

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3 class B{
4     public:
5     B(){cout << "B initd";}
6
7 };
8 class C{
9     public:C(){cout << "C";}
10 };
11
12 class A: public B{
13     public:
14     A() { B m_b;}
15
16     private: C d;
17     B m_b;
18 };
19
20 int main() {
21     std::cout << "Hello World!\n";
22     A a;
23 }
```

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clang version 7.0.0-3~ubuntu0.18.04.1 (tags/RELEASE_700/final)
> clang++-7 -pthread -o main main.cpp
> ./main
Hello World!
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```

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Summary of Polymorphism

- First we figure out what we want to represent (like a bunch of shapes)
- Then we define a base class that contains functions common to all of the derived classes (e.g. `getArea`, `plotShape`).
- Then we write our derived classes, creating specialized versions of each common function:

Square version of `getArea`

```
virtual int getArea()
{
    return(m_side * m_side);
}
```

Circle version of `getArea`

```
virtual int getArea()
{
    return(3.14*m_rad*m_rad);
}
```

- We can access derived variables with a base class pointer or reference.
- Finally, we should (MUST) always define a virtual destructor in your base class, whether it needs it or not. (no vd in the base class, no points!)

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You can't access private members of the base class from the derived class:

```
// BAD!
class Base
{
public:
...

private:
int v;
};

class Derived: public Base
{
public:

    Derived(int q)
    {
        v = q; // ERROR!
    }

    void foo()
    {
        v = 10; // ERROR!
    }
};
```

```
// GOOD!
class Base
{
public:
    Base(int x)
    { v = x; }
    void setV(int x)
    { v = x; }
...
private:
int v;
};

class Derived: public Base
{
public:

    Derived(int q)
    : Base(q) // GOOD!
    {
        ...
    }

    void foo()
    {
        setV(10); // GOOD!
    }
};
```

Always make sure to add a virtual destructor to your base class:

```
// BAD!
class Base
{
public:
    ~Base() { ... } // BAD!
...
};

class Derived: public Base
{
...
};
```

```
// GOOD!
class Base
{
public:
    virtual ~Base() { ... } // GOOD!
...
};

class Derived: public Base
{
...
};
```

```
class Person
{
public:
    virtual void talk(string &s) { ... }
...
};

class Professor: public Person
{
public:
    void talk(std::string &s)
    {
        cout << "I profess the following: ";
        Person::talk(s); // uses Person's talk
    }
};
```

Don't forget to use **virtual** to define methods in your base class, if you expect to re-define them in your derived class(es)

To call a base-class method that has been re-defined in a derived class, use the **base::** prefix!

So long as you define your BASE version of a function with virtual, all derived versions of the function will automatically be virtual too (even without the virtual keyword)!

```
class SomeBaseClass
{
public:
    virtual void aVirtualFunc() { cout << "I'm virtual"; } // #1
    void notVirtualFunc() { cout << "I'm not"; } // #2
    void tricky() // #3
    {
        aVirtualFunc(); // ***
        notVirtualFunc();
    }
};

class SomeDerivedClass: public SomeBaseClass
{
public:
    void aVirtualFunc() { cout << "Also virtual!"; } // #4
    void notVirtualFunc() { cout << "Still not"; } // #5
};

int main()
{
    SomeDerivedClass d;
    SomeBaseClass *b = &d; // base ptr points to derived obj

    // Example #1
    cout << b->aVirtualFunc(); // calls function #4

    // Example #2
    cout << b->notVirtualFunc(); // calls function #2

    // Example #3
    b->tricky(); // calls func #3 which calls #4 then #2
}
```

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Example #1: When you use a BASE pointer to access a DERIVED object, AND you call a VIRTUAL function defined in both the BASE and the DERIVED classes, your code will call the DERIVED version of the function.

Example #2: When you use a BASE pointer to access a DERIVED object, AND you call a NON-VIRTUAL function defined in both the BASE and the DERIVED classes, your code will call the BASE version of the function.

Example #3: When you use a BASE pointer to access a DERIVED object, all function calls to VIRTUAL functions (***) will be directed to the derived object's version, even if the function (tricky) calling the virtual function is NOT VIRTUAL itself.

Binary Search: C++ Code

Here's a real [binary search](#) implementation in C++. Let's see how it works!

```
int BS(string A[], int top, int bot, string f)
{
    if (numItemsBetween(top, bot) == 0)
        return (-1);    // Value not found
    else
    {
        int Mid = (top + bot) / 2;
        if (f == A[Mid])
            return Mid; // found - return where!
        else if (f < A[Mid])
            return BS(A, top, Mid - 1, f);
        else if (f > A[Mid])
            return BS(A, Mid + 1, bot, f);
    }
}
```