

# What are Pure Virtual Functions?

- It's a function that is declared within a base class but does not have a implementation in that base class.
- Instead, it is overridden and given a specific implementation by derived (subclass) classes.
- In C++, To declare a pure virtual function use the **'virtual'** keyword in the base class, and append the **'= 0'**
- A class containing the pure virtual function cannot be used to declare the objects of its own, such classes are known as abstract classes.

**syntax: virtual void show()=0;**

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

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class Base {
    int x;

public:
    // pure virtual function
    virtual void fun() = 0;

    int getX()
    { return x; }
};
```

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class Derived : public Base {
    int y;

public:
    void fun()
```

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        { cout << "fun() called"; }  
};  
  
int main(void)  
{  
    // creating an object of Derived class  
    Derived d;  
    // calling the fun() function of Derived class  
    d.fun();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```