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Object-Oriented Programming: Inheritance

OBJECTIVES

In this lecture you will learn:

- How inheritance promotes software reusability.
- The concepts of base classes and derived classes.
- To create a derived class that inherits attributes and behaviors from a base class.
- To use access modifier protected to give derived class methods access to base class members.
- To access base class members with base.
- How constructors are used in inheritance hierarchies.
- The methods of class object, the direct or indirect base class of all classes.

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10.1 Introduction

Inheritance

- **Software reusability**
- **Create new class from existing class**
 - **Absorb existing class's data and behaviors**
 - **Enhance with new capabilities**
- **Derived class extends base class**
 - **Derived class**
 - **More specialized group of objects**
 - **Behaviors inherited from base class**
 - **Can customize**
 - **Additional behaviors**

10.1 Introduction (Cont.)

Class hierarchy

- **Direct base class**
 - **Inherited explicitly (one level up hierarchy)**
- **Indirect base class**
 - **Inherited two or more levels up hierarchy**
- **Single inheritance**
 - **Inherits from one base class**
- **Multiple inheritance**
 - **Inherits from multiple base classes**
 - **C# does not support multiple inheritance**

10.2 Base Classes and Derived Classes

- **Base classes and derived classes**
 - **Object of one class “is an” object of another class**
 - **Example: Rectangle is a quadrilateral.**
 - **Class Rectangle inherits from class Quadrilateral**
 - **Quadrilateral: base class**
 - **Rectangle: derived class**
 - **Base class typically represents larger set of objects than derived classes**
 - **Example:**
 - **Base class: Vehicle**
 - **Cars, trucks, boats, bicycles, ...**
 - **Derived class: Car**
 - **Smaller, more-specific subset of vehicles**

| Base class | Derived classes |
|-------------|--|
| Student | GraduateStudent, UndergraduateStudent |
| Shape | Circle, Triangle, Rectangle |
| Loan | CarLoan, HomeImprovementLoan, MortgageLoan |
| Employee | Faculty, Staff, HourlyWorker, CommissionWorker |
| BankAccount | CheckingAccount, SavingsAccount |

Fig. 10.1 | Inheritance examples.

10.2 Base Classes and Derived Classes (Cont.)

- **Inheritance hierarchy**
 - **Inheritance relationships: tree-like hierarchy structure**
 - **Each class becomes**
 - **Base class**
 - **Supply members to other classes**
- OR**
- **Derived class**
 - **Inherit members from other classes**

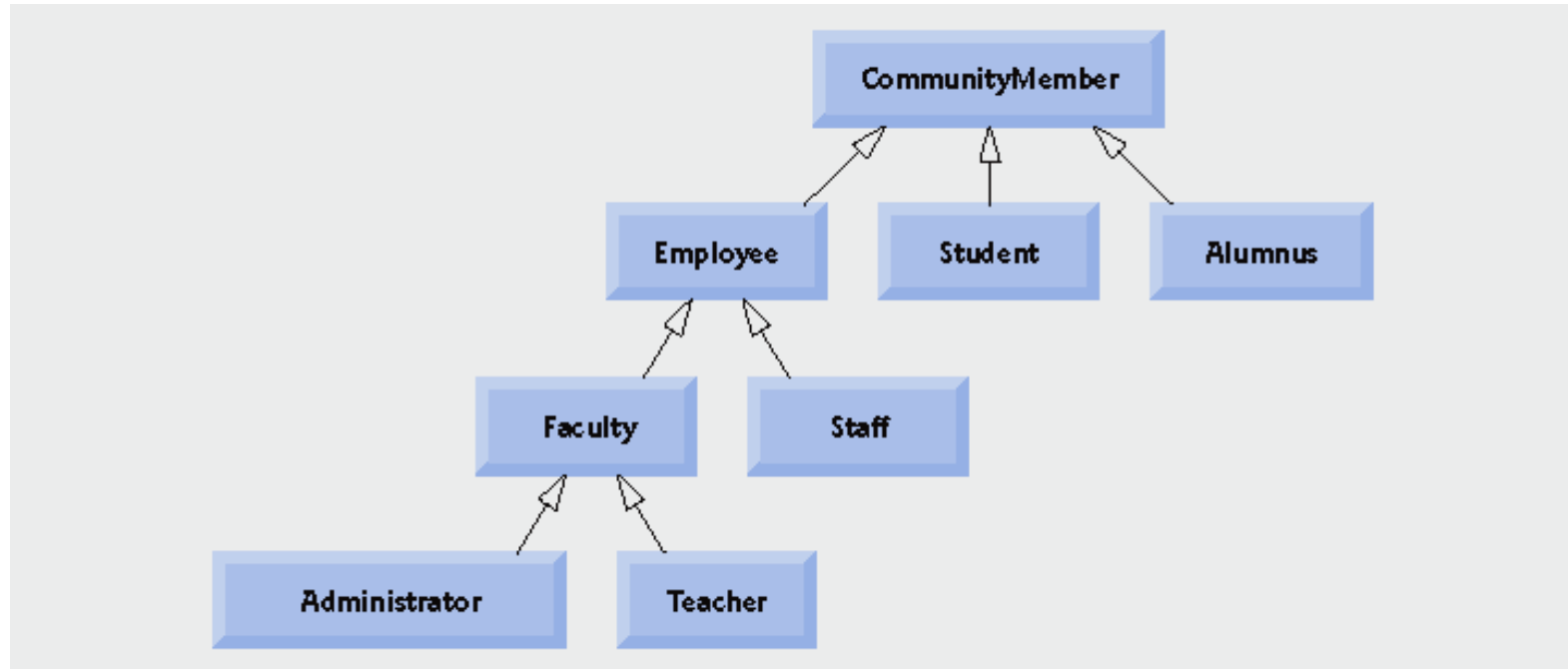


Fig. 10.2 | UML class diagram showing an inheritance hierarchy for university CommunityMembers.

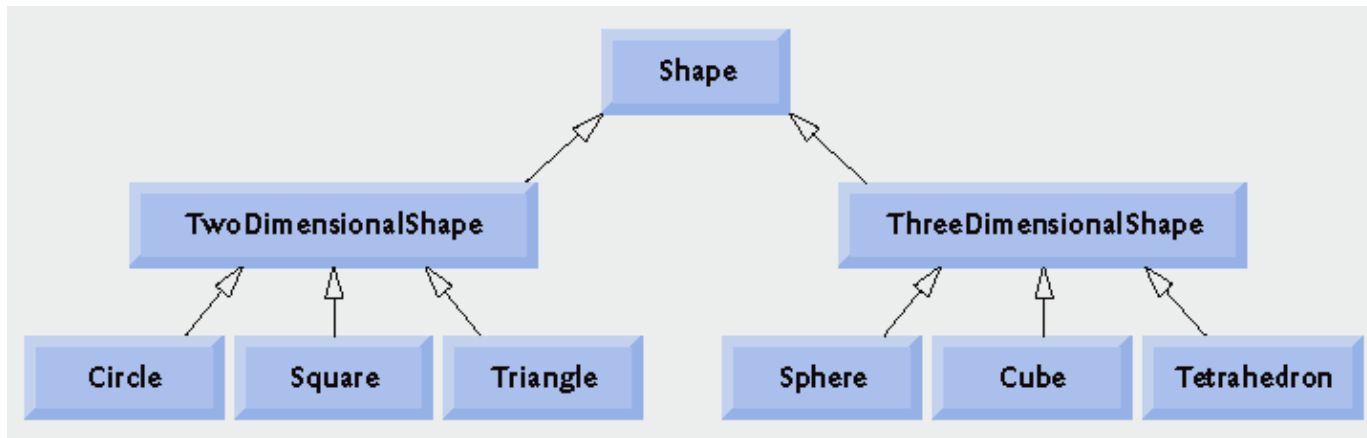


Fig. 10.3 | UML class diagram showing an inheritance hierarchy for Shapes.

10.3 protected Members

- **protected access**

- Intermediate level of protection between **public** and **private**
- **protected members accessible by**
 - Base class members
 - Derived class members
- **protected internal members accessible by**
 - Same features as **protected**
 - Class members in the same assembly also have accessibility
- **Derived class access to base class member**
 - Keyword **base** and a dot (.)

Software Engineering Observation 10.1

Methods of a derived class cannot directly access `private` members of the base class. A derived class can change the state of `private` base class fields only through non-`private` methods and properties provided in the base class.

Software Engineering Observation 10.2

Declaring `private` fields in a base class helps you test, debug and correctly modify systems. If a derived class could access its base class's `private` fields, classes that inherit from that base class could access the fields as well. This would propagate access to what should be `private` fields, and the benefits of information hiding would be lost.

10.4 Relationship between Base Classes and Derived Classes

Base class and derived class relationship

- **Example:**

CommissionEmployee/BasePlusCommissionEmployee inheritance hierarchy

- **CommissionEmployee**

- **First name, last name, SSN, commission rate, gross sale amount**

- **BasePlusCommissionEmployee**

- **First name, last name, SSN, commission rate, gross sale amount**
- **Base salary**

10.4.1 Creating and Using a CommissionEmployee Class

- **Class CommissionEmployee**
 - **Extends class object**
 - **Colon “:”**
 - **Every class in C# extends an existing class**
 - **Except object**
 - **Every class inherits object’s methods**
 - **New class implicitly extends object**
 - **To override base class method use keyword `override` with the same signature (Overridden method must be declared `virtual`)**
 - **Constructors are not inherited**
 - **The first task of any derived class constructor is to call its direct base class’s constructor**


```
1 // Fig. 10.4: CommissionEmployee.cs
2 // CommissionEmployee class represents a commission employee.
3 public class CommissionEmployee : object
4 {
5     private string firstName;
6     private string lastName;
7     private string socialSecurityNumber;
8     private decimal grossSales; // gross weekly sales
9     private decimal commissionRate; // commission percentage
10
11     // five-parameter constructor
12     public CommissionEmployee( string first, string last, string ssn,
13         decimal sales, decimal rate )
14     {
15         // implicit call to object constructor occurs here
16         firstName = first;
17         lastName = last;
18         socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
19         GrossSales = sales; // validate gross sales via property
20         CommissionRate = rate; // validate commission rate via property
21     } // end five-parameter CommissionEmployee constructor
22
23     // read-only property that gets commission employee's first name
24     public string FirstName
25     {
26         get
27         {
28             return firstName;
29         } // end get
30     } // end property FirstName
```

Class `CommissionEmployee`
extends class `object`

Declare private
instance variables

`CommissionEmployee`
.cs

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Implicit call to
`object` constructor

Initialize instance variables

Invoke properties `GrossSales` and
`CommissionRate` to validate data



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CommissionEmployee
.cs

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```
31
32 // read-only property that gets commission employee's last name
33 public string LastName
34 {
35     get
36     {
37         return lastName;
38     } // end get
39 } // end property LastName
40
41 // read-only property that gets
42 // commission employee's social security number
43 public string SocialSecurityNumber
44 {
45     get
46     {
47         return socialSecurityNumber;
48     } // end get
49 } // end property SocialSecurityNumber
```



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CommissionEmployee
.CS

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```
50 // property that gets and sets commission employee's gross sales
51 public decimal GrossSales
52 {
53     get
54     {
55         return grossSales;
56     } // end get
57     set
58     {
59         grossSales = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
60     } // end set
61 } // end property GrossSales
62
63
64 // property that gets and sets commission employee's commission rate
65 public decimal CommissionRate
66 {
67     get
68     {
69         return commissionRate;
70     } // end get
71     set
72     {
73         commissionRate = ( value > 0 && value < 1 ) ? value : 0;
74     } // end set
75 } // end property CommissionRate
```



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CommissionEmployee
.cs

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Calculate earnings

Override method ToString
of class object

```
76 // calculate commission employee's pay
77 public decimal Earnings()
78 {
79     return commissionRate * grossSales;
80 } // end method Earnings
81
82
83 // return string representation of CommissionEmployee object
84 public override string ToString()
85 {
86     return string.Format(
87         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}",
88         "commission employee", FirstName, LastName,
89         "social security number", SocialSecurityNumber,
90         "gross sales", GrossSales, "commission rate", CommissionRate );
91 } // end method ToString
92 } // end class CommissionEmployee
```

Software Engineering Observation 10.3

The compiler sets the base class of a class to `object` when the class declaration does not explicitly extend a base class.

Common Programming Error 10.1

It is a compilation error to override a method with a different access modifier. Notice that overriding a method with a more restrictive access modifier would break the is-a relationship. If a `public` method could be overridden as a `protected` or `private` method, the derived class objects would not be able to respond to the same method calls as base class objects. Once a method is declared in a base class, the method must have the same access modifier for all that class's direct and indirect derived classes.

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CommissionEmployee
Test.cs

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```
1 // Fig. 10.5: CommissionEmployeeTest.cs
2 // Testing class CommissionEmployee.
3 using System;
4
5 public class CommissionEmployeeTest
6 {
7     public static void Main( string[] args )
8     {
9         // instantiate CommissionEmployee object
10        CommissionEmployee employee = new CommissionEmployee( "Sue",
11        "Jones", "222-22-2222", 10000.00M, .06M );
12
13        // display commission employee data
14        Console.WriteLine(
15            "Employee information obtained by properties and methods: \n" );
16        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1}", "First name is",
17        employee.FirstName );
18        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1}", "Last name is",
19        employee.LastName );
20        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1}", "Social security number is",
21        employee.SocialSecurityNumber );
22        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1:C}", "Gross sales are",
23        employee.GrossSales );
24        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1:F2}", "Commission rate is",
25        employee.CommissionRate );
26        Console.WriteLine( "{0} {1:C}", "Earnings are",
27        employee.Earnings() );
```

Instantiate CommissionEmployee object

Use CommissionEmployee's
properties to retrieve and change the
object's instance variable values



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CommissionEmployee
Test.cs

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Implicitly call the
object's ToString
method

```
28 employee.GrossSales = 5000.00M; // set gross sales
29 employee.CommissionRate = .1M; // set commission rate
30
31
32 Console.WriteLine( "\n{0}:\n\n{1}",
33     "Updated employee information obtained by ToString", employee );
34 Console.WriteLine( "earnings: {0:C}", employee.Earnings() );
35 } // end Main
36 } // end class CommissionEmployeeTest
```

Employee information obtained by properties and methods:

First name is Sue
Last name is Jones
Social security number is 222-22-2222
Gross sales are \$10,000.00
Commission rate is 0.06
Earnings are \$600.00

Updated employee information obtained by ToString:

commission employee: Sue Jones
social security number: 222-22-2222
gross sales: \$5,000.00
commission rate: 0.10
earnings: \$500.00



10.4.2 Creating a BasePlusCommissionEmployee Class without Using Inheritance

- **Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee**
 - Much of the code is similar to **CommissionEmployee**
 - **private** instance variables
 - **public** methods
 - **Constructor**
 - **Properties**
 - **Additions**
 - **private** instance variable **baseSalary**
 - **BaseSalary** property

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BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cs

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```
1 // Fig. 10.6: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cs
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class represents an employee that receives
3 // a base salary in addition to a commission.
4 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
5 {
6     private string firstName;
7     private string lastName;
8     private string socialSecurityNumber;
9     private decimal grossSales; // gross weekly sales
10    private decimal commissionRate; // commission percentage
11    private decimal baseSalary; // base salary per week
12
13    // six-parameter constructor
14    public BasePlusCommissionEmployee( string first, string last,
15        string ssn, decimal sales, decimal rate, decimal salary )
16    {
17        // implicit call to object constructor occurs here
18        firstName = first;
19        lastName = last;
20        socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
21        GrossSales = sales; // validate gross sales via property
22        CommissionRate = rate; // validate commission rate via property
23        BaseSalary = salary; // validate base salary via property
24    } // end six-parameter BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
```

Add instance variable baseSalary

Use property BaseSalary to validate data



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BasePlusCommission
Employee.cs

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```
25 // read-only property that gets
26 // base-salaried commission employee's first name
27 public string FirstName
28 {
29     get
30     {
31         return firstName;
32     } // end get
33 } // end property FirstName
34
35 // read-only property that gets
36 // base-salaried commission employee's last name
37 public string LastName
38 {
39     get
40     {
41         return lastName;
42     } // end get
43 } // end property LastName
44
45 // read-only property that gets
46 // base-salaried commission employee's social security number
47 public string SocialSecurityNumber
48 {
49     get
50     {
51         return socialSecurityNumber;
52     } // end get
53 } // end property SocialSecurityNumber
54
```



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BasePlusCommission
Employee.cs

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```
55 // property that gets and sets
56 // base-salaried commission employee's gross sales
57 public decimal GrossSales
58 {
59     get
60     {
61         return grossSales;
62     } // end get
63     set
64     {
65         grossSales = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
66     } // end set
67 } // end property GrossSales
68
69 // property that gets and sets
70 // base-salaried commission employee's commission rate
71 public decimal CommissionRate
72 {
73     get
74     {
75         return commissionRate;
76     } // end get
77     set
78     {
79         commissionRate = ( value > 0 && value < 1 ) ? value : 0;
80     } // end set
81 } // end property CommissionRate
82
```



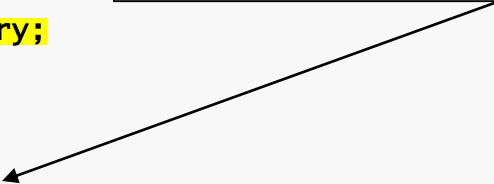
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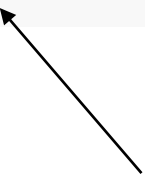
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```
83 // property that gets and sets
84 // base-salaried commission employee's base salary
85 public decimal BaseSalary
86 {
87     get
88     {
89         return baseSalary;
90     } // end get
91     set
92     {
93         baseSalary = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
94     } // end set
95 } // end property BaseSalary
96
97 // calculate earnings
98 public decimal Earnings()
99 {
100     return BaseSalary + ( CommissionRate * GrossSales );
101 } // end method earnings
```

Validates data and sets instance variable
baseSalary



Update method Earnings to calculate the
earnings of a base-salaried commission employee



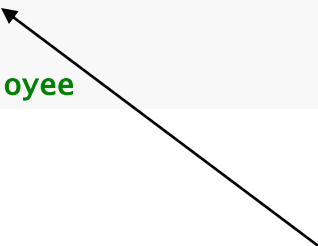
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Employee.cs

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```
103 // return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee
104 public override string ToString()
105 {
106     return string.Format(
107         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}\n{9}: {10:C}",
108         "base-salaried commission employee", FirstName, LastName,
109         "social security number", SocialSecurityNumber,
110         "gross sales", GrossSales, "commission rate", CommissionRate,
111         "base salary", BaseSalary );
112 } // end method ToString
113 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
```

Update method ToString
to display base salary



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Instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee object

BasePlusCommission
EmployeeTest.cs

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1 // Fig. 10.7: BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest.cs

2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee.

3 using System;

4

5 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest

6 {

7 public static void Main(string[] args)

8 {

9 // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee object

10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee employee =

11 new BasePlusCommissionEmployee("Bob", "Lewis",

12 "333-33-3333", 5000.00M, .04M, 300.00M);

13

14 // display base-salaried commission employee data

15 Console.WriteLine(

16 "Employee information obtained by properties and methods: \n");

17 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "First name is",

18 employee.FirstName);

19 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Last name is",

20 employee.LastName);

21 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Social security number is",

22 employee.SocialSecurityNumber);

23 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Gross sales are",

24 employee.GrossSales);

25 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:F2}", "Commission rate is",

26 employee.CommissionRate);

27 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Earnings are",

28 employee.Earnings());

29 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Base salary is",

30 employee.BaseSalary);

Use BasePlusCommissionEmployee's
properties to retrieve and change the
object's instance variable values



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EmployeeTest.cs

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Implicitly call the object's ToString
method

```
31 employee.BaseSalary = 1000.00M; // set base salary
32
33
34 Console.WriteLine( "\n{0}:\n\n{1}",
35     "Updated employee information obtained by ToString", employee );
36 Console.WriteLine( "earnings: {0:C}", employee.Earnings() );
37 } // end Main
38 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest
```

Employee information obtained by properties and methods:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales are \$5,000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Earnings are \$500.00
Base salary is \$300.00

Updated employee information obtained by ToString:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: \$5,000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: \$1,000.00
earnings: \$1,200.00



Error-Prevention Tip 10.1

Copying and pasting code from one class to another can spread errors across multiple source code files. To avoid duplicating code (and possibly errors) in situations where you want one class to “absorb” the members of another class, use inheritance rather than the “copy-and-paste” approach.

Software Engineering Observation 10.4

With inheritance, the common members of all the classes in the hierarchy are declared in a base class. When changes are required for these common features, you need only to make the changes in the base class—derived classes then inherit the changes. Without inheritance, changes would need to be made to all the source code files that contain a copy of the code in question.

10.4.3 Creating a CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy

- **Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee2**
 - Extends class **CommissionEmployee**
 - Is a **CommissionEmployee**
 - Has instance variable **baseSalary**
 - Inherits **public** and **protected** members
 - Constructor not inherited

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Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 is a derived class of CommissionEmployee

BasePlusCommissionEmployee2.cs

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Invoke the base class constructor using the base class constructor call syntax

```
1 // Fig. 10.8: BasePlusCommissionEmployee2.cs
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 inherits from class CommissionEmployee.
3 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 : CommissionEmployee
4 {
5     private decimal baseSalary; // base salary per week
6
7     // six-parameter derived class constructor
8     // with call to base class CommissionEmployee constructor
9     public BasePlusCommissionEmployee2( string first, string last,
10         string ssn, decimal sales, decimal rate, decimal salary )
11         : base( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
12     {
13         BaseSalary = salary; // validate base salary via property
14     } // end six-parameter BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 constructor
15
16     // property that gets and sets
17     // base-salaried commission employee's base salary
18     public decimal BaseSalary
19     {
20         get
21         {
22             return baseSalary;
23         } // end get
24         set
25         {
26             baseSalary = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
27         } // end set
28     } // end property BaseSalary
```



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Compiler generates errors
because base class's instance
variable are private

```

29 // calculate earnings
30 public override decimal Earnings()
31 {
32     // not allowed: commissionRate and grossSales private in base class
33     return baseSalary + ( commissionRate * grossSales );
34 } // end method Earnings
35
36
37 // return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee2
38 public override string ToString()
39 {
40     // not allowed: attempts to access private base class members
41     return string.Format(
42         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}\n{9}: {10:C}",
43         "base-salaried commission employee", firstName, lastName,
44         "social security number", socialSecurityNumber,
45         "gross sales", grossSales, "commission rate", commissionRate,
46         "base salary", baseSalary );
47 } // end method ToString
48 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee2
  
```

| Error List | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|------|--------|-----------------------------|
| <div> 1 Error 0 Warnings 0 Messages </div> | | | | | |
| | Description | File | Line | Column | Project |
| 1 | 'BasePlusCommissionEmployee2.Earnings()': cannot override inherited member 'CommissionEmployee.Earnings()' because it is not marked virtual, abstract, or override | BasePlusComr | 31 | 28 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |



| Error List | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|------------|------|--------|-----------------------------|
| <div> <div>7 Errors</div> <div>0 Warnings</div> <div>0 Messages</div> </div> | | | | | | |
| | | Description | File | Line | Column | Project |
| 1 | | 'CommissionEmployee.commissionRate' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 34 | 29 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 2 | | 'CommissionEmployee.grossSales' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 34 | 46 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 3 | | 'CommissionEmployee.firstName' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 43 | 47 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 4 | | 'CommissionEmployee.lastName' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 43 | 58 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 5 | | 'CommissionEmployee.socialSecurityNumber' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 44 | 36 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 6 | | 'CommissionEmployee.grossSales' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 45 | 25 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |
| 7 | | 'CommissionEmployee.commissionRate' is inaccessible due to its protection level | BasePlusCc | 45 | 56 | BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 |

Fig. 10.9 | Compilation errors generated by BasePlusCommissionEmployee2 (Fig. 10.8) after declaring the Earnings method in Fig. 10.4 with keyword `virtual`.

Common Programming Error 10.2

A compilation error occurs if a derived class constructor calls one of its base class constructors with arguments that do not match the number and types of parameters specified in one of the base class constructor declarations.

10.4.4 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using protected Instance Variables

- Use **protected** instance variables
 - Enable class **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** to directly access base class instance variables
 - Base class's **protected** members are inherited by all derived classes of that base class

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Employee2.cs

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Declare protected
instance variables

```
1 // Fig. 10.10: CommissionEmployee2.cs
2 // CommissionEmployee2 with protected instance variables.
3 public class CommissionEmployee2
4 {
5     protected string firstName;
6     protected string lastName;
7     protected string socialSecurityNumber;
8     protected decimal grossSales; // gross weekly sales
9     protected decimal commissionRate; // commission percentage
10
11 // five-parameter constructor
12 public CommissionEmployee2( string first, string last, string ssn,
13     decimal sales, decimal rate )
14 {
15     // implicit call to object constructor occurs here
16     firstName = first;
17     lastName = last;
18     socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
19     GrossSales = sales; // validate gross sales via property
20     CommissionRate = rate; // validate commission rate via property
21 } // end five-parameter CommissionEmployee2 constructor
22
23 // read-only property that gets commission employee's first name
24 public string FirstName
25 {
26     get
27     {
28         return firstName;
29     } // end get
30 } // end property FirstName
```



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```
31
32 // read-only property that gets commission employee's last name
33 public string LastName
34 {
35     get
36     {
37         return lastName;
38     } // end get
39 } // end property LastName
40
41 // read-only property that gets
42 // commission employee's social security number
43 public string SocialSecurityNumber
44 {
45     get
46     {
47         return socialSecurityNumber;
48     } // end get
49 } // end property SocialSecurityNumber
```



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Commission Employee2.cs

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```
50 // property that gets and sets commission employee's gross sales
51 public decimal GrossSales
52 {
53     get
54     {
55         return grossSales;
56     } // end get
57     set
58     {
59         grossSales = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
60     } // end set
61 } // end property GrossSales
62
63
64 // property that gets and sets commission employee's commission rate
65 public decimal CommissionRate
66 {
67     get
68     {
69         return commissionRate;
70     } // end get
71     set
72     {
73         commissionRate = ( value > 0 && value < 1 ) ? value : 0;
74     } // end set
75 } // end property CommissionRate
```



Outline

Mark **Earnings** as **virtual** so the derived class can override the method

```
76 // calculate commission employee's pay
77 public virtual decimal Earnings()
78 {
79     return commissionRate * grossSales;
80 } // end method Earnings
81
82 // return string representation of CommissionEmployee object
83 public override string ToString()
84 {
85     return string.Format(
86         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}",
87         "commission employee", firstName, lastName,
88         "social security number", socialSecurityNumber,
89         "gross sales", grossSales, "commission rate", commissionRate );
90 } // end method ToString
91 } // end class CommissionEmployee2
92
```

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```
1 // Fig. 10.11: BasePlusCommissionEmployee3.cs
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 inherits from CommissionEmployee2 and has
3 // access to CommissionEmployee2's protected members.
4 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 : CommissionEmployee2
5 {
6     private decimal baseSalary; // base salary per week
7
8     // six-parameter derived class constructor
9     // with call to base class CommissionEmployee constructor
10    public BasePlusCommissionEmployee3( string first, string last,
11        string ssn, decimal sales, decimal rate, decimal salary )
12        : base( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
13    {
14        baseSalary = salary; // validate base salary via property
15    } // end six-parameter BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 constructor
16
17    // property that gets and sets
18    // base-salaried commission employee's base salary
19    public decimal BaseSalary
20    {
21        get
22        {
23            return baseSalary;
24        } // end get
25        set
26        {
27            baseSalary = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
28        } // end set
29    } // end property BaseSalary
```

Must call base class's constructor



Outline

BasePlusCommission Employee3.cs

Overrides base class's
Earnings method

Directly access base
class's **protected**
instance variables

```
30 // calculate earnings
31 public override decimal Earnings()
32 {
33     return baseSalary + ( commissionRate * grossSales );
34 } // end method Earnings
35
36 // return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee3
37 public override string ToString()
38 {
39     return string.Format(
40         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}\n{9}: {10:C}",
41         "base-salaried commission employee", firstName, lastName,
42         "social security number", socialSecurityNumber,
43         "gross sales", grossSales, "commission rate", commissionRate,
44         "base salary", baseSalary );
45 } // end method ToString
46 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee3
```



Outline

Instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 object

BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest3.cs

(1 of 2)

1 // Fig. 10.12: BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest3.cs

2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee3.

3 using System;

4

5 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest3

6 {

7 public static void Main(string[] args)

8 {

9 // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 object

10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 basePlusCommissionEmployee =

11 new BasePlusCommissionEmployee3("Bob", "Lewis",

12 "333-33-3333", 5000.00M, .04M, 300.00M);

13

14 // display base-salaried commission employee data

15 Console.WriteLine(

16 "Employee information obtained by properties and methods: \n");

17 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "First name is",

18 basePlusCommissionEmployee.FirstName);

19 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Last name is",

20 basePlusCommissionEmployee.LastName);

21 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Social security number is",

22 basePlusCommissionEmployee.SocialSecurityNumber);

23 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Gross sales are",

24 basePlusCommissionEmployee.GrossSales);

25 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:F2}", "Commission rate is",

26 basePlusCommissionEmployee.CommissionRate);

27 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Earnings are",

28 basePlusCommissionEmployee.Earnings());

29 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:C}", "Base salary is",

30 basePlusCommissionEmployee.BaseSalary);

Use BasePlusCommissionEmployee3's properties to retrieve and change the object's instance variable values



Outline

BasePlusCommission
EmployeeTest3.cs

(2 of 2)

```
31 basePlusCommissionEmployee.BaseSalary = 1000.00M; // set base salary
32
33
34 Console.WriteLine( "\n{0}:\n\n{1}",
35     "Updated employee information obtained by ToString",
36     basePlusCommissionEmployee );
37 Console.WriteLine( "earnings: {0:C}",
38     basePlusCommissionEmployee.Earnings() );
39 } // end Main
40 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest3
```

Implicitly call the object's ToString method

Employee information obtained by properties and methods:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales are \$5,000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Earnings are \$500.00
Base salary is \$300.00

Updated employee information obtained by ToString:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: \$5,000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: \$1,000.00
earnings: \$1,200.00



10.4.4 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using protected Instance Variables (Cont.)

- **Using protected instance variables**
 - **Advantages**
 - Derived classes can modify values directly
 - Slight increase in performance
 - Avoid set/get accessors call overhead
 - **Disadvantages**
 - No validity checking
 - Derived class can assign illegal value
 - Implementation dependent
 - Derived class methods more likely dependent on base class implementation
 - Derived class implementation changes may result in derived class modifications
 - Fragile (brittle) software

Software Engineering Observation 10.5

Declaring base class instance variables `private` (as opposed to `protected`) enables the base class implementation of these instance variables to change without affecting derived class implementations.

10.4.5 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using `private` Instance Variables

- **Reexamine hierarchy**
 - Use the best software engineering practice
 - Declare instance variables as `private`
 - Provide `public` *get* and *set* accessors
 - Use *get* accessor to obtain values of instance variables

Outline

Commission Employee3.cs

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Declare private
instance variables

```
1 // Fig. 10.13: CommissionEmployee3.cs
2 // CommissionEmployee3 class represents a commission employee.
3 public class CommissionEmployee3
4 {
5     private string firstName;
6     private string lastName;
7     private string socialSecurityNumber;
8     private decimal grossSales; // gross weekly sales
9     private decimal commissionRate; // commission percentage
10
11     // five-parameter constructor
12     public CommissionEmployee3( string first, string last, string ssn,
13         decimal sales, decimal rate )
14     {
15         // implicit call to object constructor occurs here
16         firstName = first;
17         lastName = last;
18         socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
19         GrossSales = sales; // validate gross sales via property
20         CommissionRate = rate; // validate commission rate via property
21     } // end five-parameter CommissionEmployee3 constructor
22
23     // read-only property that gets commission employee's first name
24     public string FirstName
25     {
26         get
27         {
28             return firstName;
29         } // end get
30     } // end property FirstName
```



Outline

Commission Employee3.cs

(2 of 4)

```
31
32 // read-only property that gets commission employee's last name
33 public string LastName
34 {
35     get
36     {
37         return lastName;
38     } // end get
39 } // end property LastName
40
41 // read-only property that gets
42 // commission employee's social security number
43 public string SocialSecurityNumber
44 {
45     get
46     {
47         return socialSecurityNumber;
48     } // end get
49 } // end property SocialSecurityNumber
```



Outline

Commission Employee3.cs

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```
50 // property that gets and sets commission employee's gross sales
51 public decimal GrossSales
52 {
53     get
54     {
55         return grossSales;
56     } // end get
57     set
58     {
59         grossSales = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
60     } // end set
61 } // end property GrossSales
62
63
64 // property that gets and sets commission employee's commission rate
65 public decimal CommissionRate
66 {
67     get
68     {
69         return commissionRate;
70     } // end get
71     set
72     {
73         commissionRate = ( value > 0 && value < 1 ) ? value : 0;
74     } // end set
75 } // end property CommissionRate
```



Outline

Commission Employee3.cs

```
76 // calculate commission employee's pay
77 public virtual decimal Earnings()
78 {
79     return CommissionRate * GrossSales;
80 } // end method Earnings
81
82 // return string representation of CommissionEmployee object
83 public override string ToString()
84 {
85     return string.Format(
86         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}",
87         "commission employee", FirstName, LastName,
88         "social security number", SocialSecurityNumber,
89         "gross sales", GrossSales, "commission rate", CommissionRate );
90 } // end method ToString
91 } // end class CommissionEmployee3
```

Use properties to obtain the
values of instance variables



Outline

Inherits from
CommissionEmployee3

BasePlusCommission
Employee4.cs

(1 of 2)

```
1 // Fig. 10.14: BasePlusCommissionEmployee4.cs
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee4 inherits from CommissionEmployee3 and has
3 // access to CommissionEmployee3's private data via
4 // its public properties.
5 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee4 : CommissionEmployee3
6 {
7     private decimal baseSalary; // base salary per week
8
9     // six-parameter derived class constructor
10    // with call to base class CommissionEmployee3 constructor
11    public BasePlusCommissionEmployee4( string first, string last,
12        string ssn, decimal sales, decimal rate, decimal salary )
13        : base( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
14    {
15        BaseSalary = salary; // validate base salary via property
16    } // end six-parameter BasePlusCommissionEmployee4 constructor
17
18    // property that gets and sets
19    // base-salaried commission employee's base salary
20    public decimal BaseSalary
21    {
22        get
23        {
24            return baseSalary;
25        } // end get
26        set
27        {
28            baseSalary = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
29        } // end set
30    } // end property BaseSalary
```



Outline

```
31 // calculate earnings
32 public override decimal Earnings()
33 {
34     return BaseSalary + base.Earnings();
35 } // end method Earnings
36
37 // return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee4
38 public override string ToString()
39 {
40     return string.Format( "{0} {1}\n{2}: {3:C}",
41         "base-salaried", base.ToString(), "base salary", BaseSalary );
42 } // end method ToString
43 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee4
```

Invoke an overridden base class method from a derived class

BasePlusCommissionEmployee4.cs

Use properties to obtain the values of instance variables

Invoke an overridden base class method from a derived class



Common Programming Error 10.3

When a base class method is overridden in a derived class, the derived class version often calls the base class version to do a portion of the work. Failure to prefix the base class method name with the keyword `base` and the dot (`.`) operator when referencing the base class's method causes the derived class method to call itself, creating an error called infinite recursion. Recursion, used correctly, is a powerful capability, as you learned in Section 7.13, Recursion.

Common Programming Error 10.4

The use of “chained” base references to refer to a member (a method, property or variable) several levels up the hierarchy—as in `base.base.Earnings()`—is a compilation error.

Outline

BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest4.cs

(1 of 2)

1 // Fig. 10.15: BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest4.cs

2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee4.

3 using System;

4

5 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest4

6 {

7 public static void Main(string[] args)

8 {

9 // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee3 object

10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee4 employee =

11 new BasePlusCommissionEmployee4("Bob", "Lewis",

12 "333-33-3333", 5000.00M, .04M, 300.00M);

13

14 // display base-salaried commission employee data

15 Console.WriteLine(

16 "Employee information obtained by properties and methods: \n");

17 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "First name is",

18 employee.FirstName);

19 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Last name is",

20 employee.LastName);

21 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1}", "Social security number is",

22 employee.SocialSecurityNumber);

23 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:c}", "Gross sales are",

24 employee.GrossSales);

25 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:F2}", "Commission rate is",

26 employee.CommissionRate);

27 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:c}", "Earnings are",

28 employee.Earnings());

29 Console.WriteLine("{0} {1:c}", "Base salary is",

30 employee.BaseSalary);

Create
BasePlusCommissionEmployee4
object.

Use inherited properties to
access inherited private
instance variables

Use BasePlusCommissionEmployee4
properties to access private instance
variable.

Outline

BasePlusCommission
EmployeeTest4.cs

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```
31 employee.BaseSalary = 1000.00M; // set base salary
32
33
34 Console.WriteLine( "\n{0}:\n\n{1}",
35     "Updated employee information obtained by ToString", employee );
36 Console.WriteLine( "earnings: {0:C}", employee.Earnings() );
37 } // end Main
38 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployeeTest4
```

Employee information obtained by properties and methods:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales are \$5,000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Earnings are \$500.00
Base salary is \$300.00

Updated employee information obtained by ToString:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: \$5,000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: \$1,000.00
earnings: \$1,200.00



10.5 Constructors in Derived Classes

- **Instantiating derived class object**
 - **Chain of constructor calls**
 - **Derived class constructor invokes base class constructor**
 - **Implicitly or explicitly**
 - **Base of inheritance hierarchy**
 - **Last constructor called in chain is object's constructor**
 - **Original derived class constructor's body finishes executing last**
 - **Example: CommissionEmployee3-BasePlusCommissionEmployee4 hierarchy**
 - **CommissionEmployee3 constructor called second last (last is Object constructor)**
 - **CommissionEmployee3 constructor's body finishes execution second (first is Object constructor's body)**

Software Engineering Observation 10.6

When an application creates a derived class object, the derived class constructor immediately calls the base class constructor (explicitly, via `base`, or implicitly). The base class constructor's body executes to initialize the base class's instance variables that are part of the derived class object, then the derived class constructor's body executes to initialize the derived class-only instance variables. Even if a constructor does not assign a value to an instance variable, the variable is still initialized to its default value (i.e., 0 for simple numeric types, `false` for `bool`s and `null` for references).

Outline

Commission
Employee4.cs

(1 of 4)

```
1 // Fig. 10.16: CommissionEmployee4.cs
2 // CommissionEmployee4 class represents a commission employee.
3 using System;
4
5 public class CommissionEmployee4
6 {
7     private string firstName;
8     private string lastName;
9     private string socialSecurityNumber;
10    private decimal grossSales; // gross weekly sales
11    private decimal commissionRate; // commission percentage
12
13    // five-parameter constructor
14    public CommissionEmployee4( string first, string last, string ssn,
15        decimal sales, decimal rate )
16    {
17        // implicit call to object constructor occurs here
18        firstName = first;
19        lastName = last;
20        socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
21        GrossSales = sales; // validate gross sales via property
22        CommissionRate = rate; // validate commission rate via property
23
24        Console.WriteLine( "\nCommissionEmployee4 constructor:\n" + this );
25    } // end five-parameter CommissionEmployee4 constructor
```

Constructor outputs message to demonstrate method call order.



Outline

Commission Employee4.cs

(2 of 4)

```
26 // read-only property that gets commission employee's first name
27 public string FirstName
28 {
29     get
30     {
31         return firstName;
32     } // end get
33 } // end property FirstName
34
35 // read-only property that gets commission employee's last name
36 public string LastName
37 {
38     get
39     {
40         return lastName;
41     } // end get
42 } // end property LastName
43
44 // read-only property that gets
45 // commission employee's social security number
46 public string SocialSecurityNumber
47 {
48     get
49     {
50         return socialSecurityNumber;
51     } // end get
52 } // end property SocialSecurityNumber
53
```



Outline

Commission Employee4.cs

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```
54 // property that gets and sets commission employee's gross sales
55 public decimal GrossSales
56 {
57     get
58     {
59         return grossSales;
60     } // end get
61     set
62     {
63         grossSales = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
64     } // end set
65 } // end property GrossSales
66
67 // property that gets and sets commission employee's commission rate
68 public decimal CommissionRate
69 {
70     get
71     {
72         return commissionRate;
73     } // end get
74     set
75     {
76         commissionRate = ( value > 0 && value < 1 ) ? value : 0;
77     } // end set
78 } // end property CommissionRate
79
```



Outline

Commission Employee4.cs

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```
80 // calculate commission employee's pay
81 public virtual decimal Earnings()
82 {
83     return CommissionRate * GrossSales;
84 } // end method Earnings
85
86 // return string representation of CommissionEmployee object
87 public override string ToString()
88 {
89     return string.Format(
90         "{0}: {1} {2}\n{3}: {4}\n{5}: {6:C}\n{7}: {8:F2}",
91         "commission employee", FirstName, LastName,
92         "social security number", SocialSecurityNumber,
93         "gross sales", GrossSales, "commission rate", CommissionRate );
94 } // end method ToString
95 } // end class CommissionEmployee4
```



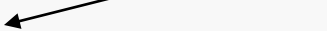
Outline

BasePlusCommission
Employee5.cs

(1 of 2)

```
1 // Fig. 10.17: BasePlusCommissionEmployee5.cs
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 class declaration.
3 using System;
4
5 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 : CommissionEmployee4
6 {
7     private decimal baseSalary; // base salary per week
8
9     // six-parameter derived class constructor
10    // with call to base class CommissionEmployee4 constructor
11    public BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( string first, string last,
12        string ssn, decimal sales, decimal rate, decimal salary )
13        : base( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
14    {
15        baseSalary = salary; // validate base salary via property
16
17        Console.WriteLine(
18            "\nBasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor:\n" + this );
19    } // end six-parameter BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor
20
21    // property that gets and sets
22    // base-salaried commission employee's base salary
23    public decimal BaseSalary
24    {
25        get
26        {
27            return baseSalary;
28        } // end get
```

Constructor outputs message to demonstrate method call order.



Outline

BasePlusCommission Employee5.cs

(2 of 2)

```
29     set
30     {
31         baseSalary = ( value < 0 ) ? 0 : value;
32     } // end set
33 } // end property BaseSalary
34
35 // calculate earnings
36 public override decimal Earnings()
37 {
38     return BaseSalary + base.Earnings();
39 } // end method Earnings
40
41 // return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee5
42 public override string ToString()
43 {
44     return string.Format( "{0} {1}\n{2}: {3:C}",
45         "base-salaried", base.ToString(), "base salary", BaseSalary );
46 } // end method ToString
47 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee5
```



Outline

```
1 // Fig. 10.18: ConstructorTest.cs
2 // Display order in which base class and derived class constructors
3 // are called.
4 using System;
5
6 public class ConstructorTest
7 {
8     public static void Main( string[] args )
9     {
10         CommissionEmployee4 employee1 = new CommissionEmployee4( "Bob",
11             "Lewis", "333-33-3333", 5000.00M, .04M );
12
13         Console.WriteLine();
14         BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 employee2 =
15             new BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( "Lisa", "Jones",
16                 "555-55-5555", 2000.00M, .06M, 800.00M );
17
18         Console.WriteLine();
19         BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 employee3 =
20             new BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( "Mark", "Sands",
21                 "888-88-8888", 8000.00M, .15M, 2000.00M );
22     } // end Main
23 } // end class ConstructorTest
```

Instantiate
CommissionEmployee4 object

ConstructorTest.cs

(1 of 2)

Instantiate two
BasePlusCommissionEmployee
5 objects to demonstrate order of
derived class and base class
constructor method calls.



Outline

ConstructorTest.cs

(2 of 2)

CommissionEmployee4 constructor:
commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: \$5,000.00
commission rate: 0.04

CommissionEmployee4 constructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Lisa Jones
social security number: 555-55-5555
gross sales: \$2,000.00
commission rate: 0.06
base salary: \$0.00

BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Lisa Jones
social security number: 555-55-5555
gross sales: \$2,000.00
commission rate: 0.06
base salary: \$800.00

CommissionEmployee4 constructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Mark Sands
social security number: 888-88-8888
gross sales: \$8,000.00
commission rate: 0.15
base salary: \$0.00

BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Mark Sands
social security number: 888-88-8888
gross sales: \$8,000.00
commission rate: 0.15
base salary: \$2,000.00



10.6 Software Engineering with Inheritance

- **Customizing existing software**
 - **Inherit from existing classes**
 - **Include additional members**
 - **Redefine base class members**
 - **No direct access to base class's source code**
 - **Link to object code**
 - **Independent software vendors (ISVs)**
 - **Develop proprietary code for sale/license**
 - **Available in object-code format**
 - **Users derive new classes**
 - **Without accessing ISV proprietary source code**

Software Engineering Observation 10.7

Despite the fact that inheriting from a class does not require access to the class's source code, developers often insist on seeing the source code to understand how the class is implemented. They may, for example, want to ensure that they are extending a class that performs well and is implemented securely.

Software Engineering Observation 10.8

At the design stage in an object-oriented system, the designer often finds that certain classes are closely related. The designer should “factor out” common members and place them in a base class. Then the designer should use inheritance to develop derived classes, specializing them with capabilities beyond those inherited from the base class.

Software Engineering Observation 10.9

Declaring a derived class does not affect its base class's source code. Inheritance preserves the integrity of the base class.

Software Engineering Observation 10.10

Just as designers of non-object-oriented systems should avoid method proliferation, designers of object-oriented systems should avoid class proliferation. Such proliferation creates management problems and can hinder software reusability, because in a huge class library it becomes difficult for a client to locate the most appropriate classes. The alternative is to create fewer classes that provide more substantial functionality, but such classes might prove cumbersome.

Performance Tip 10.1

If derived classes are larger than they need to be (i.e., contain too much functionality), memory and processing resources might be wasted. Extend the base class that contains the functionality that is closest to what is needed.

10.7 Class object

- **Class object methods**
 - Equals
 - Finalize
 - GetHashCode
 - GetType
 - MemberwiseClone
 - ReferenceEquals
 - ToString

| Method | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| Equals | <p>This method compares two objects for equality and returns true if they are equal and false otherwise. The method takes any object as an argument. When objects of a particular class must be compared for equality, the class should override method Equals to compare the contents of the two objects. The method's implementation should meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should return false if the argument is null. • It should return true if an object is compared to itself, as in <code>object1.Equals(object1)</code>. • It should return true only if both <code>object1.Equals(object2)</code> and <code>object2.Equals(object1)</code> would return true. • For three objects, if <code>object1.Equals(object2)</code> returns true and <code>object2.Equals(object3)</code> returns true, then <code>object1.Equals(object3)</code> should also return true. • A class that overrides the method Equals should also override the method GetHashCode to ensure that equal objects have identical hashcodes. The default Equals implementation determines only whether two references <i>refer to the same object</i> in memory. |
| Finalize | <p>This method cannot be explicitly declared or called. When a class contains a destructor, the compiler implicitly renames it to override the protected method Finalize, which is called only by the garbage collector before it reclaims an object's memory. The garbage collector is not guaranteed to reclaim an object, thus it is not guaranteed that an object's Finalize method will execute. When a derived class's Finalize method executes, it performs its task, then invokes the base class's Finalize method. Finalize's default implementation is a placeholder that simply invokes the base class's Finalize method.</p> |

Fig. 10.19 | object methods that are inherited directly or indirectly by all classes.
(Part 1 of 2)

| Method | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| GetHashCode | A hashtable is a data structure that relates one object, called the key, to another object, called the value. We discuss Hashtable in Chapter 27, Collections. When initially inserting a value into a hashtable, the key's GetHashCode method is called. The hashcode value returned is used by the hashtable to determine the location at which to insert the corresponding value. The key's hashcode is also used by the hashtable to locate the key's corresponding value. |
| GetType | Every object knows its own type at execution time. Method GetType (used in Section 11.5) returns an object of class Type (namespace System) that contains information about the object's type, such as its class name (obtained from Type property FullName). |
| MemberwiseClone | This protected method, which takes no arguments and returns an object reference, makes a copy of the object on which it is called. The implementation of this method performs a shallow copy—instance variable values in one object are copied into another object of the same type. For reference types, only the references are copied. |
| Reference-Equals | This static method takes two object arguments and returns true if two objects are the same instance or if they are null references. Otherwise, it returns false. |
| ToString | This method (introduced in Section 7.4) returns a string representation of an object. The default implementation of this method returns the namespace followed by a dot and the class name of the object's class. |

Fig. 10.19 | object methods that are inherited directly or indirectly by all classes.
(Part 2 of 2)

10.8 Summary

1. A **derived type** which inherits from a base type **implicitly** has **all inheritable members** of the base type. If a base type has a member M, then a derived type has a member M as well.
 2. The following are not inherited
 - constructors and destructors
 - **private** members(*)
 - Static members
 - explicitly implemented methods of interfaces (**)
- (*) **private** members are **not directly accessible** outside the base class. Therefore, the **private** members of a base class are **inheritable** only when the derived class falls implicitly or explicitly in the accessibility domain of the base class.

10.8 Summary

A **private** member is **implicitly** inside the accessible domain of the base class when it is used **inside a method** or a **property** accessible outside the base class.

private datamembers in the base class are **implicitly** accessible in the derived class by calling a constructor of the base class, through properties or methods accessible outside the base class.

A **private** member is **explicitly** inside the accessible domain of the base class when the derived class is embedded inside the base class.

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | class A |
| 2 | { |
| 3 | private int x; |
| 4 | private class B : A |
| 5 | { |
| 6 | void M() { x = 1; } |
| 7 | } |
| 8 | } |

Compare
with

| | |
|----|-----------------|
| 1 | class A |
| 2 | { |
| 3 | private int x; |
| 4 | private class B |
| 5 | { |
| 6 | void M() { |
| 7 | A a = new A(); |
| 8 | a.x = 1; |
| 9 | } |
| 10 | } |

Правила за писане на конструктори на класове в йерархия на наследственост

1. Пишем **базовия клас** на йерархията от наследственост по правилата за моделиране на клас, дадени в предишната **лекция** в следната последователност
 - A. *private* клас данни
 - B. SET и GET свойства / индексатори за всички клас данни
 - C. Конструктор за общо ползване (извиква set свойство за **валидиране** на данните)
 - D. Конструктор по подразбиране (извиква конструктора за общо ползване)
 - E. Конструктор за копиране (извиква конструктора за общо ползване)
 - F. **Всички останали клас методи**
 - G. *string ToString()* метод

Правила за писане базов клас-деклариране на данните

```
// Fig. 9.15a: CommissionEmployee4.java
// CommissionEmployee4 class represents a commission employee.

public class CommissionEmployee4
{
    private string firstName;
    private string lastName;
    private string socialSecurityNumber;
    private double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
    private double commissionRate; // commission percentage
}
```

Правила за писане базов клас-SET и GET методи

```
// first name property
public string FirstName{
    set {
        firstName = (value!=null)? value:"";
    } // end set
    get {
        return firstName;
    } // end get
}
// last name property
public string LastName{
    set {
        lastName = (value!=null)? value:"";
    } // end set
    get {
        return lastName;
    } // end get
}
// ... and so .... And so on...
```

Правила за писане базов клас-конструктор за общо ползване

```
private string firstName;
private string lastName;
private string socialSecurityNumber;
private double grossSales;           // gross weekly sales
private double commissionRate;       // commission percentage
// five-argument constructor
public CommissionEmployee4( String first, String last, String ssn,
                           double sales, double rate )
{
    // implicit call to Object constructor occurs here
    firstName = first;
    lastName = last;
    socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
    setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
    setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate

    System.out.printf(
        "\nCommissionEmployee4 constructor:\n%s\n", this );
} // end five-argument CommissionEmployee4 constructor
```

Правила за писане базов клас-конструктори по подразбиране и за копиране

```
// default constructor
public CommissionEmployee4( ): this("", "", "", 0.0, 0.0)
{

} // end five-argument CommissionEmployee4 constructor

// copy constructor
public CommissionEmployee4(CommissionEmployee4 c )
: this(c.firstName, c.lastName, c.socialSecurityNumber,
      c.grossSales, c.commissionRate);
{

} // end five-argument CommissionEmployee4 constructor
```

Правила за писане базов клас- други методи на класа и *toString()* метода

```
// calculate earnings
public virtual double Earnings()
{
    return CommissionRate * GrossSales ;
} // end method earnings

// return String representation of CommissionEmployee4 object
public override string ToString()
{
    return String.Format("{0}:{1} {2}\n{3}:{4}\n{5}: {6:F2}\n{7}: {8:F2} ",
        "commission employee", FirstName, LastName,
        "social security number", SocialSecurityNumber,
        "gross sales", GrossSales),
        "commission rate", CommissionRate );
} // end method toString
```


Правила за писане на конструктори на класове в йерархия на наследственост

2. Пишем всеки от производните класове на йерархията от наследственост по следните правила в следната последователност
 - A. Декларира всички **private** клас данни, които са различни от онаследените
 - B. SET и GET свойства за всички клас данни, които са различни от онаследените
 - C. Конструктор за общо ползване
 - a. Извиква ЯВНО конструкторът за общо ползване на директния базов клас и инициализира ВСИЧКИ онаследени данни
 - b. извиква set методите за данните, които са различни от онаследените
 - D. Конструктор по подразбиране (извиква конструктора за общо ползване на текущия клас, задава стойности по подразбиране за всички данни – онаследени и тези, дефинирани в текущия клас)
 - E. Конструктор за копиране (извиква конструктора за общо ползване на текущия клас , използва GET методи за онаследени клас данни)
 - F. Всички останали клас методи
 - G. *string ToString()* метод

Правила за писане произведен клас- - деклариране на новите данни

```
// Fig. 9.16a: BasePlusCommissionEmployee5.java  
// Modified BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 class declaration.
```

```
public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 : CommissionEmployee4  
{  
    // Тук не се декларира отново данните, които са онаследени!  
    private double baseSalary; // base salary per week
```

Правила за писане производен клас

SET и GET свойства само за новите данни

```
// base salary property
public double BaseSalary
{
    set
    {
        baseSalary = ( value < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : value;
    } // end set
    get
    {
        return baseSalary;
    } // end get
}
```

Правила за писане произведен клас

Конструктор за общо ползване

```
// six-argument constructor- инициализира ВСИЧКИ данни
public BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( String first, String last,
    String ssn, double sales, double rate, double salary )
    : base( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
    // инициализира онаследените
{
    // следва инициализация на всички данни, които не са онаследени
    BaseSalary = salary ; // validate and store base salary
} // end six-argument BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor
```

Правила за писане произведен клас

Конструктори по подразбиране и за копиране

```
// default constructor
public BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( )
: this("", "", "", 0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
{

} // end six-argument BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor

// default constructor
public BasePlusCommissionEmployee5( BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 b)
: this(  b.FirstName, b.LastName,
        b.SocialSecurityNumber,
        b.GrossSales, b.CommissionRate, b.baseSalary)
{

} // end six-argument BasePlusCommissionEmployee5 constructor
```

Правила за писане произведен клас

други методи на класа и *ToString()* метода

```
// calculate earnings
public override double Earnings()
{
    return BaseSalary + base.earnings();
} // end method Earnings

// return string representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee5
public override string ToString()
{
    return String.format( "{0} {1}\n{2}: {3:F2}", "base-salaried",
        base.ToString(), "base salary", BaseSalary );
} // end method ToString
```