

# Combining toString()

**Student inherits both `getName()` and `toString()` from `Person`. When you create a `Student`, you can use both of those members if they were defined in `Student`.**

Put that to work by **calling** the **inherited** version of **`toString()` from inside** the new overridden **`toString()`** member function. Use the **scope resolution operator** to specify that you wish to call the base class version of **`toString()`**.

```
string Student::toString() const
{
    return Person::toString() // base-class member
        + ", ID: " + to_string(studentID);
}
```

If you forget to use the scope-resolution operator, your program **blows up the stack and crashes**. At least in Java it is polite enough to give you a `StackOverflowError` when you try to run it. In C++, you'll just see a seg-fault message.

*Don't confuse method **overriding** (which is what we're doing here), with method **overloading**. With overloading, two or more methods have the same name, but different parameter lists. Overloaded methods are in the same class but overridden methods are in a subclass and they must have exactly the same parameters and return type as the method that they are overriding.*



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