

Inherited Members

Open `main.cpp` and look at the `main()` function, which creates a `Student` object (steve), and then call some of its member functions. Run the project by typing `make run` in the terminal. You'll see something like this:

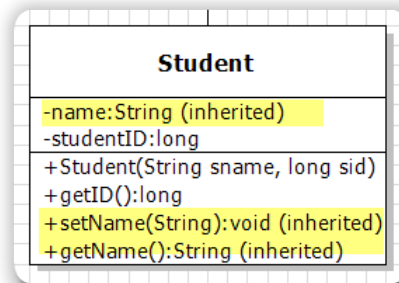
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./inherit  
getName() -> Stephen  
getID() -> 1007
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Of course the `Student` object named `steve` can call the `getID()` member function, which was defined in the `Student` class. No surprises there!

However, it can also call the `setName()` and `getName()` member functions, which were not defined in `Student`, but in `Person`. More importantly, those member functions can read and change the `name` data member in the `Person` class as if `name` were declared inside the `Student` class. Why?

When you create `Student` objects, each derived class object contains **all of the data members and member functions of its base class**. If you were to look at a "logical" diagram of the `Student` class, it would look something like that shown here.

However, (very important), the data members **will not be directly accessible** to the derived class object, because they were declared **private** in the base class.



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