Chess Program 8 - Inheritance Part B, Polymorphism.

- 1. Revert back to having your mPtrPiece in Chess to being a pointer of type Piece* instead of a pointer to type Rook*, but still new the piece up as a Rook. Notice this does not cause a compiler error. Rook extends Piece, so it's acceptable to have Piece* mPtrPiece point to a Rook instance. BUT, now at execution the getSymbolAt() method in Piece gets called instead of getSymbolAt() in Rook.
- 2. To get the compiler to call getSymbolAt() in Rook instead of the one in Piece simply declare getSymbolAt() in the Piece header as virtual. e.g.

```
virtual char getSymbolAt(int row, int column);
```

- This is an example of Polymorphism. If a method is declared virtual the compiler checks for overriding methods in extending classes and calls those methods instead of the virtual method.
- 4. Go ahead and create extending classes Knight, Bishop, Queen, and King based on what you did for Rook.
- 5. In makeChessPiece() use a switch() statement to assign mPtrPiece to the appropriate class after asking the user for the piece type, e.g.,

```
switch (type)
{
    case ROOK:
        mPtrPiece = new Rook(row, column, type);
        break;
    case KNIGHT:
        mPtrPiece = new Knight(row, column, type);
        break;
    case BISHOP:
        mPtrPiece = new Bishop(row, column, type);
        break;
    case QUEEN:
        mPtrPiece = new Queen(row, column, type);
        break;
    case KING:
        mPtrPiece = new King(row, column, type);
        break;
}
```

- 1. You will need in include the headers for Rook, Knight, Bishop, Queen, King in chess.cpp.
- 2. Your virtual method getSymbolAt() in Piece should now never actually be called, nor logic in it used. Remove the old logic and change it to this,

```
char Piece::getSymbolAt(int indexRow, int indexColumn)
{
    return ' ';
}
```

3. Your Chess game is now fully using inherited classes and polymorphism.

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