Chapter 8

Objective

- **≻**Polymorphism
- ➤ Virtual Functions
- ➤ Single Inheritance and Virtual Functions
- ➤ Virtual Destructor
- ➤ Abstract Class

Polymorphism

- Multiple implementation single interface.
- Polymorphism is supported in two ways:
 - 1. Compile time, by using function overloading and operators overloading
 - 2. Run time, by using virtual functions.
- Run-time polymorphism provides the greatest flexibility
- Polymorphism increases the level of abstraction in a program.
- Virtual functions are used for supporting polymorphism in C++ language.
- It allows a single operation (method) to behave differently with each derived object.

Virtual Functions

- A pointer of type base class can be used to refer to any derived class object.
- A pointer to the derived type cannot be used to access an object of the base class
- Virtual function must be a class member function.
- Constructors can not be a virtual function.
- Destructor function may be a virtual function.

Using Pointer to Base Class without Virtual Functions

```
#include <iostream>
                           // Example 8-1
1
    using namespace std;
    class CFruit {
3
         public:
                  void SetFruitColor(int i)
5
                  int GetFruitColor() { return m_x; }
6
         private:
                  int m x;
8
    };
9
10
     class CApple : public CFruit {
11
         public:
12
                  void SetAppleColor(int i) { m_y = i; }
13
                  int GetAppleColor() { return m_y; }
14
15
        private:
                  int m y;
16
17
     };
18
```

```
20 int main()
21{
22
        CFruit *pFruit; // pointer of type base class
        CFruit FruitObj; // object of type base class
23
        CApple AppleObj; // object of type derived class
24
25
         // assign base object address to the base pointer type
26
        pFruit = &FruitObj;
27
28
29
         // use pFruit to access base members
30
        pFruit->SetFruitColor(10);
        cout << "Fruit object gets CFruits data member x: ";</pre>
31
        cout << pFruit->GetFruitColor() << '\n';</pre>
32
33
```

```
// assign derived object address to base pointer pFruit
34
        pFruit = &AppleObj;
35
36
         // use pFruit to access derived members
37
   //access derived member function using base type pointer
38
39
        pFruit->SetFruitColor(99);
40
  // !!ERROR SetAppleColor is not a member of CFruit class
42
         // pFruit->SetAppleColor(100);
43
44 // can't use pFruit to set CApple class members (i.e y),
45 // so do it directly
46
        AppleObj.SetAppleColor(88);
         cout << "Apple object gets CFruits data member x: "</pre>
47
         cout << pFruit->GetFruitColor() << '\n';</pre>
48
49
         cout << "Apple object gets CApple data member y: "</pre>
50
         cout << AppleObj.GetAppleColor() << "\n";</pre>
51 }
```

Virtual Function

```
// Example 8-2
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 class CFruit {
         public:
5
         CFruit(int x) { m_Color = x;
6
         virtual void SetColor()
8
          cout << "Using Fruit version of SetColor(): ";</pre>
9
10
          cout << m_Color << "\n";</pre>
11
12
         protected:
13
         int m_Color;
14 };
15
```

```
16 class CApple : public CFruit {
17
         public:
         CApple(int x) : CFruit(x) {}
18
         void SetColor()
19
20
          cout << "Using CApple version of SetColor(): ";</pre>
21
          cout << m Color * m Color << "\n";</pre>
22
23
24 };
25
26 class COrange : public CFruit {
27
         public:
         COrange(int x) : CFruit(x)
28
         void SetColor()
29
30
          cout << "Using COrange version of SetColor(): ";</pre>
31
32
          cout << m Color + m Color << "\n";</pre>
33
34 };
```

```
35 int main()
36
        CFruit *pFruit;
37
38
        CFruit FruitObj(10);
        CApple AppleObj(10);
39
40
        COrange OrangeObj(10);
41
42
        pFruit = &FruitObj;
        pFruit->SetColor(); // use CFruit's SetColor()
43
44
        pFruit = &AppleObj;
45
        pFruit->SetColor();
46
                                 use CApple's SetColor()
47
        pFruit = &OrangeObj;
48
49
        pFruit->SetColor();
                                  use COrange's SetColor()
50 }
```

Simplified Code Design by Using Virtual Function

• Use virtual functions to respond to random events occurring at run time.

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 8-3
  #include <cstdlib>
 using namespace std;
3
 class CFruit {
   public:
   CFruit(int x) { m_Color = x;
6
   virtual void SetColor()
8
    cout << "Using base version of SetColor(): ";</pre>
9
10
    cout << m_Color << "\n";</pre>
11
12 protected:
13 int m_Color;
14};
15
```

```
16 class CApple : public CFruit {
17
         public:
         CApple(int x) : CFruit(x) {}
18
         void SetColor()
19
20
          cout << "Using Apple's version of SetColor(): ";</pre>
21
          cout << m Color * m Color << "\n";</pre>
22
23
24};
25
26 class COrange : public CFruit {
27
         public:
         COrange(int x) : CFruit(x)
28
         void SetColor()
29
30
          cout << "Using Orange's version of SetColor() : ";</pre>
31
32
          cout << m Color + m Color << "\n";</pre>
33
34 };
```

```
35 int main()
36
37
         CFruit *pFruit;
38
         for (int i = 0; i < 10; i+
39
                  if (rand() % 2)
40
         // if odd use AppleObj
41
42
                           pFruit = new CApple(10);
43
44
                  else {
45
                           // if even use OrangeObj
46
                           pFruit = new COrange(10);
47
48
                  pFruit->SetColor();
                                             // call appropriate function
49
50
                  delete pFruit;
51
                                    // Delete appropriate object
52
                     end for loop
53
54 }
```

Single Inheritance and Virtual Functions

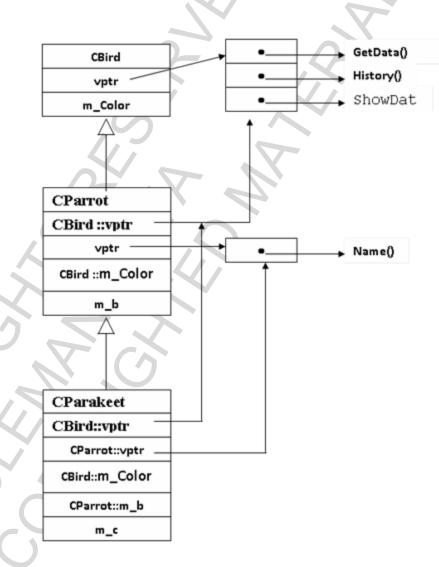
- Virtual functions are called through a vector of functions pointers called "virtual table"
- Each class containing virtual functions has virtual table.
- Each object of that class contains a pointer of that virtual table.

```
#include <iostream>
                              Example 8
 using namespace std;
2
  enum Birds {BIRD,PARROT,PARAKEET};
4
 class CBird {
   public:
6
   virtual void GetData();
   virtual void History()
   virtual void ShowData() { cout << m_Color << '\n'; }</pre>
10
11 protected:
   int m Color;
13
   };
14
```

```
15 void CBird::GetData()
16 {
         cout << "Enter Data For Bird: ";</pre>
17
18
         cin >> m Color;
19 }
20 // Inherit direct base class.
21 class CParrot : public CBird
22 public:
23
          void GetData();
          void ShowData() { cout << m_b <<</pre>
24
25
          virtual void Name() {
26
27 protected:
         int m b;
28
29 };
30 void CParrot::GetData()
31{
32
         cout << "Enter Data For Parrot: ";</pre>
         cin >> m_b;
34
35 }
```

```
37// Inherit a CParrot class and an indirect CBird class.
38 class CParakeet : public CParrot {
        public:
39
40
        void GetData();
        void ShowData()
                           { cout << m c <<
41
        void Name() { }
42
43
44
        private:
45
46
         int m c;
47 };
48
49 void CParakeet::GetData()
50 {
         cout << "Enter Data For Parakeet: ";</pre>
51
52
         cin >> m c;
53 }
```

Virtual Function Control Flow



```
54 int main()
55
56
         CBird *pBird; // Base type pointer
         int nBirdType = 0;
57
         cout << "Enter Bird Type:</pre>
58
59
         cin >> nBirdType;
60
         switch (nBirdType) {
61
         case BIRD:
                  pBird = new CBird;
62
63
                  break;
64
         case PARROT:
65
                  pBird = new CParrot;
66
                  break;
67
         case PARAKEET:
                  pBird = new CParakeet;
68
                  break;
69
70
         pBird->GetData();
71
         pBird->ShowData();
72
         delete pBird;
73
74 }
```

Virtual Destructor

- If base class destructor is virtual then every destructor in the derivation hierarchy will be virtual.
- Specifying the destructors in a derivation hierarchy as virtual guarantees that the appropriate destructors are invoked whenever delete is applied to a base class pointer.

```
#include <iostream>
                            // Example 8-5
   using namespace std;
   class CFruit { // base class
        public:
4
               CFruit();
5
               virtual ~CFruit();
        private:
               char *pFruit;
8
   };
9
10
    CFruit::CFruit()
                         Base class constructor
11
12
       pFruit = new char[5];
13
       cout << "Fruit class allocates 5 bytes\n";</pre>
14
15
```

```
CFruit::~CFruit() // Base class destructor
16
17
18
       delete[] pFruit;
       cout << "Fruit class frees 5 bytes\n";</pre>
19
20
21
    class CApple : public CFruit { // derived class
22
         public:
23
               CApple();
24
                               derived destructor
25
                ~CApple(); //
26
         private:
                 char *pApple;
27
    };
28
29
30
    CApple::CApple() : CFruit() // Derived class constructor
31
32
        pApple = new char[1000];
33
        cout << "CApple class allocates 1000 bytes\n";</pre>
34
35
```

```
CApple::~CApple() // derived class destructor
36
37
       delete[] pApple;
38
       cout << "CApple class frees 1000 bytes\n";</pre>
39
40
41
42
    int main()
43
       const int Forever =
44
45
46
       while (Forever)
           CFruit *pFruit = new CApple;
47
48
           delete pFruit;
49
50
51
```

Abstract Class

- A class with one or more pure virtual functions is an abstract class.
- Pure virtual functions have **no** body.
- Object cannot be created for an abstract class.
- The derived class of an abstract class must provide a body for a pure virtual function.

```
// Example 8-6
   #include <iostream>
   using namespace std;
3
   class CArea {
       protected:
5
             double m fDim1;// dimensions of figure
6
             double m fDim2;
       public:
8
             void Setarea(double d1, double d2) { m_fDim1=d1; m_fDim2=d2; }
             virtual double Getarea() = 0;
10
11
    };
```

```
class CTriangle : public CArea
12
         public:
13
              double Getarea() { return(0.5 * m_fDim1 * m_fDim2); }
14
    };
15
16
    class CRectangle : public CArea
17
        public:
18
             double Getarea() { return (m_fDim1 * m_fDim2); }
19
    };
20
```

```
int main()
21
22
23
        CArea *pArea;
24
        CRectangle *pR = new CRectangle;
        CTriangle *pT = new CTriangle;
25
26
        pR->Setarea(3.3,4.5);
27
28
        pT->Setarea(4.0,5.0);
29
30
        pArea = pR;
        cout << "Rectangle has area: " << pArea->Getarea() << "\n";</pre>
31
32
33
        pArea = pT;
        cout << "Triangle has area: "</pre>
34
                                        << pArea->Getarea() << "\n";
35
36
        delete pR;
                                          OUTPUT:
        delete pT;
37
                                          Rectangle has area: 14.85
38
                                          Triangle has area: 10
```