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Object-Oriented Programming: Inheritance



Say not you know another entirely, till you have divided an inheritance with him.

— Johann Kasper Lavater

This method is to define as the number of a class the class of all classes similar to the given class.

— Bertrand Russell

Good as it is to inherit a library, it is better to collect one.

— Augustine Birrell

Save base authority from others' books.

— William Shakespeare



OBJECTIVES

In this chapter you will learn:

- To create classes by inheriting from existing classes.
- How inheritance promotes software reuse.
- The notions of base classes and derived classes and the relationships between them.
- The protected member access specifier.
- The use of constructors and destructors in inheritance hierarchies.
- The differences between `public`, `protected` and `private` inheritance.
- The use of inheritance to customize existing software.



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12.1 Introduction

- **Inheritance**

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



12.1 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
 - Base classes possibly unrelated
 - More details in chapter 24



12.1 Introduction (Cont.)

- **Three types of inheritance**
 - **public**
 - Every object of derived class is also an object of base class
 - Base-class objects are not objects of derived classes
 - Example: All cars are vehicles, but not all vehicles are cars
 - Can access non-private members of base class
 - To access private base-class members
 - Derived class must use inherited non-private member functions
 - **private**
 - Alternative to composition
 - Chapter 21
 - **protected**
 - Rarely used



12.1 Introduction (Cont.)

- **Abstraction**
 - Focus on commonalities among objects in system
- **“is-a” vs. “has-a”**
 - **“is-a”**
 - Inheritance
 - Derived class object can be treated as base class object
 - Example: *Car is a vehicle*
 - Vehicle properties/behaviors also apply to a car
 - **“has-a”**
 - Composition
 - Object contains one or more objects of other classes as members
 - Example: *Car has a steering wheel*



Software Engineering Observation 12.1

Member functions of a derived class cannot directly access `private` members of the base class.



Software Engineering Observation 12.2

If a derived class could access its base class' s `private` members, classes that inherit from that derived class could access that data as well. This would propagate access to what should be `private` data, and the benefits of information hiding would be lost.



12.2 Base Classes and Derived Classes

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



Base class	Derived classes
Student	GraduateStudent, UndergraduateStudent
Shape	Circle, Triangle, Rectangle, Sphere, Cube
Loan	CarLoan, HomeImprovementLoan, MortgageLoan
Employee	Faculty, Staff
Account	CheckingAccount, SavingsAccount

Fig. 12.1 | Inheritance examples.



12.2 Base Classes and Derived Classes (Cont.)

- **Inheritance hierarchy**
 - **Inheritance relationships: tree-like hierarchy structure**
 - **Each class becomes**
 - **Base class**
 - **Supplies data/behaviors to other classes**
- OR**
- **Derived class**
 - **Inherits data/behaviors from other classes**



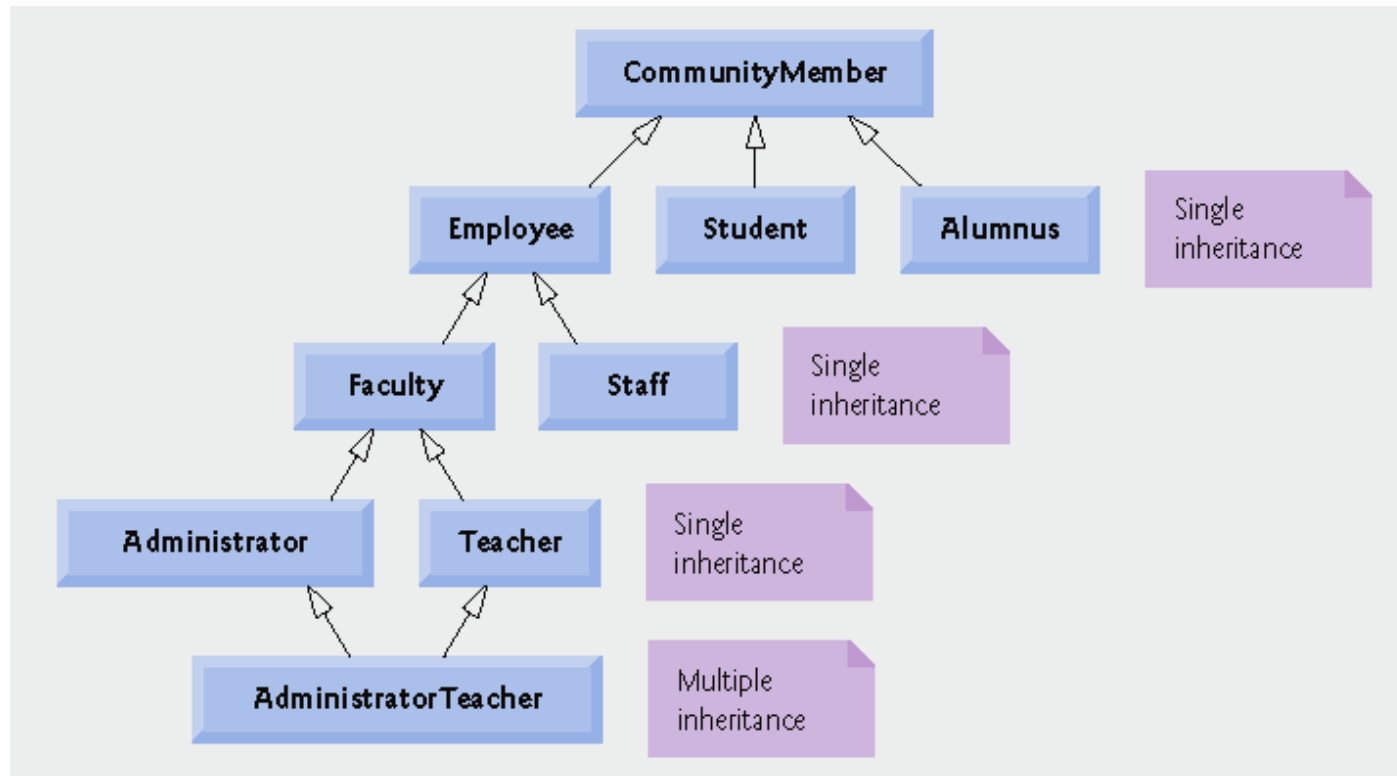


Fig. 12.2 | Inheritance hierarchy for university CommunityMembers.



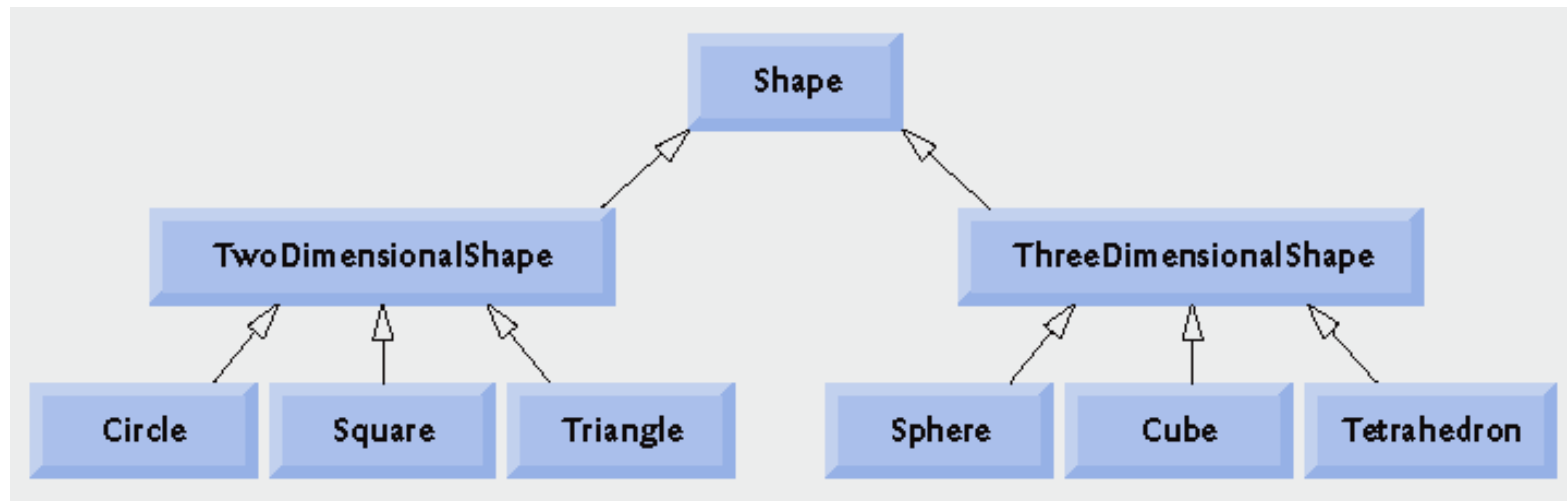


Fig. 12.3 | Inheritance hierarchy for Shapes.



12.2 Base Classes and Derived Classes (Cont.)

- **public inheritance**

- Specify with:

- Class TwoDimensionalShape : public Shape**

- Class TwoDimensionalShape inherits from class Shape

- Base class **private** members

- Not accessible directly
 - Still inherited

- Manipulated through inherited **public** member functions

- Base class **public** and **protected** members

- Inherited with original member access

- **friend** functions

- Not inherited



12.3 protected Members

- **protected access**

- Intermediate level of protection between **public** and **private**
- **protected** members are accessible to
 - Base class members
 - Base class **friends**
 - Derived class members
 - Derived class **friends**

- **Derived-class members**

- Refer to **public** and **protected** members of base class
 - Simply use member names
- Redefined base class members can be accessed by using base-class name and binary scope resolution operator (**::**)



12.4 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**
 - **And also: base salary**



12.4.1 Creating and Using a CommissionEmployee Class

- **Class CommissionEmployee**
 - **CommissionEmployee header file**
 - **Fig. 12.4**
 - **Specify public services**
 - **Constructor**
 - *get* and *set* functions
 - **Member functions earnings and print**
 - **CommissionEmployee source code file**
 - **Fig. 12.5**
 - **Specify member-function definitions**



Outline

Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.4: CommissionEmployee.h
2 // CommissionEmployee class definition represents a commission employee.
3 #ifndef COMMISSION_H
4 #define COMMISSION_H
5
6 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
7 using std::string;
8
9 class CommissionEmployee
10 {
11 public:
12     CommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &, const string &,
13                        double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
14
15     void setFirstName( const string & ); // set first name
16     string getFirstName() const; // return first name
17
18     void setLastName( const string & ); // set last name
19     string getLastName() const; // return last name
20
21     void setSocialSecurityNumber( const string & ); // set SSN
22     string getSocialSecurityNumber() const; // return SSN
23
24     void setGrossSales( double ); // set gross sales amount
25     double getGrossSales() const; // return gross sales amount
26
27     void setCommissionRate( double ); // set commission rate (percentage)
28     double getCommissionRate() const; // return commission rate
```

Class **CommissionEmployee** constructor



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Employee.h

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```
29
30     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
31     void print() const; // print CommissionEmployee object
32 private:
33     string firstName;
34     string lastName;
35     string socialSecurityNumber;
36     double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
37     double commissionRate; // commission percentage
38 }; // end class CommissionEmployee
39
40 #endif
```

Declare **private**
data members



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.5: CommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class CommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class definition
7
8 // constructor
9 CommissionEmployee::CommissionEmployee(
10     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
11     double sales, double rate )
12 {
13     firstName = first; // should validate
14     lastName = last;   // should validate
15     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
16     setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
17     setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate
18 } // end CommissionEmployee constructor
19
20 // set first name
21 void CommissionEmployee::setFirstName( const string &first )
22 {
23     firstName = first; // should validate
24 } // end function setFirstName
25
26 // return first name
27 string CommissionEmployee::getFirstName() const
28 {
29     return firstName;
30 } // end function getFirstName
```

Initialize data members



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```
31
32 // set last name
33 void CommissionEmployee::setLastName( const string &last )
34 {
35     lastName = last; // should validate
36 } // end function setLastName
37
38 // return last name
39 string CommissionEmployee::getLastName() const
40 {
41     return lastName;
42 } // end function getLastName
43
44 // set social security number
45 void CommissionEmployee::setSocialSecurityNumber( const string &ssn )
46 {
47     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
48 } // end function setSocialSecurityNumber
49
50 // return social security number
51 string CommissionEmployee::getSocialSecurityNumber() const
52 {
53     return socialSecurityNumber;
54 } // end function getSocialSecurityNumber
55
56 // set gross sales amount
57 void CommissionEmployee::setGrossSales( double sales )
58 {
59     grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
60 } // end function setGrossSales
```

Function **setGrossSales**
validates gross sales amount



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```
61
62 // return gross sales amount
63 double CommissionEmployee::getGrossSales() const
64 {
65     return grossSales;
66 } // end function getGrossSales
67
68 // set commission rate
69 void CommissionEmployee::setCommissionRate( double rate )
70 {
71     commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
72 } // end function setCommissionRate
73
74 // return commission rate
75 double CommissionEmployee::getCommissionRate() const
76 {
77     return commissionRate;
78 } // end function getCommissionRate
```

Function **setCommissionRate** on
validates commission rate
...cpp

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```
79
80 // calculate earnings
81 double CommissionEmployee::earnings() const
82 {
83     return commissionRate * grossSales;
84 } // end function earnings
85
86 // print CommissionEmployee object
87 void CommissionEmployee::print() const
88 {
89     cout << "commission employee: " << firstName << ' ' << 1
90         << "\nsocial security number: " << socialSecurityNumber
91         << "\ngross sales: " << grossSales
92         << "\ncommission rate: " << commissionRate;
93 } // end function print
```

Function **earnings**
calculates earnings

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Function **print** displays
CommissionEmployee object



Outline

fig12_06.cpp

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```

1 // Fig. 12.6: fig12_06.cpp
2 // Testing class CommissionEmployee.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6 using std::fixed;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9 using std::setprecision;
10
11 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class definition
12
13 int main()
14 {
15     // instantiate a CommissionEmployee object
16     CommissionEmployee employee(
17         "Sue", "Jones", "222-22-2222", 10000, .06 );
18
19     // set floating-point output formatting
20     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
21
22     // get commission employee data
23     cout << "Employee information obtained by get functions: \n"
24         << "\nFirst name is " << employee.getFirstName()
25         << "\nLast name is " << employee.getLastName()
26         << "\nSocial security number is "
27         << employee.getSocialSecurityNumber()
28         << "\nGross sales is " << employee.getGrossSales()
29         << "\nCommission rate is " << employee.getCommissionRate()

```

Instantiate **CommissionEmployee** object

Use
CommissionEmployee's
get functions to retrieve the
object's instance variable
values



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```

30
31 employee.setGrossSales( 8000 ); // set gross sales
32 employee.setCommissionRate( .1 ); // set commission rate
33
34 cout << "\nUpdated employee information output
35     << endl;
36 employee.print(); // display the new employee information
37
38 // display the employee's earnings
39 cout << "\n\nEmployee's earnings: $" << employee.earnings() << endl;
40
41 return 0;
42 } // end main

```

Use **CommissionEmployee**'s *set* functions to change the object's instance variable values

Call object's **print** function to display employee information

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Call object's **earnings** function to calculate earnings

Employee information obtained by get functions:

First name is Sue
 Last name is Jones
 Social security number is 222-22-2222
 Gross sales is 10000.00
 Commission rate is 0.06

Updated employee information output by print function:

commission employee: Sue Jones
 social security number: 222-22-2222
 gross sales: 8000.00
 commission rate: 0.10

Employee's earnings: \$800.00



12.4.2 Creating a BasePlusCommissionEmployee Class Without Using Inheritance

- **Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee**
 - Much of the code is similar to CommissionEmployee
 - private data members
 - public methods
 - constructor
 - Additions
 - private data member baseSalary
 - Methods setBaseSalary and getBaseSalary



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.7: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition represents an employee
3 // that receives a base salary in addition to commission.
4 #ifndef BASEPLUS_H
5 #define BASEPLUS_H
6
7 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
8 using std::string;
9
10 class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
11 {
12 public:
13     BasePlusCommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &,
14                                const string &, double = 0.0, double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
15
16     void setFirstName( const string & ); // set first name
17     string getFirstName() const; // return first name
18
19     void setLastName( const string & ); // set last name
20     string getLastName() const; // return last name
21
22     void setSocialSecurityNumber( const string & ); // set SSN
23     string getSocialSecurityNumber() const; // return SSN
24
25     void setGrossSales( double ); // set gross sales amount
26     double getGrossSales() const; // return gross sales amount
27
28     void setCommissionRate( double ); // set commission rate
29     double getCommissionRate() const; // return commission rate
```

Constructor takes one more argument,
which specifies the base salary



```
30
31 void setBaseSalary( double ); // set base salary
32 double getBaseSalary() const; // return base salary
33
34 double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
35 void print() const; // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
36 private:
37     string firstName;
38     string lastName;
39     string socialSecurityNumber;
40     double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
41     double commissionRate; // commission percentage
42     double baseSalary; // base salary
43 }; // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
44
45 #endif
```

Define *get* and *set* functions for data member **baseSalary**

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Add data member **baseSalary**



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BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.8: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
7 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
8
9 // constructor
10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
11     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
12     double sales, double rate, double salary )
13 {
14     firstName = first; // should validate
15     lastName = last; // should validate
16     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
17     setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
18     setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate
19     setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
20 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
21
22 // set first name
23 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setFirstName( const string &first )
24 {
25     firstName = first; // should validate
26 } // end function setFirstName
```

Constructor takes one more argument,
which specifies the base salary

Use function **setBaseSalary** to validate data



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```
27
28 // return first name
29 string BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getFirstName() const
30 {
31     return firstName;
32 } // end function getFirstName
33
34 // set last name
35 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setLastName( const string &last )
36 {
37     lastName = last; // should validate
38 } // end function setLastName
39
40 // return last name
41 string BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getLastName() const
42 {
43     return lastName;
44 } // end function getLastName
45
46 // set social security number
47 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setSocialSecurityNumber(
48     const string &ssn )
49 {
50     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
51 } // end function setSocialSecurityNumber
52
```



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```
53 // return social security number
54 string BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getSocialSecurityNumber() const
55 {
56     return socialSecurityNumber;
57 } // end function getSocialSecurityNumber
58
59 // set gross sales amount
60 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setGrossSales( double sales )
61 {
62     grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
63 } // end function setGrossSales
64
65 // return gross sales amount
66 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getGrossSales() const
67 {
68     return grossSales;
69 } // end function getGrossSales
70
71 // set commission rate
72 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setCommissionRate( double rate )
73 {
74     commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
75 } // end function setCommissionRate
76
77 // return commission rate
78 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getCommissionRate() const
79 {
80     return commissionRate;
81 } // end function getCommissionRate
82
```



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```

83 // set base salary
84 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setBaseSalary( double salary )
85 {
86     baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary;
87 } // end function setBaseSalary
88
89 // return base salary
90 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getBaseSalary() const
91 {
92     return baseSalary;
93 } // end function getBaseSalary
94
95 // calculate earnings
96 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::earnings() const
97 {
98     return baseSalary + ( commissionRate * grossSales );
99 } // end function earnings
100
101 // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
102 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::print() const
103 {
104     cout << "base-salaried commission employee: " << firstName << ' '
105         << lastName << "\nsocial security number: " << socialSecurityNumber
106         << "\ngross sales: " << grossSales
107         << "\ncommission rate: " << commissionRate
108         << "\nbase salary: " << baseSalary;
109 } // end function print

```

Function **setBaseSalary** validates data and sets instance variable **baseSalary**

Function **getBaseSalary** returns the value of instance variable **baseSalary**

Update function **earnings** to calculate the earnings of a base-salaried commission employee

Update function **print** to display base salary



Outline

fig12_09.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.9: fig12_09.cpp
2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6 using std::fixed;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9 using std::setprecision;
10
11 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
12 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
17     BasePlusCommissionEmployee
18         employee( "Bob", "Lewis", "333-33-3333", 5000, .04, 300 );
19
20     // set floating-point output formatting
21     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
22
```

Instantiate **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** object



Outline

```

23 // get commission employee data
24 cout << "Employee information obtained by get functions: \n"
25     << "\nFirst name is " << employee.getFirstName()
26     << "\nLast name is " << employee.getLastName()
27     << "\nSocial security number is "
28     << employee.getSocialSecurityNumber()
29     << "\nGross sales is " << employee.getGrossSales()
30     << "\nCommission rate is " << employee.getCommissionRate()
31     << "\nBase salary is " << employee.getBaseSalary() << endl;
32
33 employee.setBaseSalary( 1000 ); // set base salary
34
35 cout << "\nUpdated employee information output by
36     << endl;
37 employee.print(); // display the new employee information
38
39 // display the employee's earnings
40 cout << "\n\nEmployee's earnings: $" << employee.earnings() << endl;
41
42 return 0;
43 } // end main

```

Use **BasePlusCommissionEmployee**'s *get* functions to retrieve the object's

instance variable values (2 of 3)

Use **BasePlusCommissionEmployee**'s **setBaseSalary** function to set base salary

Call object's **print** function to display employee information

Call object's **earnings** function to calculate employee's earnings



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fig12_09.cpp

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Employee information obtained by get functions:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales is 5000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Base salary is 300.00

Updated employee information output by print function:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: 5000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: 1000.00

Employee's earnings: \$1200.00



Software Engineering Observation 12.3

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



Software Engineering Observation 12.4

With inheritance, the common data members and member functions of all the classes in the hierarchy are declared in a base class. When changes are required for these common features, software developers need to make the changes only 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.



12.4.3 Creating a CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy

- **Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee**
 - **Derived from class CommissionEmployee**
 - Is a CommissionEmployee
 - Inherits all public members
 - **Constructor is not inherited**
 - Use base-class initializer syntax to initialize base-class data member
 - **Has data member baseSalary**



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BasePlus
Commission
Employee.h

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```

1 // Fig. 12.10: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class derived from class
3 // CommissionEmployee.
4 #ifndef BASEPLUS_H
5 #define BASEPLUS_H
6
7 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
8 using std::string;
9
10 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class declaration
11
12 class BasePlusCommissionEmployee : public CommissionEmployee
13 {
14 public:
15     BasePlusCommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &,
16         const string &, double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
17
18     void setBaseSalary( double ); // set base salary
19     double getBaseSalary() const; // return base salary
20
21     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
22     void print() const; // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
23 private:
24     double baseSalary; // base salary
25 }; // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
26
27 #endif

```

Include the base-class header file
in the derived-class header file

Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee derives
publicly from class CommissionEmployee



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BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.11: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
7 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
8
9 // constructor
10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
11     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
12     double sales, double rate, double salary )
13     // explicitly call base-class constructor
14     : CommissionEmployee( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
15 {
16     setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
17 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
18
19 // set base salary
20 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setBaseSalary( double salary )
21 {
22     baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary;
23 } // end function setBaseSalary
24
25 // return base salary
26 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getBaseSalary() const
27 {
28     return baseSalary;
29 } // end function getBaseSalary
```

Initialize base class data member by calling the base
-class constructor using base-class initializer syntax



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```

30
31 // calculate earnings
32 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::earnings() const
33 {
34     // derived class cannot access the base class's private data
35     return baseSalary + ( commissionRate * grossSales );
36 } // end function earnings
37
38 // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
39 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::print() const
40 {
41     // derived class cannot access the base class's private data
42     cout << "base-salaried commission employee: " << firstName << ' '
43         << lastName << "\nsocial security number: " << socialSecurityNumber
44         << "\ngross sales: " << grossSales
45         << "\ncommission rate: " << commissionRate
46         << "\nbase salary: " << baseSalary;
47 } // end function print

```

Compiler generates errors because base class' s data member **commissionRate** and **grossSales** are **private**

Compiler generates errors because the base class' s data members **firstName**, **lastName**, **socialSecurityNumber**, **grossSales** and **commissionRate** are **private**



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BasePlus Commission Employee.cpp

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```
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(35) :  
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::commissionRate' :  
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(37) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::commissionRate'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'  
  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(35) :  
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::grossSales' :  
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(36) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::grossSales'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'  
  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(42) :  
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::firstName' :  
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(33) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::firstName'  
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :  
see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'
```



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BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(43) :
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::lastName' :
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(34) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::lastName'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'

C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(43) :
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::socialSecurityNumber' :
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(35) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::socialSecurityNumber'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'

C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(44) :
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::grossSales' :
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(36) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::grossSales'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'

C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\BasePlusCommission-Employee.cpp(45) :
error C2248: 'CommissionEmployee::commissionRate' :
cannot access private member declared in class 'CommissionEmployee'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(37) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee::commissionRate'
    C:\cpphttp5_examples\ch12\Fig12_10_11\CommissionEmployee.h(10) :
        see declaration of 'CommissionEmployee'
```



Common Programming Error 12.1

A compilation error occurs if a derived-class constructor calls one of its base-class constructors with arguments that are inconsistent with the number and types of parameters specified in one of the base-class constructor definitions.



Performance Tip 12.1

In a derived-class constructor, initializing member objects and invoking base-class constructors explicitly in the member initializer list prevents duplicate initialization in which a default constructor is called, then data members are modified again in the derived-class constructor's body.



12.4.3 Creating a CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy (Cont.)

- **Including the base class header file**
 - **Base class header file must be included in derived class header file for three reasons, the compiler must**
 - **Know that base class exists**
 - **Know size of inherited data members**
 - **Ensure that inherited class members are used properly**



12.4.4 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using protected Data

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



Good Programming Practice 12.1

Declare public members first, protected members second and private members last.



Outline

Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.12: CommissionEmployee.h
2 // CommissionEmployee class definition with protected data.
3 #ifndef COMMISSION_H
4 #define COMMISSION_H
5
6 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
7 using std::string;
8
9 class CommissionEmployee
10 {
11 public:
12     CommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &, const string &,
13         double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
14
15     void setFirstName( const string & ); // set first name
16     string getFirstName() const; // return first name
17
18     void setLastName( const string & ); // set last name
19     string getLastName() const; // return last name
20
21     void setSocialSecurityNumber( const string & ); // set SSN
22     string getSocialSecurityNumber() const; // return SSN
23
```



Outline

Commission
Employee.h

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```
24 void setGrossSales( double ); // set gross sales amount
25 double getGrossSales() const; // return gross sales amount
26
27 void setCommissionRate( double ); // set commission rate
28 double getCommissionRate() const; // return commission rate
29
30 double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
31 void print() const; // print CommissionEmployee object
32 protected:
33     string firstName;
34     string lastName;
35     string socialSecurityNumber;
36     double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
37     double commissionRate; // commission percentage
38 }; // end class CommissionEmployee
39
40 #endif
```

Declare **protected** data



Outline

Commission Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.13: CommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class CommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class definition
7
8 // constructor
9 CommissionEmployee::CommissionEmployee(
10     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
11     double sales, double rate )
12 {
13     firstName = first; // should validate
14     lastName = last; // should validate
15     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
16     setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
17     setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate
18 } // end CommissionEmployee constructor
19
20 // set first name
21 void CommissionEmployee::setFirstName( const string &first )
22 {
23     firstName = first; // should validate
24 } // end function setFirstName
25
26 // return first name
27 string CommissionEmployee::getFirstName() const
28 {
29     return firstName;
30 } // end function getFirstName
```



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
31
32 // set last name
33 void CommissionEmployee::setLastName( const string &last )
34 {
35     lastName = last; // should validate
36 } // end function setLastName
37
38 // return last name
39 string CommissionEmployee::getLastName() const
40 {
41     return lastName;
42 } // end function getLastName
43
44 // set social security number
45 void CommissionEmployee::setSocialSecurityNumber( const string &ssn )
46 {
47     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
48 } // end function setSocialSecurityNumber
49
50 // return social security number
51 string CommissionEmployee::getSocialSecurityNumber() const
52 {
53     return socialSecurityNumber;
54 } // end function getSocialSecurityNumber
55
56 // set gross sales amount
57 void CommissionEmployee::setGrossSales( double sales )
58 {
59     grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
60 } // end function setGrossSales
```



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
61
62 // return gross sales amount
63 double CommissionEmployee::getGrossSales() const
64 {
65     return grossSales;
66 } // end function getGrossSales
67
68 // set commission rate
69 void CommissionEmployee::setCommissionRate( double rate )
70 {
71     commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
72 } // end function setCommissionRate
73
74 // return commission rate
75 double CommissionEmployee::getCommissionRate() const
76 {
77     return commissionRate;
78 } // end function getCommissionRate
79
80 // calculate earnings
81 double CommissionEmployee::earnings() const
82 {
83     return commissionRate * grossSales;
84 } // end function earnings
```



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Employee.cpp

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```
85
86 // print CommissionEmployee object
87 void CommissionEmployee::print() const
88 {
89     cout << "commission employee: " << firstName << ' ' << lastName
90         << "\nsocial security number: " << socialSecurityNumber
91         << "\ngross sales: " << grossSales
92         << "\ncommission rate: " << commissionRate;
93 } // end function print
```



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.14: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class derived from class
3 // CommissionEmployee.
4 #ifndef BASEPLUS_H
5 #define BASEPLUS_H
6
7 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
8 using std::string;
9
10 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class declaration
11
12 class BasePlusCommissionEmployee : public CommissionEmployee
13 {
14 public:
15     BasePlusCommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &,
16         const string &, double = 0.0, double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
17
18     void setBaseSalary( double ); // set base salary
19     double getBaseSalary() const; // return base salary
20
21     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
22     void print() const; // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
23 private:
24     double baseSalary; // base salary
25 }; // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
26
27 #endif
```

BasePlusCommissionEmployee
still inherits **publicly** from
CommissionEmployee



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

```
1 // Fig. 12.15: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
7 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
8
9 // constructor
10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
11     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
12     double sales, double rate, double salary )
13     // explicitly call base-class constructor
14     : CommissionEmployee( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
15 {
16     setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
17 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
18
19 // set base salary
20 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setBaseSalary( double salary )
21 {
22     baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary;
23 } // end function setBaseSalary
24
25 // return base salary
26 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getBaseSalary() const
27 {
28     return baseSalary;
29 } // end function getBaseSalary
```

Call base-class constructor using
base-class initializer syntax



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

```
30
31 // calculate earnings
32 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::earnings() const
33 {
34     // can access protected data of base class
35     return baseSalary + ( commissionRate * grossSales );
36 } // end function earnings
37
38 // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
39 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::print() const
40 {
41     // can access protected data of base class
42     cout << "base-salaried commission employee: " << firstName << ' '
43         << lastName << "\nsocial security number: " << socialSecurityNumber
44         << "\ngross sales: " << grossSales
45         << "\ncommission rate: " << commissionRate
46         << "\nbase salary: " << baseSalary;
47 } // end function print
```

Directly access base
class' s **protected**
data



Outline

Fig12_16.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.16: fig12_16.cpp
2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6 using std::fixed;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9 using std::setprecision;
10
11 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
12 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
17     BasePlusCommissionEmployee
18         employee( "Bob", "Lewis", "333-33-3333", 5000, .04, 300 );
19
20     // set floating-point output formatting
21     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
22 }
```



Outline

Fig12_16.cpp

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```
23 // get commission employee data
24 cout << "Employee information obtained by get functions: \n"
25     << "\nFirst name is " << employee.getFirstName()
26     << "\nLast name is " << employee.getLastName()
27     << "\nSocial security number is "
28     << employee.getSocialSecurityNumber()
29     << "\nGross sales is " << employee.getGrossSales()
30     << "\nCommission rate is " << employee.getCommissionRate()
31     << "\nBase salary is " << employee.getBaseSalary() << endl;
32
33 employee.setBaseSalary( 1000 ); // set base salary
34
35 cout << "\nUpdated employee information output by print function: \n"
36     << endl;
37 employee.print(); // display the new employee information
38
39 // display the employee's earnings
40 cout << "\n\nEmployee's earnings: $" << employee.earnings() << endl;
41
42 return 0;
43 } // end main
```



Outline

Fig12_16.cpp

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Employee information obtained by get functions:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales is 5000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Base salary is 300.00

Updated employee information output by print function:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: 5000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: 1000.00

Employee's earnings: \$1200.00



12.4.4 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using protected Data (Cont.)

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



Software Engineering Observation 12.5

It is appropriate to use the protected access specifier when a base class should provide a service (i.e., a member function) only to its derived classes (and friends), not to other clients.



Software Engineering Observation 12.6

Declaring base-class data members `private` (as opposed to declaring them `protected`) enables programmers to change the base-class implementation without having to change derived-class implementations.



Error-Prevention Tip 12.1

When possible, avoid including protected data members in a base class. Rather, include non-private member functions that access private data members, ensuring that the object maintains a consistent state.



12.4.5 CommissionEmployee-BasePlusCommissionEmployee Inheritance Hierarchy Using private Data

- **Reexamine hierarchy**
 - **Use the best software engineering practice**
 - **Declare data members as `private`**
 - **Provide `public` *get* and *set* functions**
 - **Use *get* method to obtain values of data members**



Outline

Commission
Employee.h

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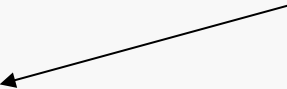
```
1 // Fig. 12.17: CommissionEmployee.h
2 // CommissionEmployee class definition with good software engineering.
3 #ifndef COMMISSION_H
4 #define COMMISSION_H
5
6 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
7 using std::string;
8
9 class CommissionEmployee
10 {
11 public:
12     CommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &, const string &,
13         double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
14
15     void setFirstName( const string & ); // set first name
16     string getFirstName() const; // return first name
17
18     void setLastName( const string & ); // set last name
19     string getLastName() const; // return last name
20
21     void setSocialSecurityNumber( const string & ); // set SSN
22     string getSocialSecurityNumber() const; // return SSN
23
24     void setGrossSales( double ); // set gross sales amount
25     double getGrossSales() const; // return gross sales amount
26
27     void setCommissionRate( double ); // set commission rate
28     double getCommissionRate() const; // return commission rate
```



Outline

```
29
30  double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
31  void print() const; // print CommissionEmployee object
32  private:
33      string firstName;
34      string lastName;
35      string socialSecurityNumber;
36      double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
37      double commissionRate; // commission percentage
38 }; // end class CommissionEmployee
39
40 #endif
```

Declare **private** data



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Employee.h

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OutlineCommission
Employee.cpp

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```

1 // Fig. 12.18: CommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class CommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class definition
7
8 // constructor
9 CommissionEmployee::CommissionEmployee(
10     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
11     double sales, double rate )
12     : firstName( first ), lastName( last ), socialSecurityNumber( ssn )
13 {
14     setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
15     setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate
16 } // end CommissionEmployee constructor
17
18 // set first name
19 void CommissionEmployee::setFirstName( const string &first )
20 {
21     firstName = first; // should validate
22 } // end function setFirstName
23
24 // return first name
25 string CommissionEmployee::getFirstName() const
26 {
27     return firstName;
28 } // end function getFirstName

```

Use member initializers to set the values of members **firstName**, **lastName** and **socialSecurityNumber**



Outline

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Employee.cpp

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```
29
30 // set last name
31 void CommissionEmployee::setLastName( const string &last )
32 {
33     lastName = last; // should validate
34 } // end function setLastName
35
36 // return last name
37 string CommissionEmployee::getLastName() const
38 {
39     return lastName;
40 } // end function getLastName
41
42 // set social security number
43 void CommissionEmployee::setSocialSecurityNumber( const string &ssn )
44 {
45     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
46 } // end function setSocialSecurityNumber
47
48 // return social security number
49 string CommissionEmployee::getSocialSecurityNumber() const
50 {
51     return socialSecurityNumber;
52 } // end function getSocialSecurityNumber
53
54 // set gross sales amount
55 void CommissionEmployee::setGrossSales( double sales )
56 {
57     grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
58 } // end function setGrossSales
```



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
59
60 // return gross sales amount
61 double CommissionEmployee::getGrossSales() const
62 {
63     return grossSales;
64 } // end function getGrossSales
65
66 // set commission rate
67 void CommissionEmployee::setCommissionRate( double rate )
68 {
69     commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
70 } // end function setCommissionRate
71
72 // return commission rate
73 double CommissionEmployee::getCommissionRate() const
74 {
75     return commissionRate;
76 } // end function getCommissionRate
77
78 // calculate earnings
79 double CommissionEmployee::earnings() const
80 {
81     return getCommissionRate() * getGrossSales();
82 } // end function earnings
83
```

Use *get* functions to obtain
the values of data
members



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

```
84 // print CommissionEmployee object
85 void CommissionEmployee::print() const
86 {
87     cout << "commission employee: "
88         << getFirstName() << ' ' << getLastName()
89         << "\nsocial security number: " << getSocialSecurityNumber()
90         << "\ngross sales: " << getGrossSales()
91         << "\ncommission rate: " << getCommissionRate();
92 } // end function print
```

Use *get* functions to obtain
the values of data
members



Performance Tip 12.2

Using a member function to access a data member's value can be slightly slower than accessing the data directly. However, today's optimizing compilers are carefully designed to perform many optimizations implicitly (such as inlining set and get member-function calls). As a result, programmers should write code that adheres to proper software engineering principles, and leave optimization issues to the compiler. A good rule is, "Do not second-guess the compiler."



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.19: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class derived from class
3 // CommissionEmployee.
4 #ifndef BASEPLUS_H
5 #define BASEPLUS_H
6
7 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
8 using std::string;
9
10 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class declaration
11
12 class BasePlusCommissionEmployee : public CommissionEmployee
13 {
14 public:
15     BasePlusCommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &,
16         const string &, double = 0.0, double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
17
18     void setBaseSalary( double ); // set base salary
19     double getBaseSalary() const; // return base salary
20
21     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
22     void print() const; // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
23 private:
24     double baseSalary; // base salary
25 }; // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
26
27 #endif
```



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.20: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5
6 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
7 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
8
9 // constructor
10 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
11     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
12     double sales, double rate, double salary )
13     // explicitly call base-class constructor
14     : CommissionEmployee( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
15 {
16     setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
17 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
18
19 // set base salary
20 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setBaseSalary( double salary )
21 {
22     baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary;
23 } // end function setBaseSalary
24
25 // return base salary
26 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getBaseSalary() const
27 {
28     return baseSalary;
29 } // end function getBaseSalary
```



Outline

BasePlus

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```
30
31 // calculate earnings
32 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::earnings() const
33 {
34     return getBaseSalary() + CommissionEmployee::earnings();
35 } // end function earnings
36
37 // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
38 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::print() const
39 {
40     cout << "base-salaried ";
41
42     // invoke CommissionEmployee's print function
43     CommissionEmployee::print();
44
45     cout << "\nbase salary: " << getBaseSalary()
46 } // end function print
```

Invoke base class' s **earnings**
function

Invoke base class' s **print**
function



Common Programming Error 12.2

When a base-class member function is redefined in a derived class, the derived-class version often calls the base-class version to do additional work. Failure to use the `::` operator prefixed with the name of the base class when referencing the base class' s member function causes infinite recursion, because the derived-class member function would then call itself.



Common Programming Error 12.3

Including a base-class member function with a different signature in the derived class hides the base-class version of the function. Attempts to call the base-class version through the `public` interface of a derived-class object result in compilation errors.



Outline

fig12_21.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.21: fig12_21.cpp
2 // Testing class BasePlusCommissionEmployee.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6 using std::fixed;
7
8 #include <iomanip>
9 using std::setprecision;
10
11 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
12 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
13
```



Outline

fig12_21.cpp

```

14 int main()
15 {
16     // instantiate BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
17     BasePlusCommissionEmployee
18         employee( "Bob", "Lewis", "333-33-3333", 5000, .04, 300 );
19
20     // set floating-point output formatting
21     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
22
23     // get commission employee data
24     cout << "Employee information obtained by get functions: \n"
25         << "\nFirst name is " << employee.getFirstName()
26         << "\nLast name is " << employee.getLastName()
27         << "\nSocial security number is "
28         << employee.getSocialSecurityNumber()
29         << "\nGross sales is " << employee.getGrossSales()
30         << "\nCommission rate is " << employee.getCommissionRate()
31         << "\nBase salary is " << employee.getBaseSalary() << endl;
32
33     employee.setBaseSalary( 1000 ); // set base salary
34
35     cout << "\nUpdated employee information"
36         << endl;
37     employee.print(); // display the new employee information
38
39     // display the employee's earnings
40     cout << "\n\nEmployee's earnings: $" << employee.earnings() << endl;
41
42     return 0;
43 } // end main

```

Create **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** object

Use inherited *get* methods to access base class **private** members

Use **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** *get* method to access **private** member

Use **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** *set* method to modify **private** data member **baseSalary**



Outline

fig12_21.cpp

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Employee information obtained by get functions:

First name is Bob
Last name is Lewis
Social security number is 333-33-3333
Gross sales is 5000.00
Commission rate is 0.04
Base salary is 300.00

Updated employee information output by print function:

base-salaried commission employee: Bob Lewis
social security number: 333-33-3333
gross sales: 5000.00
commission rate: 0.04
base salary: 1000.00

Employee's earnings: \$1200.00



12.5 Constructors and Destructors 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**
 - **First constructor body to finish executing**
 - **Example: CommissionEmployee/
BasePlusCommissionEmployee hierarchy**
 - **CommissionEmployee constructor called last**
 - **CommissionEmployee constructor body finishes execution first**
 - **Initializing data members**
 - **Each base-class constructor initializes its data members that are inherited by derived class**



Software Engineering Observation 12.7

When a program creates a derived-class object, the derived-class constructor immediately calls the base-class constructor, the base-class constructor's body executes, then the derived class's member initializers execute and finally the derived-class constructor's body executes. This process cascades up the hierarchy if the hierarchy contains more than two levels.



12.5 Constructors and Destructors in Derived Classes (Cont.)

- **Destroying derived-class object**
 - **Chain of destructor calls**
 - **Reverse order of constructor chain**
 - **Destructor of derived-class called first**
 - **Destructor of next base class up hierarchy next**
 - **Continue up hierarchy until final base reached**
 - **After final base-class destructor, object removed from memory**
- **Base-class constructors, destructors, assignment operators**
 - **Not inherited by derived classes**



Software Engineering Observation 12.8

Suppose that we create an object of a derived class where both the base class and the derived class contain objects of other classes. When an object of that derived class is created, first the constructors for the base class's member objects execute, then the base-class constructor executes, then the constructors for the derived class's member objects execute, then the derived class's constructor executes. Destructors for derived-class objects are called in the reverse of the order in which their corresponding constructors are called.



Outline

Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.22: CommissionEmployee.h
2 // CommissionEmployee class definition represents a commission employee.
3 #ifndef COMMISSION_H
4 #define COMMISSION_H
5
6 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
7 using std::string;
8
9 class CommissionEmployee
10 {
11 public:
12     CommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &, const string &,
13         double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
14     ~CommissionEmployee(); // destructor
15
16     void setFirstName( const string & ); // set first name
17     string getFirstName() const; // return first name
18
19     void setLastName( const string & ); // set last name
20     string getLastName() const; // return last name
21
22     void setSocialSecurityNumber( const string & ); // set SSN
23     string getSocialSecurityNumber() const; // return SSN
24
25     void setGrossSales( double ); // set gross sales amount
26     double getGrossSales() const; // return gross sales amount
27
28     void setCommissionRate( double ); // set commission rate
29     double getCommissionRate() const; // return commission rate
```

CommissionEmployee destructor



Outline

Commission Employee.h

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```
30
31     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
32     void print() const; // print CommissionEmployee object
33 private:
34     string firstName;
35     string lastName;
36     string socialSecurityNumber;
37     double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
38     double commissionRate; // commission percentage
39 }; // end class CommissionEmployee
40
41 #endif
```



Outline

Commission Employee.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.23: CommissionEmployee.cpp
2 // Class CommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 using std::cout;
5 using std::endl;
6
7 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class definition
8
9 // constructor
10 CommissionEmployee::CommissionEmployee(
11     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
12     double sales, double rate )
13     : firstName( first ), lastName( last ), socialSecurityNumber( ssn )
14 {
15     setGrossSales( sales ); // validate and store gross sales
16     setCommissionRate( rate ); // validate and store commission rate
17
18     cout << "CommissionEmployee constructor: " << endl;
19     print();
20     cout << "\n\n";
21 } // end CommissionEmployee constructor
22
23 // destructor
24 CommissionEmployee::~~CommissionEmployee()
25 {
26     cout << "CommissionEmployee destructor: " << endl;
27     print();
28     cout << "\n\n";
29 } // end CommissionEmployee destructor
```

Constructor and destructor output messages
to demonstrate function call order



Outline

Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
30
31 // set first name
32 void CommissionEmployee::setFirstName( const string &first )
33 {
34     firstName = first; // should validate
35 } // end function setFirstName
36
37 // return first name
38 string CommissionEmployee::getFirstName() const
39 {
40     return firstName;
41 } // end function getFirstName
42
43 // set last name
44 void CommissionEmployee::setLastName( const string &last )
45 {
46     lastName = last; // should validate
47 } // end function setLastName
48
49 // return last name
50 string CommissionEmployee::getLastName() const
51 {
52     return lastName;
53 } // end function getLastName
54
55 // set social security number
56 void CommissionEmployee::setSocialSecurityNumber( const string &ssn )
57 {
58     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
59 } // end function setSocialSecurityNumber
```



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Employee.cpp

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```
60
61 // return social security number
62 string CommissionEmployee::getSocialSecurityNumber() const
63 {
64     return socialSecurityNumber;
65 } // end function getSocialSecurityNumber
66
67 // set gross sales amount
68 void CommissionEmployee::setGrossSales( double sales )
69 {
70     grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
71 } // end function setGrossSales
72
73 // return gross sales amount
74 double CommissionEmployee::getGrossSales() const
75 {
76     return grossSales;
77 } // end function getGrossSales
78
79 // set commission rate
80 void CommissionEmployee::setCommissionRate( double rate )
81 {
82     commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
83 } // end function setCommissionRate
84
85 // return commission rate
86 double CommissionEmployee::getCommissionRate() const
87 {
88     return commissionRate;
89 } // end function getCommissionRate
```



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Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
90
91 // calculate earnings
92 double CommissionEmployee::earnings() const
93 {
94     return getCommissionRate() * getGrossSales();
95 } // end function earnings
96
97 // print CommissionEmployee object
98 void CommissionEmployee::print() const
99 {
100     cout << "commission employee: "
101         << getFirstName() << ' ' << getLastName()
102         << "\nsocial security number: " << getSocialSecurityNumber()
103         << "\ngross sales: " << getGrossSales()
104         << "\ncommission rate: " << getCommissionRate();
105 } // end function print
```



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.h

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```
1 // Fig. 12.24: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h
2 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class derived from class
3 // CommissionEmployee.
4 #ifndef BASEPLUS_H
5 #define BASEPLUS_H
6
7 #include <string> // C++ standard string class
8 using std::string;
9
10 #include "CommissionEmployee.h" // CommissionEmployee class declaration
11
12 class BasePlusCommissionEmployee : public CommissionEmployee
13 {
14 public:
15     BasePlusCommissionEmployee( const string &, const string &,
16         const string &, double = 0.0, double = 0.0, double = 0.0 );
17     ~BasePlusCommissionEmployee(); // destructor
18
19     void setBaseSalary( double ); // set base salary
20     double getBaseSalary() const; // return base salary
21
22     double earnings() const; // calculate earnings
23     void print() const; // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
24 private:
25     double baseSalary; // base salary
26 }; // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee
27
28 #endif
```

BasePlusCommissionEmployee
destructor



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```

1  // Fig. 12.25: BasePlusCommissionEmployee.cpp
2  // Class BasePlusCommissionEmployee member-function definitions.
3  #include <iostream>
4  using std::cout;
5  using std::endl;
6
7  // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
8  #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
9
10 // constructor
11 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
12     const string &first, const string &last, const string &ssn,
13     double sales, double rate, double salary )
14     // explicitly call base-class constructor
15     : CommissionEmployee( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
16 {
17     setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
18
19     cout << "BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor: " << endl;
20     print();
21     cout << "\n\n";
22 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
23
24 // destructor
25 BasePlusCommissionEmployee::~~BasePlusCommissionEmployee()
26 {
27     cout << "BasePlusCommissionEmployee destructor: " << endl;
28     print();
29     cout << "\n\n";
30 } // end BasePlusCommissionEmployee destructor

```

Constructor and destructor
output messages to demonstrate
function call order



Outline

BasePlus
Commission
Employee.cpp

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```
31
32 // set base salary
33 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::setBaseSalary( double salary )
34 {
35     baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary;
36 } // end function setBaseSalary
37
38 // return base salary
39 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::getBaseSalary() const
40 {
41     return baseSalary;
42 } // end function getBaseSalary
43
44 // calculate earnings
45 double BasePlusCommissionEmployee::earnings() const
46 {
47     return getBaseSalary() + CommissionEmployee::earnings();
48 } // end function earnings
49
50 // print BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
51 void BasePlusCommissionEmployee::print() const
52 {
53     cout << "base-salaried ";
54
55     // invoke CommissionEmployee's print function
56     CommissionEmployee::print();
57
58     cout << "\nbase salary: " << getBaseSalary();
59 } // end function print
```



Outline

fig12_26.cpp

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```
1 // Fig. 12.26: fig12_26.cpp
2 // Display order in which base-class and derived-class constructors
3 // and destructors are called.
4 #include <iostream>
5 using std::cout;
6 using std::endl;
7 using std::fixed;
8
9 #include <iomanip>
10 using std::setprecision;
11
12 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee class definition
13 #include "BasePlusCommissionEmployee.h"
```



Outline

```
14
15 int main()
16 {
17     // set floating-point output formatting
18     cout << fixed << setprecision( 2 );
19
20     { // begin new scope
21         CommissionEmployee employee1(
22             "Bob", "Lewis", "333-33-3333", 5000, .04 );
23     } // end scope
24
25     cout << endl;
26     BasePlusCommissionEmployee
27     employee2( "Lisa", "Jones", "555-55-5555", 2000, .06, 800 );
28
29     cout << endl;
30     BasePlusCommissionEmployee
31     employee3( "Mark", "Sands", "888-88-8888", 8000, .15, 2000 );
32     cout << endl;
33     return 0;
34 } // end main
```

CommissionEmployee object
goes in and out of scope immediately

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Instantiate two **BasePlusCommissionEmployee**
objects to demonstrate order of derived-class and base
-class constructor/destructor function calls



Outline

CommissionEmployee constructor:
 commission employee: Bob Lewis
 social security number: 333-33-3333
 gross sales: 5000.00
 commission rate: 0.04

CommissionEmployee destructor:
 commission employee: Bob Lewis
 social security number: 333-33-3333
 gross sales: 5000.00
 commission rate: 0.04

CommissionEmployee constructor called for object in block; destructor called immediately as execution leaves scope

CommissionEmployee constructor: ←
 base-salaried commission employee: Lisa Jones
 social security number: 555-55-5555
 gross sales: 2000.00
 commission rate: 0.06

Base-class **CommissionEmployee** constructor executes first when instantiating derived-class **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** object

BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor: ←
 base-salaried commission employee: Lisa Jones
 social security number: 555-55-5555
 gross sales: 2000.00
 commission rate: 0.06
 base salary: 800.00

Derived-class **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** constructor body executes after base-class **CommissionEmployee**'s constructor finishes execution

CommissionEmployee constructor: ←
 commission employee: Mark Sands
 social security number: 888-88-8888
 gross sales: 8000.00
 commission rate: 0.15

Base-class **CommissionEmployee** constructor executes first when instantiating derived-class **BasePlusCommissionEmployee** object

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BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Mark Sands
social security number: 888-88-8888
gross sales: 8000.00
commission rate: 0.15
base salary: 2000.00

Derived-class **BasePlusCommissionEmployee**
constructor body executes after base-class
CommissionEmployee' s constructor finishes
execution

BasePlusCommissionEmployee destructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Mark Sands
social security number: 888-88-8888
gross sales: 8000.00
commission rate: 0.15
base salary: 2000.00

Destructors for
BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
called in reverse order of constructors

CommissionEmployee destructor:
commission employee: Mark Sands
social security number: 888-88-8888
gross sales: 8000.00
commission rate: 0.15

BasePlusCommissionEmployee destructor:
base-salaried commission employee: Lisa Jones
social security number: 555-55-5555
gross sales: 2000.00
commission rate: 0.06
base salary: 800.00

Destructors for
BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
called in reverse order of constructors

CommissionEmployee destructor:
commission employee: Lisa Jones
social security number: 555-55-5555
gross sales: 2000.00
commission rate: 0.06



12.6 public, protected and private Inheritance

- **public inheritance**
 - Base class **public** members → derived class **public** members
 - Base class **protected** members → derived class **protected** members
 - Base class **private** members are not accessible
- **protected inheritance (not *is-a* relationship)**
 - Base class **public** and **protected** members → derived class **protected** members
- **private inheritance (not *is-a* relationship)**
 - Base class **public** and **protected** members → derived class **private** members



Base-class member-access specifier	Type of inheritance		
	public inheritance	protected inheritance	private inheritance
public	public in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions, friend functions and nonmember functions.	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions and friend functions.	private in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions and friend functions.
protected	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions and friend functions.	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions and friend functions.	private in derived class. Can be accessed directly by member functions and friend functions.
private	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.

Fig. 12.27 | Summary of base-class member accessibility in a derived class.



12.7 Software Engineering with Inheritance

- **Customizing existing software**
 - **Inheriting from existing classes**
 - Can include additional members
 - Can redefine base-class members
 - No direct access to base class' s source code
 - Only links 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 12.9

At the design stage in an object-oriented system, the designer often determines that certain classes are closely related. The designer should “factor out” common attributes and behaviors and place these in a base class, then use inheritance to form derived classes, endowing them with capabilities beyond those inherited from the base class.



Software Engineering Observation 12.10

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



Software Engineering Observation 12.11

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



Performance Tip 12.3

If classes produced through inheritance are larger than they need to be (i.e., contain too much functionality), memory and processing resources might be wasted. Inherit from the class whose functionality is “closest” to what is needed.

