

A Triangle Example

Let's look at an example. To create the **Triangle** (or **Circle** or **Square**) classes, using the abstract **Shape** class as the base class, all you need do is:

```
class Triangle : public Shape
{
public:
    // MUST override; pure virtual in Shape class
    void draw() const;
};

void Triangle::draw() const { /* your code here */ }
```

1. Specify the **Shape** class as the **public** base class in the class header.
2. Provide an implementation for **every** pure virtual function (abstract method) in the **Shape** class.

For **Triangle** that means you **must** define a **draw()** member function where indicated by the comments. In reality, you'll probably do a lot more; **Circle** might have a **radius** member, the **Square** class could have members for the size of each **side**, and the **Triangle** class could have members for **base** and **height**.



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