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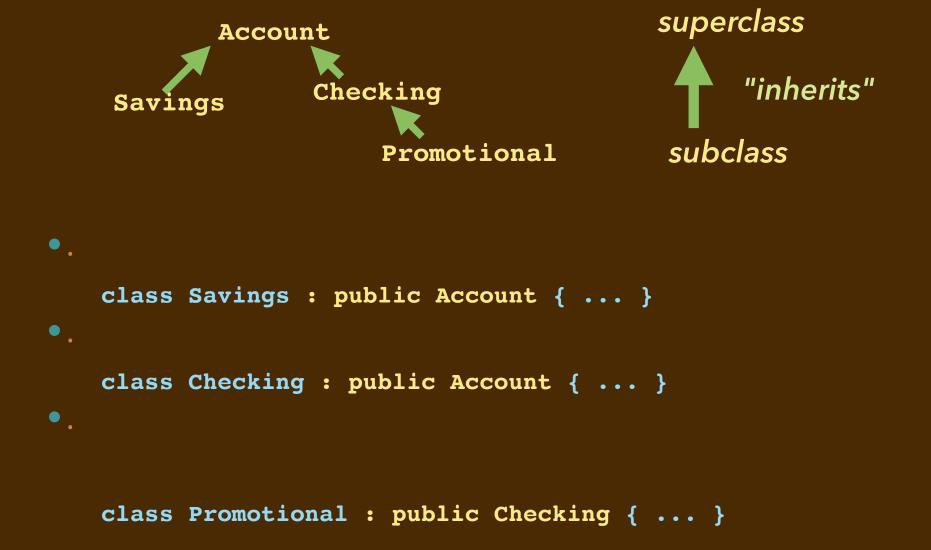
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#### TODAY'S PLAN

- ► INHERITANCE (CONT'D):
  - FINISH ACCOUNT EXAMPLES
  - DYNAMIC DISPATCH WITH virtual
  - PURELY ABSTRACT CLASSES
  - SHAPE EXAMPLE
- **CLASS TEMPLATES** 
  - A GENERIC STACK EXAMPLE

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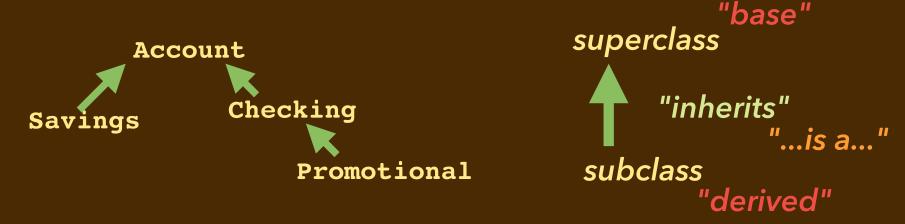
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class Account {
private:
    static long gNextNumber;
protected:
    // instance variables
    std::string name;
    long number;
    double balance;
    double rate;
public:
    // methods
    ...
};
Not publicly accessible, but
accessible to any derived class.
```

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```
class Account {
private:
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  Account(std::string name, double amount, double interest);
  virtual double getBalance() const;
  virtual std::string getName() const;
  virtual long getNumber() const;
  virtual double getRate() const;
  virtual void deposit(double amount);
  virtual void gainInterest();
  virtual double withdraw(double amount);
};
              Virtual keyword indicates that the code of
              overriding methods in subclass will get called.
```

# **ACCOUNT CLASS IMPLEMENTATION (MISSING GETTERS)**

```
Account::Account(std::string name, double amount, double
interest) : name {name},
            balance {amount},
            rate {interest},
            number {Account::qNextNumber++}
{ }
void Account::deposit(double amount) {
 balance += amount;
void Account::gainInterest() {
  deposit(rate * balance);
double Account::withdraw(double amount) {
  if (amount > balance) {
    amount = balance;
    balance = 0.0;
  } else {
    balance -= amount;
  return amount;
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  - private members are only accessible if that subclass is a friend.

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public:
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public: // Promotional accounts are a special kind of checking
  Promotional(std::string name, double amount);
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  Account {name, amount, 0.02}, penalty {50.0}
{ }
double Savings::withdraw(double amount) {
  double howmuch = Account::withdraw(amount);
  Account::withdraw(penalty);
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public:
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  void gainInterest();
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Checking::Checking(std::string name, double amount) :
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void Checking::gainInterest() {
  if (balance >= level) {
    Account::gainInterest();
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# PROMOTIONAL (CHECKING) ACCOUNT

Promotional accrues less interest, has an opening gift, has lower threshold.

It derives from **Checking**. There are no extensions or overrides.

```
class Promotional : public Checking {
public:
    Promotional(std::string name, double amount);
};

Promotional::Promotional(std::string name, double amount) :
    Checking {name, amount + 100.0}
{
    rate = 0.07;
    level = 100.0;
}
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### **ABSTRACT CLASSES**

- ▶ Note that the **Account** class probably shouldn't have an instance.
  - Nonetheless, it does define a few methods useful to subclass instances:
    - The deposit and withdraw methods as defined in Account provide a default behavior that subclasses may use, or override.

Classes not meant to be instantiated are called *abstract*.

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    virtual double area(void) const = 0;
    virtual void print(void) const = 0;
    virtual double getHeight(void) const = 0;
    virtual double getWidth(void) const = 0;
    Rectangle bounds(void);
};
```

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  double radius;
public:
  Circle(double r) : radius(r) { }
  double perimeter(void) { return 2.0 * M PI * radius; }
  double area(void) { return M PI * radius * radius; }
  void print(void); // This one's many lines long.
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  void depict(void);
public:
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  double perimeter(void) { return 2.0 * (width + height); }
  double area(void) { return width * height; }
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# **SHAPE PROGRAM OUTPUT**

```
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  +++++
+++++++++
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+++++++++
 +++++++
  +++++
Here is a 7x3 rectangle:
++++++
++++++
Here is a 1x1 square:
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#### TEMPLATE CLASSES

- ▶ C++ also provides an ability to "abstract away" the defining types of a class:
- We can define a **class** A with type parameters **T1, T2, . . .**:

```
class A<T1, T2...> {
    ...
    // T1 and T2 used as type names throughout its definition
    ...
};
```

▶ Then the client code can stamp out different **A** types, like so:

```
A<int,std::string> a1 = ...;
A<char,bool> a2 = ...;
```

▶ The definition of **class A** provides a **template** for different forms of **A**.

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  num elements{0},
  elements {new X[size]}
{ }
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void Stck<X>::push(const X value) {
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X Stck<X>::pop() {
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 do {
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    } else if (entry == "-") {
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```
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 Stck<double> s(100);
 std::string entry;
 do {
    std::cin >> entry;
    if (entry == "+") {
      int v1 = s.pop();
      int v2 = s.pop();
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