

Protected = Same as private but derived classes can also access

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Recall

- ▶ When a base class is inherited as private
 - All public and protected members of that class
 - Become private members of the derived class

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Restore Original Specification

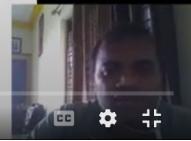
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- ▶ Suppose we want to restore one or more inherited members
 - To their original access specification.
- ▶ Even though the base class is inherited as **private**,
 - We want to grant certain public members of the base class public status in the derived class

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Two ways to achieve

- ▶ Use **using** statement
- ▶ Employ an **access declaration** within the derived class.



General form of access declaration

base-class::member;

- ▶ The access declaration is put ,
 - Under the appropriate access heading in the derived class‘ declaration.



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class base {
public:
    int j; // public in base
};

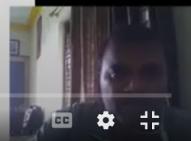
class derived: private base
{
public:
    base::j;
};

class derived: private base
{

};

class derived
{
private:
    int j;
};
```

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Note on use of access declaration

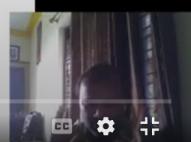
- ▶ You can use an access declaration to
 - Restore the access rights of public and protected members.
- ▶ You cannot use an access declaration
 - To raise or lower a member's access status.

Example:

- ▶ A member declared as private in a base class
 - Cannot be made public by a derived class

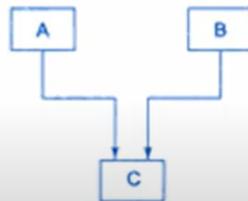
▶ What will happen if C++ allows this?

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Ambiguity

- When multiple base classes are inherited,



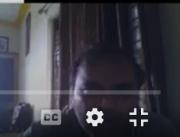
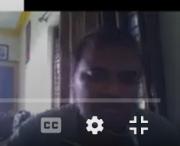
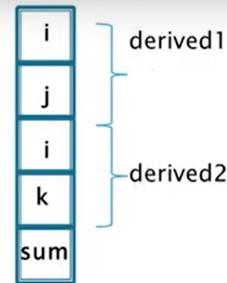
- There is chance for ambiguity.

```
class base
{
    public:
        int i;
};

class derived1 : public base
{
    public:
        int j;
};

class derived2 : public base
{
    public:
        int k;
};

class derived3 : public derived1, public derived2
{
    public:
        int sum;
        int main()
        {
            derived3 ob;
            ob.i=10;
            ob.j=20;
            ob.k=30;
            ob.sum = ob.i+ob.j+ob.k;
            cout << ob.i << " ";
            cout << ob.j << " " << ob.k << " ";
            cout << ob.sum;
            return 0;
        }
}
```



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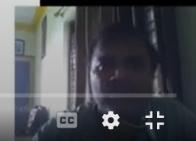


First way to remove ambiguity

- ▶ Manually select one i



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```
int main()
{
    derived3 ob;

    ob.derived1::i = 10;

    ob.j = 20;

    ob.k = 30;

    ob.sum = ob.derived1::i + ob.j + ob.k;

    cout << ob.derived1::i << " ";

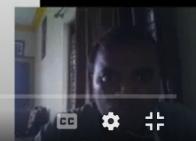
    cout << ob.j << " " << ob.k << " ";

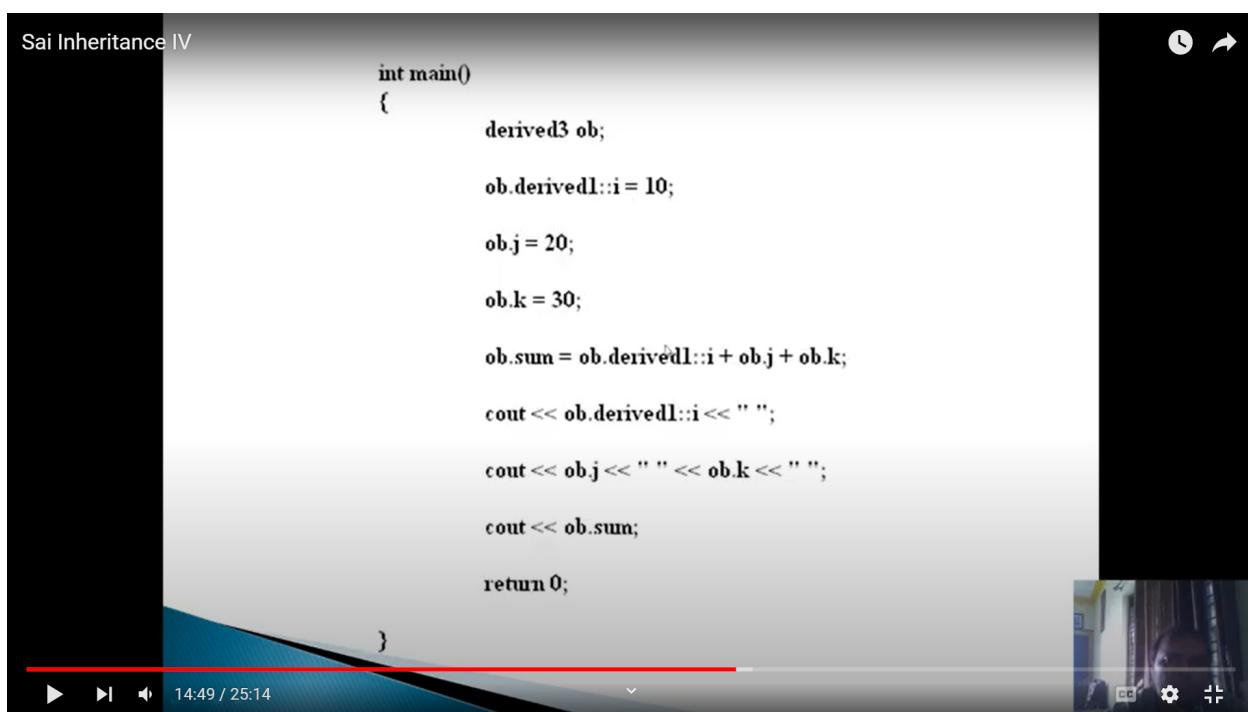
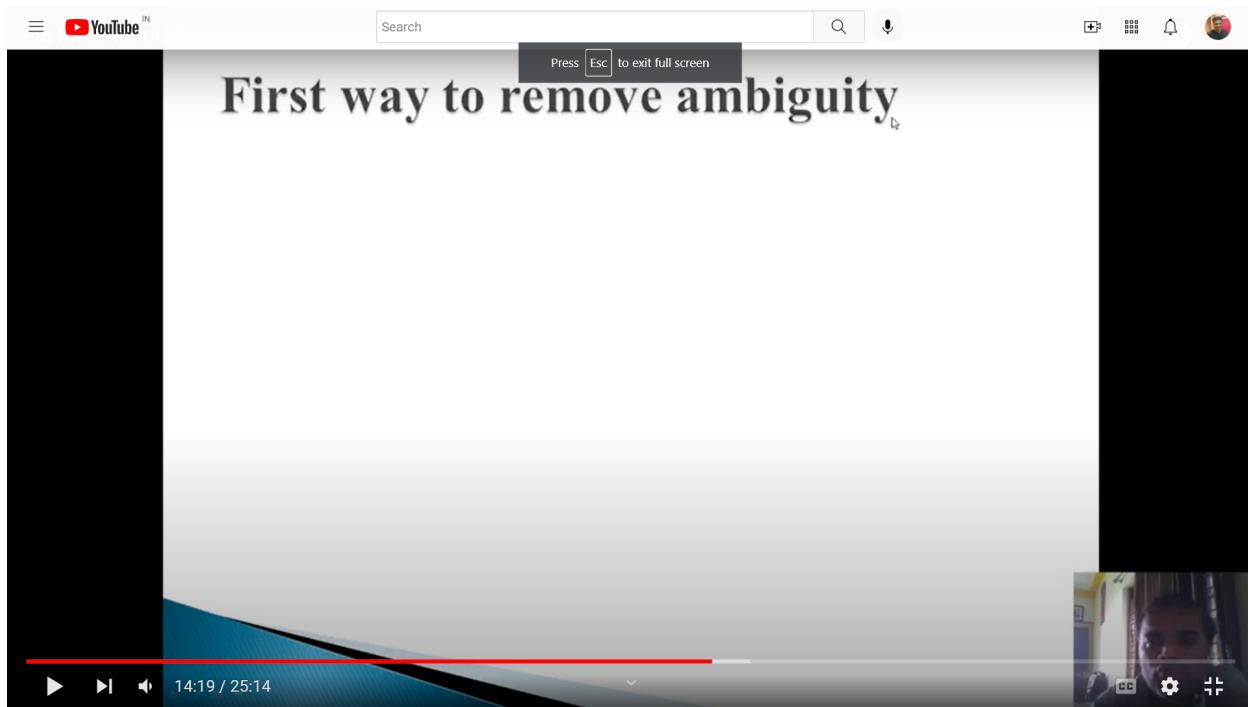
    cout << ob.sum;

    return 0;
}
```



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Important issue

- ▶ What if **only one copy of the base** is actually required?
- ▶ Is there someway to **prevent two copies** from being included in derived3?
- ▶ **Solution:**

- ▶ Using **virtual** base classes



```
class base
{
public:
    int i;
};

class derived1 : virtual public base
{
public:
    int j;
};

class derived2 : virtual public base
{
public:
    int k;
};

int main()
{
    derived3 ob;
    ob.i = 10;
    ob.j = 20;
    ob.k = 30;
    ob.sum = ob.i + ob.j + ob.k;
    cout << ob.i << " ";
    cout << ob.j << " " << ob.k << " ";
    cout << ob.sum;
    return 0;
}
```



Note

- ▶ Suppose two or more objects are derived from a common base class.
- ▶ Further, suppose an object is derived from those objects.
 - ▶ We can prevent multiple copies of the base class from being present in this object
 - By declaring the base class as **virtual** when it is inherited.
 - ▶ We can do it !!!
 - By preceding the base class' name with the keyword **virtual** when it is inherited.



Observations

- ▶ Since, both derived1 and derived2 have inherited base as **virtual**,
- ▶ Any multiple inheritance involving them will cause only one copy of base to be present.
- ▶ In derived3,
 - ▶ There is only one copy of base
 - ▶ ob.i = 10 is valid and **unambiguous**.



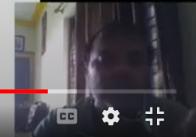


Observations

- ▶ Even though both derived1 and derived2 specify base as virtual,
- ▶ Base is still present in objects of derived 1 and derived2

```
derived1 myclass;
```

```
myclass.i = 88;
```



Difference between normal and virtual

- ▶ The only difference is in
 - What occurs when an object inherits the base more than once?
- ▶ If virtual base classes are used,
 - Then, only one base class is present in the object.
 - Otherwise, multiple copies will be found.

