# **Unit 5 Inheritance**

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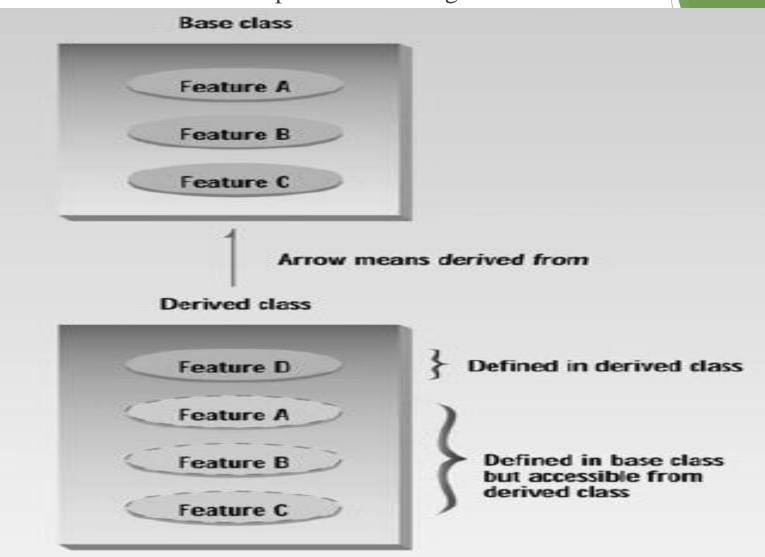
## Introduction

► Inheritance is the process of creating new classes, called derived classes, from existing or base classes.

- The derived class inherits all the capabilities of the base class but can add embellishments and refinements of its own.
  - ► (Like the child inheriting the features of its parents)

► The base class is unchanged by this process.

► The inheritance relationship is shown in Figure below:



- ► Inheritance permits code reusability.
  - programmer can use a class created by another programmer and, without modifying it, derive other classes from it that are suited to particular situations.
  - ► Reusing existing code:
    - saves time and money and increases a program's reliability.
    - ▶ makes ease of distributing classes.

## Why and when to use inheritance?

Classes without inheritance

#### Class Bus

fuelAmount() capacity() applyBrakes()

#### Class Car

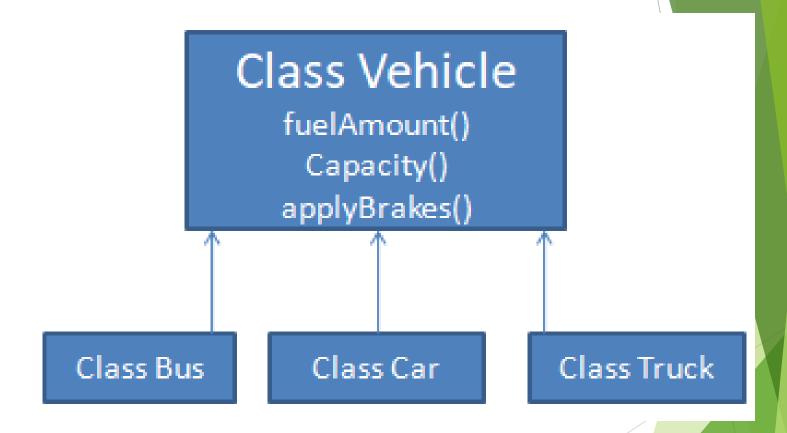
fuelAmount() capacity() applyBrakes()

#### **Class Truck**

fuelAmount() capacity() applyBrakes()

This increases the chances of error and data redundancy. To avoid this type of situation, inheritance is used.

Classes using inheritance



avoid the duplication of data and increase re-usability.

#### **Derived class and base class**

- Inheritance is a technique of building new classes from the existing classes.
- The existing classes that are used to derive new classes are called base classes and new classes derived from existing classes are called derived classes.
- When a class is derived from a base class, the derived class inherits all the characteristics of base class and can add new features.
- Base class is also called ancestor, parent, or super class and derived class is called as descendent, child or subclass.
- ▶ Because of inheritance, the base class is not changed.
- ▶ The inheritance does not work in reverse order:
  - The features in derived class can not be accessed by the base class object. However the features from base class are accessible in derived class.

- A derived class is specified by defining its relationship with the base class in addition to its own details.
- ▶ The general syntax of defining a derived class is as follows:

```
class derived_class_name: [access_specifier] base_class_name
{
    //members of derived class
};
```

- The colon(:) indicates that derived\_class\_name class is derived from the base\_class\_name class.
- The access specifiers or the visibility mode is optional and, if present can be public, private or protected. By default it is private. Visibility mode, describes the accessibility status of derived features.

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▶ Following are some possible derived class declarations:

```
1. public derivation:
    class derived_class_name: public base_class name
    {
        //members
    };
```

```
2. protected derivation:
    class derived_class_name: protected base_class name
    {
        //members
    };
```

```
3. private derivation:
    class derived_class_name: private base_class name
       //members
 4. private derivation by default:
     class derived_class_name: base_class name
          //members
```

In any of the above inheritance, private data members of the base class can not be accessed by any of the derived classes.

- A derived class inherits all base class methods with the following exceptions
  - ► Constructors, and destructors of the base class.
  - Overloaded operators of the base class.
  - ▶ The friend functions of the base class.

## **Access specifiers**

Access specifiers are used to impose access restrictions on members of class

> so, It is used for the purpose of data hiding.

- Any member of a class is accessible within that class i.e. inside any member function of same class.
- **►** Types of Access Specifier
  - Private
  - Public
  - protected

# **▶** Syntax

```
class Base
          public:
             // public members go here
          protected:
             // protected members go here
          private:
             // private members go here
   };
```

```
//program to prove visibility
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class base
    private:
        int x;
    protected:
        int y;
    public:
        int z;
class derived: public base
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"Enter x, y and z:";
            // cin>>x; // generates error because x is private
            cin>>y;
            cin>>z;
```

```
int main()
{
    derived d;
    d.getdata();
    // cout<<"x="<<d.x; invalid, generates error because x is private
    //cout<<"y="<<d.y invalid, generates error because y is protected
    cout<<<"z="<<d.z;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Enter x, y and z:2
3
z=3
```

# **Visibility Modes of Inheritance**

Like the access restrictions imposed on members of class by using access specifiers we can restrict the access of inheritated members in derived class by using access specifier while performing derivation.

- ► Three types of visibility modes of inheritance:
  - ▶ Public mode
  - ▶ Protected mode
  - ▶ Private mode

# Contd. Private mode:

If we derive a sub class from a base class by using a private qualifier.

```
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class derived_class_name: private base_class name
{
    //members
};
```

Then both public member and protected members of the base class will become Private in derived class.

#### Base class members

Private: x Protected: y Public: z Derivation mode is private

Derived class member

X is not accessible
Private: y
Private: z

```
//private derivation
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
 class base
    private:
        int x;
    protected:
        int y;
    public:
        int z;
        base()
            x=20;
            y=25;
            z= 30;
```

```
class derive1: private base
   public:
       showdata()
           cout<<"\n x of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n y of base class ="<<y;
           cout<<"\n z of base class ="<<z;
};
class derive2: private derive1
   public:
       displaydata()
           cout<<"\n x of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n y of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n z of base class is not accessible";
```

```
int main()
 derive1 d1;
 derive2 d2;
 cout<<"------";
 d1.showdata();
 cout<<"\n-----";
 d2.displaydata();
 return 0;
```

```
x of base class is not accessible
y of base class =25
z of base class =30
------For second derived class-----
x of base class is not accessible
y of base class is not accessible
z of base class is not accessible
```

#### Contd. Protected mode:

If we derive a sub class from a base class by using a protected qualifier.

```
2. protected derivation:
    class derived_class_name: protected base_class name
    {
        //members
};
```

► Then both public member and protected members of the base class will become protected in derived class.

# Base class members Private: x Protected: y Public: z Derivation mode is protected X is not accessible Protected: y protected: z

```
//protected derivation
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
 class base
 €
    private:
        int x;
    protected:
        int y;
    public:
        int z;
        base()
            x=20;
            y=25;
            z= 30;
```

```
class derive1: protected base
   public:
       showdata()
           cout<<"\n x of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n y of base class ="<<y;
           cout<<"\n z of base class ="<<z;
};
class derive2: protected derive1
   public:
       displaydata()
           cout<<"\n x of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n y of base class ="<<y;
           cout<<"\n z of base class ="<<z;
```

```
int main()
{
    derive1 d1;
    derive2 d2;
    cout<<"----For first derived class----";
    d1.showdata();
    cout<<"\n----For second derived class----";
    d2.displaydata();
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
-----For first derived class-----
x of base class is not accessible
y of base class =25
z of base class =30
-----For second derived class-----
x of base class is not accessible
y of base class =25
z of base class =30
```

#### **▶** Public mode:

▶ If we derive a sub class from a base class by using public qualifier.

Then the public member of the base class will become public in the derived class and protected members of the base class will become protected in derived class.

#### Base class members

Private: x Protected: y Public: z Derivation mode is public

Derived class member

X is not accessible Protected: y Public: z

```
//public derivation
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
 class base
    private:
        int x;
    protected:
        int y;
    public:
        int z;
        base()
            x=20;
            y=25;
            z= 30;
 };
```

```
class derive1: public base
   public:
       showdata()
           cout<<"\n x of base class is not accessible";
           cout<<"\n y of base class ="<<y;
           cout<<"\n z of base class ="<<z;
int main()
  derive1 d1;
   cout<<"-----For first derived class-----";
                                                -For first derived class--
  d1.showdata();
                                        x of base class is not accessible
  return 0;
                                        y of base class =25
                                        z of base class =30
```

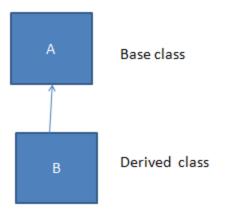
The below table summarizes the above three modes and shows the access specifier of the members of base class in the sub class when derived in public, protected and private modes:

When the component is declared as:	When the class is inherited as:	The resulting access inside the subclass is:
public	public	Public
protected		protected
private		none
public	protected	protected
protected		protected
private		none
public	private	private
protected		private
private		none

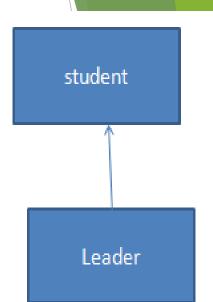
# Type(forms) of inheritance

- A class can inherit properties from one or more classes and from one or more levels.
- ▶ Based on the number of base classes and number of levels involved in the inheritance can be categorized into the following forms:
  - Single inheritance
  - Multiple inheritance
  - ► Hierarchical inheritance
  - Multilevel inheritance
  - ► Hybrid inheritance

▶ Single inheritance: In this types of inheritance a derived class has only one base class.



```
//an example of single inheritance
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class student
    private:
     char name[25];
     int sid;
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"\n Enter Name:";
            cin>>name;
            cout<<"\n Enter student ID:";
            cin>>sid;
        void showdata()
            cout<<"\n Name: "<<name;
            cout<<"\n student ID:"<<sid;
```



```
class leader: public student
    private:
        char union_name[25];
    public:
        void readdata()
            getdata();
            cout<<"Enter the name of associated student union:";
            cin>>union_name;
        void displaydata()
            showdata();
            cout<<"\n Name of associated student union:"<<union_name;</pre>
int main()
    leader led;
    cout<<"Enter data on leader of student union"<<endl;</pre>
    led.readdata();
    cout<<"\n data on leader of student union:"<<endl;</pre>
    led.displaydata();
    return 0;
```

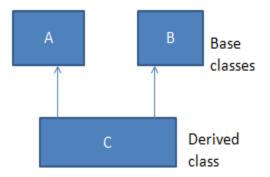
student

Leader

#### **Output:**

```
Enter data on leader of student union
 Enter Name:Ram
 Enter student ID:12
Enter the name of associated student union:ABC
 data on leader of student union:
 Name:Ram
 student ID:12
 Name of associated student union:ABC
```

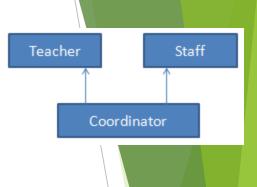
► Multiple inheritance: In this type of inheritance a single derived class may inherit from two or more than two base classes.



► Implem class A

```
{
    // members of A
};
class B
{
    //members of B
};
class C: public A, public B
{
    //members of C
}
```

```
//Multiple inheritance
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class teacher
    private:
        int tid;
        char subject[25];
    public:
        void getTeacher()
            cout<<"Enter teacher id and subject"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>tid>>subject;
        void displayTeacher()
            cout<<"Teacher ID:"<<tid<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"Subject:"<<subject<<endl;
};
```

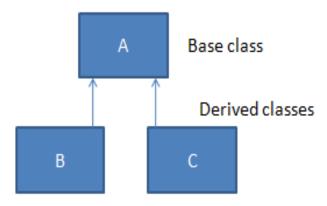


```
Contd..
  class staff
                                                           Teacher
                                                                       Staff
      private:
                                                                Coordinator
           int sid;
           char level[25];
      public:
           void getStaff()
               cout<<"Enter staff id and level"<<endl;</pre>
               cin>>sid>>level;
           void displayStaff()
               cout<<"staff ID:"<<sid<<endl;</pre>
               cout<<"Level:"<<level<<endl;
```

```
class coordinator: public teacher, public staff
                                                 Teacher
                                                             Staff
    char program[10];
    public:
        void getdata()
                                                      Coordinator
             getTeacher();
             getStaff();
             cout<<"Enter program"<<endl;
             cin>>program;
        void displaydata()
             displayTeacher();
             displayStaff();
             cout<<"Program: "<<pre>rogram;
```

```
Contd..
   int main()
                                             Teacher
                                                       Staff
      coordinator c;
                                                 Coordinator
      c.getdata();
      cout<<"-----"<<endl;
      c.displaydata();
      return 0;
  Enter teacher id and subject
  10
  C++
  Enter staff id and level
  12
  8th
  Enter program
  CSIT
            ---coordinator detail-
  Teacher ID:10
  Subject:C++
  staff ID:12
  Level:8th
  Program: CSIT
```

► Hierarchical inheritance: In this type, two or more classes inherit the properties of one base class.



► Implementa<sup>1</sup> class A latara

```
{
    //members of A
};
class B: public A
{
    //members of B
};
class C: public A
{
    //members of C
};
```

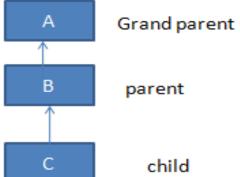
```
//Hierarchical inheritance
                                                Employee
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class employee
                                            engineer
                                                         typist
    private:
        int eid, salary;
    public:
        void getEmp()
            cout<<"Enter id and salary of employee"<<endl;
            cin>>eid>>salary;
        void displayEmp()
            cout<<"Emp ID:"<<eid<<endl;
            cout<<"Salary:"<<salary<<endl;
```

```
class engineer: public employee
                                         Employee
    private:
         char dept[10];
    public:
                                      engineer
                                                 typist
         void getdata()
             getEmp();
             cout<<"Enter Department"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>dept;
         void display()
             displayEmp();
             cout<<"Department:"<<dept;
```

```
Employee
class typist: public employee
    private:
        int ts; //Typing speed
                                           engineer
                                                      typist
    public:
        void getdata()
             getEmp();
             cout<<"Enter typing speed:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>ts;
        void display()
             displayEmp();
             cout<<"Typing speed:"<<ts<<endl;</pre>
};
```

```
Contd.,
                                                           Employee
    int main()
        engineer e;
        typist t;
                                                       engineer
                                                                     typist
        e.getdata();
        t.getdata();
                           -----Employee details-----"<<endl;
        cout<<"-----
        e.display();
        cout<<endl;
                           Enter id and salary of employee
        t.display();
                           10
        return 0;
                           45000
                           Enter Department
                           Construction
                           Enter id and salary of employee
                           15
                           25000
                           Enter typing speed:
                           45
                                            ----Employee details-
                           Emp ID:10
                           Salary:45000
                           Department:Construction
                           Emp ID:15
                           Salary:25000
                           Typing speed:45
```

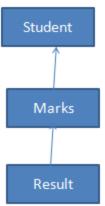
Multilevel Inheritance: The mechanism of deriving a class from another derived class is known as multilevel inheritance. The process can be extended to an arbitrary number of levels.



#### Implementation skeleton:

```
class A
{
    //members of A
};
class B: public A
{
    //members of B
};
class C: public B
{
    //members of C
```

```
//Multilevel inheritance
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class student
    int roll;
    char name[20];
    public:
        void getStudent()
             cout<<"Enter roll number and name of student:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>roll>>name;
         void displayStudent()
             cout<<"Roll Number:"<<roll<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"Name:"<<name<<endl;</pre>
```



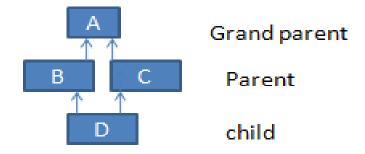
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class marks: public student
    int sub1, sub2, sub3;
    public:
        void getMarks()
            cout<<"Enter marks in three subjects:"<<endl;</pre>
            cin>>sub1>>sub2>>sub3;
        void displayMarks()
            cout<<"Subject1:"<<sub1<<end1;
            cout<<"Subject2:"<<sub2<<end1;
                                                          Student
            cout<<"Subject3:"<<sub3<<end1;
                                                           Marks
        int findTotalMarks()
            return sub1+sub2+sub3;
                                                           Result
```

```
class result: public marks
    float total, percentage;
                                               Student
    public:
       void getdata()
                                                Marks
            getStudent();
            getMarks();
        void displaydata()
                                                Result
            displayStudent();
            displayMarks();
            total=findTotalMarks();
            percentage=total/3;
            cout<<"Total marks:"<<total<<endl;
            cout<<"Percentage: "<<percentage;
};
int main()
   result r;
    r.getdata();
    cout<<"-----"<<endl;
    r.displaydata();
    return 0;
```

```
Enter roll number and name of student:
10
Ram
Enter marks in three subjects:
90
89
91
        ---Result Details-----
Roll Number:10
Name:Ram
Subject1:90
Subject2:89
Subject3:91
Total marks:270
Percentage:90
```

▶ **Hybrid Inheritance:** This type of inheritance includes more than one

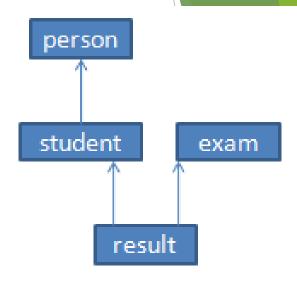
type of inheritance.



Implementation skeleton:

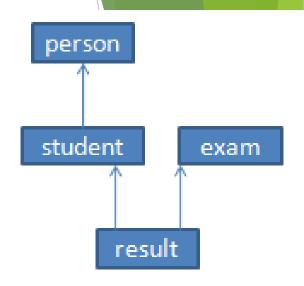
```
class A
{
     //members of A
};
class B: public A
{
     //members of B
};
class C: public A
{
     //members of C
};
class D:public B, public C
{
     //members of D
};
```

```
//hybrid inheritance
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class person
    private:
        char name[25];
        int age;
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"\n Enter Name:";
            cin>>name;
            cout<<"Enter age:";
            cin>>age;
        void showdata()
            cout<<"\n Name:"<<name;
            cout<<"\n Age:"<<age;
```

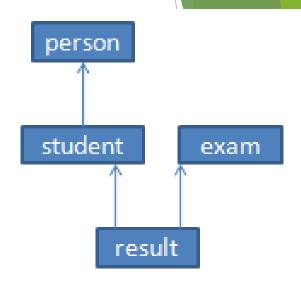


```
Contd..
```

```
class exam
    protected:
        int m1, m2, m3;
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"Enter marks in three subjects:";
            cin>>m1>>m2>>m3;
        void showdata()
            cout<<"\n marks in subject1:"<<m1;
            cout<<"\n marks in subject2:"<<m2;
            cout<<"\n marks in subject3:"<<m3;
```

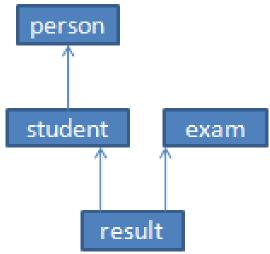


```
Contd...
class student:public person
      private:
           int sId;
           char stream[10];
      public:
           void getdata()
               person::getdata();
               cout<<"\n Enter student ID:";
               cin>>sId;
               cout<<"\n Enter stream:";
               cin>>stream;
           void showdata()
               person::showdata();
               cout<<"\n Student Id:"<<sId;</pre>
               cout<<"\n Stream:"<<stream;
```



```
Contd..
```

```
class result:public student, public exam
    private:
        int total;
    public:
        void getdata()
            student::getdata();
            exam::getdata();
        void showdata()
            student::showdata();
            exam::showdata();
            total = m1+m2+m3;
            cout<<"\n Total marks:"<<total;
            cout<<"\n percentage:"<< float(total)/3;</pre>
```



```
Contd..
  int main()
      result r;
      cout<<"Enter data for result processing:"<<endl;</pre>
      r.getdata();
      cout<<"\n data on student:"<<endl;
      r.showdata();
                                                     person
      return 0;
                                                    student
                                                                  exam
                                                          result
```

#### Output:

```
Enter data for result processing:
 Enter Name:Ram
Enter age:20
 Enter student ID:1001
 Enter stream:science
Enter marks in three subjects:
90
91
89
data on student:
Name: Ram
Age: 20
Student Id:1001
 Stream:science
marks in subject1:90
marks in subject2:91
marks in subject3:89
 Total marks:270
 percentage:90
```

# **Overriding member functions**

- We can define the function in derived class having same name and signature as that of base class which is called function overriding.
- It is called overriding because the new name overrides(hides or displaces) the old name inherited from base class.
- In such situations derived class have two versions of same function one derived from base class and another defined in the derived class itself.
- And if we call the overridden function by using the object of derived class version of the method defined in the derived class is invoked.
- We can call the version of method derived from base class as follows:
  obj.class\_name::method\_name

```
ntd..
```

```
//method overriding
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class A
    public:
        void show()
            cout<<"This is class A";
class B: public A
    public:
        void show()
            cout<<"This is class B"<<endl;</pre>
int main()
    B b;
    b.show();//Invoking the member function from class B
    b.A::show();//Invoking the member function from class A
    return 0;
```

This is class B This is class A

## **Constructors in derived classes**

- Constructors play an important role in initializing objects.
- As long as no base class constructor takes any arguments, the derived class need not have a constructor function.
- However, if any base class contains a constructor with one or more arguments, then it is mandatory for the derived class to pass arguments to the base class constructor.
- ▶ Initial values are supplied to all classes when a derived class object is declared.
- The constructor of the derived class receives the entire list of values as its arguments and passes them on to the base constructors in the order in which they are declared in the derived class.
- So, When object of a derived class is created, the constructor of the base class is executed first and then the constructor of the derived class is executed next.

```
/derived class constructor
  #include<iostream>
  using namespace std;
  class A
       protected:
           int adata:
       public:
           A(int a)
               adata =a;
  class B: public A
       private:
           int bdata;
       public:
           B(int a, int b): A(a)
               bdata=b;
           void showdata()
               cout<<"adata="<<adata<<endl;
               cout<<"bdata="<<bdd>data<<endl;
```

```
int main()
{
    B b(10, 100);
    b.showdata();
    return 0;
}
```

adata=10 bdata=100

If the base class contains no constructor, we can write the derived class constructor as follows:

```
B(int a, int b)
{
    adata= a;
    bdata=b;
}
```

In case of multiple inheritance, constructor in the base classes are placed in the initializer list in the derived class constructor separated by commas.

The order of the constructor invocation is not as the order in the initializer list but as the order of the inherited base class mentioned in derived class declaration.

```
//derived class constructor
    #include<iostream>
    using namespace std;
    class A
        protected:
            int adata;
        public:
            A(int a)
                adata =a;
    class B
        private:
            int bdata;
        public:
            B( int b)
                bdata=b;
    class C: public A, public B
        private:
            int cdata:
        public:
            C(int a, int b, int c): A(a),
                cdata=c;
```

- Order of execution of constructors:
  - The base class constructor is executed first and then constructor in the derived class is executed.
  - ► In case of multiple inheritance, the base class constructors are executed in which they appear in the definition of the derived class.
  - ▶ similarly, in a multilevel inheritance, the constructors will be executed in the order of inheritance. i.e., the constructor of the root base class is called at first and the constructor of the lastly derived class is called sequentially at last.
  - Furthermore, the constructors for virtual base classes are invoked before any non-virtual base classes.
  - If there are multiple virtual base classes, they are invoked in the order in which they are declared in the derived class.

```
//order of execution of constructors
    #include<iostream>
    using namespace std;
    class A
        public:
             A()
                 cout<<"Class A constructor"<<endl;
    class B:public A
         public:
             B( )
                 cout<<"Class B constructor"<<endl;</pre>
    class C: public B
        public:
             C()
                 cout<<"Class C constructor"<<endl;</pre>
    int main()
         C \times j
         return 0;
```

lass A constructor lass B constructor lass C constructor

## **Destructors in derived classes**

- Destructor is a member function which destructs or deletes an object.
- Order of destructor invocation is just reverse order of constructor invocation.

- Order of execution of destructors:
  - The derived class destructor is executed first and then the destructor in the base class is executed.
  - In case of multiple inheritance, the destructor of derived class is called first and the destructor of the base class which is mentioned at last in the derived class declaration is called next and destructor of other classes from last towards first is called sequentially and the destructor of the class which is mentioned at first is called last..
  - ► similarly, in a multilevel inheritance, the destructors will be executed in the reverse order of inheritance.

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```
Example:
```

```
//destructor under inheritance
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class A
    public:
        ~A()
             cout<<"Class A destructor"<<endl;
    class B:public A
    public:
         ~B()
             cout<<"Class B destructor"<<endl;</pre>
    class C:public B
    public:
         ~C()
             cout<<"Class C destructor"<<endl;</pre>
int main()
         \subset x_i
                                                Class C destructor
    }//destructor is called at this point
                                                Class B destructor
    return 0;
                                                Class A destructor
```

# **Aggregation(Containership)**

- ► Two types of class relationships:
  - Aggregation and
  - ► Inheritance

#### Inheritance:

Inheritance is often called a "kind-of" or "is-a" relationship. In inheritance If a class B is derived by inheritance from a class A, we can say that "B is a kind of A." This is because B has all the characteristics of A, and in addition some of its own.

E.g., we can say that bulldog is a kind of dog: A bulldog has the characteristics shared by all dogs but has some distinctive characteristics of its own.

#### Aggregation:

- This is another type of relationship, called a "has a" relationship, or containership.
  - ▶ We say a library has a book .
- Aggregation is also called a "part-whole" relationship: the book is part of the library.
- In object-oriented programming, aggregation(has a relationship) may occur when one object is an attribute of another. i.e., when one object is contained in another.

```
};
class B
{
   A objA; // define objA as an object of class A
};
```

# Contd... Example

```
//containership
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class employee
    private:
        int eid, salary;
    public:
        void getdata()
             cout<<"Enter id and salary of employee:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>eid>>salary;
        void display()
             cout<<"Employee Id:"<<eid<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"Employee salary:"<<salary<<endl;</pre>
```

```
class company
    private:
        int cid;
        char cname[20];
        employee e; // containership(object of employee class is included in company class
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"Enter id and name of the company:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>cid>>cname;
            e.getdata();
        void display()
             cout<<"Company Id:"<<cid<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"company Name:"<<cname<<endl;</pre>
             e.display();
```

```
company c;
    c.getdata();
    cout<<"----Company Details----"<<endl;
    c.display();
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Enter id and name of the company:
1001
CAB
Enter id and salary of employee:
2001
35000
-----Company Details-----
Company Id:1001
company Name:CAB
Employee Id:2001
Employee salary:35000
```

## **Ambiguities in inheritance**

- ► An ambiguity in inheritance arises in two situations:
  - ► In case of multiple inheritance and
  - ► In case multipath hybrid inheritance

- ► Ambiguity in multiple inheritance:
  - ▶ Suppose two base classes have an exactly similar member.

▶ Also, suppose a class derived from both of these classes has not this member.

Then, if we try to access this member from the objects of the derived class, it will be ambiguous.

- ▶ We can remove this ambiguity by using the syntax:
  - Obj.class\_name::methodname.

```
//Ambiguity in multiple inheritance and removal of ambiguity
    #include<iostream>
    using namespace std;
    class A
        public:
             void show()
                 cout<<"This is class A"<<endl;</pre>
    class B
        public:
             void show()
                     cout<<"This is class B"<<endl;</pre>
    };
```

```
Contd...
   class C: public A, public B
   };
   int main()
      Сс
   // c.show(); // ambiguous and will not compile
       c.A::show(); // OK
       c.B::show(); //ok
       return 0;
```

#### Outpu

```
This is class A
This is class B
```

#### Error will be:

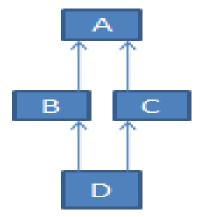
Line	Col	File	Message
		C:\Users\hp\Documents\C++ practice\Inheritance\a	In function 'int main()':
27	4	$\label{linear_continuous_continuous} C:\ \ \ C:\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	[Error] request for member 'show' is ambiguous
15	9	$\label{linear_continuous_continuous} C:\Users\hp\Documents\C++\ practice\Inheritance\ambi$	[Note] candidates are: void B::show()
7	9	$\label{linear_continuous_continuous} C:\ \ \ C:\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	[Note] void A::show()

▶ We can also remove this ambiguity by adding a function in class C as follows:

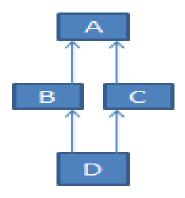
```
class C: public A, public B
{
    public:
        void show()
        {
            A::show();
           B::show();
        }
};
```

## **Ambiguity in multi-path inheritance**

- Another kind of ambiguity arises if you derive a class from two classes that each derived from the same class as shown in figure below, which is called multipath hybrid inheritance.
- In this case, public or protected member of grandparent is derived in the child class twice which creates confusion to the compiler.

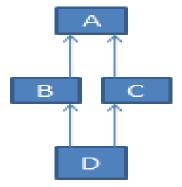


Consider the hybrid multipath inheritance as shown in figure below:



- All the public and protected members from class A inheritated into class D twice:
  - ► Once through the path A->B->D and
  - ► Again through the path A->B->C
- ► This causes ambiguity and should be avoided.

- ► We can remove this kind of ambiguity by declaring the base class(A) as virtual while creating derived classes(B and C) from this class.
- After adding the keyword virtual while creating derived classes(B and C) it ensures that only one copy of the properties of base class(A) is inherited in the child class(D) which is derived from derived classes(B and C)



```
class A
class B:virtual public A
class C: public virtual A
class D:public B, public C
```

Note: The keywords virtual and public may be used in either order.

## Contd.. example

```
//virtual base class
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class person
    protected:
        char name[20];
        int age;
    public:
        void getdata()
            cout<<"Enter name and age:"<<endl;</pre>
            cin>>name>>age;
        void display()
            cout<<"Name: "<<name<<endl;
            cout<<"Age: "<<age<<endl;
```

```
class employee: virtual public person
    protected:
        int eid, salary;
    public:
        void getdata()
             cout<<"Enter employee ID and salary:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>eid>>salary;
        void display()
             cout<<"Employee ID:"<<eid<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"salary:"<<salary<<endl;</pre>
```

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```
class student: public virtual person
    protected:
        int sid;
        char faculty[20];
    public:
        void getdata()
             cout<<"Enter student ID and faculty:"<<endl;</pre>
             cin>>sid>>faculty;
        void display()
             cout<<"student id:"<<sid<<endl;</pre>
             cout<<"Faculty:"<<faculty<<endl;</pre>
```

```
class teachingAssistant:public employee,public student
    private:
        char course[20];
    public:
        void getdata()
            person::getdata();
            employee::getdata();
            student::getdata();
            cout<<"Enter course:"<<endl;
            cin>>course;
        void displayData()
            person::display();
            employee::display();
            student::display();
            cout<<"Course: "<<course;
```

```
int main()
{
    teachingAssistant ta;
    ta.getdata();
    cout<<<"----course detail-----"<<endl;
    ta.displayData();
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Enter name and age:
Ram
25
Enter employee ID and salary:
1001
35000
Enter student ID and faculty:
2001
CSIT
Enter course:
CSC 110
-----course detail--
Name:Ram
Age:25
Employee ID:1001
salary:35000
student id:2001
Faculty:CSIT
Course:CSC
```

### Homework

- ▶ Differentiate between base class and derived class with suitable examples.
- Differentiate between private, public and protected variables with suitable example.
- Explain the role of inheritance in OOP. What is public, private and protected dentations? Explain.
- Discuss a situation in which the private derivation will be more appropriate as compared to public derivation.
- ▶ What is inheritance? Explain the types of inheritance with suitable examples.
- What is multilevel inheritance? How it differ from multiple inheritance?
- Define a shape class (with necessary constructors and member functions) in Object Oriented Programming (abstract necessary attributes and their types). Write a complete code in C++ programming language.
  - ▶ Derive triangle and rectangle classes from shape class adding necessary attributes.
  - ▶ Use these classes in main function and display the area of triangle and rectangle.

- Define a **student** class (with necessary constructors and member functions) in Object Oriented Programming (abstract necessary attributes and their types). (Write a complete code in C++ programming language).
  - Derive a Computer Science and Mathematics class from student class adding necessary attributes (at least three subjects).
  - Use these classes in a main function and display the averages marks of computer science and mathematics students.

Differentiate between function overriding and function overloading. Explain with suitable example.

- Define a **clock** class (with necessary constructors and member functions) in Object Oriented Programming (abstract necessary attributes and their types). (Write a complete code in C++ programming language).
  - Derive a wall\_clock class from clock class adding necessary attributes.
  - Create two objects of wall\_clock class with all initial state to 0 or NULL.

- ▶ What is container class? Differentiate container class from inheritance.
- Differentiate between overloading and overriding.
- ▶ Differentiate abstract base class and concrete classes with suitable example.
- What are ambiguities in inheritance and how do you resolve those ambiguities.
- What is the purpose of virtual base classes? Explain with suitable example.

# Thank You!

