

#7: Inheritance

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Destructor

The <u>last and final</u> member function called in the lifecycle of a class is the destructor.

Purpose of a **destructor**:

The automatic destructor:

1. Like a constructor and copy constructor, an automatic destructor exists only when no custom destructor is defined.

2. [Invoked]:

never invoke directly

similar to copy constructor: copy contents of an obj

3. [Functionality]: call all member desctructors

different from copy constructor: must delete current state of the obj

Assignment Operator

Adding overloaded operators to Sphere:

| sphere.h | | sphere.cpp | |
|----------|------------------|------------|-------|
| 1 | #ifndef SPHERE H | | /* */ |
| 2 | #define SPHERE H | 10 | |
| 3 | _ | 11 | |
| 4 | class Sphere { | 12 | |
| 5 | public: | 13 | |
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| 17 | | 15 | |
| 18 | | 16 | |
| 19 | | 17 | |
| 20 | | 18 | |
| | // | | /* */ |

One Very Powerful Operator: Assignment Operator

| | sphere.h | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Sphere & operator=(const Sphere & other); | | | | |
| | sphere.cpp | | | | |
| i | | Sphere & Sphere::operator=(const Sphere & other) { } | | | |

Custom Destructor:

| sphere.h | | | | | |
|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 5 | class Sphere { | | | | |
| 6 | public: | | | | |
| 7 | <pre>Sphere(); // custom default ctor</pre> | | | | |
| 8 | Sphere(double r); // 1-param ctor | | | | |
| 9 | Sphere(const Sphere & other); // custom copy ctor | | | | |
| 10 | <pre>~Sphere(); // destructor, or dtor</pre> | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | |

...necessary if you need to delete any heap memory!

Overloading Operators

C++ allows custom behaviors to be defined on over 20 operators:

| Arithmetic | + - * / % ++ |
|------------|-----------------|
| Bitwise | & ^ ~ << >> |
| Assignment | = |
| Comparison | == != > < >= <= |
| Logical | ! && |
| Other | [] () -> |

General Syntax: ReturnType operator* ...

use * as example here

Functionality Table:

| | Copies an object | Destroys an object |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Copy constructor | √ | |
| Assignment operator | ② replace with copied state | ① delete the current state |
| Destructor | | V |

The Rule of Three

If it is necessary to define any one of these three functions in a class, it will be necessary to define all three of these functions:

- 1. copy constructor
- 2. assignment operator
- 3. destructor

Inheritance

In nearly all object-oriented languages (including C++), classes can be <u>extended</u> to build other classes. We call the class being extended the **base class** and the class inheriting the functionality the **derived class**.

Derived Class: Planet

```
Planet.h

#ifndef PLANET_H_
#define PLANET_H_

#include "Sphere.h"

class Planet : public cs225::Sphere {
    // Empty!
};

#endif
```

In the above code, Planet is derived from the base class Sphere:

• All public functionality of Sphere is part of Planet:

• [Private Members of sphere]: cannot access e.g. p.r_ -> error

Adding New Functionality:

```
Planet.h

6 class Planet : public cs225::Sphere {
7  public:
8   Planet(std::string name, double radius); // ctor
9  private:
10  std::string name_;
11 };
```

Functions: non-virtual, virtual, and pure virtual

• The **virtual** keyword:

allow for a class function to be replaced by derived class

```
Sphere.cpp
                                             Planet.cpp
Sphere::print 1() {
                                     // No print 1() defined
  cout << "Sphere" << endl;</pre>
                                     // in Planet
Sphere::print 2() {
                                     Planet::print 2() {
  cout << "Sphere" << endl;</pre>
                                       cout << "Earth" << endl;</pre>
virtual Sphere::print 3() {
                                     // No print 3() defined
  cout << "Sphere" << endl;</pre>
                                     // in Planet
virtual Sphere::print_4() {
                                     Planet::print 4() {
  cout << "Sphere" << endl;</pre>
                                       cout << "Earth" << endl;</pre>
// .h: pure virtual
                                     Planet::print 5() {
virtual Sphere::print 5() = 0;
                                       cout << "Earth" << endl;</pre>
```

| | Sphere obj; | Planet obj; | Planet r; Sphere &obj = r; |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| obj.print_1(); | Sphere | Sphere | Sphere |
| obj.print_2(); | Sphere | Earth | Sphere |
| obj.print_3(); | Sphere | Sphere | Sphere |
| obj.print_4(); | Sphere | Earth | |
| obj.print_5(); | | | |

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

- 1. Theory Exam #1 is ongoing ensure you're signed up!
- 2. Attend and complete lab_memory (due Sunday)
- **3.** MP2 is ongoing (extra credit due Monday)
- **4.** Daily POTDs every M-F for daily extra credit!