A <Basic> C++ Course

7 – Object-oriented programming

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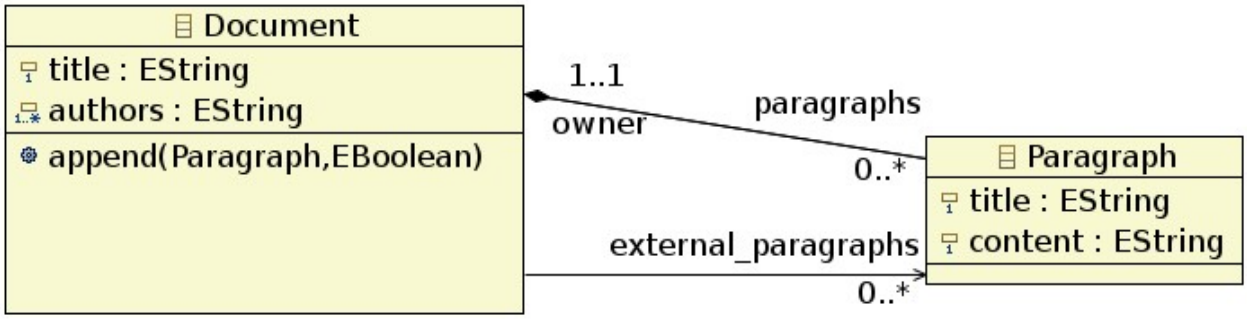
Outline

- Introduction to class derivation: variants of class Paragraph
- Dynamic typing and virtual functions:
  - Composing various sorts of paragraphs
  - Another example: the **Expr** class

Document example basic specifications

- Consider (unstructured) text documents. A **`Document`** is composed of:
  1. a title,
  2. A set of authors,
  3. an ordered collection of contained paragraphs,



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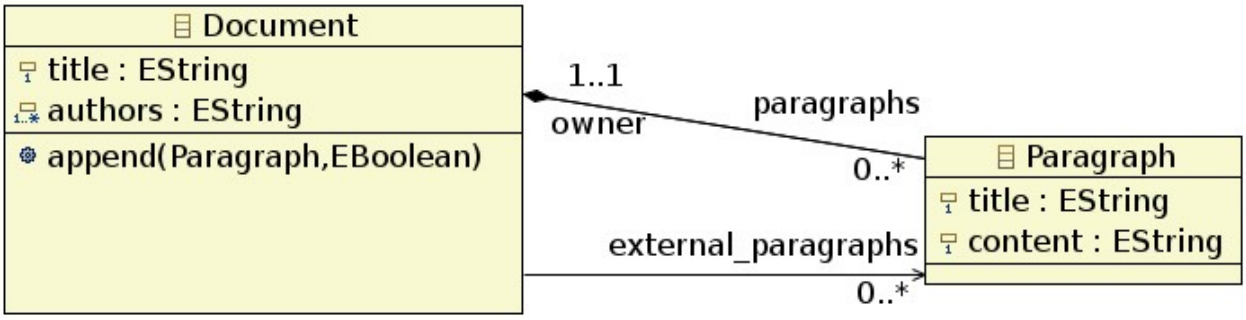


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class Document{
private:
  string _title;
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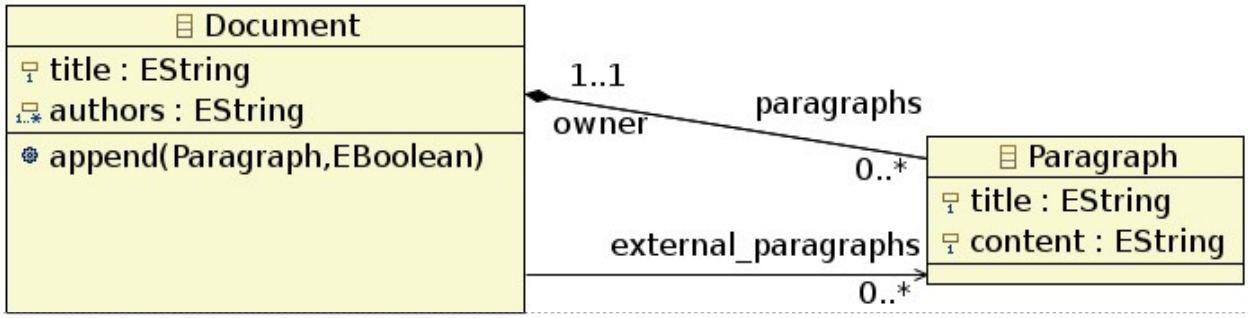


```
class Document{
private:
  string _title;
  vector<string> _authors;
  vector<Paragraph> _paragraphs;
  vector<Paragraph*> _external_paragraphs;
public:
  /*! constructors */
  Document(string title="default_title",
         vector<string> new_authors= vector<string>(),
          vector<Paragraph> new_paragraphs=vector<Paragraph>(),
           vector<Paragraph*> new_external_paragraphs=vector<Paragraph*>());
  //! Copy constructor
  Document(const Document&);

  void append(Paragraph&, bool);
};
```

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basic specifications vs C++

```
#include "document.h"
Document::Document(string title,
                   vector<string> new_authors,
                   vector<Paragraph> new_paragraphs,
                   vector<Paragraph*> new_external_paragraphs)
{
 _title = title;
 _authors = new_authors;
 _paragraphs = new_paragraphs;
 _external_paragraphs = new_external_paragraphs;
}


void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool isOwned)
{
  if (isOwned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(
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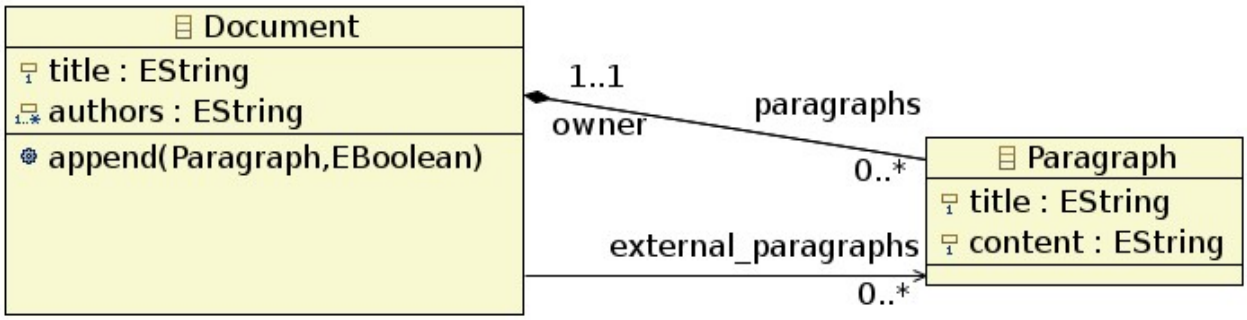


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Document example
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{
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  {
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}

Document::~Document()
{
   for (Paragraph* ptr_p : paragraphs)
   {
      delete ptr_p;
   }
}
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Consequently, the release of the memory is handled in destructor

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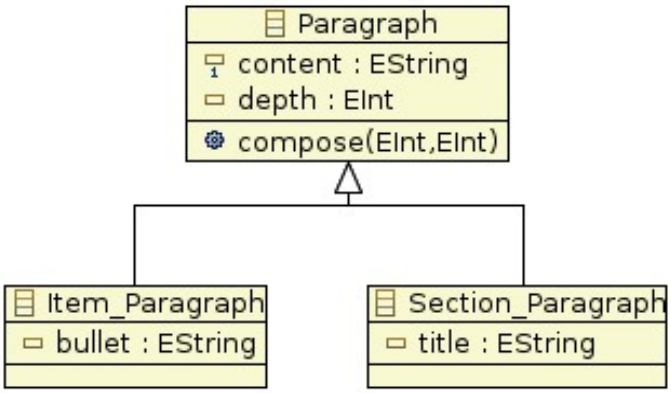

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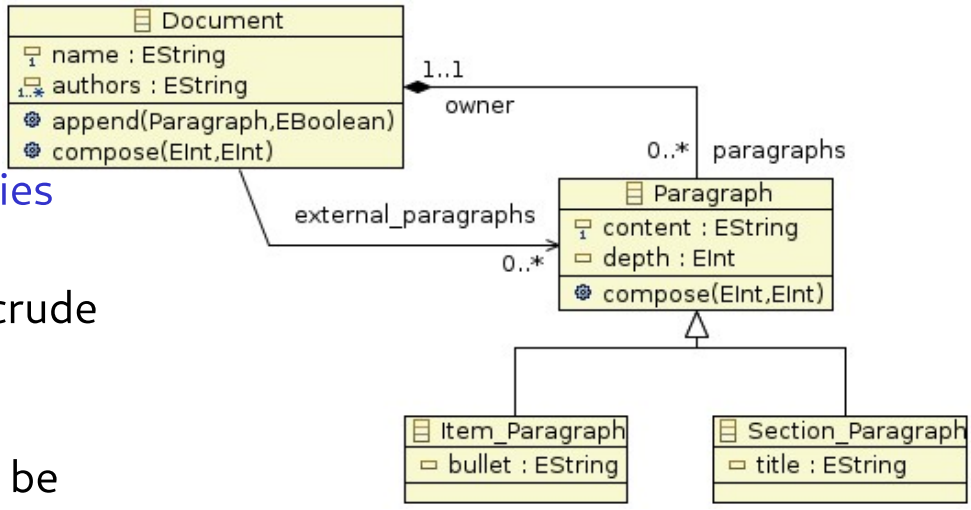

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public:
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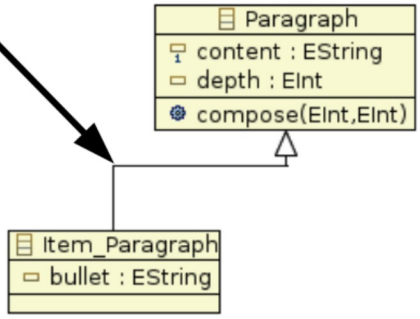

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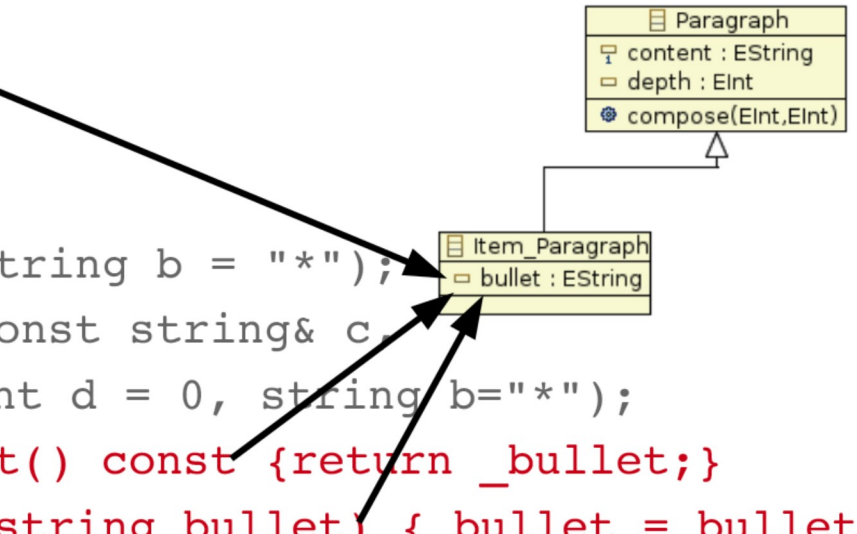

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class Section_Paragraph : public Paragraph
{

private:
   string _title;

public:
   Item_Paragraph(string t = "default_title");
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   string get_title() const {return _title;}
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// ...
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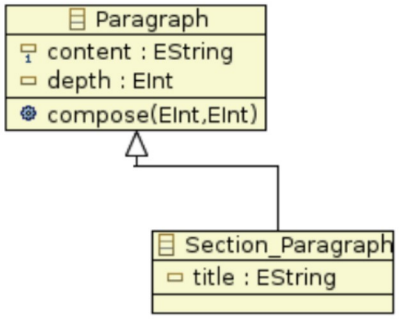

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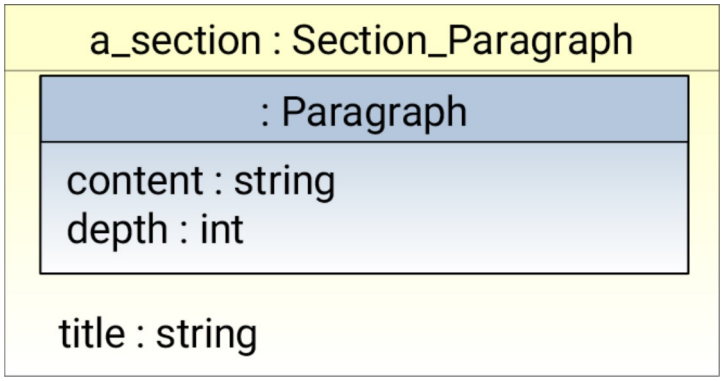

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  - One can apply to a `Section_Paragraph` object all public `Paragraph` member-functions
  - One may substitute to any instance of `Paragraph` an instance of `Section_Paragraph` (Substitutability principle) (*semantics known as sub-typing*)

Variants of class Paragraph
Definition of derived classes

- A derived class may add new properties
  - data members
  - member-functions
  - friend functions
- A derived class may redefine (override) some inherited member-functions
- Derivation depth is unlimited
- Single and multiple inheritance
  - Single: only one base class
  - Multiple: several *distinct* base classes

Definition of derived classes : What happens in the memory ?

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 Item_Paragraph ip;
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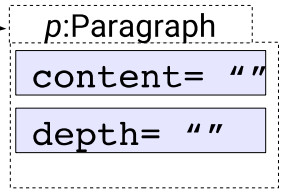

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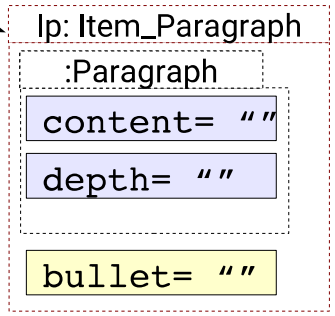

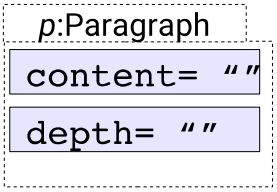

Variants of class Paragraph Protected members

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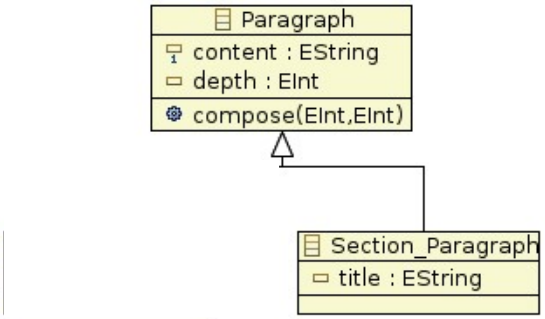

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- Protected members:

```
class Paragraph
{
protected:
  string _content;

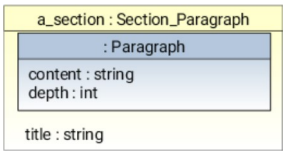
public:
      // ...
};
```

  - A protected member is public to its class and its derivatives
  - Protected data members are as vulnerable as public ones if the class is not *final*

Variants of class Paragraph
Construction of derived classes

- Constructors of `Item_Paragraph`

In opposition with other members,
constructors are never inherited

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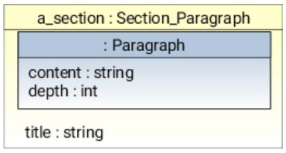

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Equivalent to `super()` in java (for single inheritance)

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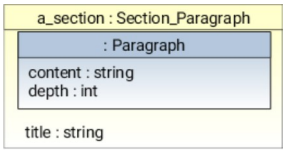

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Ok only if base class members and default constructors are public

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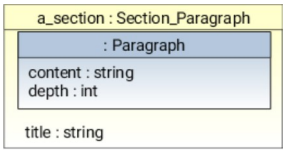

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equivalent

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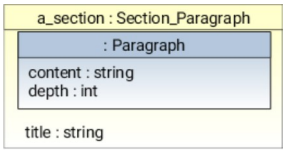

- Construction of Section_Paragraph

```
Section_Paragraph::Section_Paragraph( const string& c="",
                                      int d=0, string t="")
 : Paragraph(c,d), _title(t)
{}

Section_Paragraph::Section_Paragraph(string t="")
  : title(t)
{}
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Variants of class Paragraph
Default construction of derived classes

- If the derived class has no constructor, its members and base class are constructed by default construction
  - Everything is as if C++ creates a default default constructor
  - A class is constructible by default if
    - either it has a default constructor
    - or it has *no constructor at all*, and its members and immediate base classes are constructible by default
- If a derived class has no destructor, default destruction applies
  - Everything is as if C++ creates a default destructor

Variants of class Paragraph
Construction order of derived classes

- Construction order
  1. the base class(es)
  2. the data members specific to derived class
  3. the body of the derived class constructor itself
- Destruction order: reverse of construction
- C++ applies these rules recursively
- A derived class constructor is entirely responsible for the construction of
  - its base class(es)
  - its specific members
  - the derived class itself (constructor body)

Variants of class Paragraph
Default construction of derived classes (2)

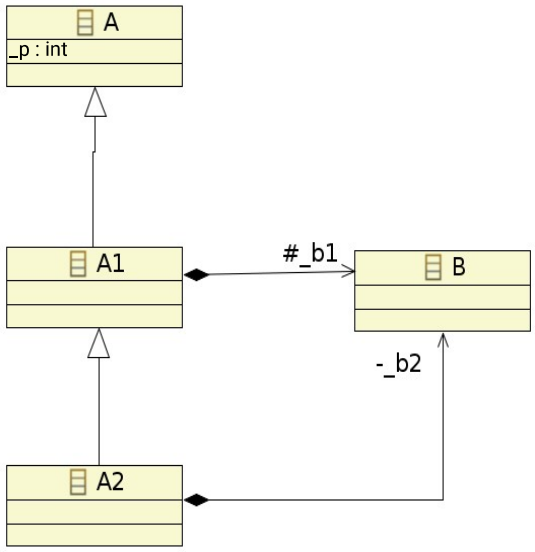
```
class B {public: B(int = 0);};

class A {private: int _p;
public:
   A(int = 0);
   // ...
};

class A1 : public A {
protected: B _b1;
public:
   A1(int i = 0, int j = 1)
        : _b1(i), A(j) {...}
   // ...
};

class A2 : public A1 {private: B _b2;};


A1 a1(2, 3);
```



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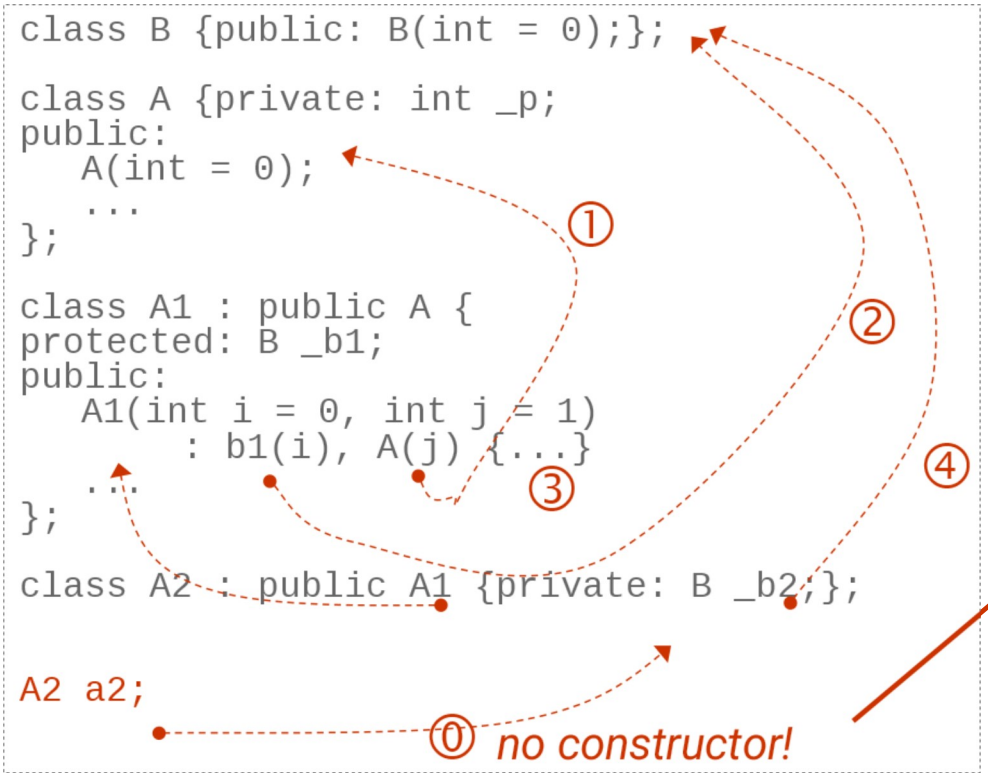


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A2:A2()
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default default constructor

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Using publicly derived classes

- Standard conversions in case of public derivation
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//...
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We do not want to *"print"* an `Item_Paragraph` and a `Section_Paragraph` in the same way

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Back to conversion of derived classes

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p = ip;                     // Paragraph::operator=
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static vs dynamic type !

Variants of class Paragraph
Virtual Functions

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   // ...
   virtual print() const;
   ...
};

class Item_Paragraph : public Paragraph {
   // ...
  virtual print() const;
   ...
};
```

A virtual function is binded at run-time
(so called late-binding or dynamic typing)

→ each time we invoke a virtual member-function by accessing the object through a pointer or a reference, the dynamic type of the object determine (at run-time) which version of the member-function is to be used.

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If the **destructor** is **not** declared **virtual** then **only the ~BaseClass() destructor may be called** leaving any allocated memory from the DerivedClass to persist and **leak**

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virtual ~Paragraph(){};
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→ At least !!!

Variants of class Paragraph
Virtual functions

- What if we redefine a print( ) member-function in variants of `Paragraph`?
  - Indeed each sort of paragraph has a different page layout
  - Note that the redefinition should have the same signature in the base and derived classes

With *print* as virtual

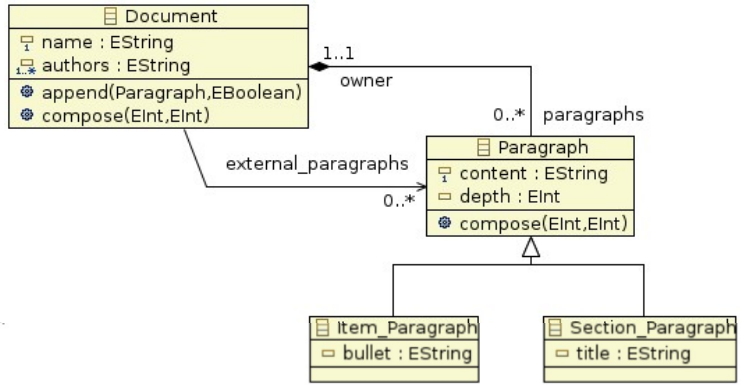
```
Paragraph p;
Item_Paragraph ip;

ip.print();                    // Item_Paragraph::print()
p = ip;                        // Paragraph::operator=
p.print();                     // Paragraph::print()

Paragraph *ptr_p = &ip;        // standard conversion
ptr_p->print();                // Item_Paragraph::print()

void f(Paragraph& p) {
   p.print();                  // ??? the dynamic type of p
}
```

Document example
basic specifications vs C++



Classical problem

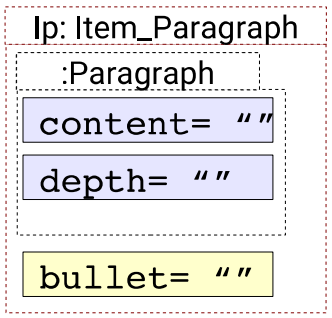
```
class Document{
private:
  string _title;
  vector<string> _authors;
  vector<Paragraph> _paragraphs;
  vector<Paragraph*> _external_paragraphs;
public:
  /*! constructors */
  Document(string title="default_title",
         vector<string> new_authors= vector<string>(),
          vector<Paragraph> new_paragraphs=vector<Paragraph>(),
           vector<Paragraph*> new_external_paragraphs=vector<Paragraph*>());

  void append(Paragraph&, bool);
};
```

Document example troncature problem

Dynamic type of p: `Item_Paragraph`

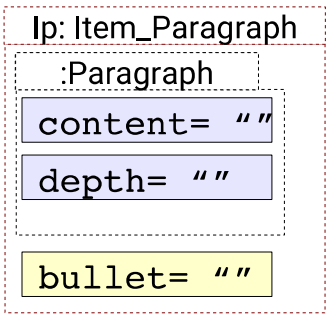
```
void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
{
  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(p);
  }
  else
  {
    _external_paragraphs.push_back(&p);
  }
}
```



Document example troncature problem

Dynamic type of p: `Item_Paragraph`

```
void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
{
  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back((Paragraph)p);
  }
  else
  {
    _external_paragraphs.push_back(&p);
  }
}
```



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```
void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
{
  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(Paragraph(p));
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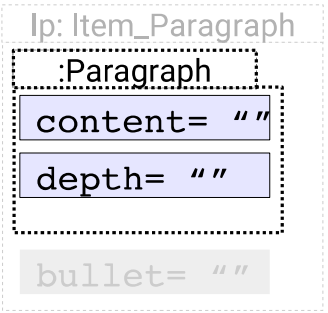
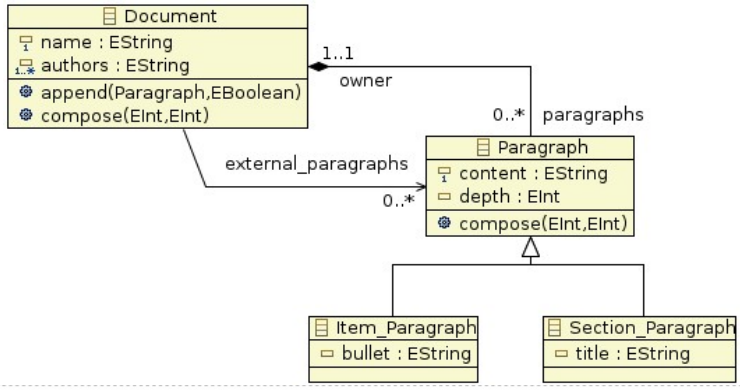
  }
}
```



The dynamic type of **p** is lost

_bullet is truncated

Document example preserving dynamic type

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class Document{
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  string _title;
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  vector<Paragraph> _paragraphs;
  vector<Paragraph*> _external_paragraphs;
public:
  ...
```

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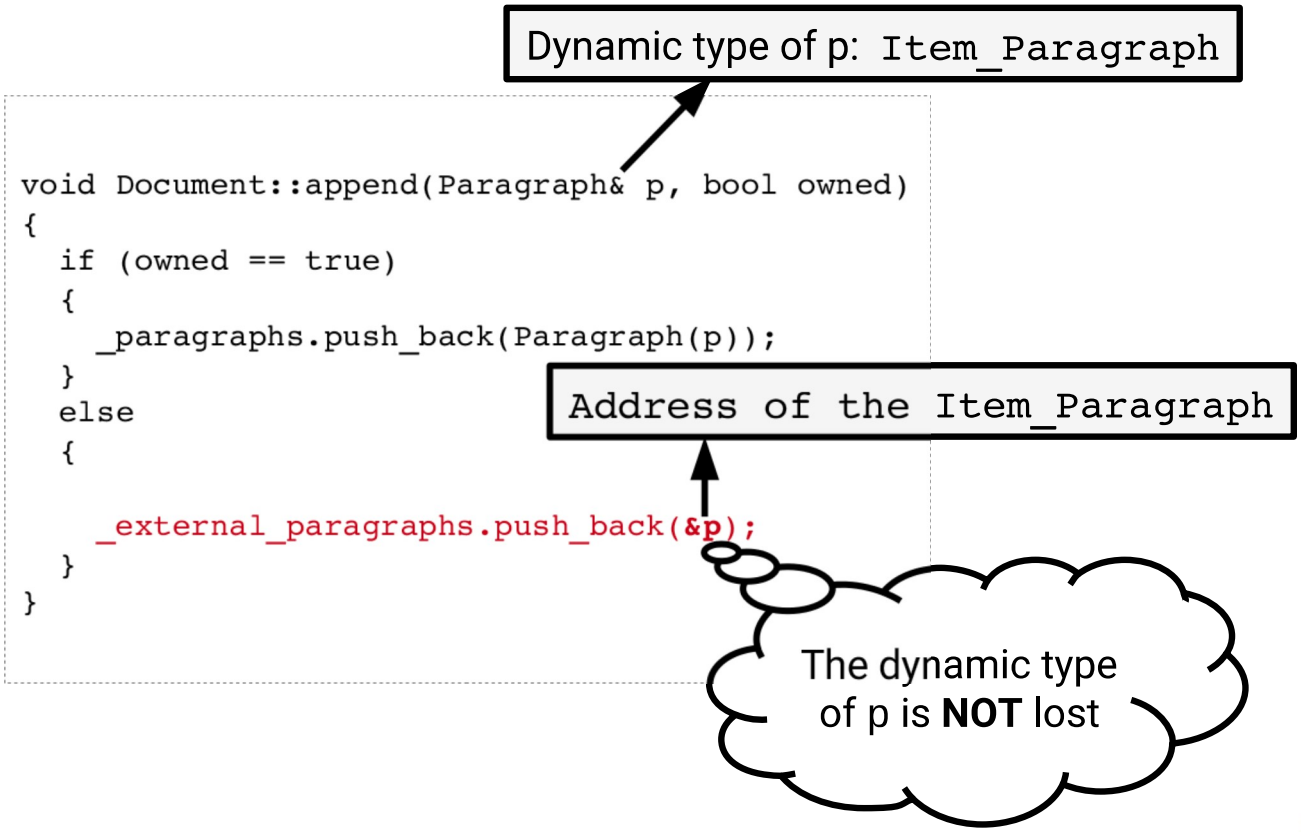

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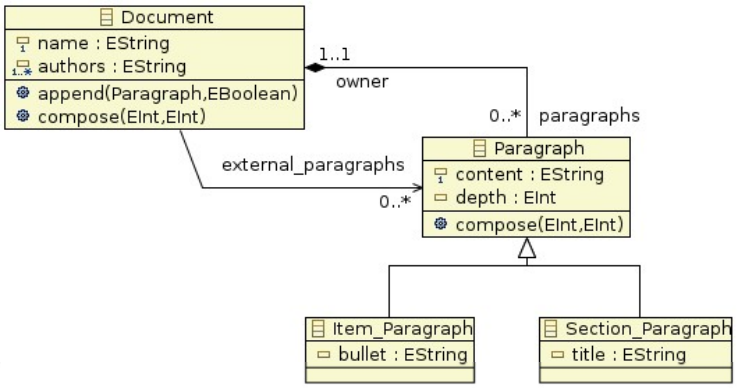


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Document example preserving dynamic type

Dynamic type of p: `Item_Paragraph`

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void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
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  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(
  }
  else
  {

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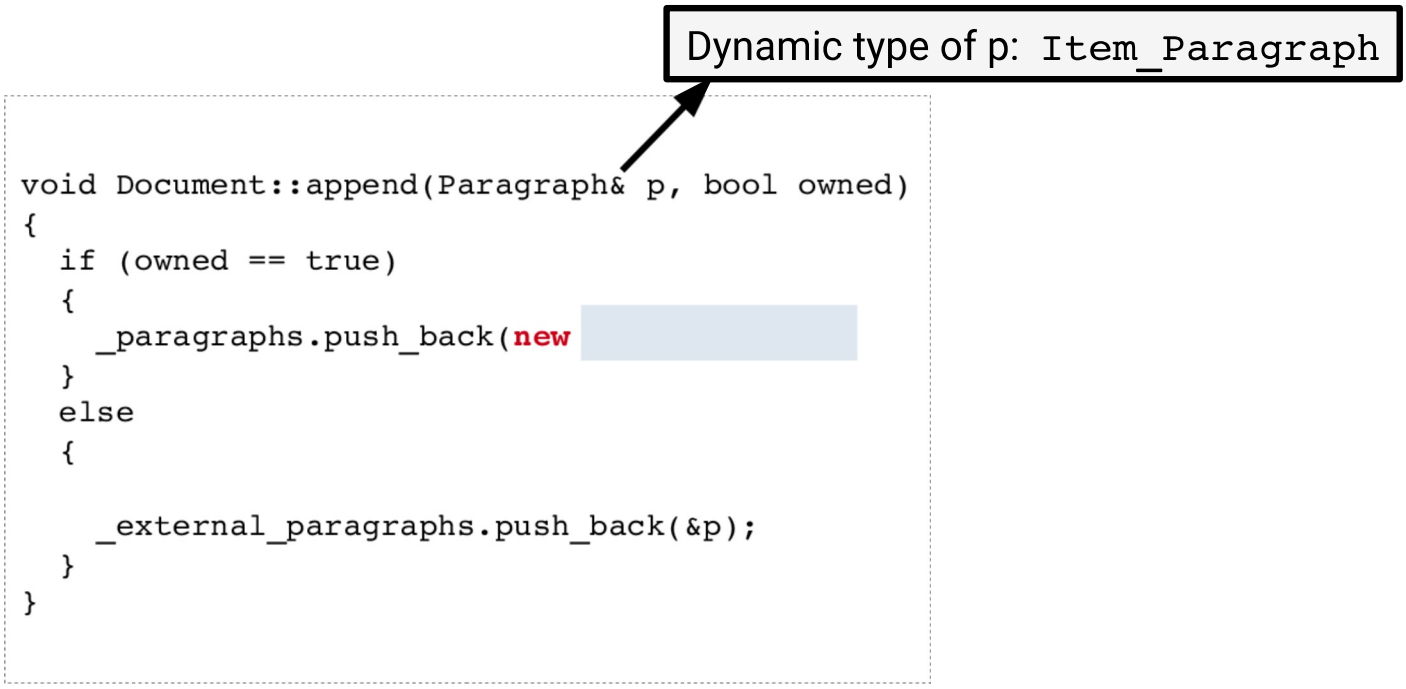
  }
}
```

Document example preserving dynamic type



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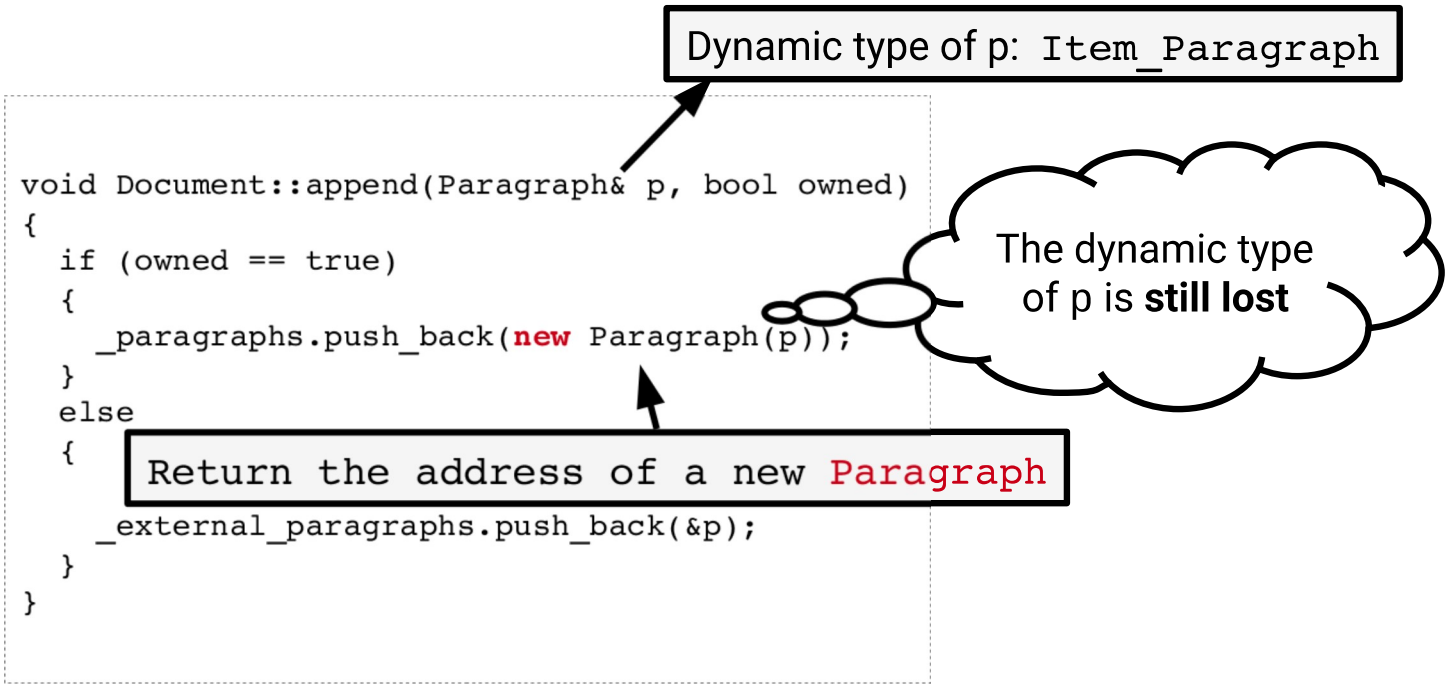

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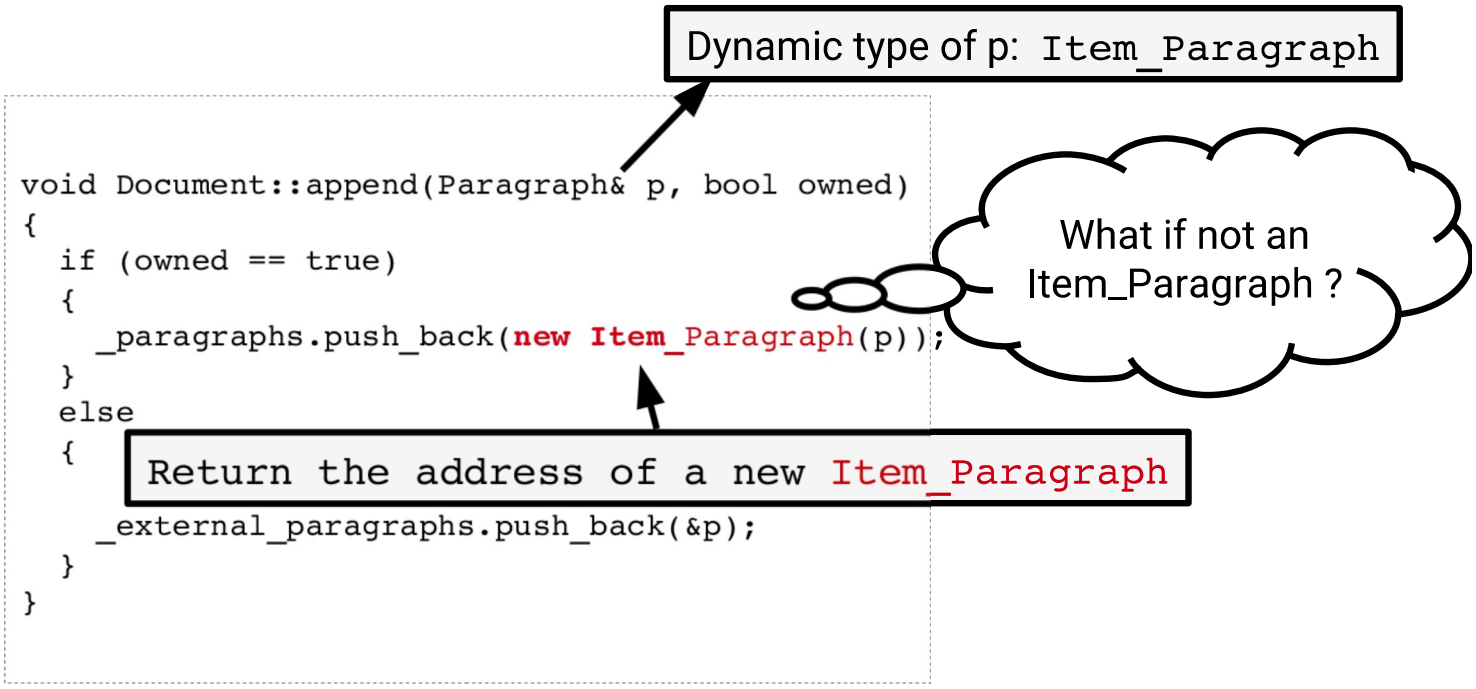


```
void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
{
  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(new Item_Paragraph(p));
  }
  else
  {
    _external_paragraphs.push_back(&p);
  }
}
```

Document example
preserving dynamic type : polymorphic copy (clone)

```
class Paragraph {
public:
    virtual Paragraph* clone() const {
        return new Paragraph(*this);
    }
};

class Item_Paragraph : public Paragraph {
public:
    virtual Paragraph* clone() const {
        return new Item_Paragraph(*this);
    }
};
```

A virtual function is binded at run-time
(so called late-binding or dynamic typing)

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```
void Document::append(Paragraph& p, bool owned)
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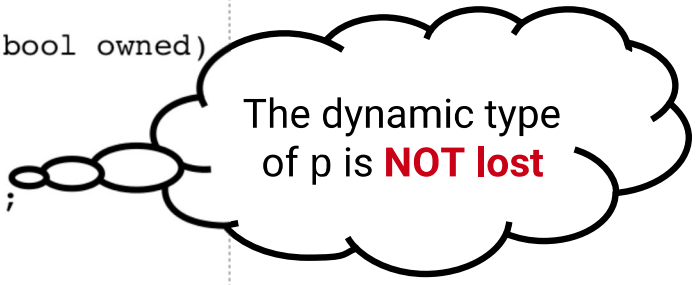
  if (owned == true)
  {
    _paragraphs.push_back(p.clone());
  }
  else
  {
    _external_paragraphs.push_back(&p);
  }
}
```



Return the address of a new Paragraph or a derived class

Variants of class Paragraph
Virtual functions and operator overload

- Only member-function can be virtual
  - How can we overload the “printing” function (operator<<)

Variants of class Paragraph
Friendship and derivation

- A derived class *does not* inherit its base class friends as friend
  - The friends of a derived class are not implicitly friends of its base class
  - Nevertheless, it is possible to use base class friends with an object of a publicly derived class as parameter

```
class A {
    friend void f(A);
    // ...
};
    class B : public A {...};
    B b;
    f(b);      // OK: equivalent to f((A)b)
```

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```
class Paragraph {
   // ...
   virtual ostream& print(ostream&) const;

   std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, Paragraph p)
   {
      return p.print(os);
   }
};

class Item_Paragraph : public Paragraph {
   // ...
  virtual ostream& print(ostream&) const;
   ...
};
```

Est-ce correct ?

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   std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Paragraph& p)
   {
      return p.print(os);
   }
};


class Item_Paragraph : public Paragraph {
   // ...
  virtual ostream& print(ostream&) const;
   ...
};
```

Variants of class Paragraph
Using publicly derived classes

- By using virtual functions

```
//...
Item_Paragraph ip1;
vector<Paragraph*> vp;
vp.push_back(ip1.clone());
// ...
cout << vp.at(0);          // operator<< from Paragraph
                           call print from Item_Paragraph
delete vp.at(0);
```

Variants of class Paragraph
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vp.push_back(ip1.clone());
// ...
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                           call print from Item_Paragraph
delete vp.at(0);
```

If the **destructor** is **not** declared **virtual** then **only the ~BaseClass() destructor is called** leaving any allocated memory from the DerivedClass to persist and **leak**