

# 10.1 Derived classes

## Derived class concept

Commonly, one class is similar to another class but with some additions or variations. Ex: A store inventory system might use a class called GenericItem that has itemName and itemQuantity data members. But for produce (fruits and vegetables), a ProduceItem class with data members itemName, itemQuantity, and expirationDate may be desired.

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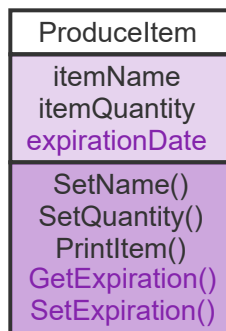
#### 10.1.1: Creating a ProduceItem from GenericItem.

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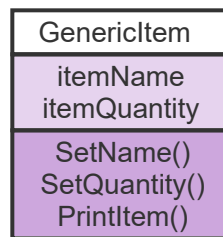


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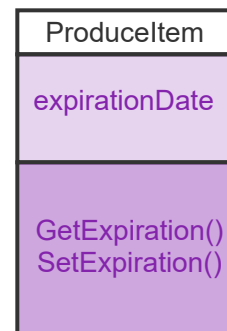
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#### 10.1.2: Derived class concept.

- 1) Creating an independent class that has similar members to an existing class requires copying and pasting code from one class to another.

☒ True



#### Correct

The new class may reuse the members by duplicating existing code, but creating duplicate code should generally be avoided when possible.

False

- 2) Creating a derived class is generally less work than creating an independent class.

- ☒ True  
☐ False

**Correct**

A derived class only needs to implement members that add additional functionality.

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## Inheritance

A **derived class** (or **subclass**) is a class that is derived from another class, called a **base class** (or **superclass**). Any class may serve as a base class. The derived class is said to inherit the properties of the base class, a concept called **inheritance**. An object declared of a derived class type has access to all the public members of the derived class as well as the public members of the base class.

A derived class is declared by placing a colon ":" after the derived class name, followed by a member access specifier like public and a base class name. Ex:

`class DerivedClass: public BaseClass { ... };` The figure below defines the base class GenericItem and derived class ProductItem that inherits from GenericItem.

Figure 10.1.1: Class ProductItem is derived from class GenericItem.

```
// Base class
class GenericItem {
public:
    void SetName(string newName) {
        itemName = newName;
    }

    void SetQuantity(int newQty) {
        itemQuantity = newQty;
    }

    void PrintItem() {
        cout << itemName << " " << itemQuantity << endl;
    }

private:
    string itemName;
    int itemQuantity;
};

// Derived class inherits from GenericItem
class ProduceItem : public GenericItem {
public:
    void SetExpiration(string newDate) {
        expirationDate = newDate;
    }

    string GetExpiration() {
        return expirationDate;
    }

private:
    string expirationDate;
};
```

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## 10.1.3: Using GenericItem and ProduceItem objects.

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```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

// See figure above for class details
class GenericItem { ... };
class ProduceItem : public GenericItem { ... };

int main() {
    GenericItem miscItem;
    ProduceItem perishItem;
```

miscItem

Crunchy Cereal
9

itemName  
itemQuanSetName(  
SetQuant  
PrintItem(

```

miscItem.SetName("Crunchy Cereal");
miscItem.SetQuantity(9);
miscItem.PrintItem();

perishItem.SetName("Apples");
perishItem.SetQuantity(40);
perishItem.SetExpiration("Dec 5, 2019");
perishItem.PrintItem();
cout << "    (Expires: " << perishItem.GetExpiration()
    << ")" << endl;

return 0;
}

```

perishItem

Apples

40

Dec 5, 2019

itemName

itemQuant

expiration

SetName

SetQuant

PrintItem

SetExpiration

GetExpiration

Crunchy Cereal 9  
Apples 40  
(Expires: Dec 5, 2019)

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### 10.1.4: Derived classes.

- 1) A class that can serve as the basis for another class is called a \_\_\_\_ class.

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#### Answer

base

A derived class refers to a class that is derived from another class that is known as the base class.

- 2) In the figure above, how many total class members does GenericItem contain?

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#### Answer

5

GenericItem has 2 data members + 3 member functions = 5 total class members.

- 3) In the figure above, how many total class members are unique to ProduceItem?

#### Answer

3

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- 4) Class Dwelling has data members door1, door2, door3. A class House is derived from Dwelling and has data members wVal, xVal, yVal, zVal. How many data members does **House** h; create?

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ProduceItem inherits GenericItem's 5 class members and implements 3 more: expirationDate, SetExpiration(), and GetExpiration().

**Answer**

7

4 data members are defined in House, and 3 more data members are inherited from the base class Dwelling.

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## Inheritance scenarios

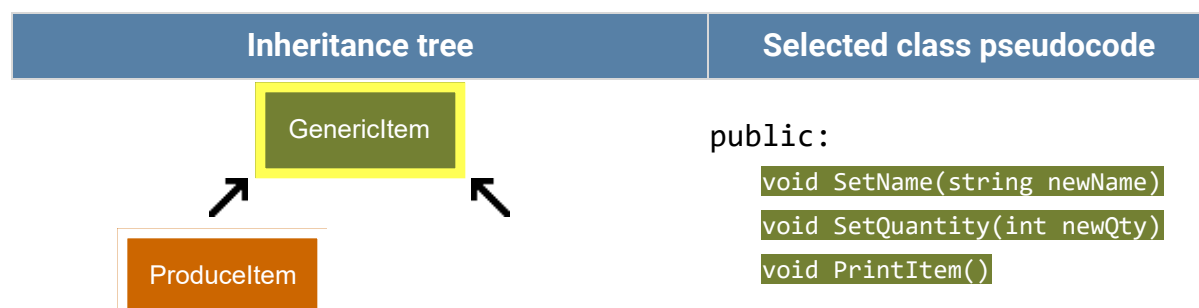
Various inheritance variations are possible:

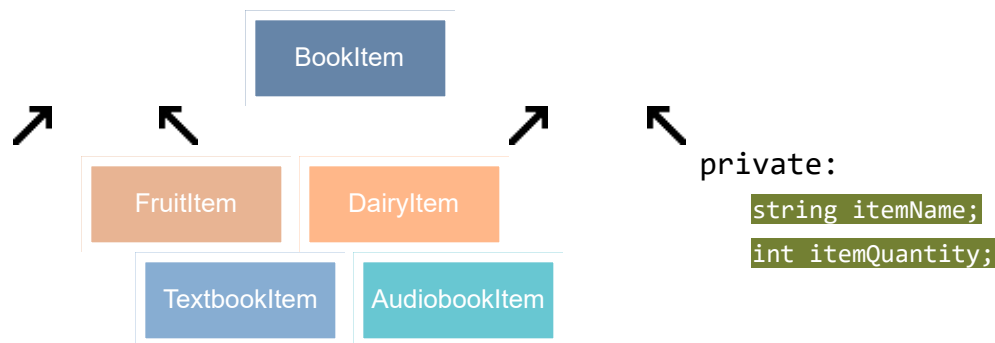
- A derived class can serve as a base class for another class. Ex:  
`class FruitItem: public ProduceItem {...}` creates a derived class FruitItem from ProduceItem, which was derived from GenericItem.
- A class can serve as a base class for multiple derived classes. Ex:  
`class FrozenFoodItem: public GenericItem {...}` creates a derived class FrozenFoodItem that inherits from GenericItem, just as ProduceItem inherits from GenericItem.
- A class may be derived from multiple classes. Ex:  
`class House: public Dwelling, public Property {...}` creates a derived class House that inherits from base classes Dwelling and Property.

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## 10.1.5: Interactive inheritance tree.

Click a class to see available functions and data for that class.





### Selected class code

```

class GenericItem {
public:
    void SetName(string newName)
    { itemName = newName; };
    void SetQuantity(int newQty)
    { itemQuantity = newQty; };
    void PrintItem() {
        cout << itemName << " "
              << itemQuantity
              << endl;
    };

private:
    string itemName;
    int itemQuantity;
};
  
```

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#### 10.1.6: Inheritance scenarios.



Refer to the interactive inheritance tree above.

- 1) The BookItem class acts as a derived class and a base class.

☒ True  
☐ False

**Correct**

BookItem is derived from the GenericItem class. BookItem is also a base class when TextbookItem and AudiobookItem are derived from BookItem.



- 2) Produceltem and

**Correct**



BookItem share some of the same class members.

- ☒ True  
☐ False

ProductItem and BookItem are both derived from GenericItem and share the class members defined in GenericItem.

3) DairyItem and TextbookItem share some of the same class members.

- ☒ True  
☐ False

**Correct**

DairyItem inherits class members from ProductItem, which inherits class members from GenericItem. TextbookItem inherits class members from BookItem, which also inherits class members from GenericItem. So class members from GenericItem are shared by DairyItem and TextbookItem.

4) AudiobookItem inherits the data member called reader from BookItem.

- ☐ True  
☒ False

**Correct**

The reader data member is declared in AudiobookItem, not in BookItem.

5) AudiobookItem inherits the member function GetTitle() from BookItem.

- ☒ True  
☐ False

**Correct**

The member function GetTitle() is declared in BookItem.

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## Example: Business and Restaurant

The example below defines a Business class with data members name and address. The Restaurant class is derived from Business and adds a rating data member with a getter and setter.

Figure 10.1.2: Inheritance example: Business and Restaurant classes.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

class Business {
public:
    void SetName(string busName) {
        name = busName;
    }

    void SetAddress(string busAddress) {
        address = busAddress;
    }

    string GetDescription() const {
        return name + " -- " + address;
    }

private:
    string name;
    string address;
};

class Restaurant : public Business {
public:
    void SetRating(int userRating) {
        rating = userRating;
    }

    int GetRating() const {
        return rating;
    }

private:
    int rating;
};

int main() {
    Business someBusiness;
    Restaurant favoritePlace;

    someBusiness.SetName("ACME");
    someBusiness.SetAddress("4 Main St");

    favoritePlace.SetName("Friends Cafe");
    favoritePlace.SetAddress("500 W 2nd Ave");
    favoritePlace.SetRating(5);

    cout << someBusiness.GetDescription() << endl;
    cout << favoritePlace.GetDescription() << endl;
    cout << "    Rating: " << favoritePlace.GetRating() << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

ACME -- 4 Main St  
Friends Cafe -- 500 W 2nd Ave  
Rating: 5

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## 10.1.7: Inheritance example.



Refer to the code above.

1) How many member





functions are defined in Restaurant?

- ☒ 2  
☐ 3  
☐ 5

**Correct**

Restaurant defines member functions SetRating() and GetRating().

2) How many member functions can a Restaurant object call?

- ☐ 2  
☐ 3  
☒ 5

**Correct**

Restaurant inherits 3 member functions from Business and defines 2 more member functions. The favoritePlace object in the example above calls all 5 functions.

3) Which function call produces a syntax error?

- ☒ `someBusiness.SetRating(4);`  
☐ `favoritePlace.GetRating();`  
☐ `favoritePlace.SetRating(4);`

**Correct**

someBusiness is a Business object, and can only call member functions defined in Business: SetName(), SetAddress(), and GetDescription().

4) What is the best way to declare a new DepartmentStore class?

- ☐ `class  
DepartmentStore  
{ ... };`  
☐ `class  
DepartmentStore  
: public  
Restaurant {  
... };`  
☒ `class  
DepartmentStore  
: public  
Business { ...  
};`

**Correct**

Like Restaurant, DepartmentStore should derive from Business so DepartmentStore can inherit all the Business member. DepartmentStore could also add new members like employeeDiscount and storeHours.

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Exploring further:

- [Inheritance \(C++\)](https://msdn.microsoft.com) from msdn.microsoft.com.

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Type the program's output.

```
Camel  
3 seat
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Vehicle {
public:
    void SetSpeed(int speedToSet) {
        speed = speedToSet;
    }

    void PrintSpeed() {
        cout << speed;
    }

private:
    int speed;
};

class Carriage {
public:
    void SetSeats(int seatsToSet) {
        seats = seatsToSet;
    }

    void PrintSeats() {
        cout << seats << " seats in wagon";
    }

private:
    int seats;
};

class AnimalDrawnCarriage : public Vehicle, public Carriage {
public:
    void SetAnimal(string animalToSet) {
        animal = animalToSet;
    }

    void PrintAnimalSpeed() {
        cout << animal << " speed: ";
        PrintSpeed();
    }

private:
    string animal;
};

int main() {
    AnimalDrawnCarriage wagon;

    wagon.SetSpeed(10);
    wagon.SetSeats(3);
    wagon.SetAnimal("Camel");

    wagon.PrintAnimalSpeed();
    cout << endl;
    wagon.PrintSeats();

    return 0;
}
```

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AnimalDrawnCarriage inherits both Vehicle and Carriage. A class can inherit from multiple l

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```
Camel speed: 10
3 seats in wagon
```

Expected

```
Camel speed: 10
3 seats in wagon
```

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## 10.1.2: Basic inheritance.



Assign courseStudent's name with Smith, age with 20, and ID with 9999. Use the PrintAll() member function and a separate cout statement to output courseStudents's data. End with a newline. Sample output from the given program:

Name: Smith, Age: 20, ID: 9999

```
33     int GetID() {
34         return idNum;
35     }
36
37     private:
38         int idNum;
39 };
40
41 int main() {
42     StudentData courseStudent;
43
44     /* Your solution goes here */
45     courseStudent.SetName("Smith");
46     courseStudent.SetAge(20);
47     courseStudent.SetID(9999);
48
49     courseStudent.PrintAll();
50     cout<< " , ID: " << courseStudent.GetID() <<endl;
51
52     return 0;
53 }
```

**Run**

✓ All tests passed

✓ Testing with Smith, 20, 9999.

Your output

Name: Smith, Age: 20, ID: 9999

✓ Testing again followed by calling PrintAll().

Your output

```
Name: Smith, Age: 20, ID: 9999  
Name: Smith, Age: 20
```

✓ Testing ID assigned 9999

Your value

9999

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