

# Simple Inheritance Basic GUIs and Dialogs

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### Quick Review

- Put the following user interface technologies in chronological order of introduction: Voice, GUI, Touch / Gesture, CLI, Punch Card, Paper Tape Paper Tape, Punch Card, CLI, GUI, Voice, Touch / Gesture
  - How do web apps fit in? Similar to voice time frame, but maturing slowly
- What is the Principle of Least Astonishment? "A user interface component should behave as the users expect it to behave."
- A pointer variable contains the <u>memory address</u> of the value of interest. Accessing the value of interest via the pointer value is called <u>dereferencing</u>.
- Memory for the value of interest for pointer variables is usually allocated from the <a href="heap">heap</a> using the <a href="new">new</a> keyword, and freed using the <a href="delete">delete</a> keyword.
- Access a member of an object via a pointer uses the → operator.
- The <u>Façade</u> pattern implements a simplified interface to a complex class or package.

## Quick Review

- What is the primary philosophical difference between CLI and GUI applications? With CLI, the program controls the sequence of events. With GUI, the user controls the sequence of events.
- Why is the main program loop part of gtkmm rather than written by you? It
  is difficult to write correctly, and rarely varies
- To ensure your gtkmm program is compiled and linked using the right libraries, use the <u>make</u> tool with a <u>Makefile</u>.
- How is memory allocated from the stack? With a "normal" declaration How (and when) is it subsequently deallocated? Automatically, when the variable goes out of scope
- How is memory allocated from the heap? Using the "new" keyword How (and when) is it subsequently deallocated?
   Only when explicitly deallocated using the delete keyword
- When are the two variants of "delete" used? Use "delete" to deallocate a simple variable on the heap, and "delete[]" to deallocated a vector or array

# Overview: GUIs and Dialogs

- Inheritance Living la Vida OO
- "Hello, World" in GUI Land
- Pango, or Pseudo-HTML
- Writing a Dialogs Class
  - Message
  - Input
  - Question
  - Image
- Converting a CLI to Dialogs
  - Guessing Game Example



# Concise "PIE" Definition of Object-Oriented Programming

Polymorphism

+ Inheritance

+ Encapsulation

**Object-Oriented Programming** 

We'll cover this later!

We'll cover this now!

We covered this!

# Inheritance with People

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- When you inherit from an ancestor, you acquire (many of) their assets.
  - Some may be redirected by a will
- When a class inherits from an ancestor class, it acquires (many of) its methods and fields.
  - Some may be redirected by keyword directives



"Assets"

The Heir The Ancestor

class View : public DrawingArea {

# Inheritance with Classes

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 Inheritance – Reuse and extension of fields and method implementations from another class



 The original class is called the base class (e.g., exception)

 The extended class is called the derived class (e.g., Bad\_area)



"Assets"

The Heir

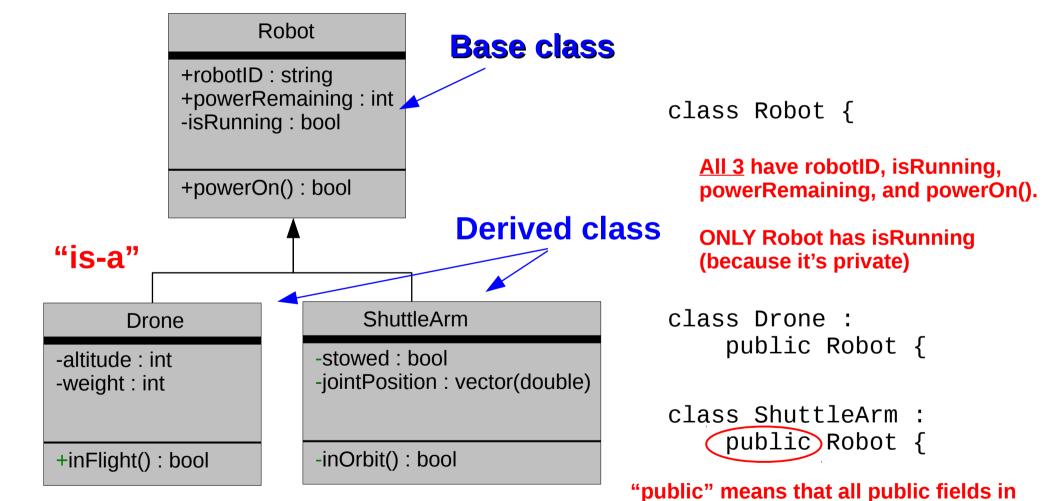
The Ancestor

class Bad\_area : public exception {
class View : public DrawingArea {

**Derived Class** 

**Base Class** 

# Terminology

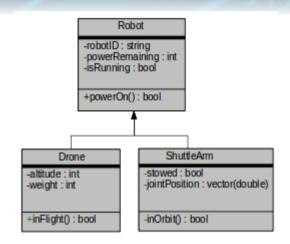


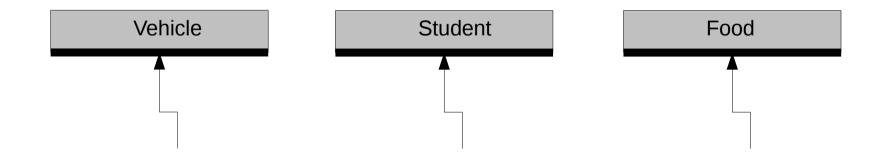
Robot will be public in ShuttleArm. "private" would make public fields in

Robot private in ShuttleArm.

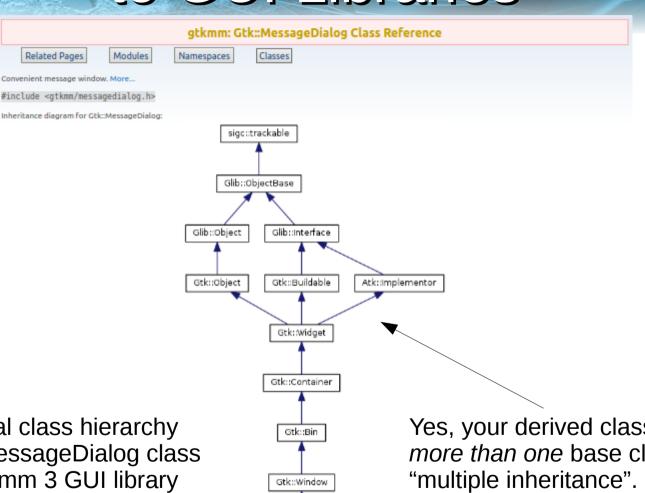
# Specify a Class Hierarchy

- A class hierarchy defines the inheritance relationships between classes
- EXERCISE: Define class hierarchies based on these base classes





# Class Hierarchies are Key to GUI Libraries



Gtk::Dialog

Gtk::MessageDialog [legend]

The actual class hierarchy for the MessageDialog class in the gtkmm 3 GUI library

Yes, your derived class can have more than one base class, called

We'll discuss the implications of this later. Don't try this until we do!

# Writing "Hello, World" in gtkmm

```
#include <gtkmm.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])

{
    // Initialize GTK
    Gtk::Main kit(argc, argv);

    // Create a simple dialog containing "Hello, World!"
    Gtk::MessageDialog *dialog = new Gtk::MessageDialog{"Hello, World!"};

    // Turn control over to gtkmm until the user clicks OK
    dialog->run();
}
```

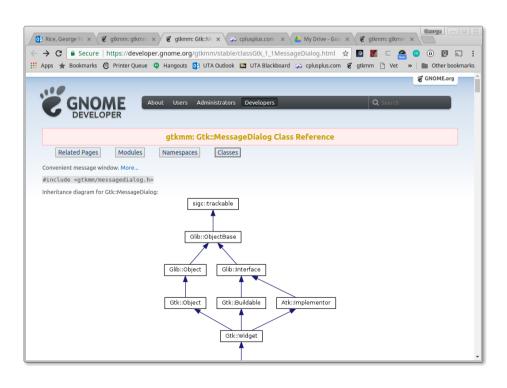
```
main: main.o
g++ -o hello main.o `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`
./hello
main.o: main.cc
g++ -c main.cc `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs` Makefile
clean:
-rm -f *.o *~ hello
```

```
$ make clean
rm -f *.o *~ hello
$ make
g++ -c main.cc `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`
g++ -o hello main.o `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`
./hello
Gtk-Message: GtkDialog mapped without a transient parent. This is discouraged.
```

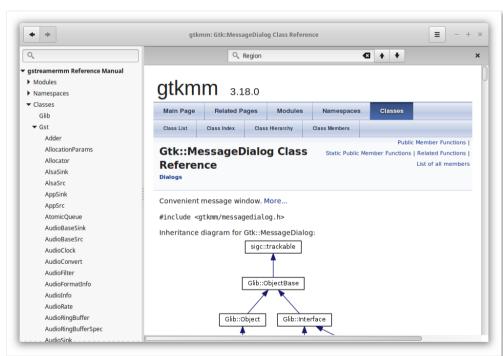


# How to Learn More About Gtk::MessageDialog

- Look it up on the Gnome website
  - https://developer.gno me.org/gtkmm/stable/



 Use "devhelp" locally (if installed)



```
sudo apt-get install libgtkmm-3.0-doc
sudo apt-get install libgstreamermm-1.0-doc
sudo apt-get install devhelp
```

# Interesting MessageDialog Members

```
    MessageDialog (
        const Glib::ustring& message,
        bool use_markup=false,
        MessageType type=MESSAGE_INFO,
        ButtonsType buttons=BUTTONS_OK,
        bool modal=false)
```

Note the default values enable us to construct a MessageDialog instance with as few as one parameter!

- ustring is gtkmm's Unicode version of std::string, with full conversions to and from std::string (hint: just use "string" and all will be well)
- use\_markup determines whether Pango markup is interpreted from the message (more on Pango shortly)
- type determines the icon to be presented: MESSAGE\_INFO, \_WARNING, \_QUESTION, \_ERROR, \_OTHER
- buttons determines which buttons to display: BUTTONS\_NONE, \_OK,
   CLOSE, CANCEL, YES NO, or OK CANCEL
- modal is true if no other dialogs may take focus while this dialog is open, false otherwise (hint: This should almost ALWAYS be false!)

# Pango Markup

- Pango works similar to HTML
  - The root tag is effectively <span>, which requires a </span> close and accepts attributes such as:
    - font, font\_size, font\_style, font\_weight, etc.
    - fgcolor and alpha, bgcolor and bgalpha
    - underline, strikethrough, and their \_color variants
  - Convenience tags: <b>, <big>, <i>, <s>, <sub>, <sup>,<mall>, <tt> (monospace), and <u>
  - "<b>Bold</b>, <u>underlined</u>, and <span fgcolor='#ff0000'>Col</span><span fgcolor='#00ff00'>or</span><span fgcolor='#0000ff'>ful</span> text!"
- Info
  Bold, underlined, and Colorful text!

  OK
- The Pango reference manual is at https://developer.gnome.org/pango/stable/

# Interesting MessageDialog Members

- set\_secondary\_text (
   const Glib::ustring& text,
   bool use markup=false )
  - Secondary text is positioned under the message
    - In effect, the message becomes the title and the secondary text the message
  - use\_markup is true if the text should be processed for Pango tags
     Secondary Text Message



# Writing a Dialogs Class

- We can define a Dialogs class with a convenience method, "message"
  - This enables single-line message dialogs

```
void Dialogs::message(string msg, string title) {
   Gtk::MessageDialog *dialog = new Gtk::MessageDialog(title);
   dialog->set_secondary_text(msg, true);
   dialog->run();

   dialog->close();
   while (Gtk::Main::events_pending()) Gtk::Main::iteration();
        The while loop forces the dialog to process all pending events.
        This isn't a problem in real apps, so don't sweat it (NOT on the exam!)
}
```

# Writing a Dialogs Class

The makefile is quite simple, as is its use

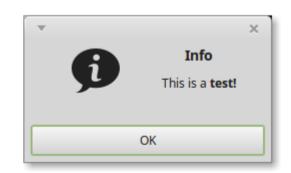
```
main: main.o dialogs.o
g++ -o dialogs main.o `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`
./dialogs
main.o: main.cpp dialogs.h
g++ -c main.cpp `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`
dialogs.o: dialogs.cpp *.h
g++ -c dialogs.cpp `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags --libs`

clean:
-rm -f *.o *~ dialogs

Makefile
```

```
#include "dialogs.h" // Include the class int main {
    Gtk::Main kit(argc, argv); // Initialize gtkmm Dialogs::message("This is a test!");
}

main.cpp
```

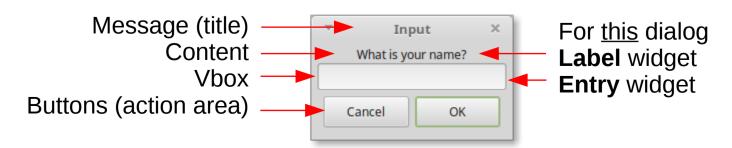


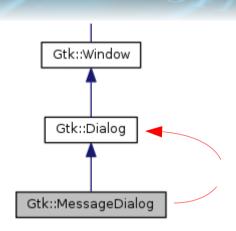
# **Expanding the Dialogs Class**

- We'll need more than a cout equivalent we also need to cin!
  - We'll call this method "input"
- To take advantage of our GUI environment
  - We'll add a "question" method that presents a message, and offers one or more buttons
  - Since we're doing graphics, we'll also add an "image" dialog that displays an image from disk

### Dialog

- MessageDialog is a derived case
  - The base class is Dialog
  - MessageDialog inherits from Dialog
- Dialog is a pre-built Gtk::Window
  - It provides a message (title), a Content area, a
     Vbox area, and a Button (action) area
  - You can put any number of widgets into Content and Vbox that you like – they are "containers"





## Adding Buttons to a Dialog

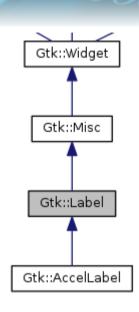
- Dialog makes special provision for this
- dialog.add\_button(const Glib::ustring& button\_text, int response\_id)
  - button text is the text on the button, of course
  - response\_id is a unique integer that will be returned when a button is clicked
- Dialog.set\_default\_response(int response\_id)
  - Sets the default button, which is usually activated when the user just presses Enter

# Adding Any Widgets to a Dialog

- Gtk::Widget \*widget = new Gtk::Widget{ }
  - This instances a new widget on the heap
  - Replace Widget with a subclass, e.g., Entry
- Configure the widget as needed
- Widget->show()
  - This makes the widget visible on-screen
- Finally, "pack" the widget into one of the containers
  - dialog->get\_vbox()->pack\_start(\*widget)
  - dialog->get\_content\_area()->pack\_start(\*widget)

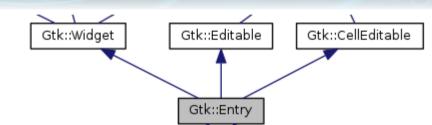
## The Label Widget

- Gtk::Label displays read-only text
- Label (const Glib::ustring& label, bool mnemonic=false)
  - Label is the text to display
  - Mnemonic can enable "keyboard shortcuts", e.g., Alt-C (copy)
- Label->set\_use\_markup(bool setting=true)
  - Enables Pango (similar to HTML) in the label



### The Entry Widget

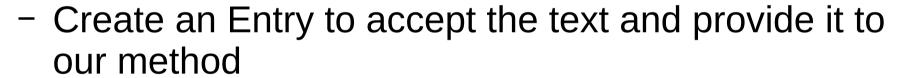
 Gtk::Entry accepts a single line of text from the user



- Entry { }
  - entry->set\_max\_length(int) sets width in chars
  - entry->set\_text() sets the default text for user to edit
  - entry->get\_text() reads the text the user entered
- Pango is not supported

# Creating a Text Input Dialog

- We will use all 4 areas
  - Set the text (title)
  - Create a Label for the message
    - e.g., "What is your name?"



- Add 2 buttons, "Cancel" and "OK"
- Return the text from the Entry instance if OK is pressed, or a special "cancel text" otherwise
  - An exception could also be thrown here



# Writing the Input Dialog

#### dialogs.h

```
// A request for a line of text input
    static string input(string msg, string title = "Input", string default_text = "",
                 string cancel text = "CANCEL");
string Dialogs::input(string msg, string title, string default_text, string cancel_text) {
    Gtk::Dialog *dialog = new Gtk::Dialog();
    dialog->set title(title);
                                                                       dialogs.cpp
    Gtk::Label *label = new Gtk::Label(msg);
    dialog->get_content_area()->pack_start(*label);
                                                               delete entry;
    label->show();
                                                               delete label:
                                                               delete dialog;
    dialog->add button("Cancel", 0);
    dialog->add button("OK", 1);
                                                               if (result == 1)
    dialog->set default response(1);
                                                                   return text;
                                                               else
    Gtk::Entry *entry = new Gtk::Entry{};
                                                                   return cancel_text;
    entry->set_text(default_text);
    entry->set_max_length(50);
    entry->show();
    dialog->get vbox()->pack start(*entry);
    int result = dialog->run();
    string text = entry->get_text();
    dialog->close();
    while (Gtk::Main::events_pending())
                                         Gtk::Main::iteration();
```

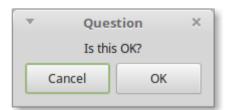
# Testing Text Input

The makefile is unchanged



# Creating a Question Dialog

- We will use only 3 areas
  - Set the text (title)
  - Create a Label for the message
    - e.g., "Is this OK?"
  - Add any number of buttons using text supplied by a vector of string
    - By default display "Cancel" and "OK"
- Return the index of the button actually clicked



# Writing the Question Dialog

```
int Dialogs::question(string msg, string title,
             vector<string> buttons) {
    Gtk::Dialog *dialog = new Gtk::Dialog();
    dialog->set title(title);
    Gtk::Label *label = new Gtk::Label(msq);
    dialog->get_content_area()->pack_start(*label);
    label->show();
    for(int i=0; i<buttons.size(); ++i) dialog->add button(buttons[i], i);
    int result = dialog->run();
    dialog->close();
    while (Gtk::Main::events pending()) Gtk::Main::iteration();
    delete label;
    delete dialog;
                                              Report!
    return result;
                                             Does this work?
                                                                         dialogs.cpp
                                                       Guess So
                                      No
                                                Yes
```

# Testing the Question Dialog

#### The makefile is unchanged



# Creating an Image Dialog

- We will use all 4 areas
  - Set the text (title), e.g., "Luna"
  - Create a Label for the message
    - e.g., "Or Selene if you're from ancient Greece"
  - Add an Image widget to load and display an image file
  - Add a "Close" button



## The Image Widget

Gtk::Widaet

Gtk::Misc

- Image simply displays an image
  - Image {const std::string& file} loads the image from the specified file
  - Static and animated images can also be displayed from memory using other constructors

# Creating an Image Dialog

```
dialogs.h
   // Display an image from a disk file
    static void image(string filename, string title = "Image", string msg = "");
void Dialogs::image(string filename, string title, string msg) {
   Gtk::Dialog *dialog = new Gtk::Dialog();
    dialog->set title(title);
   Gtk::Label *label = new Gtk::Label(msq);
   dialog->get content area()->pack start(*label);
   label->show();
   dialog->add button("Close", 0);
    dialog->set default response(0);
   Gtk::Image *image = new Gtk::Image{filename};
   image->show();
    dialog->get_vbox()->pack_start(*image);
   int result = dialog->run();
                                                                      dialogs.cpp
   dialog->close();
   while (Gtk::Main::events_pending()) Gtk::Main::iteration();
   delete image;
   delete label;
   delete dialog;
```

return;

# Testing the Image Dialog



## Obtaining Dialogs

- The Dialogs class is available on Blackboard as part of Homework #5 and this lecture
- Dialogs will help you a lot with Homework #5 / Sprint #2 of the Library Management System
  - Recommended (but not strictly required)

# Example Migrating CLI to Dialogs

- Given Dialogs, it's fairly straightforward to convert a CLI program to a "GUI"
  - This isn't a "real" GUI, though, because it doesn't have a main window
  - We'll use a trivial guessing game as an example

# CLI Guessing Game to be converted to GUI dialogs

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                     guesser_cli.cpp
#include <random>
using namespace std;
int main() {
                                                          What is your guess (0 to 100): 50
    int num; // The number to be guessed
                                                          Too hiah!
    int guess = 0; // The user's guess
                                                          What is your guess (0 to 100): 25
    string text; // Temp for holding user's input
                                                          Too high!
                                                          What is your guess (0 to 100): 12
                                                          Too low!
    srand ( time(NULL) );
                                                          What is your guess (0 to 100): 18
    num = rand() \% 100 + 1;
                                                          Too low!
                                                          What is your guess (0 to 100): 21
    while (num != quess) {
                                                          WINNER!
      cout << "What is your guess (0 to 100): ";
      getline(cin, text);
      guess = atoi(text.c_str());
      if (guess < 1 || guess > 100) cerr << "Out of range!" << endl;
      else if (guess > num) cout << "Too high!" << endl;
      else if (guess < num) cout << "Too low!" << endl;
      else cout << "WINNER!" << endl;</pre>
```

# GUI Dialogs Guessing Game Page 1 of 2

```
// No longer required
// #include <iostream>
#include <random>
// Add gtkmm and dialogs includes
#include <qtkmm.h>
#include "dialogs.h"
using namespace std;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int num;  // The number to be guessed
int guess = 0; // The user's guess
    string text; // Temp for holding user's input
    srand ( time(NULL) );
    num = rand() \% 100 + 1;
    // Initialize gtkmm and a title string
    Gtk::Main kit(argc, argv);
    string title = "Guess a Number";
```

guesser\_gui.cpp

### GUI Dialogs Guessing Game Page 2 of 2

```
while (num != guess) {
                                                                  guesser_gui.cpp
  // cout << "What is your guess (0 to 100): ";</pre>
  // getline(cin, text);
  text = Dialogs::input("What is your guess (0 to 100): ", title);
  if (text == "CANCEL") break:
  guess = atoi(text.c_str());
  // if (guess < 1 || guess > 100) cerr << "Out of range!" << endl;
  // else if (guess > num) cout << "Too high!" << endl;</pre>
  // else if (guess < num) cout << "Too low!" << endl;</pre>
  // else cout << "WINNER!" << endl;</pre>
  if (guess < 1 || guess > 100) title = "Out of range!";
  else if (guess > num) title = "Too high!";
  else if (guess < num) title = "Too low!";</pre>
  else Dialogs::message("WINNER!", "Game Over");
```

Too low!

What is your guess (0 to 100):

OK

75

Cancel

Game Over

WINNER!

OK

Guess a Number

What is your guess (0 to 100):

OK

50

Cancel

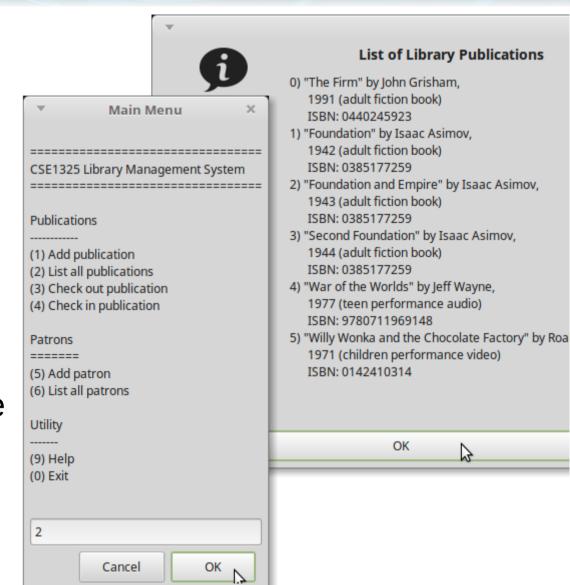
# Dialog and MessageDialog (and Dialogs) are Façades

- Real GUI programming is significantly more complex than this
  - That's why we start with these façades :-)
- We'll cover how to implement a full GUI program next class
  - Main window, with menus, tool bars, etc.
  - Secondary windows and custom dialogs

### Quick Review

- Reuse and extension of fields and method implementations from one class to other classes is called \_\_\_\_\_\_. The original class is called the \_\_\_\_\_ class, and the other classes are called \_\_\_\_\_ classes.
  A \_\_\_\_\_ defines the inheritance relationships between classes.
- In specifying a base class in the derived class, the keyword "public", "protected", or "private" is specified. What are the implications of this?
- Each program using gtkmm must include the header file \_\_\_\_\_\_
- True or False: `/usr/bin/pkg-config gtkmm-3.0 --cflags —libs` need only be added to the linker line, not the compiler lines, in the Makefile.
- True or False: The Dialogs class must be instanced before the methods can be called.

- Homework #5
  Sprint 2 of 3
- Rework your LMS user interface with dialogs
  - NO console I/O at all dialogs ONLY!
  - Rich text at the bonus level
  - A true custom dialog at the extreme bonus level
- As always, use git for version management
- Manage all 3 sprints via the Scrum spreadsheet
- Details are on Blackboard
- Due October 5 at 8 am





- Review chapter 13 and 14 in Stroustrop
  - Notice he is using a façade!
  - Do the drills
- We continue Graphical User Interfaces
  - Custom dialogs
  - Creating our own class libraries