

UEE1303 S18: Object-Oriented Programming

LAB #10: Inheritance (I)



What you will learn from Lab 10

In this laboratory session you will: learn the concept of inheritance and its usage.

LAB10-1: Example of Inheritance

- ✓ Please compile and execute the program lab10-1-1, where Point4D is a derived class from the base class Point2D.

```
// lab10-1-1.cpp
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;
class Point2D
{
    public:
        Point2D(int n1 = 0, int n2 = 0):x(n1), y(n2){}
        void display() const;
    private:
        int x;
        int y;
};
void Point2D::display() const
{
    cout << x << ", " << y;
}
class Point4D : public Point2D
{
    public:
        Point4D(int n1 = 0, int n2 = 0, int n3 = 0, int n4 = 0):Point2D(n1, n2), z(n3), t(n4){}
        void display() const;
    private:
        int z;
        int t;
};
void Point4D::display() const
{
    Point2D::display();
    cout << ", " << z << ", " << t << endl;
}
int main()
{
    Point4D pt(1, 2, 3, 4);
    pt.display();
    return 0;
}
```

- Note that Point4D has member of class Point2D in addition to its own members.
- You can put the constructor of the base class in the initialization list for the derived class.
- Note that member function of a derived class cannot access the private part of a base

class. For example, the function `Point4D::display()` cannot be defined as

- `void Point4D::display() const`
`{`
 `cout << x << ", " << y; // x and y are inaccessible`
 `cout << ", " << z << ", " << t;`
`}`
- The hidden member `x` and `y` of the derived class `Point4D` is accessible through the public member function `Point2D::display()`.
- You can define accessor and mutator functions in `Point2D` to access private members.

✓ Please compile and execute the program lab10-1-2

```
// lab10-1-2.cpp
/* The Point2D and Point4D class defined in lab10-1-1 */
int main()
{
    Point2D pt2(3,4);
    Point4D pt4(1,2,3,4);
    pt4.display(); cout << endl;
    pt2 = pt4; // OK, every Point2D is a Point4D
    pt2.display(); cout << endl;
    pt4 = pt2; // Error, not every Point4D is a Point2D
    pt4.display(); cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- You can comment the incorrect lines to observe the results.
- If you require type conversion from a base class to derived class (eg. `pt4 = pt2`), you have to provide additional member functions of `Point4D` to achieve it.

✓ Please compile and execute the program lab10-1-3

```
// lab10-1-3.cpp
/* The Point2D and Point4D class defined in lab9-1-1 */
void f(const Point2D &p1, const Point2D &p2)
{
    p1.display(); cout << endl;
    p2.display(); cout << endl;
}
int main()
{
    Point2D pt2(3,4);
    Point4D pt4(1,2,3,4);
    f(pt2,pt4);
    return 0;
}
```

- Note that the prototype of function `f` is `void f(const Point2D &, const Point2D &)`.

Lab10-2: Class Hierarchy

- ✓ A derived class can be a base class of another derived class.

```
// lab10-1-3.cpp
/* The Point2D and Point4D class defined in lab9-1-1 */
void f(const Point2D &p1, const Point2D &p2)
{
    p1.display(); cout << endl;
    p2.display(); cout << endl;
}
int main()
{
    Point2D pt2(3,4);
    Point4D pt4(1,2,3,4);
    f(pt2,pt4);
    return 0;
}
```

- Note that, to enable copy constructor of Car, you should also provide copy constructor for Point2D and Point4D.

Exercise 10-1:

- ✓ Please modify the class Point2D and Point4D defined in lab10-1. In Point2D, the member x and y become two pointers to integer, respectively. Similarly, the member z and t should be changed as pointers. The modified classes are shown as follows,

```
// Point2D.h
#ifndef POINT2D_H
#define POINT2D_H
class Point2D
{
public:

private:
    int *x;
    int *y;
};
#endif
```

- ✓ Please implement Point2D and Point4D in different files.

```
// Point4D.h
#ifndef POINT4D_H
#define POINT4D_H
class Point4D
{
public:

private:
    int *z;
    int *t;
};
#endif
```

- ✓ Please finish the remaining part to make the following main function work successfully

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Point2D.h"
#include "Point4D.h"
using std::cout; using std::endl;
int main()
{
    Point2D pt1(1,2);
    Point2D pt2(3,4);
    pt1.display(); cout << endl;
    pt2.display(); cout << endl;
    pt2 = pt1;
    pt2.display(); cout << endl;
    Point4D pt4(5,6,7,8);
    pt4.display(); cout << endl;
    pt2 = pt4;
    pt2.display(); cout << endl;
    pt4 = pt1;
    //pt4 could be (1,2,7,8) or (1,2,0,0)
    pt4.display(); cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```