The syntax of the derived class is as follows:

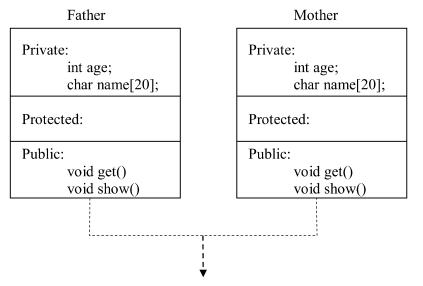


Where the visibility refers to the access specifiers i.e. public, private or protected. Following program shows the multiple inheritance.

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio . h>
class father
                       //Declaration of base classl
       int age;
       char flame [20];
       public:
       void get();
       void show();
void father : : get ( )
       cout << "your father name please";</pre>
       cin >> name;
       cout << "Enter the age";</pre>
       cin >> age;
void father : : show ( )
cout << "In my father's name is: ' << name << "In my father's age is: << age;
                              //Declaration of base class 2
class mother
       char name [20];
       int age;
```

```
public:
        void get ()
                cout << "mother's name please" << "In";</pre>
               cin >> name;
               cout << "mother's age please" << "in";</pre>
               cin >> age;
void show ( )
        cout << "In my mother's name is: " << name;</pre>
        cout << "In my mother's age is: " << age;</pre>
        class daughter: public father, public mother //derived class inheriting
                               //publicly
        char name [20]; //the features of both the base class
        int std;
        public:
                void get ( );
               void show();
        void daughter :: get ( )
                father :: get ();
                mother :: get ();
               cout << "child's name: ";</pre>
               cin >> name;
               cout << "child's standard";</pre>
               cin >> std;
        void daughter :: show ( )
                father :: show ();
                nfather :: show ();
               cout << "In child's name is : " << name;</pre>
               cout << "In child's standard: " << std;</pre>
        main()
        clrscr();
                daughter d1;
                d1.get();
                d1.show();
```

Diagrammatic Representation of Multiple Inheritance is as follows:



Class daughter: public Father, public Mother

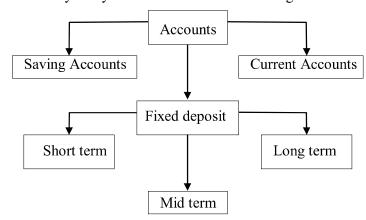
```
Private: char name[20]; int age;

Protected:

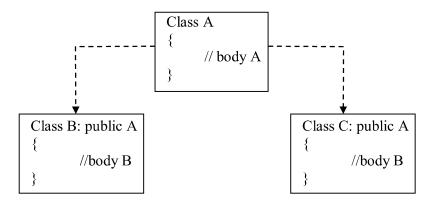
Public:
//self
void get(); void showQ;
//from Father
void get(); void show();
//from Mother
void get(); void show();
```

#### **Hierarchical Inheritance**

Another interesting application of inheritance is to use is as a support to a hierarchical design of a class program. Many programming problems can be cast into a hierarchy where certain features of one level are shared by many others below that level for e.g.



In general the syntax is given as



In C++, such problems can be easily converted into hierarchies. The base class will include all the features that are common to the subclasses. A sub-class can be constructed by inheriting the features of base class and so on.

```
cout<< "father's age please"; cin >> age;
       void show ( )
              cout << "In father's name is ': "<<name;</pre>
              cout << "In father's age is: "<< age;
};
class son: public father
                             //derived class 1
       char name [20];
       int age;
       public;
       void get();
       void show();
void son : : get ( )
{
       father :: get ();
       cout << "your (son) name please" << "in"; cin >>name;
       cout << "your age please" << "ln"; cin>>age;
void son :: show ( )
       father::show();
       cout << "In my name is : " << name;</pre>
       cout << "In my age is: " << age;
class daughter: public father
                                    //derived class 2.
       char name [15];
       int age;
       public:
       void get ()
              father::get();
              cout << "your (daughter's) name please In" cin>>name;
              cout << "your age please In"; cin >>age;
       void show ()
              father::show();
              cout << "in my father name is: " << name << "
              In and his age is: "<<age;
};
main()
       clrscr();
```

```
son S1;
daughter D1;
S1. get();
D1. get();
S1.show();
D1. show();
```

## **Hybrid Inheritance**

There could be situations where we need to apply two or more types of inheritance to design a program. Basically Hybrid Inheritance is the combination of one or more types of the inheritance. Here is one implementation of hybrid inheritance.

```
//Program to show the simple hybrid inheritance
       #include<i sos t ream. h>
       #include<conio . h>
       class student
                               //base class declaration
               protected:
               int r_no;
                       public:
                               void get _n (int a)
                                      r no =a;
                               void put_n (void)
                               cout << "Roll No. : "<< r_no;
                               cout << "In";
                       };
                       class test: public student
                                      //Intermediate base class
                       protected: int parti, par 2;
                       public:
                               void get_m (int x, int y) {
                                      parti = x; part 2 = y; }
                               void put m (void) {
                                      cout << "marks obtained: " << "In"
                                              << "Part 1 = " << part1 << "in"
                                              << "Part 2 = " << part2 << "In";
                       };
                       class sports
                                              // base for result
                       protected: int score;
                       public:
                               void get s (int s) {
                                      score = s
                               void put s (void) {
                                      cout << " sports wt. : " << score << "\n\n";
```

```
}
               };
       class result: public test, public sports //Derived from test
                      & sports
       {
              int total;
              public:
              void display (void);
       void result : : display (void)
              total = part1 + part2 + score;
              put_n ( );.
              put m ( );
              put_S ( );
              cout << "Total score: " << total << "\n"
main ()
       clrscr();
       result S1;
       S1.get n(347);
       S1.get m (30, 35);
       S1.get s(7);
       S1.dciplay();
}
```

## **Student Activity**

- 1. What is the major use of multilevel Inheritance?
- 2. How are arguments sent to the base constructors in multiple inheritance? Whose responsibility is it.
- 3. What is the difference between hierarchical and hybrid Inheritance.

#### Virtual Base Classes

We have just discussed a situation which would require the use of both multiple and multi level inheritance. Consider a situation, where all the three kinds of inheritance, namely multi-level, multiple and hierarchical are involved.

Let us say the 'child' has two direct base classes 'parent1' and 'parent2' which themselves has a common base class 'grandparent'. The child inherits the traits of 'grandparent' via two separate paths. It can also be inherit directly as shown by the broken line. The grandparent is sometimes referred to as 'INDIRECT BASE CLASS'. Now, the inheritance by the child might cause some problems. All the public and protected members of 'grandparent' are inherited into 'child' twice, first via 'parent1' and again via 'parent2'. So, there occurs a duplicacy which should be avoided.

The duplication of the inherited members can be avoided by making common base class as the virtual base class: for e.g.

When a class is virtual base class, C++ takes necessary care to see that only one copy of that class is inherited, regardless of how many inheritance paths exists between virtual base class and derived class. Note that keywords 'virtual' and 'public' can be used in either order.

```
//Program to show the virtual base class
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio . h>
class student // Base class declaration
{

protected:
int r_no;
public:
void get_n (int a)
{ r_no = a; }
void put_n (void)
{ cout << "Roll No. " << r_no<< "ln";}
};
```

```
class test: virtual public student // Virtually declared common
                              //base class 1
               protected:
               int part1;
               int part2;
               public:
               void get_m (int x, int y)
               { part1= x; part2=y;}
                      void putm (void)
                      {
                             << "marks obtained: " << "\n";</pre>
                      cout
                              << "part1 = " << part1 << "\n";
                      cout
                              << "part2 = "<< part2 << "\n";
                      cout
       };
class sports: public virtual student // virtually declared common
                      //base class 2
       protected:
       int score;
               public:
               void get s (int a) {
               score = a;
               void put s (void)
               { cout << "sports wt.: " << score << "\n";}
               class result: public test, public sports
                                                       //derived class
                      private: int total;
                      public:
                              void show (void);
               };
               void result : : show (void)
               { total = part1 + part2 + score;
                      put n();
                      put m();
                      put s(); cout << "\n total score= " <<total<< "\n";</pre>
               main()
                      clrscr();
                      result S1;
                      S1.get n (345)
                      S1.get m(30, 35);
                      S1.get-S(7);
                      S1. show();
                      }
       //Program to show hybrid inheritance using virtual base classes
               #include<iostream.h>
               #include<conio.h>
               Class A
```

```
protected:
       int y;
public:
       void get (int);
       void show (void);
};
void A1 :: get (int a)
       \{ y = a; \}
void A1 :: show (void)
cout <<y;
class A2 : Virtual public A
protected:
       int z;
public:
       void get (int a)
       \{ z = a; \}
       void show (void)
       { cout << z;}
class A12: public A1, public A2
int r, t;
public:
       void get (int a)
       \{ r = a; \}
       void show (void)
        \{ t = x + y + z + r ;
               cout << "result =" << t;
};
main()
clrscr ();
```

```
A12 r;
r.A :: get (3);
r.A1 :: get (4);
r.A2 :: get (5);
r.get (6);
r . show ();
```