

Abstraction

Abstraction:

Abstract classes are the way to achieve abstraction in C++.

Abstraction in C++ is the process to hide the internal details and showing functionality only.

Abstraction can be achieved by two ways:

- * Abstract class
- * Interface

Abstract class and interface both can have abstract methods which are necessary for abstraction.

Abstract class

In C++ class is made abstract by declaring at least one of its functions as `<>strong>pure virtual function`.

A pure virtual function is specified by placing `"= 0"` in its declaration. Its implementation must be provided by derived classes.

Let's see an example of abstract class in C++ which has one abstract method `draw()`.

Abstraction using classes:

An abstraction can be achieved using classes.

A class is used to group all the data members and member functions into a single unit by using the access specifiers.

A class has the responsibility to determine which data member is to be visible outside and which is not.

Example:

```
#include<string.h>
using namespace std;
class Student
{
    public:
        string name;
        int roll_no;
        string school_name = "ABC
        matric. Hr. secondary school";

        public:
            void scl_name(){
                cout<<"school name :
"<<school_name<<endl;
            }

            virtual void print() = 0;
};

class student1 : public Student{
public:
    void print(){
        cout<<"Student1 name is : ";
        cin>>name;
        cout<<"Student1 roll no is :
"<<" ";
    }
};
```

```

        cin>>roll_no;
    }
};
class student2 : public Student{
public:
    void print(){
        cout<<endl<<"Student2 name
is : "<<" ";
        cin>>name;
        cout<<"Student2 roll no is :
"<<" ";
        cin>>roll_no;
    }
};
int main(){
    Student *s;
    student1 s1;
    s = &s1;

    s->print();
    s->sc1_name();

    student2 s2;
    s = &s2;

    s->print();
    s->sc1_name();

}

```

Output:

Student1 name is : Akash
Student1 roll no is : 231
school name : "ABC matric.
Hr. secondary school"

Student1 name is : Dinesh
Student1 roll no is : 232
school name : "ABC matric.
Hr. secondary school"

Interface:

Another type of abstraction is header file.

For example, `pow()` function available is used to calculate the power of a number without actually knowing which algorithm function uses to calculate the power.

Thus, we can say that header files hide all the implementation details from the user.

In the example, `pow()` function is used to calculate 4 raised to the power 3.

The `pow()` function is present in the `math.h` header file in which all the implementation details of the `pow()` function are hidden.

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
#include<math.h>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int s = 4;
    int power = 2;
    int result = pow(s,power);
    std::cout << "Square of s is : "
<<result<< std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

output:

Square of s is : 16