# **Unit 2 :- Inheritance and Pointers**

The capability of a class to derive properties and characteristics from another class is called **Inheritance**.

Inheritance is one of the most important feature of Object Oriented Programming.

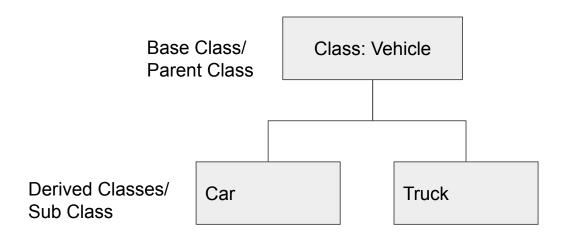
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Class: Vehicle

Select any vehicle in your mind?

What's the difference between the vehicles

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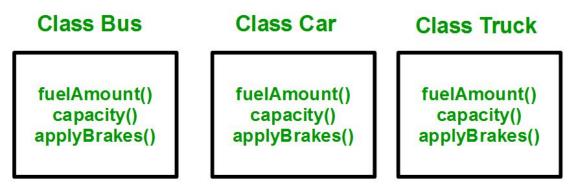
**Sub Class:** The class that inherits properties from another class is called Subclass or Derived Class.

**Super Class:**The class whose properties are inherited by subclass is called Base Class or Super class.

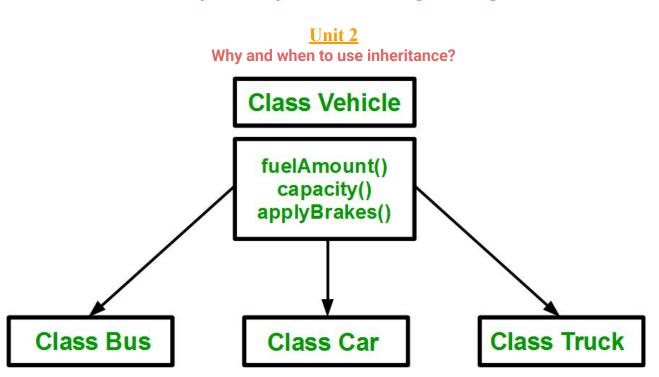
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Why and when to use inheritance?

Consider a group of vehicles. You need to create classes for Bus, Car and Truck. The methods fuelAmount(), capacity(), applyBrakes() will be same for all of the three classes. If we create these classes avoiding inheritance then we have to write all of these functions in each of the three classes as shown in below figure:

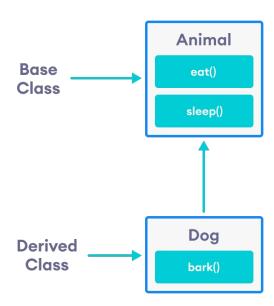


**is-a relationship -** Inheritance is an is-a relationship. We use inheritance only if an is-a relationship is present between the two classes.



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### **Inheritance Example**



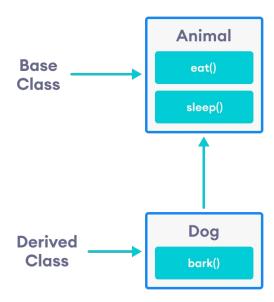
### **Inheritance Example**

Here are some examples:

- A car is a vehicle.
- Orange is a fruit.
- A surgeon is a doctor.
- A dog is an animal.

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### Lets try to implement this example



### **Access Specifiers in Inheritance:-**

- 1. Private
- 2. Protected
- 3. Public

#### Access Control and Inheritance

A derived class can access all the non-private members of its base class. Thus base-class members that should not be accessible to the member functions of derived classes should be declared private in the base class.

We can summarize the different access types according to - who can access them in the following way

Access	public	protected	private
Same class	yes	yes	yes
Derived classes	yes	yes	no
Outside classes	yes	no	no

# The private members of the base class are never inherited.

- When the base class is privately inherited by the derived class, public members of the base class becomes the private members of the derived class. Therefore, the public members of the base class are not accessible by the objects of the derived class only by the member functions of the derived class.
- When the base class is publicly inherited by the derived class, public members of the base class also become the public members of the derived class. Therefore, the public members of the base class are accessible by the objects of the derived class as well as by the member functions of the base class.

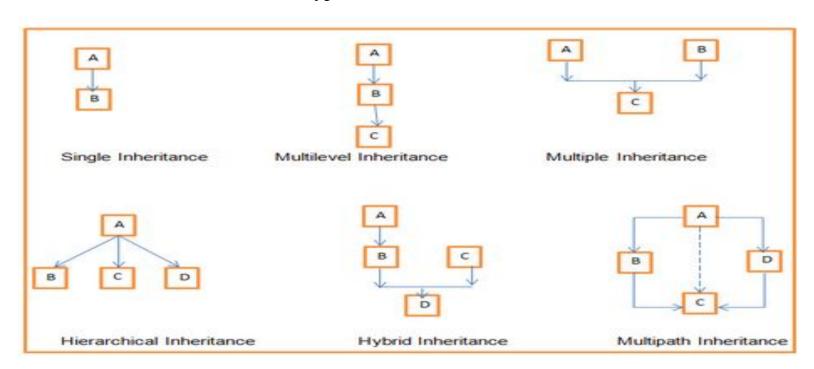
### How to make a Private Member Inheritable

- The private member is not inheritable. If we modify the visibility mode by making it public, but this takes away the advantage of data hiding.
- C++ introduces a third visibility modifier, i.e., **protected**. The member which is declared as protected will be accessible to all the member functions within the class as well as the class immediately derived from it.
- **Public**: When the member is declared as public, it is accessible to all the functions of the program.
- Private: When the member is declared as private, it is accessible within the class only.
- **Protected**: When the member is declared as protected, it is accessible within its own class as well as the class immediately derived from it.

### Syntax:

- Class parent
- {
- body
- }
- Class child : public parent
- •
- Body
- }

### **Types of Inheritance**



# **Unit 2 :- Constructors and Destructors in Inheritance**

Base class constructors are always called in the derived class constructors. Whenever you create derived class object, first the base class default constructor is executed and then the derived class's constructor finishes execution. Note:-

Whether derived class's default constructor is called or parameterised is called, base class's default constructor is always called inside them.

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### **Constructors and Destructors in Inheritance**

### **Case 1:-**

Base class Default Constructor in Derived class Constructors

Case 2:-

Base class Parameterized Constructor in Derived class Parameterized Constructors

#### **Constructors and Destructors in Inheritance**

```
#include<iostream>
                                          class child: public parent
using namespace std;
class parent
                                              int y;
                                              public:
   int x;
                                              // parameterized constructor
   public:
                                              child(int j) : parent(j)
   // parameterized constructor
                                          //Explicitly calling
   parent(int i)
                                                  y = j;
       x = i;
                                                  cout << "Child class</pre>
       cout << "Parent class</pre>
                                          Parameterized Constructor\n";
Parameterized Constructor\n";
                                          };
} ;
                                          int main()
                                              child c(10); return 0;
```

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#### **Constructors and Destructors in Inheritance**

#### **Destructors:-**

**Destructors** in C++ are called in the opposite order of that of Constructors.

**Constructors and Destructors in Inheritance** 

### Order of Inheritance

Or	Order of Constructor Call		Orde	Order of Destructor Call	
1.	C()	(Class C's Constructor)	1. ~A()	(Class A's Destructor)	
2.	B()	(Class B's Constructor)	2. ~B()	(Class B's Destructor)	
3.	A()	(Class A's Constructor)	3. ~C()	(Class C's Destructor)	

### Overriding member functions using Inheritance

- 1. Inheritance is a feature of OOP that allows us to create derived classes from a base class. The derived classes inherit features of the base class.
- 2. Suppose, the same function is defined in both the derived class and the based class.

  Now if we call this function using the object of the derived class, the function of the derived class is executed.
- 3. This is known as function overriding in C++. The function in derived class overrides the function in base class.

#include <iostream>

```
int main() {
using namespace std;
                                            Derived derived1;
class Base {
                                            derived1.print();
   public:
                                            return 0;
    void print() {
        cout << "Base Function" <<</pre>
endl;
};
class Derived : public Base {
   public:
    void print() {
        cout << "Derived Function"</pre>
<< endl;
```

```
class Base {
    public:
      void print() {
          // code
};
class Derived : public Base {
    public:
      void print() { <-</pre>
          // code
};
int main() {
    Derived derived1:
    derived1.print(); -
    return 0:
```

Here, the same function print() is defined in both Base and Derived classes.

So, when we call print() from the Derived object derived1, the print() from Derived is executed by overriding the function in Base.

### **Access Overridden Function in C++**

To access the overridden function of the base class, we use the scope resolution operator ::.

Ex. derived2.Base::print();

```
class Base {
    public:
      void print() { <--</pre>
          // code
};
class Derived : public Base {
   public:
     void print() {
          // code
};
int main() {
   Derived derived1, derived2;
    derived1.print(); —
    derived2.Base::print(); -
    return 0:
```

Here, this statement

derived2.Base::print();

accesses the print() function of the Base class.

#### C++ Call Overridden Function From Derived Class

```
class Derived : public Base {
/ C++ program to call the
                                        public:
overridden function
                                         void print() {
// from a member function of
                                             cout << "Derived Function"</pre>
the derived class
                                     << endl;
#include <iostream>
                                             // call overridden function
using namespace std;
                                             Base::print();
                                     };
class Base {
   public:
                                     int main() {
    void print() {
                                         Derived derived1:
         cout << "Base Function"</pre>
                                         derived1.print();
<< endl;
                                         return 0;
```

#### C++ Call Overridden Function From Derived Class

```
class Base {
    public:
      void print() { <-</pre>
          // code
};
class Derived : public Base {
    public:
   void print() {
          // code
          Base::print(); -
};
int main() {
    Derived derived1;
    derived1.print();
    return 0;
```

In this program, we have called the overridden function inside the Derived class itself. class Derived : public Base { public: void print() { cout << "Derived Function" << endl;</pre> Base::print(); Notice the code Base::print();, which calls the overridden function inside the Derived class.

#### **Public and Private Inheritance**

In C++ inheritance, we can derive a child class from the base class in different access modes.

For example,

Notice the keyword public in the code class Derived: public Base

#### **Public and Private Inheritance**

This means that we have created a derived class from the base class in public mode. Alternatively, we can also derive classes in protected or private modes.

These 3 keywords (public, protected, and private) are known as access specifiers in C++ inheritance.

### public, protected and private inheritance in C++

public, protected, and private inheritance have the following features:

- public inheritance makes public members of the base class public in the derived class, and the protected members of the base class remain protected in the derived class.
- protected inheritance makes the public and protected members of the base class protected in the derived class.
- private inheritance makes the public and protected members of the base class private in the derived class
- Note: private members of the base class are inaccessible to the derived class...

Base class member access specifier	Type of Inheritence		
	Public	Protected	Private
Public	Public	Protected	Private
Protected	Protected	Protected	Private
Private	Not accessible (Hidden)	Not accessible (Hidden)	Not accessible (Hidden)

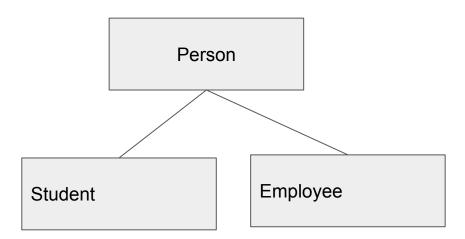
### Access control (or) visibility mode

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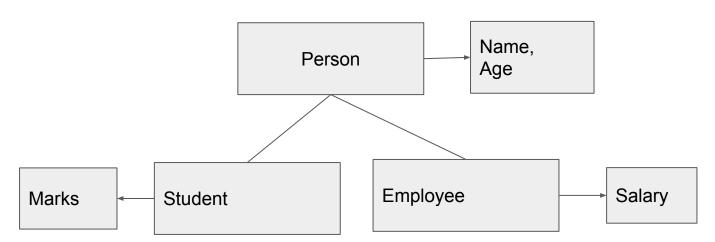
Inheritance type	case class	derived class
private	private numbers public numbers Protected numbers	not inherited private numbers private numbers
public	private numbers public numbers protected numbers	not inherited public numbers protected numbers
protected	private numbers public numbers protected numbers	not inherited protected numbers protected numbers

### **Assignment 1**

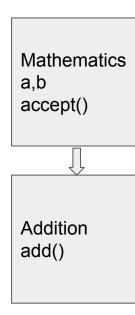
### Example of Inheritance



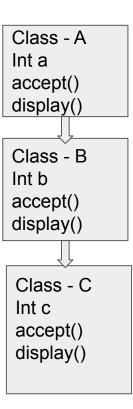
### **Hierarchical Inheritance**



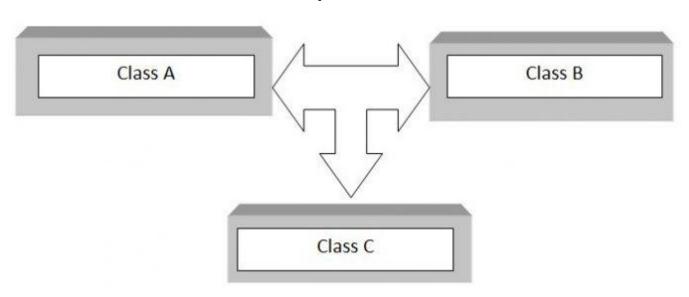
### **Single Inheritance**



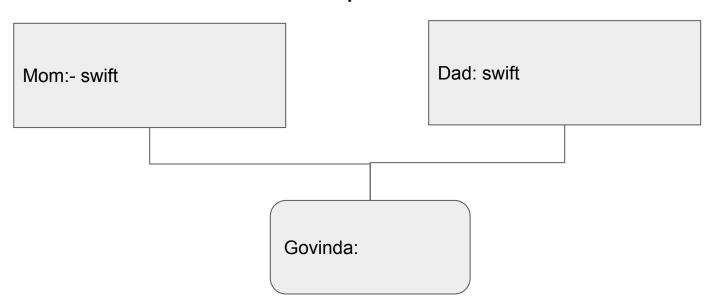
#### **Multilevel Inheritance**



# **Multiple Inheritance**



# **Multiple Inheritance**



## **Ambiguity in Multiple Inheritance**

The most obvious problem with multiple inheritance occurs during function overriding.

Suppose, two base classes have a same function which is not overridden in derived class.

If we try to call the function using the object of the derived class, compiler shows error. It's because compiler doesn't know which function to call

```
class base1
{
  public:
    void someFunction()
    { . . . . . . . . }
};
class base2
{
    void someFunction()
    { . . . . . . . . }
};
    void someFunction()
    { . . . . . . . . . }
};

    class derived : public base1, public base2
{
     int main()
     { derived obj;

        obj.someFunction() // Error!
};
```

## **Ambiguity in Multiple Inheritance**

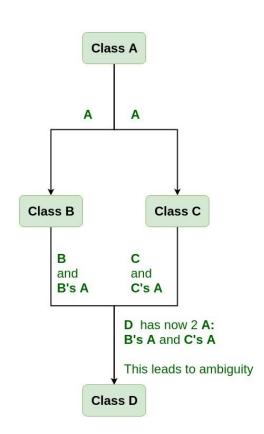
This problem can be solved using scope resolution function to specify which function to class either

```
baselor base2
int main()
{
    obj.base1::someFunction(); // Function of base1 class is called
    obj.base2::someFunction(); // Function of base2 class is called.
}
```

## **Virtual Base Class**

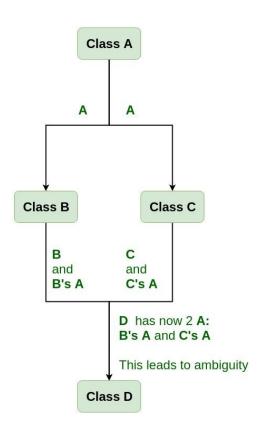
Virtual base classes are used in virtual inheritance in a way of preventing multiple "instances" of a given class appearing in an inheritance hierarchy when using multiple inheritances. **Need for Virtual Base Classes:** 

Consider the situation where we have one class  $\bf A$ . This class is  $\bf A$  is inherited by two other classes  $\bf B$  and  $\bf C$ . Both these class are inherited into another in a new class  $\bf D$  as shown in figure below.

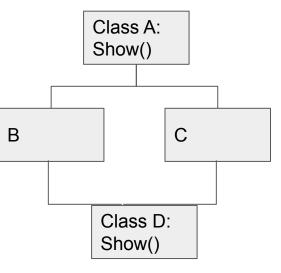


#### **Virtual Base Class**

As we can see from the figure that data members/function of class **A** are inherited twice to class **D**. One through class **B** and second through class **C**. When any data / function member of class **A** is accessed by an object of class **D**, ambiguity arises as to which data/function member would be called? One inherited through **B** or the other inherited through **C**. This confuses compiler and it displays error.



## **Virtual Base Class**



It Creates an Ambiguity when we call show method from object of D class as it has 2 paths from Base class A ie. A-B-D and A-C-D

#### **Virtual Base Class**

## How to resolve this issue?

To resolve this ambiguity when class **A** is inherited in both class **B** and class **C**, it is declared as **virtual base class** by placing a keyword **virtual** as:

**Syntax for Virtual Base Classes:** 

```
Syntax 1:
class B : virtual public A
{
};

Syntax 2:
class C : public virtual A
{
};
```

#### **Friend Class**

As we know that a class cannot access the private members of other class.

Similarly a class that doesn't inherit another class cannot access its protected members.

Data hiding is a fundamental concept of object-oriented programming. It restricts the access of private members from outside of the class.

#### **Friend Class:**

A friend class is a class that can access the private and protected members of a class in which it is declared as friend. This is needed when we want to allow a particular class to access the private and protected members of a class.

#### **Friend Class**

We can also use a friend Class in C++ using the friend keyword. For example,

```
Class A
{
Friend class B;
}
Class B
{
//here class B can access private data members of class A
}
```

Since classB is a friend class, we can access all members of classA from inside classB.

#### **Friend Class**

```
#include <iostream>
                                                  int main() {
using namespace std;
                                                     ABC obj;
class XYZ {
                                                     XYZ obj2;
private:
                                                     obj.disp(obj2);
   char ch='A';
                                                     return 0;
   int num = 11;
public:
   /* This statement would make class ABC
    * a friend class of XYZ, this means that
    * ABC can access the private and protected
    * members of XYZ class.
   friend class ABC;
};
class ABC {
public:
   void disp(XYZ obj) {
      cout << obj. ch << endl;
      cout << obj.num << endl;
};
```

#### **Pointers**

What are Pointers?

A pointer is a variable whose **value is the address** of another variable, i.e., direct address of the memory location. Like any variable or constant, you must declare a pointer before using it to store any variable address. The general form of a pointer variable declaration is —

```
int *ip // pointer to integer variable
float *fp; // pointer to float variable
double *dp; // pointer to double variable
char *cp; // pointer to char variable
```

#### **Pointers**

## Initialization of Pointer variable

**Pointer Initialization** is the process of assigning address of a variable to a **pointer** variable. Pointer variable can only contain address of a variable of the same data type. In CPP language **address operator &** is used to determine the address of a variable. The **&** (immediately preceding a variable name) returns the address of the variable associated with it.

```
void main()
{
  int a = 10;
  int *ptr; //pointer declaration
  ptr = &a; //pointer initialization
}
```

#### **Pointers**

Pointers to Objects

```
class Simple
                                              cout << obj.a;
                                                cout << ptr->a; // Accessing member
  public:
                                              with pointer
  int a;
int main()
  Simple obj;
  Simple* ptr; // Pointer of class type
  ptr = \&obj;
```

#### **Pointers**

This Pointer

- C++ provides a keyword 'this', which represents the current object and passed as a hidden argument to all member functions.
- The **this** pointer is a constant pointer that holds the memory address of the **current object.**
- The **this** pointer is not available in static member functions as static member functions can be called without any object. static member functions can be called with class name.

## **Pointers**

This Pointer

```
#include <iostream>
                                                    int main()
#include <conio.h>
using namespace std;
                                                       sample x;
class sample
                                                       x.input(5,8);
                                                       x.output();
  int a,b;
                                                       getch();
  public:
                                                       return 0;
    void input(int a,int b)
       a=this->a;
       b=this->b;
    void output()
       cout << "a = " << end !< "b = " << b:
```

## **Pointers**

This Pointer

## **Assignment**

• Write a Program in CPP To Create a class Employee having fields emp\_id,emp\_name,emp\_salary accept this data using parameterized constructor and display it. Make use of This pointer.

#### **Pointers**

## Pointers vs Arrays

In C++, Pointers are variables that hold addresses of other variables. Not only can a pointer store the address of a single variable, it can also store the address of cells of an array.

Here, ptr is a pointer variable while arr is an int array. The code ptr = arr; stores the address of the first element of the array in variable ptr.

#### **Pointers**

Pointers vs Arrays

```
int *ptr;
int arr[5];
ptr = &arr[0];
```

Notice that we have used arr instead of <code>&arr[0]</code>. This is because both are the same. So, the code below is the same as the code above.

The addresses for the rest of the array elements are given by &arr[1], &arr[2], &arr[3], and &arr[4].

## Pointers vs Arrays

# **Point to Every Array Elements**

Suppose we need to point to the fourth element of the array using the same pointer ptr.

Here, if ptr points to the first element in the above example then ptr + 3 will point to the fourth element. For example,

```
int *ptr;
int arr[5];
ptr = arr;

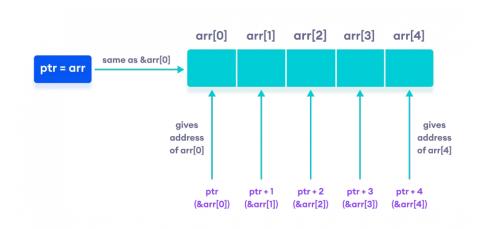
ptr + 1 is equivalent to &arr[1];
ptr + 2 is equivalent to &arr[2];
ptr + 3 is equivalent to &arr[3];
ptr + 4 is equivalent to &arr[4];
```

## Pointers vs Arrays

# **Point to Every Array Elements**

## Suppose if we have initialized ptr = &arr[2]; then

```
ptr - 2 is equivalent to &arr[0];
ptr - 1 is equivalent to &arr[1];
ptr + 1 is equivalent to &arr[3];
ptr + 2 is equivalent to &arr[4];
```



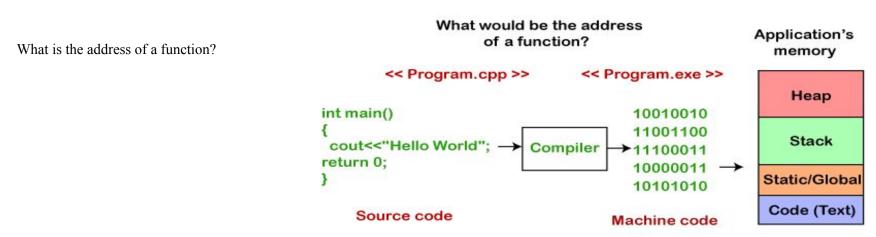
# **Subject :- OOP Pointers to Functions**

#### As we know that pointers are used to point some variables;

similarly, the function pointer is a pointer used to point functions. It is basically used to store the address of a function.

We can call the function by using the function pointer,

## **Function Pointers**



## **Pointers to Functions**

Syntax for Declaration

The following is the syntax for the declaration of a function pointer:

Return-type(\*function Pointer)(parameters if any);

Ex.

int (\*FuncPtr) (int,int);

## Pointers to Function

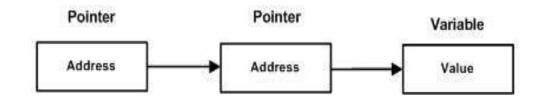
```
#include <iostream>
                                                       int main()
using namespace std;
int add(int a , int b)
                                                        int (*funcptr)(int,int); // function pointer
                                                       declaration
                                                        funcptr=&add; // funcptr is pointing to the
  return a+b;
                                                       add function
                                                        int sum=funcptr(5,5);
                                                        cout << "value of sum is :" <<sum;</pre>
                                                         return 0;
```

#### **Pointers to Pointers**

A pointer to a pointer is a form of multiple indirection or a chain of pointers.

Normally, a pointer contains the address of a variable.

When we define a pointer to a pointer, the first pointer contains the address of the second pointer, which points to the location that contains the actual value as shown below.



#### Pointers to Pointers

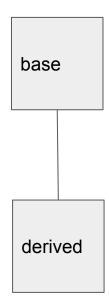
A variable that is a pointer to a pointer must be declared as such. This is done by placing an additional asterisk in front of its name. For example, following is the declaration to declare a pointer to a pointer of type int –

int \*\*var;

#### Pointers to Derived Class

In C++, we can declare a pointer points to the base class as well as derived class.

base b;
base \*bptr;
bptr=&b;
derive d;
bptr=&d;



#### **Null Pointer**

- It is always a good practice to assign the pointer NULL to a pointer variable in case you do not have exact address to be assigned.
- This is done at the time of variable declaration.
- A pointer that is assigned NULL is called a null pointer.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main () {
   int *ptr = NULL;
   cout << "The value of ptr is " << ptr;

  return 0;
}

• If a pointer contains the null (zero) value, it is assumed to point to nothing.</pre>
```

#### **Void Pointer**

A void pointer is a pointer that has no associated data type with it. A void pointer can hold address of any type and can be type casted to any type.

```
int a = 10;
char b = 'x';
```

void \*p = &a; // void pointer holds address of int 'a'
p = &b; // void pointer holds address of char 'b'

## **Enum Data Type**

Enumeration is a **user defined datatype** in C/C++ language. It is used to assign names to the **integral constants** which makes a program easy to read and maintain. The keyword "enum" is used to declare an enumeration.

The following is the syntax of enums.

```
enum enum_name{const1, const2, ..... };
```

Here,

**enum\_name** – Any name given by user.

const1, const2 - These are values of type flag.

Example: enum qlty {excellent, good, average};

qlty q1;

## Union Data Type

Union is a user-defined datatype. All the members of union share same memory location.

Size of union is decided by the size of largest member of union.

If you want to use same memory location for two or more members, union is the best for that.

Here,

- Here is the syntax of unions: -
- union union name {
   member definition;
  }union variables;

- union\_name Any name given to the union.
- member definition –
   Set of member
   variables.
- union\_variable This is the object of union.

# Example:

- union stu
- {
- int roll\_no;
- char grade;
- float per;
- } st1;