Capitolo 9 - Inheritance

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9.1 Introduction

Inheritance

- New classes created from existing classes
- Absorb attributes and behaviors
- Derived class
 - Class that inherits data members and member functions from a previously defined base class
- Single inheritance
 - Class inherits from one base class
- Multiple inheritance
 - Class inherits from multiple base classes
- Types of inheritance
 - public: Derived objects are accessible by the base class objects
 - private: Derived objects are inaccessible by the base class
 - protected: Derived classes and friends can access protected members of the base class



9.1 Introduction

• Polymorphism

- Write programs in a general fashion
- Handle a wide variety of existing (and unspecified) related classes

9.2 Inheritance: Base and Derived Classes

- Base and derived classes
 - Often an object from a derived class (subclass) is also an object of a base class (superclass)
 - A rectangle is a derived class in reference to a quadrilateral and a base class in reference to a square
- Inheritance examples

Base class	Derived classes
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9.2 Inheritance: Base and Derived Classes

• Implementation of **public** inheritance

```
class CommissionWorker : public Employee {
    ...
};
```

- Class CommissionWorker inherits from class
 Employee
- **friend** functions not inherited
- private members of base class not accessible from derived class



9.3 protected Members

• protected access

- Intermediate level of protection between public and private inheritance
- Derived-class members can refer to public and protected members of the base class simply by using the member names
- Note that protected data "breaks" encapsulation

9.4 Casting Base-Class Pointers to Derived Class Pointers

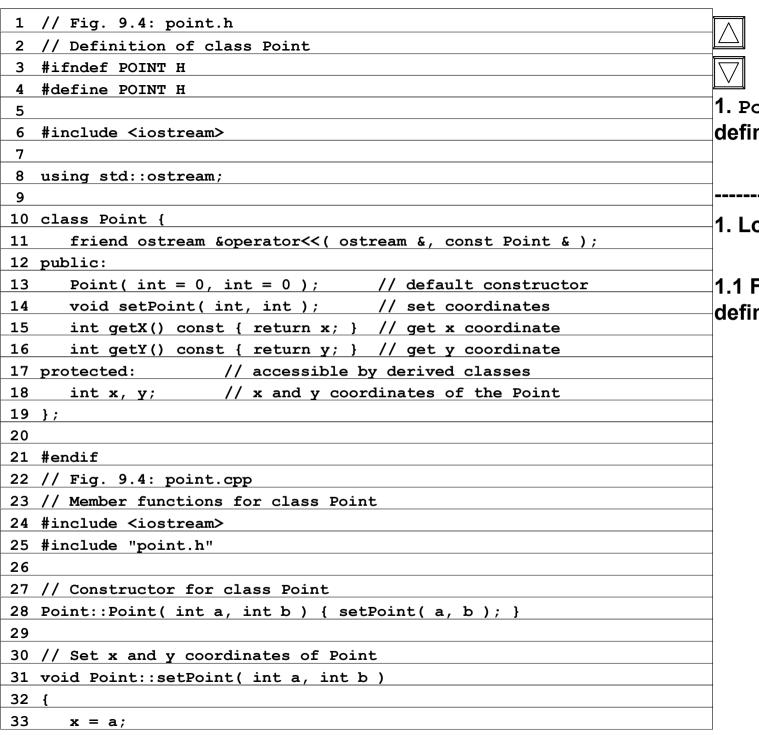
- Derived classes relationships to base classes
 - Objects of a derived class can be treated as objects of the base class
 - Reverse not true base class objects cannot be derived-class objects
- Downcasting a pointer
 - Use an explicit cast to convert a base-class pointer to a derivedclass pointer
 - If pointer is going to be dereferenced, the type of the pointer must match the type of object to which the pointer points
 - Format:

derivedPtr = static_cast< DerivedClass * > basePtr;



9.4 Casting Base-Class Pointers to Derived-Class Pointers

- The following example:
 - Demonstrates the casting of base class pointers to derived class pointers
 - Class Circle is derived from class Point
 - A pointer of type Point is used to reference a Circle object, and a pointer to type Circle is used to reference a Point object

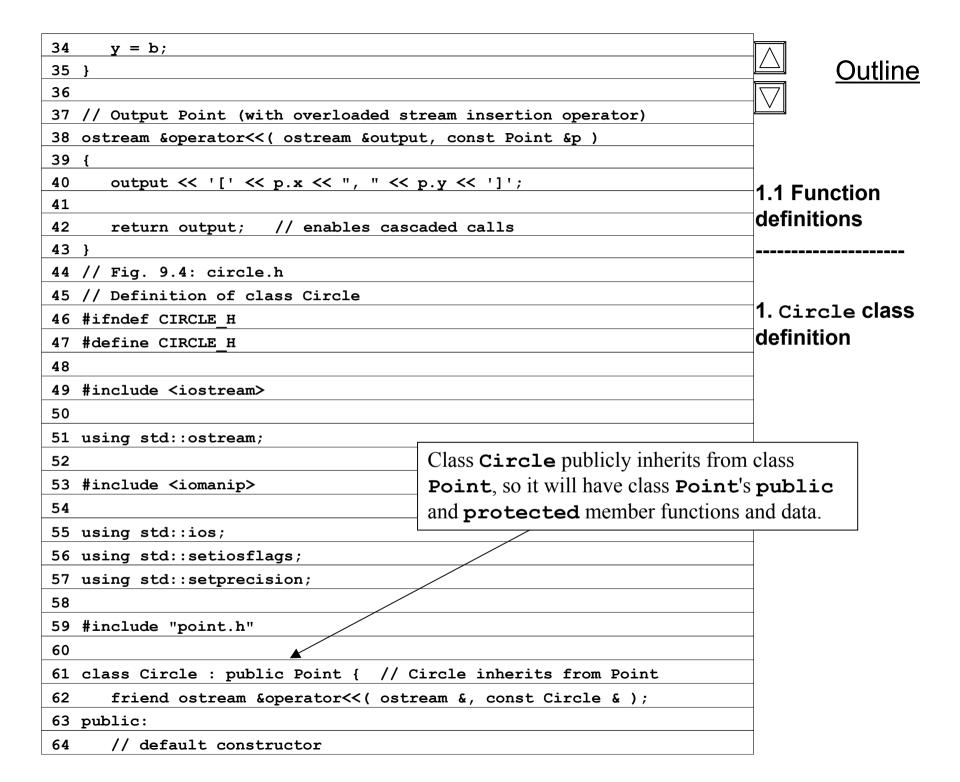


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1. Point class definition

1. Load header

1.1 Function definitions



65 Circle(double r = 0.0, int x = 0, int y = 0); 66 67 void setRadius(double); // set radius	Outline
68 double getRadius() const; // return radius	
69 double area() const; // calculate area	1. Circle definition
70 protected:	
71 double radius;	
72 };	1. Load header
73	
74 #endif	1.1 Function
75 // Fig. 9.4: circle.cpp	Definitions
76 // Member function definitions for class Circle	rcle inherits from Point,
77 #inglade Usingle bu	has Point's data members
78 (wł	nich are set by calling
79 // Constructor for Circle calls constructor for Point Po	int's constructor).
80 // with a member initializer then initializes radius.	
81 Circle::Circle(double r, int a, int b)	
82 : Point(a, b) // call base-class constructor	
83 { setRadius(r); }	
84	
85 // Set radius of Circle	
86 void Circle::setRadius(double r)	
87 { radius = (r >= 0 ? r : 0); }	
88	

89 // Get radius of Circle	
90 double Circle::getRadius() const { return radius; }	– <u>⊭</u> <u>Outline</u>
91	$-\parallel igtriangledown \parallel$
92 // Calculate area of Circle	
93 double Circle::area() const	
94 { return 3.14159 * radius * radius; }	─1. 1 Function
95	Definitions
96 // Output a Circle in the form:	
97 // Center = [x, y]; Radius = #.##	
98 ostream &operator<<(ostream &output, const Circle &c)	
99 { 100 output << "Center = " << static cast< Point >(c)	Duit con
100 output << "Center = " << static cast< Point >(c) 101 << "; Radius = "	_Driver
102 << setiosflags(ios::fixed ios::showpoint)	
102 < setToSTIAGS(ToS::Tixed ToS::Showpoint) 103 << setprecision(2) << c.radius;	d Lood booders
103 × setprecision(2) × c.radius,	_1. Load headers
105 return output; // enables cascaded calls	
106 }	1.1 Initialize objects
107// Fig. 9.4: fig09 04.cpp	
108// Casting base-class pointers to derived-class pointers	
109#include <iostream></iostream>	
110	
111using std::cout;	
112using std::endl;	
113	
114#include <iomanip></iomanip>	
115	
116#include "point.h"	
117#include "circle.h"	
118	
119int main()	
120 {	
121 Point *pointPtr = 0, p(30, 50);	

```
122
      Circle *circlePtr = 0, c( 2.7, 120, 89 );
                                                                                                   13
                                                                                    Outline
123
      cout << "Point p: " << p << "\nCircle c: " << c << '\n';</pre>
124
125
                                      Point p: [30, 50]
      // Treat a Circle as a Point
126
                                                                                         objects
                                     Circle c: Center = [120, 89]; Radius = 2.70
127
      pointPtr = &c;
                      // assign address of Circle to pointPtr
      cout << "\nCircle c (via *pointPtr): "</pre>
128
                                                                           1.2 Assign objects
           << *pointPtr << '\n';
129
                                         Circle c (via *pointPtr): [120, 89]
130
                                                                           2. Function calls
13 Assign pointPtr to a Point
                                        th some casting)
object. It has no derived-class
                                        ived-class pointer
   information.
13:
                                         >( pointPtr );
                                        tr):\n" << *circleRtr
When it is cast to a Circle *.
                                                                       Assign derived-class
13 circlePtr is really assigned to a
                                        tr Circle c (via *circlePtr):
base-class object with no derived-class
                                            Center = [120, 89]; Radius = 2.70
13 information. This is dangerous.
                                           Area of c (via circlePtr): 22.90
      // DANGEROUS: Treat a Point as a Circle
138
                                                                      "sees" the base-class part
139
      pointPtr = &p;
                        \chi/ assign address of Point to pointPtr
                                                                      of the object it points to.
140
      // cast base-class pointer to derived-class pointer
141
                                                                       Cast pointPtr into a
142
      circlePtr = static cast< Circle * >( pointPtr );
                                                                       Circle *, and assign to
      cout << "\nPoint p (via *circlePtr):\n" << *circlePtr</pre>
                                                                       circlePtr.
143
           << "\nArea of object circlePtr points to: "</pre>
144
                                                 Point p (via *circlePtr):
           << circlePtr->area() << endl;
145
                                                 Center = [30, 50]; Radius = 0.00
146
      return 0:
                                                 Area of object circlePtr points to: 0.00
147}
```





Program Output

Point p: [30, 50]
Circle c: Center = [120, 89]; Radius = 2.70
Circle c (via *pointPtr): [120, 89]

Circle c (via *circlePtr):
Center = [120, 89]; Radius = 2.70

Area of c (via circlePtr): 22.90

Point p (via *circlePtr):

Center = [30, 50]; Radius = 0.00

Area of object circlePtr points to: 0.00

9.5 Using Member Functions

- Derived class member functions
 - Cannot directly access **private** members of their base class
 - Maintains encapsulation
 - Hiding private members is a huge help in testing, debugging and correctly modifying systems

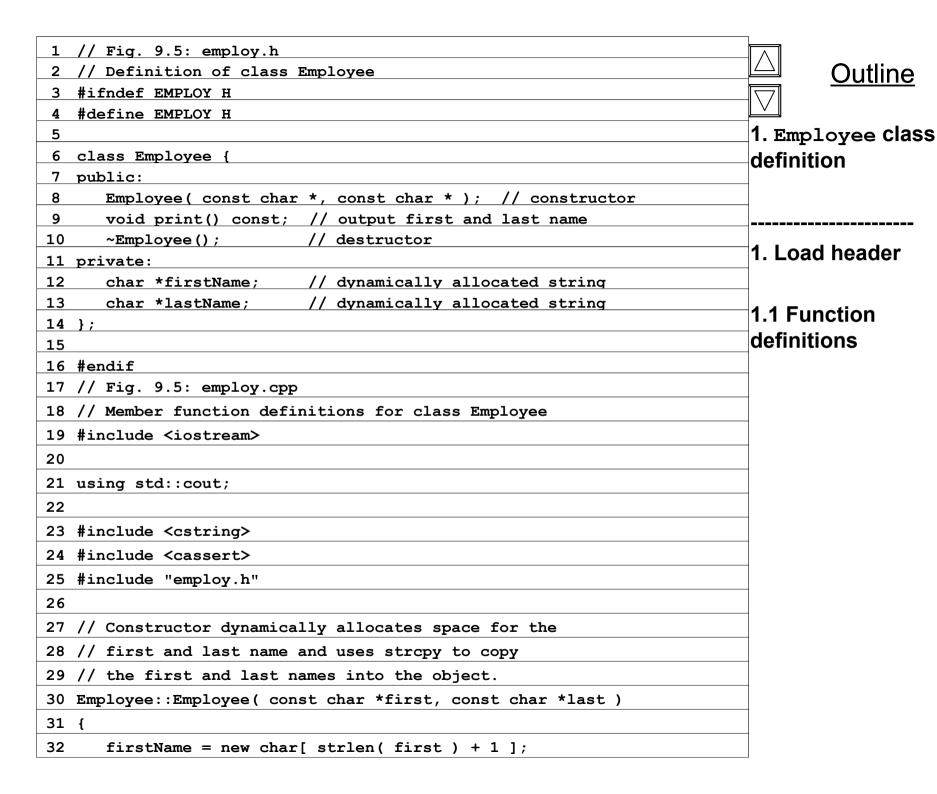


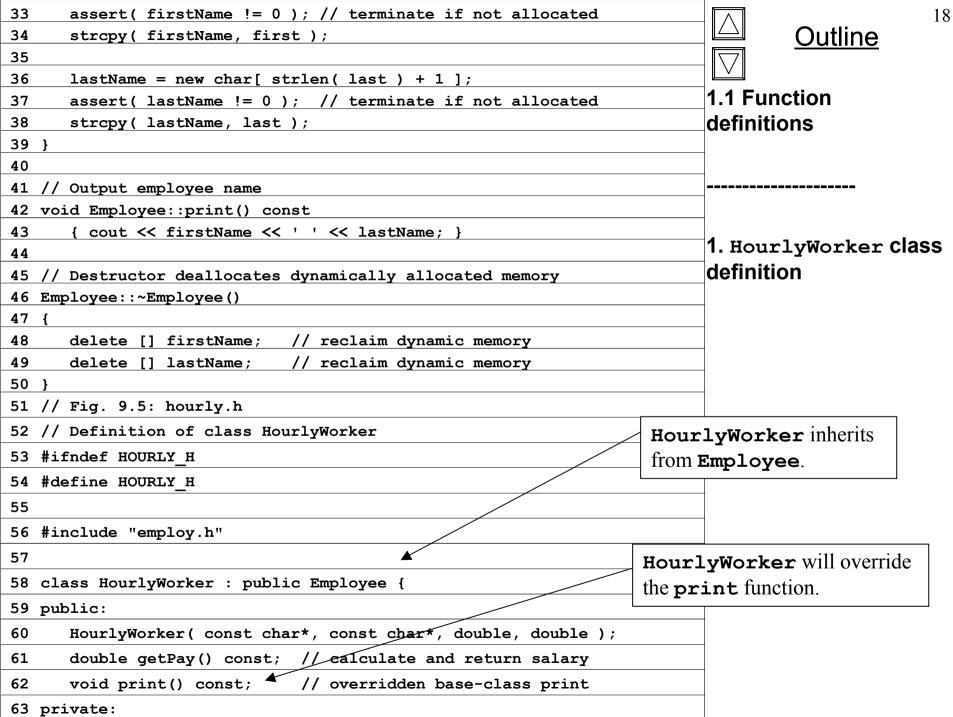
9.6 Overriding Base-Class Members in a Derived Class

- To override a base-class member function
 - In the derived class, supply a new version of that function with the same signature
 - same function name, different definition
 - When the function is then mentioned by name in the derived class, the derived version is automatically called
 - The scope-resolution operator may be used to access the base class version from the derived class



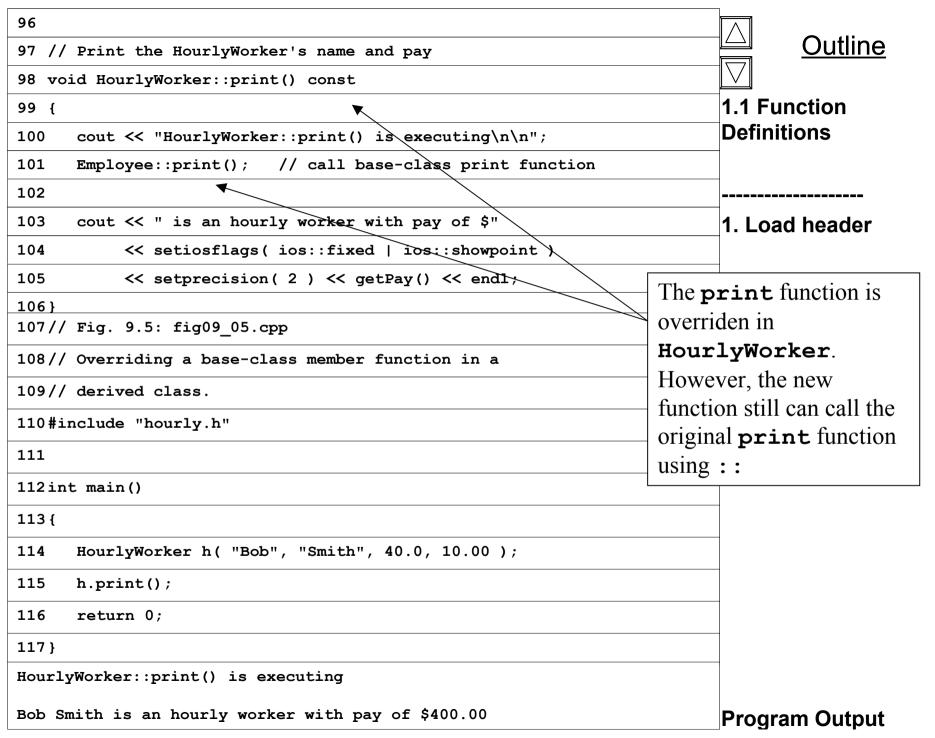
Outline





<u>Outline</u>

64 double wage; // wage per hour	
65 double hours; // hours worked for week	Outline Outline
66 };	
67	
68 #endif	1. Load header
69 // Fig. 9.5: hourly.cpp	
70 // Member function definitions for class HourlyWorker	
71 #include <iostream></iostream>	1.1 Function
72	definitions
73 using std::cout;	
74 using std::endl;	
75	
76 #include <iomanip></iomanip>	
77	
78 using std::ios;	
79 using std::setiosflags;	
80 using std::setprecision;	
81	
82 #include "hourly.h"	
83	
84 // Constructor for class HourlyWorker	
85 HourlyWorker::HourlyWorker(const char *first,	
86 const char *last,	
87 double initHours, double initWage)	
88 : Employee(first, last) // call base-class constructor	
89 {	
90 hours = initHours; // should validate	
91 wage = initWage; // should validate	
92 }	
93	
94 // Get the HourlyWorker's pay	
95 double HourlyWorker::getPay() const { return wage * hours; }	



9.7 public, private, and protected Inheritance

Base class member	Type of inheritance			
access specifier	public inheritance	protected inheritance	private inheritance	
Public	public in derived class. Can be accessed directly by any non-static member functions, friend functions and non-member functions.	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by all non-static member functions and friend functions.	private in derived class. Can be accessed directly by all non-static member functions and friend functions.	
Protected	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by all non-static member functions and friend functions.	protected in derived class. Can be accessed directly by all non-static member functions and friend functions.	private in derived class. Can be accessed directly by all non-static member functions and friend functions.	
Private	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by non-static member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by non-static member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.	Hidden in derived class. Can be accessed by non-static member functions and friend functions through public or protected member functions of the base class.	



9.8 Direct and Indirect Base Classes

- Direct base class
 - Explicitly listed derived class's header with the colon (:)
 notation when that derived class is declared

```
class HourlyWorker : public Employee
```

- Employee is a direct base class of HourlyWorker
- Indirect base class
 - Not listed in derived class's header
 - Inherited from two or more levels up the class hierarchy

```
class MinuteWorker : public HourlyWorker
```

• Employee is an indirect base class of MinuteWorker

9.9 Using Constructors and Destructors in Derived Classes

- Base class initializer
 - Uses member-initializer syntax
 - Can be provided in the derived class constructor to call the base-class constructor explicitly
 - Otherwise base class's default constructor called implicitly
 - Base-class constructors and base-class assignment operators are not inherited by derived classes
 - Derived-class constructors and assignment operators, however, can call base-class constructors and assignment operators

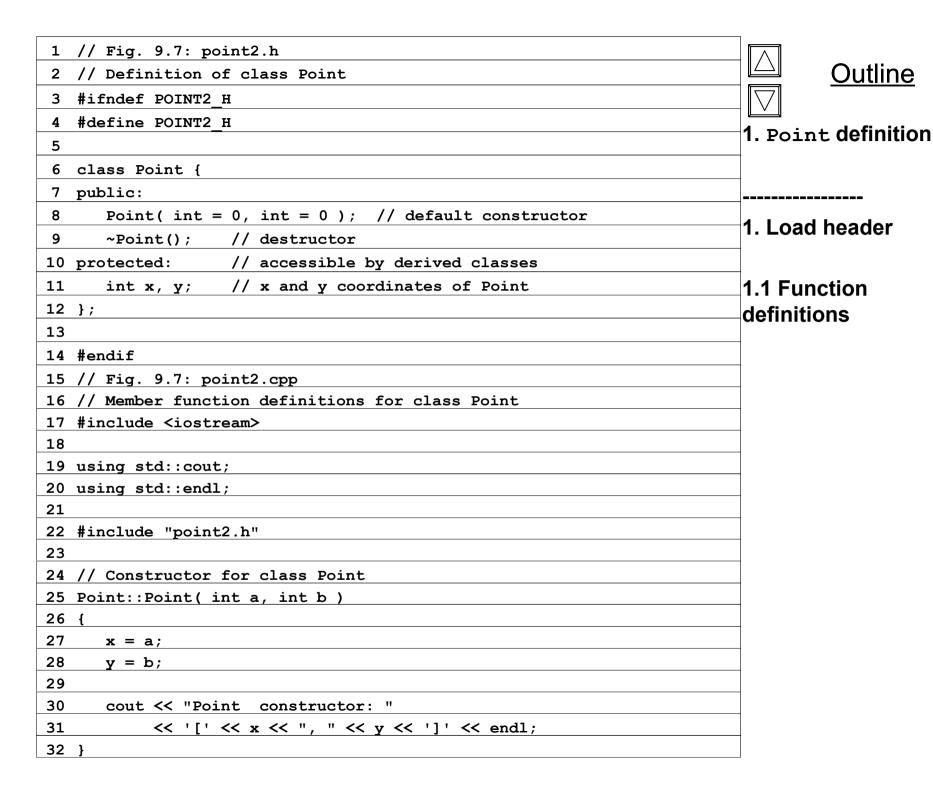


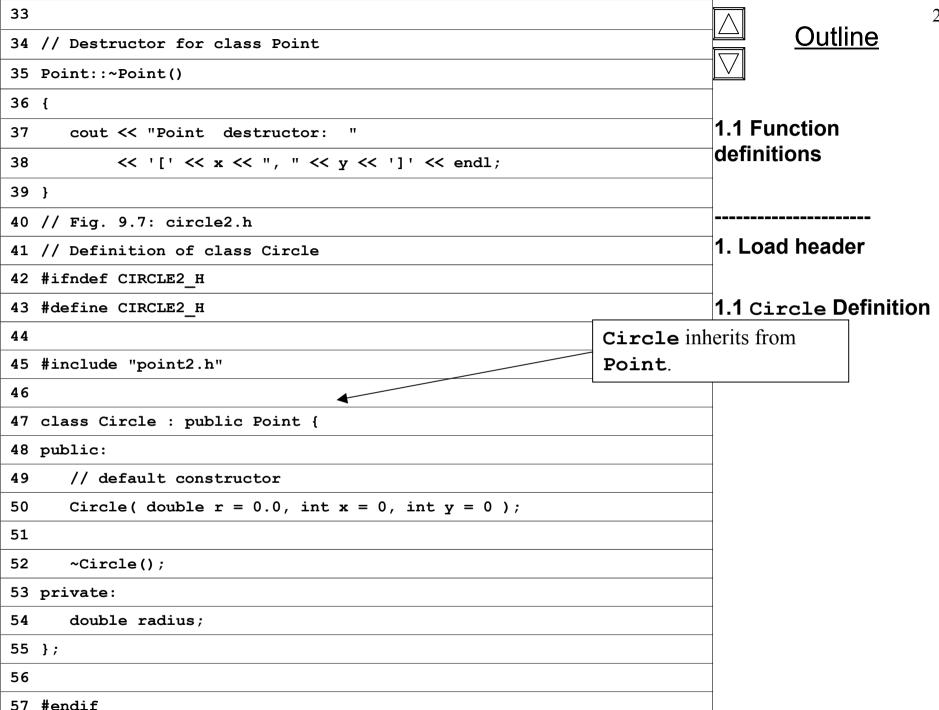
9.9 Using Constructors and Destructors in Derived Classes

- A derived-class constructor
 - Calls the constructor for its base class first to initialize its base-class members
 - If the derived-class constructor is omitted, its default constructor calls the base-class' default constructor
- Destructors are called in the reverse order of constructor calls
 - So a derived-class destructor is called before its base-class destructor

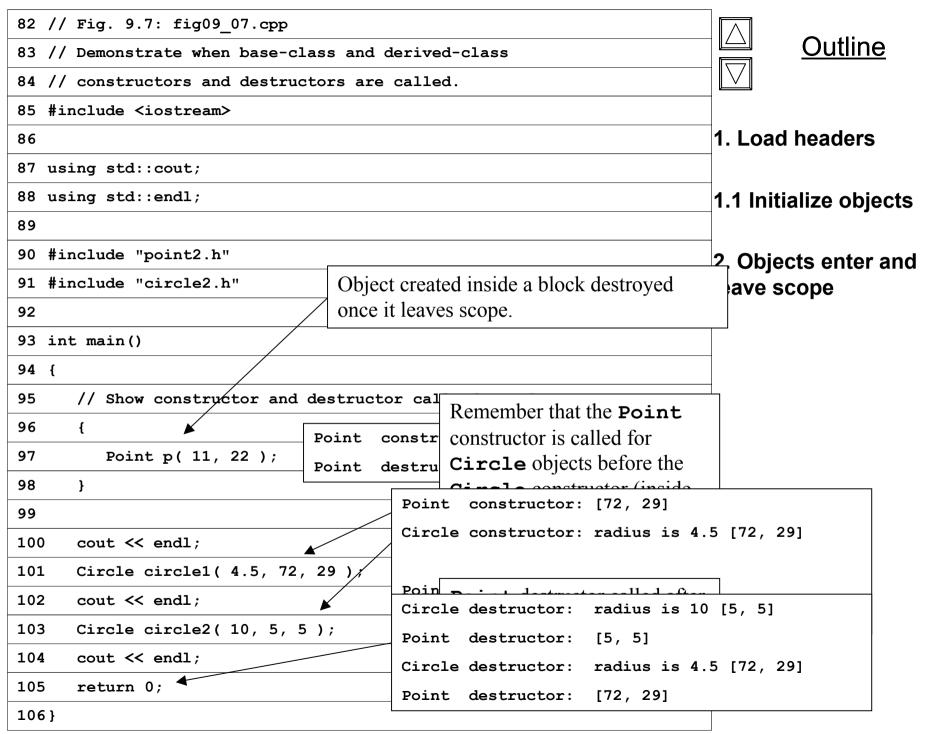


Outline





58 // Fig. 9.7: circle2.cpp	Outline 27	
59 // Member function definitions for class Circle	Outline Outline	
60 #include <iostream></iostream>		
61		
62 using std::cout;	1. Load header	
63 using std::endl;		
64	1.1 Function	
65 #include "circle2.h"	Definitions	
66		
67 // Constructor for Circle calls constructor for Point		
68 Circle::Circle(double r, int a, int b)		
69 : Point(a, b) ◄// call base-class constructor		
70 {	Constructor for Circle calls constructor for	
71 radius = r; // should validate	Point, first. Uses	
72 cout << "Circle constructor: radius is "	member-initializer syntax.	
73 << radius << " [" << x << ", " << y << ']' << endl;		
74 }		
75		
76 // Destructor for class Circle		
77 Circle::~Circle()	Destructor for Circle	
78 {	calls destructor for Point ,	
79 cout << "Circle destructor: radius is "	last.	
80 << radius << " [" << x << ", " << y << ']' << endl;		
81 }		
	1	



Point constructor: [11, 22] Point destructor: [11, 22]

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Point constructor: [72, 29]

Circle constructor: radius is 4.5 [72, 29]

Point constructor: [5, 5]

Circle constructor: radius is 10 [5, 5]

Circle destructor: radius is 10 [5, 5]

Point destructor: [5, 5]

Circle destructor: radius is 4.5 [72, 29]

Point destructor: [72, 29]

Program Output

9.10 Implicit Derived-Class Object to Base-Class Object Conversion

- Assignment of derived and base classes
 - Derived-class type and base-class type are different
 - Derived-class object can be treated as a base-class object
 - Derived class has members corresponding to all of the base class's members
 - Derived-class has more members than the base-class object
 - Base-class can be assigned a derived-class
 - Base-class object cannot be treated as a derived-class object
 - Would leave additional derived class members undefined
 - Derived-class cannot be assigned a base-class
 - Assignment operator can be overloaded to allow such an assignment



9.10 Implicit Derived-Class Object to Base-Class Object Conversion

- Mixing base and derived class pointers and objects
 - Referring to a base-class object with a base-class pointer
 - Allowed
 - Referring to a derived-class object with a derived-class pointer
 - Allowed
 - Referring to a derived-class object with a base-class pointer
 - Possible syntax error
 - Code can only refer to base-class members, or syntax error
 - Referring to a base-class object with a derived-class pointer
 - Syntax error
 - The derived-class pointer must first be cast to a base-class pointer

9.11 Software Engineering With Inheritance

- Classes are often closely related
 - "Factor out" common attributes and behaviors and place these in a base class
 - Use inheritance to form derived classes
- Modifications to a base class
 - Derived classes do not change as long as the public and protected interfaces are the same
 - Derived classes may need to be recompiled



9.12 Composition vs. Inheritance

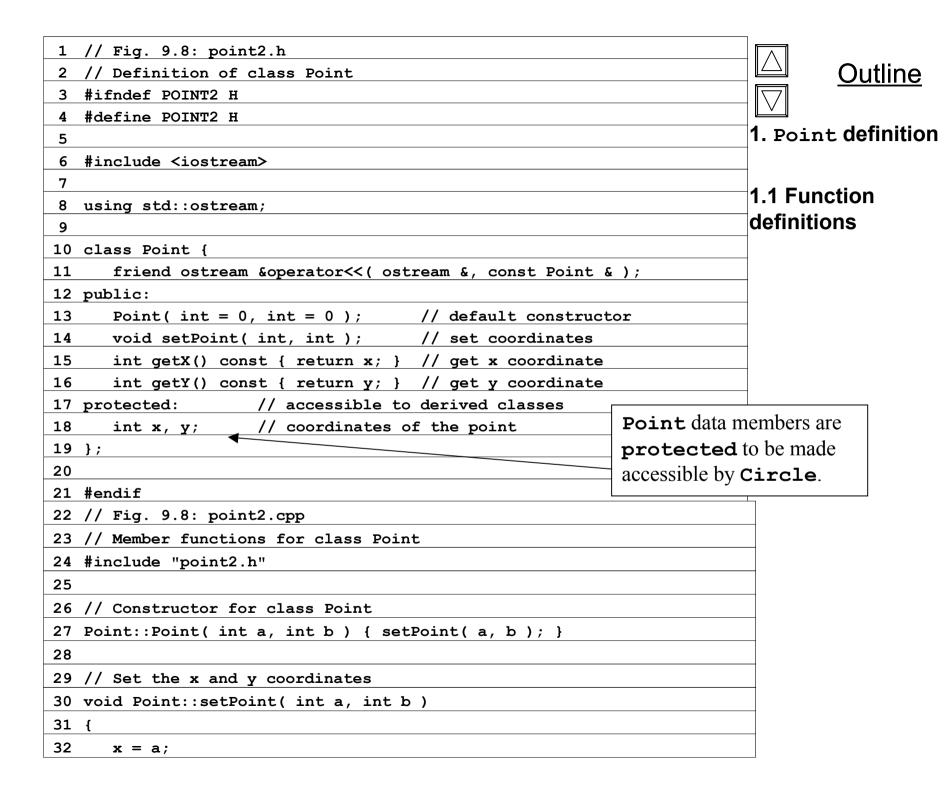
- "Is a" relationships
 - Inheritance
 - Relationship in which a class is derived from another class
- "Has a" relationships
 - Composition
 - Relationship in which a class contains other classes as members

9.13 "Uses A" And "Knows A" Relationships

- "Uses a"
 - One object issues a function call to a member function of another object
- "Knows a"
 - One object is aware of another
 - Contains a pointer or handle to another object
 - Also called an association

9.14 Case Study: Point, Circle, Cylinder

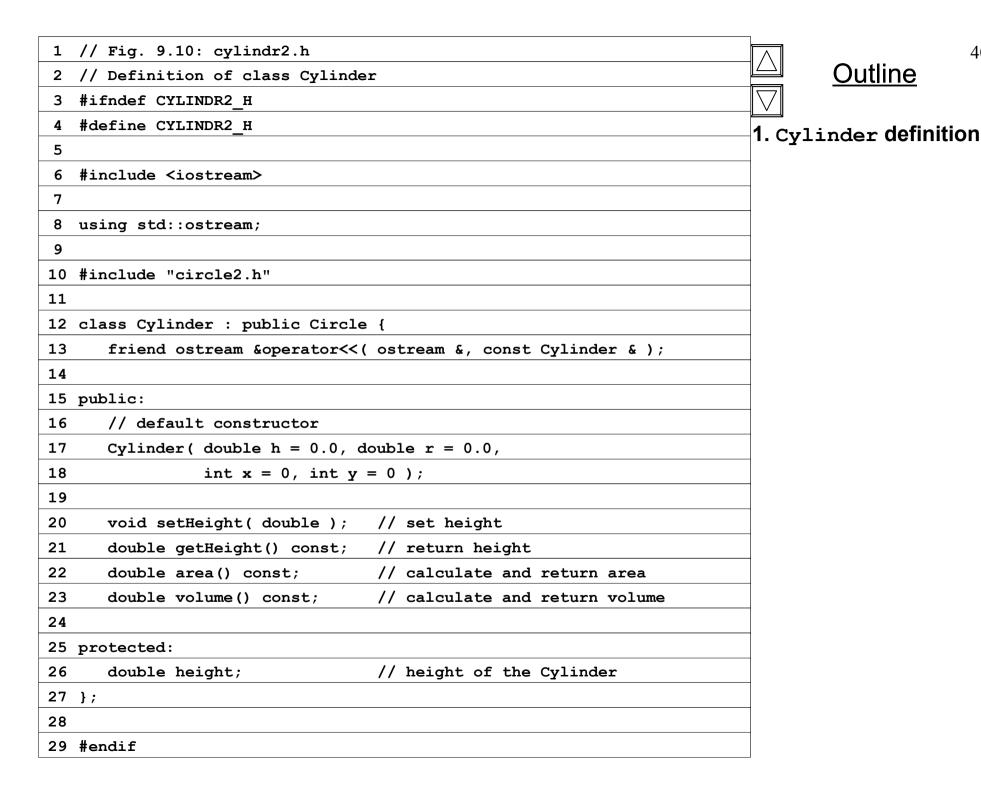
- Point, circle, cylinder hierarchy
 - Point class is base class
 - Circle class is derived from Point class
 - Cylinder class is derived from Circle class



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Outline The contract of the definition of the contract of the
1.1 Function definitions
Circle data members are protected to be made accessible by Cylinder.

34	
35 // Constructor for Circle calls constructor for Point	<u> </u>
36 // with a member initializer and initializes radius	
37 Circle::Circle(double r, int a, int b)	
38 : Point(a, b) // call base-class constructor	4 4 5
39 { setRadius(r); }	1.1 Function
40	definitions
41 // Set radius	
42 void Circle::setRadius(double r)	
43 { radius = (r >= 0 ? r : 0); }	
44	
45 // Get radius	
46 double Circle::getRadius() const { return radius; }	
47	
48 // Calculate area of Circle	
49 double Circle::area() const	
50 { return 3.14159 * radius * radius; }	
51	
52 // Output a circle in the form:	
53 // Center = [x, y]; Radius = #.##	
54 ostream &operator<<(ostream &output, const Circle &c)	
55 {	
56 output << "Center = " << static_cast< Point > (c)	
57 << "; Radius = "	
58 << setiosflags(ios::fixed ios::showpoint)	
59 << setprecision(2) << c.radius;	
60	
61 return output; // enables cascaded calls	
62 }	
	



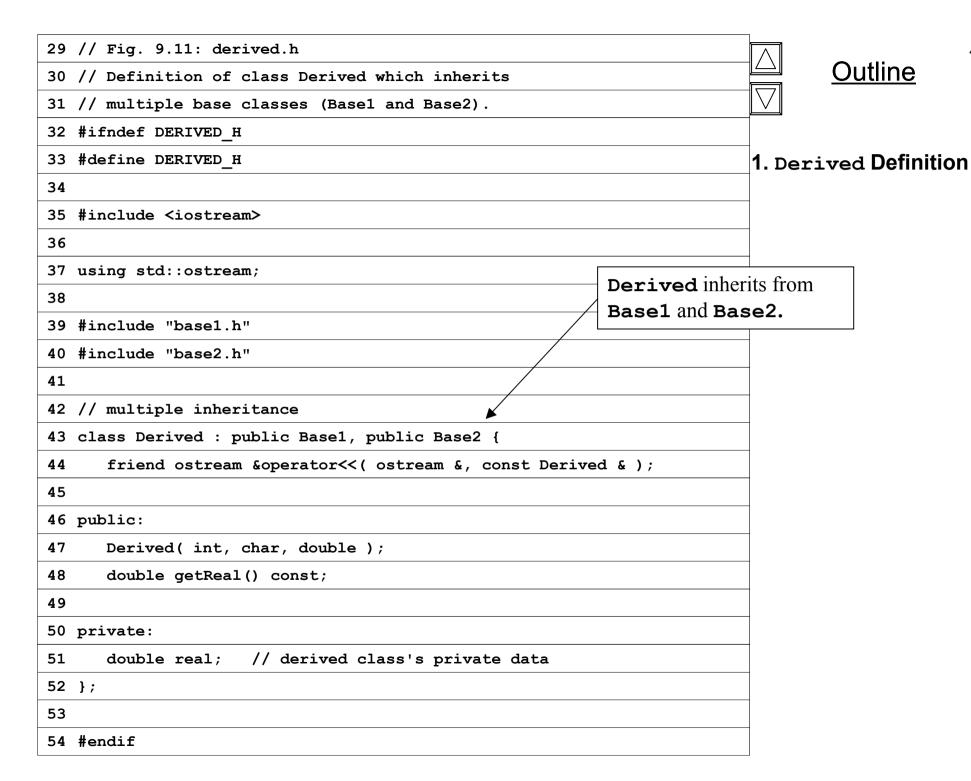
61 output << static_cast< Circle >(c)			4
62 << "; Height = " << c.height;		<u></u>	!
63			
64 return output; // enables cascaded calls	Í	1.1 Function	
65 }		definitions	
66 // Fig. 9.10: fig09 10.cpp		deminions	
67 // Driver for class Cylinder			
68 #include <iostream></iostream>			
69		1. Load headers	
70 using std::cout;		II Loud Houdolo	
71 using std::endl;			
72		1.1 Initialize obje	ect
73 #include "point2.h"			
74 #include "circle2.h"		2 Eupotion colle	
75 #include "cylindr2.h"		2. Function calls	
76			
77 int main()		2.1 Change attril	butes
78 {		3	
79 // create Cylinder object			
80 Cylinder cyl(5.7, 2.5, 12, 23);		3. Output data	
81	X coordin	ate is 12	
82 // use get functions to display the Cylinder	Y coordina	ate is 23	
83 cout << "X coordinate is " << cyl.getX()			
84 << "\nY coordinate is " << cyl.getY()	Radius is	2.5	
85 << "\nRadius is " << cyl.getRadius()	<pre>Height is</pre>	5.7	
86			
88 // use set functions to change the Cylinder's attribute	e		
89 cyl.setHeight(10);	3		
90 cyl.setRadius(4.25);			
91 cyl.setPoint(2, 2);			

```
92
      cout << "The new location, radius, and height of cvl are:\n"
                                                                                     Outline
93
           << cyl << '\n';
94
                                             The new location, radius, and height of cyl
95
      cout << "The area of cyl is:\n"</pre>
                                             are:
96
           << cvl.area() << '\n';
                                             Center = [2, 2]; Radius = 4.25; Height = 10.00
97
                                             The area of cvl is:
      // display the Cylinder as a Point
98
                                             380.53
      Point &pRef = cyl; // pRef "thinks
99
      cout << "\nCvlinder printed as a Point is: "</pre>
100
           << pRef << "\n\n";
101
                                                       Cylinder printed as a Point is: [2, 2]
102
103
      // display the Cylinder as a Circle
104
      Circle &circleRef = cyl; // circleRef thin
                                                    pref "thinks" cyl is a Point, so it
      cout << "Cylinder printed as a Circle is: 'n'
105
                                                    nrints as one
           << "\nArea: " << circleRef.area()</pre>
106
                                              Cylinder printed as a Circle is:
107
                                              Center = [2, 2]; Radius = 4.25
108
      return 0;
109}
                                              Area: 56.74
                                                     Circle, so it prints as one.
X coordinate is 12
Y coordinate is 23
Radius is 2.5
Height is 5.7
The new location, radius, and height of cyl are:
Center = [2, 2]; Radius = 4.25; Height = 10.00
The area of cyl is:
380.53
Cylinder printed as a Point is: [2, 2]
Cylinder printed as a Circle is:
Center = [2, 2]; Radius = 4.25
Area: 56.74
```

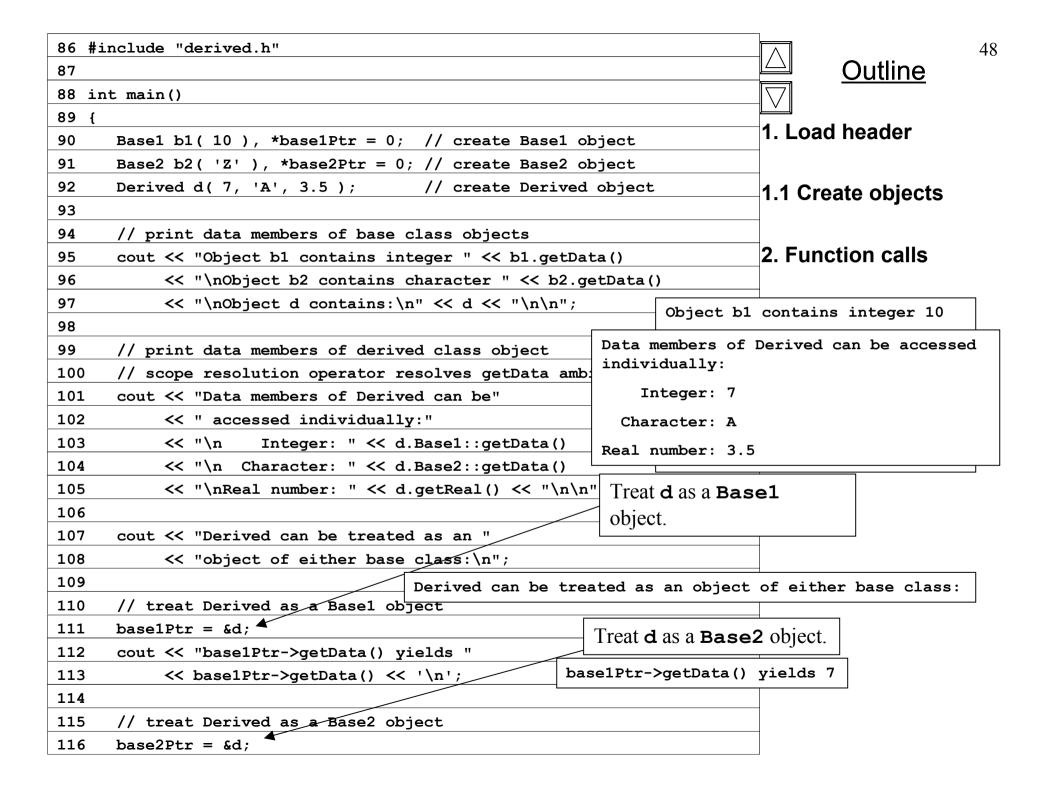
9.15 Multiple Inheritance

- Multiple Inheritance
 - Derived-class inherits from multiple base-classes
 - Encourages software reuse, but can create ambiguities

1 // Fig. 9.11: base1.h	
2 // Definition of class Base1	<u> Outline</u>
3 #ifndef BASE1_H	
4 #define BASE1_H	
5	1. Base1 definition
6 class Base1 {	
7 public:	
8 Base1(int x) { value = x; }	
9 int getData() const { return value; }	
10 protected: // accessible to derived classes	1. Base2 definition
11 int value; // inherited by derived class	
12 };	
13	
14 #endif	
15 // Fig. 9.11: base2.h	
16 // Definition of class Base2	
17 #ifndef BASE2_H	
18 #define BASE2_H	
19	
20 class Base2 {	
21 public:	
22 Base2(char c) { letter = c; }	
23 char getData() const { return letter; }	
24 protected: // accessible to derived classes	
25 char letter; // inherited by derived class	
26 };	
27	
28 #endif	



55 // Fig. 9.11: derived.cpp	
56 // Member function definitions for class Derived	
57 #include "derived.h"	
58	
59 // Constructor for Derived calls constructors for	
60 // class Base1 and class Base2.	1. Load header
61 // Use member initializers to call base-class constructors	
62 Derived::Derived(int i, char c, double f)	4 4 5 4
63 : Base1(i), Base2(c), real(f){}	1.1 Function
64	Definitions
65 // Return the value of real	
66 double Derived::getReal() const { return real; }	
67	
68 // Display all the data members of Derived	
69 ostream &operator<<(ostream &output, const Derived &d)	
70 {	
71 output << " Integer: " << d.value	
72 << "\n Character: " << d.letter	
73 << "\nReal number: " << d.real;	
74	
75 return output; // enables cascaded calls	
76 }	
77 // Fig. 9.11: fig09_11.cpp	
78 // Driver for multiple inheritance example	
79 #include <iostream></iostream>	
80	
81 using std::cout;	
82 using std::endl;	
83	
84 #include "base1.h"	
85 #include "base2.h"	



```
117
      cout << "base2Ptr->getData() yields "
                                                                                                    49
                                                base2Ptr->getData() yields A
                                                                                     Outline
           << base2Ptr->getData() << endl;</pre>
118
119
120
      return 0;
                                                                            3. Output data
121}
```

```
Object b1 contains integer 10
                                                                         Program Output
Object b2 contains character Z
Object d contains:
   Integer: 7
 Character: A
Real number: 3.5
Data members of Derived can be accessed individually:
   Integer: 7
 Character: A
Real number: 3.5
Derived can be treated as an object of either base class:
base1Ptr->getData() yields 7
base2Ptr->getData() yields A
```