Basic C++

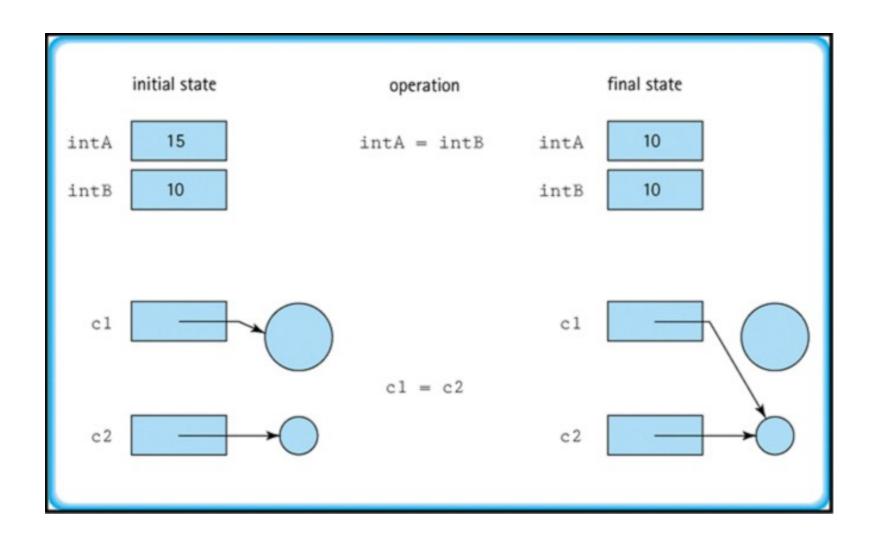
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Value vs Reference semantics



```
#include <date.h>
#include <string>
struct Event // one entry in Calendar
   Date time_;
   std::string descr_;
   Event *next_ = nullptr;
};
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
public:
   void push_back( Event ptr);  // insert event at the end
                           // remove oldest event
   void pop_front();
   Event& find( std::string descr); // get Event connected to description
private:
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int main()
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}
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Important remark!

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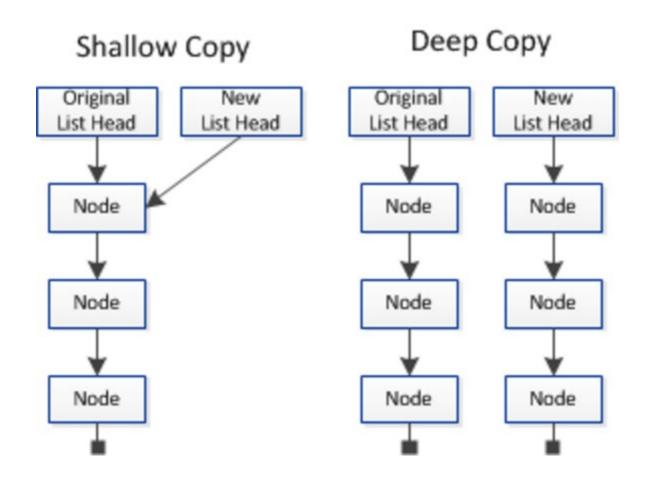
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#include <date.h>
#include <string>
struct Event // one entry in Calendar
   Date
         time ;
   std::string descr_;
};
using Calendar = std::list<Event>;
using Calendar = std::list<std::pair<Date,std::string>>;
using Calendar = std::map<Date,std::string>;
using Calendar = std::multimap<Date,std::string>;
int main()
   Calendar c;
   c.push_back( { {2023,8,14}, "training" };  // list
   c[{2023, 8, 14}] = "training";
                                          // map
   c.insert({{2023,8,14},"training"});
                                       // multimap
```

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   Event *first_ = nullptr;
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};
int main()
   Calendar c; // empty
   c.push_back( { {2023,8,14}, "training" };
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   Calendar c2 = c; // create a copy of c
}
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   Calendar c2 = c; // create a copy of c will copy first and last
   c2.pop_front(); // first element of c will also disappair
```

Value vs Reference semantics



Non-Trivially copyable types

- Some classes cannot be handled as "char array"s
- Initializing, copying and destruction requires user defined actions
 - Constructor(s)
 - Copy constructor
 - Assignment operator
 - Destructor
- Do not copy them as char array (e.g., with memcpy, memmove)
- Destructor must never throw exception!

Rule of 3

```
#include <date.h>
#include <string>
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
public:
   Calendar() { }
                                 // default constructor
                                  // to initialize object
   Calendar(const Calendar& rhs); // copy constructor
                                  // to initialize from object of same type
   Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs); // assignment operator
                                      to copy between objects of same type
   ~Calendar();
                                  // destructor
                                  // to clean up after end of life
};
int main()
   Calendar c1; // calls default constructor
   Calendar c2 = c1; // c2.Calendar(c1) = c1 copy constructor
   c1 = c2;
            // c1.operator=(c2) assignment
                     // c2.~Calendar(), c1.~Calendar() destructors called
}
```

Rule of 35

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#include <string>
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
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   Calendar() { }
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                                 // to initialize object
   Calendar(const Calendar& rhs); // copy constructor
                                 // to initialize from object of same type
   Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs); // assignment operator
                                 // to copy between objects of same type
   ~Calendar();
                                 // destructor
   Calendar(Calendar&& rhs); // move constructor
   Calendar& operator=(Calendar&& rhs); // move operator
};
int main()
   Calendar c1; // calls default constructor
   Calendar c2 = c1; // c2.Calendar(c1) = c1 copy constructor
   c1 = c2;
            // c1.operator=(c2) assignment
                     // c2.~Calendar(), c1.~Calendar() destructors are called
```

```
struct Event // one entry in Calendar
   Date
                time ;
   std::string descr_;
               *next_ = nullptr;
   Event
};
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
Public:
   Calendar(const Calendar& rhs);
private:
   Event *first_ = nullptr;
   Event *last_ = nullptr;
};
Calendar::Calendar(const Calendar& rhs)
   // allocate resources and copy from rhs
   Event *p = rhs.first ;
   while ( p )
       push_back({p->time_,p->descr_});
       p = p->next_{;}
```

```
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
Public:
   Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs);
private:
   Event *first_ = nullptr;
   Event *last = nullptr;
};
Calendar& Calendar::operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
{
   // remove my old resources
   Event *p = first_;
   while (p)
       // ?? we have to allocate the Event objects on the head dynamically
       p = p->next_{;}
   // allocate resources and copy from rhs
   *p = rhs.first;
   while (p)
       push_back({p->time_,p->descr_});
       p = p->next_;
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class Calendar // the Calendar itself
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   Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs);
private:
   Event *first_ = nullptr;
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};
Calendar& Calendar::operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
{
   // remove my old resources
   Event *p = first_;
   while (p)
       delete p; // delete the Event object dynamically
       p = p->next_; // oops, p points to deleted memory
   // allocate resources and copy from rhs
   *p = rhs.first;
   while (p)
       push_back( new Event{p->time_,p->descr_});
       p = p->next_{;}
```

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class Calendar // the Calendar itself
Public:
   Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs);
private:
   Event *first_ = nullptr;
   Event *last_ = nullptr;
};
Calendar& Calendar::operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
{
   // remove my old resources
   Event *p = first_;
   while (p)
       Event *toDelete = p;
       p = p->next_;  // fine p points to next
       delete toDelete; // delete the Event object dynamically
   // allocate resources and copy from rhs
   *p = rhs.first;
   while ( p )
       push_back(new Event{p->time_,p->descr_});
       p = p->next;
   return *this;
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```

```
class Calendar // the Calendar itself
Public:
   ~Calendar();
private:
   Event *first_ = nullptr;
   Event *last_ = nullptr;
};
Calendar::~Calendar()
{
   // remove my old resources
   Event *p = first_;
   while (p)
       Event *toDelete = p;
       p = p->next_;  // fine p points to next
       delete toDelete; // delete the Event object dynamically
```

```
void Calendar::release() // private
   // remove my old resources
   Event *p = first_;
   while ( p )
       Event *toDelete = p;
       p = p->next_;  // fine p points to next
       delete toDelete; // delete the Event object dynamically
void Calendar::copy(const Calendar& rhs) // private
{
   *p = rhs.first;
   while ( p )
       push_back(new Event{p->time_,p->descr_});
       p = p->next_{;}
Calendar::Calendar(const Calendar& rhs) { copy(rhs); }
Calendar::~Calendar() { release(); }
Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs) {copy(rhs); release(); return *this;}
```

```
Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
   release(); // release old resources
   copy(rhs); // allocate and copy new resources
   return *this;
int main()
{
   Calendar c1; // put data to c1
   Calendar c2; // put data to c2
   c1 = c2; // ok op= first delete source (c1) then copy elements from c2
```

```
Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
   release(); // release old resources
   copy(rhs); // allocate and copy new resources
   return *this;
int main()
{
   Calendar c1; // put data to c1
   Calendar c2; // put data to c2
   Calendar *p = \&c1;
   c1 = c2; // ok op= first delete source (c1) then copy elements from c2
   c1 = *p; // oops, op= first delete source (c1) then try to copy to c1
```

```
Calendar& operator=(const Calendar& rhs)
{
   if ( this == &rhs )
       return *this; // early return to avoid c = c
   release(); // release old resources
   copy(rhs); // allocate and copy new resources
   return *this;
int main()
{
   Calendar c1; // put data to c1
   Calendar c2; // put data to c2
   Calendar *p = \&c1;
   c1 = c2; // ok op= first delete source (c1) then copy elements from c2
   c1 = *p; // ok, early returns avoid to delete source (c1)
```

```
#include <string>
#include "calendar.h"
#include "computer.h"
struct OfficeTools
   std::string
                  name_plate_;
   Calendar
                  cal_;
   Computer
                  comp_;
int main()
   OfficeTools
                  m1; // should we write constructor?
   OfficeTools
                  m2 = m1; // should we write copy constructor?
   m1 = m2;
                             // should we write operator=?
                             // should we write destructor?
```

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   m1 = m2;
                             // should we write operator=?
                             // should we write destructor?
```

- No! member-wise operations apply automatically
- But we can, if we want to change the behavior.

Copy operations

- Aggregate and trivially copyable types are copied member-wise
- Non-trivially copyable types require
 - Constructor(s)
 - Copy constructor
 - Assignment operator
 - Destructor
 - Do not copy them as char array (e.g., with memcpy, memmove)
- We can forbid copy operations at all if we want

Deleted and default operations

```
class X
private:
   X(const X&); // pre-C++11 way to delete copy operations
   X& operator=(const X&); // pre-C++11
};
class X : private boost::noncopyable // pre-C++11 way to delete copy operators
   // ...
class X
   // copy is not to use
   X(const X\&) = delete; // C++11 way to delete copy operations
   X& operator=(const X&) = delete; // C++11
};
class X
   // memberwise copy is required
   X(const X\&) = default; // C++11 to generate defalt copy operations
   X& operator=(const X&) = default; // C++11
};
```

Delegated constructors C++11

```
// C++98
class X
   int a;
   validate(int x) { if (0 < x \&\& x <= max) a = x; else throw bad_X(x); }
public:
   X(int x) { validate(x); }
   X() { validate(42); }
   X(string s) { int x = boost::lexical_cast<int>(s); validate(x); }
   // ...
};
// C++11
class X
   int a;
public:
   X(int x)  { if (0<x && x<=max) a=x; else throw bad_X(x); }
   X() : X\{42\} \{ \}
   X(string s) : X{boost::lexical_cast<int>(s)} { }
};
```

Inheritance

- Suppose, we want to create a software system to inspect vehicles
- There is a mandatory (bi-)annual test for each vehicle
- But there are different parameters/requirements for different vehicles
 - Personal Cars
 - Buses
 - Trucks
- We might want to extend the system later by new vehicle types

```
class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
class Vehicle
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, ...);
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // usual getters/setters
   // Further Vehicle interface ...
private:
   std::string _plate; // licence plate
   // Further Vehicle attributes ...
};
```

```
class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
class Vehicle
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, int ax, ...);
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // usual getters/setters
   double wpax() const { return weight_/axes_; } // only for trucks
   int passangers() const { return passangers_; } // only for buses
private:
   std::string plate_; // licence plate for all
   // Further Vehicle attributes ...
   double weight_; // only for trucks
          axes_; // only for trucks
   int
          passangers_; // only for buses
   int
```

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class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
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   double wpax() const { return weight_/axes_; } // only for trucks
   int passangers() const { return passangers_; } // only for buses
private:
   std::string _plate; // licence plate for all
   enum tag { CAR, TRUCK, BUS} tag ;
   union
       Car
              С;
       Truck t;
          b;
       Bus
```

How to extend this kind of code?

Inheritance: second approach

```
class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
class Car
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // usual getters/setters
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // usual getters/setters
private:
   Vehicle
              base; // common attribute
   double
              emission; // car specific attributes
```

Inheritance: second approach

```
class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
class Car
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // no plate in Car
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // usual getters/setters
private:
   Vehicle
              base; // common attribute
   double
              emission; // car specific attributes
```

Inheritance: second approach

```
class Owner; // representing owner, either person or legal entity
class Car
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return base_plate(); } // re-write interface
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // usual getters/setters
private:
   Vehicle
              base; // common attribute
   double
              emission; // car specific attributes
```

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```
class Vehicle
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, ...);
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // only common getters/setters
   std::string to_string() const { return "[Vehicle: "+plate_+"]"; }
private:
   std::string plate_; // only common data members
};
class Car : public Vehicle
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const; // annual test for Cars
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // Car specific
   std::string to string() const {return "[Car: "+plate +", "+emission +"]";}
private:
   double emission_; // car specific attributes
};
class Truck : public Vehicle { ... }; // similar
class Bus : public Vehicle { ... }; // similar
```

- Inheritance extends base class
- Derived class holds all attributes of base class
- (public) Derived class interface contains base interface
 - Can overwrite with different behavior
 - Extend with new methods
- Derived class cannot access Base private members
 - But they access protected members (transitive relationship)
- Class hierarchy can be incrementally extended

- Derived classes can access Base public members
- Derived class cannot access Base private members
- Derived classes can access Base protected members (transitively)
- Public inheritance
 - Public members of Base is part of Derived interface
- Protected inheritance
 - Public members of Base act as Derived protected members
- Private inheritance
 - Public members of Base act as Derived private members
 - This is only technically inheritance

Constructors

```
class Vehicle
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, ...);
   bool mot() const; // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // only common getters/setters
   std::string to_string() const { return "[Vehicle: "+plate_+"]"; }
private:
   std::string plate_; // only common data members
};
class Car : public Vehicle
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own) :
       Vehicle(pl, own), // step 1: pass parameters to base class
       emission_(emission) // step 2: initialize own attributes
       // step 3: execute Car specific actions
   // ...
```

Conversions: upcast

```
int main()
   Car c{"ABC-123", 0.6}; // licence plate, emission
   Truck t{"EFG-123", 4500, 8}; // licence plate, weight, axes
   Bus b{"HIJ-123", 50}; // licence plate, passangers
   Vehicle v = c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, but slicing happens
   Vehicle *vp = &c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, no slicing
   Vehicle &vr = c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, no slicing
   std::string lp = v.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = v.emission(); // error, Vehicle has no emission
   std::string lp = vp->plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = vp->emission(); // error, Vehicle has no emission
   std::string lp = vr.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = vr.emission(); // error, Vehicle has no emission
   // similar for Truck and Bus
```

Conversions: downcast

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int main()
{
   Car c{"ABC-123", 0.6}; // licence plate, emission
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   Vehicle v = c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, but slicing happens
   Vehicle *vp = &c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, no slicing
   Vehicle &vr = c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, no slicing
   std::string lp = v.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = static_cast<Car>(v).emission(); // error, where get data?
   std::string lp = vp->plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   std::string lp = vr.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = static_cast<Car>(vr).emission(); // ok, vr referred a Car
  // similar for Truck and Bus
```

Conversions: downcast

```
int main()
{
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   Vehicle &vr = c; // ok, Car is a Vehicle, no slicing
   std::string lp = v.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   int em = static_cast<Car>(v).emission(); // error, where get data?
   std::string lp = vp->plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
   std::string lp = vr.plate();  // ok, Vehicle has plate
      em = static_cast<Car>(vr).emission(); // ok, vr referred a Car
   int
   // But are you sure that vp and vr really points/referres to a Car?
```

```
#include <vector>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle> vehicles;
   vl.push back(Car{"ABC-123", 0.6});
   vl.push_back(Truck{"EFG-123", 4500, 8});
   vl.push_back(Bus{"HIJ-123", 50});
   for ( auto v : vehicles )
    {
        std::cout << v.to string() << '\n';</pre>
    }
$ ./a.out
[Vehicle: "ABC-123"]
[Vehicle: "EFG-123"]
```

```
#include <vector>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle> vehicles;
   vl.push back(Car\{"ABC-123", 0.6\}); // slicing!
   vl.push_back(Truck{"EFG-123", 4500, 8}); // slicing!
   vl.push_back(Bus{"HIJ-123", 50}); // slicing!
   for ( auto v : vehicles )
   {
       std::cout << v.to string() << '\n';</pre>
   }
$ ./a.out
[Vehicle: "ABC-123"]
[Vehicle: "EFG-123"]
```

```
#include <vector>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle*> vehicles;
   vl.push back(new Car{"ABC-123", 0.6}); // fine
   vl.push_back(new Truck{"EFG-123", 4500, 8}); // fine
                                         // fine
   vl.push_back(new Bus{"HIJ-123", 50});
   for ( auto vp : vehicles )
   {
       std::cout << vp->to_string() << '\n';</pre>
```

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#include <vector>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle*> vehicles;
   vl.push back(new Car{"ABC-123", 0.6}); // fine
   vl.push_back(new Truck{"EFG-123", 4500, 8}); // fine
                                         // fine
   vl.push_back(new Bus{"HIJ-123", 50});
   for ( auto vp : vehicles )
   {
       std::cout << vp->to string() << '\n';</pre>
} // memory leak!
```

```
#include <vector>
#include <memory>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle*> vehicles;
                                                        // fine
   vl.push back(std::make unique<Car>("ABC-123", 0.6);
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<Truck>("EFG-123", 4500, 8); // fine
                                                             // fine
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<bus>("HIJ-123", 50);
   for ( auto vp : vehicles )
   {
       std::cout << vp->to_string() << '\n';</pre>
} // ok, delete is called for all pointers in vehicles
```

```
#include <vector>
#include <memory>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle*> vehicles; // ponters of Vehicle*
   vl.push back(std::make unique<Car>("ABC-123", 0.6);
                                                        // fine
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<Truck>("EFG-123", 4500, 8); // fine
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<bus>("HIJ-123", 50);
                                                             // fine
   for ( auto vp : vehicles ) // static type of *vp is Vehicle
                                    // dynamic type of *vp are Car, Truck, Bus
   {
       std::cout << vp->to string() << '\n'; // called on static type
   }
$ ./a.out
[Vehicle: "ABC-123"]
[Vehicle: "EFG-123"]
[Vehicle: "HIJ-123"]
```

Virtual functions

- Non-virtual functions are called on static type
- Virtual functions are called on the actual dynamic type
- Virtual functions should be declared in the Base class
- Overriding versions should declare in the Derived class(es)
 - with exactly same signature (incl. noexcept, const, volatile)
- Classes with at least one virtual functions are called Polymorphic
- There is an overhead for polymorphic classes
 - Memory (vptr)
 - Run-time (call of the function)
- Pure virtual to mark a class abstract

Polymorphism

```
class Vehicle
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, ...);
   virtual bool mot() const = 0;  // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // only common getters/setters
   virtual std::string to_string() const = 0 {return "[Vehicle: "+plate_+"]";}
private:
   std::string plate_; // only common data members
};
class Car : public Vehicle
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const override; // annual test for Cars
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // Car specific
   virtual std::string to_string() const override {
                             return "[Car: "+plate_+", "+emission_+"]";}
private:
   double
              emission; // car specific attributes
};
```

Polymorphism

```
#include <vector>
#include <memory>
void f()
   std::vector<Vehicle*> vehicles; // ponters of Vehicle*
   vl.push back(std::make unique<Car>("ABC-123", 0.6);
                                                       // fine
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<Truck>("EFG-123", 4500, 8); // fine
   vl.push_back(std::make_unique<bus>("HIJ-123", 50);
                                                            // fine
   for ( auto vp : vehicles ) // static type of *vp is Vehicle
                                    // dynamic type of *vp are Car, Truck, Bus
   {
       std::cout << vp->to string() << '\n'; // virtual, called on dynamic type
   }
$ ./a.out
[Car: "ABC-123", 0.6]
[Truck: "EFG-123", 562.5]
[Bus: "HIJ-123", 50]
```

Polymorphism

```
class Vehicle // abstract base class, one cannot create Vehicle objects
public:
   Vehicle( std::string pl, ...);
   virtual ~Vehicle() { } // to prepare be destroyed via base pointer
   virtual bool mot() const = 0;  // annual test of the vehicles
   std::string plate() const { return plate_; } // only common getters/setters
   virtual std::string to_string() const = 0 {return "[Vehicle: "+plate_+"]";}
private:
   std::string plate_; // only common data members
};
class Car : public Vehicle
public:
   Car( std::string pl, double emission, Owner own); // Contructor
   bool mot() const override; // annual test for Cars
   double emission() const { return emission_;} // Car specific
   virtual std::string to_string() const override {
                             return "[Car: "+plate_+", "+emission_+"]";}
private:
   double emission_; // car specific attributes
```

Cloning – "Virtual" constructors

- Constructors are not virtual
- But sometimes we need "virtual" behavior

```
std::vector<Base*> source;
std::vector<Base*> target;

source.push_back( new Derived1() );
source.push_back( new Derived2() );
source.push_back( new Derived3() );

// should create new instances of the
// corresponding Derived classes and
// place them to target
deep_copy( target, source );
```

Wrong approach

Wrong approach 2

Cloning

```
class Base
public:
 virtual Base* clone() const = 0;
};
class Derived : public Base
public:
 virtual Derived* clone() const { return new Derived(*this); }
};
deep_copy(std::vector<Base*> &target, const std::vector<Base*> &source)
  for( auto i = source.begin(); i != source.end(); ++i )
    target.push_back( (*i)->clone() ); // inserts Derived()
```