

C++ Inheritance

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- ⇒ Inheritance is one of the most powerful features of object oriented programming.
- ⇒ It allows one class to inherit attributes and methods from another existing class (base class).
- ⇒ The new class created ~~is posses~~ (having) all the attributes of base class in addition to its additional features.
- ⇒ The class which inherits the members of another class is called derived class and the class whose members are inherited is called base class.

⇒ Note: in C++, inheritance is a process in which one obj acquires all the properties and behaviours of its parent object automatically.

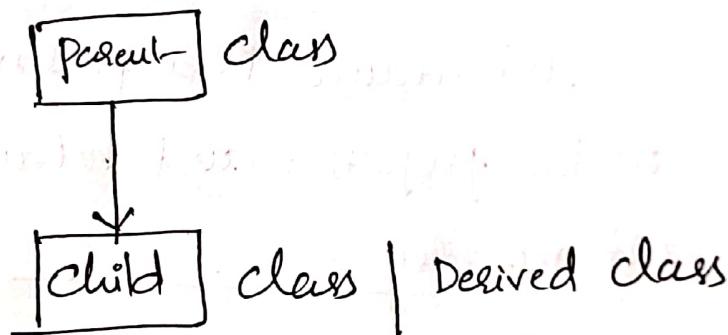
Advantage of C++ Inheritance

Code reusability: Now you can reuse the members of your parent class. So, there is no need to define the member again. So less code is required in the class.

Note: When creating a class, instead of writing completely new data members and member functions, the programmer can designate that the new class should inherit the members of an existing class.

⇒ To inherit from a class, we use : symbol.

→ Inheritance is one of the features of OOPS (Object Oriented Programming System), it allows the child class to acquire the properties (the data members) and functionality (the member f's) of parent class.



Advantages: When child class inherits the properties & functionality of parent class, we need not to write the same code again in child class. This makes it easier to reuse the code, makes us write the less code and the code becomes much more readable.

⇒ in simple Code reusability & Readability.

```

#include <iostream>
#define PI 3.14
class Circle
{
protected:
    float radius;
public:
    void setradius(float r);
    float getArea();
};

void Circle :: setradius(float r)
{
    radius = r;
}

float Circle :: getArea()
{
    float area = PI * radius * radius;
    return area;
}

// public inheritance
class Cylinder : public Circle
{
private:
    float height;
public:
    void setHeight(float h);
    float getVolume();
    void showinfo();
};

void cylinder :: setHeight(float h)
{
    height = h;
}
float cylinder :: getVolume()
{
    float area = getArea();
    float vol = area * height;
    return vol;
}

void cylinder :: showinfo()
{
    cout << "radius of base circle " << radius;
    cout << "Height of cylinder " << height;
    cout << "Volume is " << getVolume();
}

int main()
{
    cylinder C;
    C.setradius(4);
    C.setHeight(6);
    C.showinfo();
}

```

```

#include<iostream> Example 2
class student {
protected:
    string name;
    int rollno;
    string course;
public:
    void setstudentdata(string nm, int r, string c);
    void showstudentdata();
};

void student::setstudentdata(string nm, int r, string c)
{
    name = nm;
    rollno = r;
    course = c;
}

void student::showstudentdata()
{
    cout << "Name" << name;
    cout << "rollno" << rollno;
    cout << "course" << course;
}

```

Class Hostel : public student

```

private:
    string hostel;
    int roomno;
public:
    void sethosteldata(string hn, int r);
    void showhosteldata();
};

void Hostel::sethosteldata(string hn, int r)
{
    hostel = hn;
    roomno = r;
}

void Hostel::showhosteldata()
{
    cout << "Hostel Name" << hostel;
    cout << "room no" << roomno;
}

int main()
{
    Hostel H;
    H.setstudentdata("Koushik", 525, "B.TECH");
    H.sethosteldata("LEPALESHI", 101);
    H.showhosteldata();
}

```

Example Pgm

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```

#define <iostream>
#define

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class xyz {
protected: int x;
public: int y;
};

void xyz:: show() {
    cout << "Hello";
}

void xyz:: display() {
    cout << "xyz";
}

class Pqr : public xyz {
private: int p;
public: int q;
};

Pqr ob;
ob.show();
ob.display();
ob.showdata();

```

void Pqr:: display()

{

cout << "Hello msit";

}

void Pqr:: showdata()

{

cout << "Hello Hyd";

}

int main()

{

Pqr ob;

ob.show();

ob.display();

ob.showdata();

return 0;

}

Syntax TO declare a derived class from a base class.

Class derived-class : Access-specifier base-class

↓
may be a private
 public
 protected.

Note: if Access-specifier is not specified then by default it is private.

Mode of Inheritance

Note: When deriving a base class, ~~the base class~~, the base class may be inherited through public, protected & private mode.

① Public Mode: if we derive a subclass from a public base class. Then the public members of the base class will become public in the derived class and protected members of the base class will become protected in derived class.

② protected mode: both public members & protected members of the base class will become protected in derived class.

③ private mode: Both public & protected members of the base class will become private in derived class.

Note:- A base class's private members are never accessible directly from a derived class, but can be accessed through calls to the public & protected members of the base class.

Ex:- #include<iostream>

Class Parent

private:

int n₁;

protected:

int n₂;

int n₃;

public:

void show()

{ cout << "The Value of N₁" << n₁ << endl;

cout << "The Value of N₂" << n₂ << endl;

}

Class Child : public Parent

public:

void input()

{ cout << "Enter first value" ;

cin >> n₁;

cout << "Enter 2nd value" ;

cin >> n₂;

}

int main()

{

Child ob;

ob.input(); // raises error you can Access

private member n₁

ob.show();

∴ Change n₁ as protected

}

class Parent

{

private :

protected: int n;
int n2;

public: void showC()

{
cout << "n, value is" << n;
cout << "n2, value is" << n2;

class Child : protected Parent

{

public:

void inputC()

{
cout << "enter n, value" << endl;
cin >> n;

cout << "enter n2, value" << endl;

cin >> n2;

* * * ← showC();

};

int main()

{

Child ob;

ob.inputC(); ✓

ob.showC() x showC inaccessible

int main

{
Child ob;
ob.inputC();

class parent

{

private:

protected:

```
int n1;
int n2;
```

public: void show()

{

cout << "n1 Value is " << n1;

cout << "n2 Value is " << n2;

}

};

class child : private parent

{

public: void input()

{ cout << "enter n1 value"

cin >> n1;

cout << "enter n2 value"

cin >> n2;

show();

add

};

};

int main()

{

child ob1;



ob1.input();

ob1.show(); X inaccessible.

};

int main()

{

child ob1;

ob1.input();

}

⇒ We can summarize the different Access types ⑥ according to who can Access them in the following way:

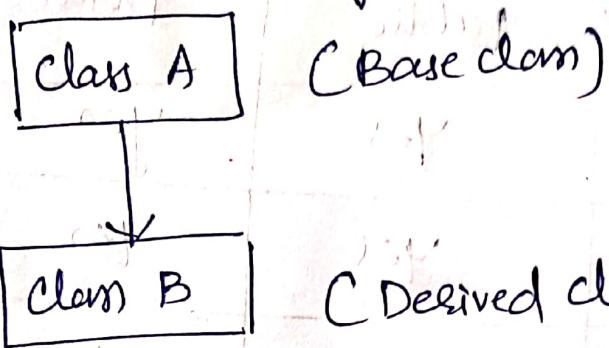
Access	public	protected	private
Same class	Yes	Yes	Yes
Derived class	Yes	Yes	No
Outside class	Yes	No	No

Type of Inheritance

- C++ supports the following 5 types of inheritance.
- ① single inheritance
 - ② multiple "
 - ③ multi-level "
 - ④ Hierarchical "
 - ⑤ Hybrid (Virtual) Inheritance.

① Single Inheritance:

→ In single inheritance, a class is allowed to inherit from only one class i.e. one sub-class is inherited by one base class only.



Ex: Class Shape

```
protected: protected: int width;
int height;
public: void Setdata (int w, int h);
{
    width = w;
    height = h;
}
```

Class Rectangle : public Shape

```
public: int getArea()
{
    return (width * height);
}
```

```
int main()
```

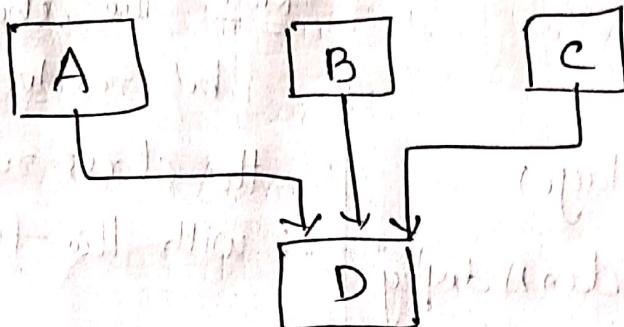
```
    Rectangle obj;
```

```
    obj. Setdata ( 5, 7);
```

```
} cout << " Area of a rectangle is " << obj.getArea();
```

② Multiple Inheritance:

→ In multiple inheritance, a class can inherit more than one class. This means that in this type of inheritance a single child class can have multiple parent classes.



Syntax:-

Class derived-class : Access-spec baseA, Access-baseB ...

Class Shape || Base 1

class Rectangle : public Shape,

protected:

public PaintCost

int width;
int height;

public:

int getArea()

{
return (width * height);
}

Public:

void setData(int w, int h)

{
width = w;
height = h;
};

};
int main()
{

Rectangle Rect;

int area;

Rect.setData(5, 7);

area = Rect.getArea();

cout << "Total Area" << area << endl;

cout << "Total PaintCost" << Rect.getPaintCost() <<

};

Class PaintCost . || Base 2

public:

int getCost(int a)

{
return (a * 50);
};

Ambiguity in multiple Inheritance

→ Ambiguity can be occurred in multiple inheritance when a function with the same name occurs in more than one base class.

Ex: Class A

```
public:  
void display()  
{  
cout<<"Class A display"  
};
```

Class B

```
public:  
void display()  
{  
cout<<"Class B display"  
};
```

Class C : public A, public B

```
public : void show()  
{  
cout<<"Hello"  
};
```

int main()

```
{  
C c;  
c.display()  
};
```

Note: The above issue can be resolved by using the class resolution operator :: with the function.

```
int main()  
{  
C c;  
c.A::display();  
c.B::display();  
c.show();
```

Note:

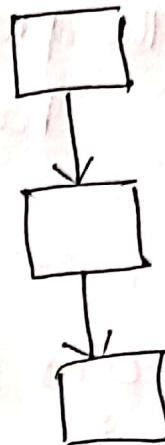
Multilevel Inheritance

→ When one class inherits another class which is further inherited by another class is known as multilevel inheritance.

Note:- last derived class acquires all the members of all its base classes.

Ex:- class Animal

```
{  
    public:  
        void eat()  
    {  
        cout << "Eating" << endl;  
    }  
};
```



class Dog : public Animal

```
{  
    public:  
        void bark()  
    {  
        cout << "Barking" << endl;  
    }  
};
```

class BabyDog : public Dog

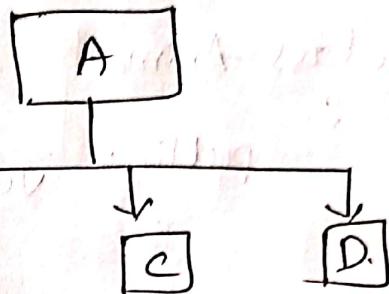
```
{  
    public:  
        void weep()  
    {  
        cout << "weeping";  
    }  
};
```

int main()

```
{  
    Babydog d;  
    d.eat();  
    d.bark();  
    d.weep();  
    return 0;  
}
```

Hierarchical Inheritance:

- In This type of Inheritance, one parent class has more than one child class
- ⇒ The process of deriving more than one class from a single base class.



Ex:- class shape

```
public: int width;
       int height;
```

```
void setdata(int w, int h)
{
    width = w;
    height = h;
}
```

```
class Rectangle : public shape
{
```

```
public:
    int rect_area()
    {
        return (width * height);
    }
```

```
class Triangle : public shape
{
```

```
public:
    int triangle_area()
    {
        return (0.5 * width * height);
    }
```

```
int main()
{
```

Rectangle r.

Triangle t;

r.setdata(5, 7);

cout << "Area of rectangle is " << r.rect_area();

t.setdata(8, 10);

int length, breadth, base, height;

cout << "Enter length & breadth:";

cin >> length >> breadth;

r.setdata(length, breadth);

cout << r.rect_area();

cout << "Enter base & length:";

cin >> base >> length;

t.setdata(base, length);

cout << t.triangle_area();

}

Hybrid Inheritance

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→ Combination of more than one type of Inheritance.

Ex:
Class A

```
protected:  
    int a;
```

Public:

```
void geta()
```

```
{cout<<"enter value of a";}
```

```
3; cin>>a; //
```

A

B

C

D

Hierarchical

multiple

Class B : Public A

```
protected:  
    int b;
```

```
public:  
    void getb()
```

```
{cout<<"enter value of b";}
```

```
3; cin>>b; //
```

```
protected:  
    int d;
```

```
public:
```

```
void mul()
```

```
geta();
```

```
getb();
```

```
getc();
```

```
cout<<"mul of a,b,c is";
```

```
3; 3 int main()
```

```
D d;
```

```
d.mul();
```

```
3; return 0;
```

Class C

```
protected:  
    int c;
```

```
public:
```

```
void getc()
```

```
{cout<<"enter c";}
```

```
3; cin>>c;
```

* Conflict Resolution in Accessing class Members

Ex:- class A

 public: void display()

 cout << "A's display";

class B: public A

 public: void display()

 cout << "B's display";

int main()

 B ob;

 ob.display(); // B's display.

 ob.A::display(); // call A's display.

Note:- By default, any reference to a f° from the derived class will invoke the f° in the derived class.

Note:- we can use scope resolution operator ($::$) to invoke the f° of our choice.

Constructors in Inheritance | Order of Constructor Call with

Inheritance

→ When we create an obj of a class, the default constructor of that class is invoked automatically to initialize the members of the class.



Note: if we inherit a class from another class and create an obj of the derived class, it is clear that the default constructor of the derived class will be invoked, but before that the default constructor of the base classes will be invoked.

i.e. the order of invocation is that the base class default constructor will be invoked first and then the derived class default constructor will be invoked.

Ex:- class parent-

{
 public: parent()

 cout << "Inside parent class";

};

class child : public parent-

{
 public: child()

 cout << "Inside the child";
};

int main()

{
 child obj;

Q1: Inside parent class
inside child.

Note: Whether derived class's default or parameterized constructor is called, base class's default constructor is always called inside them.

Ex:- Class Base

```
{ int x;  
public: Base() { cout << "Base default constructor"; } }
```

Class Derived : public Base

```
{ int y;  
public: Derived() { cout << "Derived default constructor"; }  
Derived(int i) { cout << "Derived parameterized constructor"; }  
y = i; }
```

int main()

Base b;	→	Base default constructor
Derived d1;	→	Base " " " " Derived " " "
Derived d2(10);	→	Base default constructor Derived parameterized, "

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Note: When a class is inherited from other - The data members (11) and member functions of base class comes automatically in derived class based on the access specifier. but the definition of those members exist in base class only. So

↓
When we create obj of derived class, all of the members of ~~base~~ derived class must be initialized.

Note:- To call base class's parameterized constructor inside derived classes parameterized constructor, we must mention it explicitly while declaring derived class's parameterized constructor.

Ex:- Class Base

```
 {  
     int x;  
     public:  
         Base (int i)  
         {  
             x = i;  
             cout << "Base parameterized";  
         }  
 }
```

Class Derived : public Base

```
{  
     int y;  
     public: Derived (int j) : Base (j) // Derived (int j) : Base (100)  
     {  
         y = j;  
         cout << "Derived parameterized";  
     }  
 }
```

```
int main()  
{  
    Derived d(10);  
}
```

Q1P: Base parameterized constructor
Derived

Note: The parameterized constructor of base class can not be called in default constructor of sub class, it should be called in the parameterized constructor of sub class.

Order of constructor call in multiple Inheritance

Note:- The base class's constructors are called in the order of inheritance and then the derived class's constructor is called.

Class Parent,

```
{ public: parent_1()
    {
        cout << "Inside parent_1";
    }
};
```

Class Parent2

```
{ public:
    parent_2()
    {
        cout << "Inside parent_2";
    }
};
```

Class Child: public Parent1, public Parent2

```
{ public:
    child()
    {
        cout << "Inside child";
    }
};
```

int main()

```
{ child obj;
```

```
}
```

O/p: inside parent_1
inside parent_2
inside child.

Class Parent

```
{ public: parent_1()
    {
        cout << "Inside parent_1";
    }
};
```

Class Parent2

```
{ public:
    parent_2()
    {
        cout << "Inside parent_2";
    }
};
```

Class Child: public Parent1, public Parent2

```
{ public:
    child()
    {
        cout << "Inside child";
    }
};
```

int main()

```
{ child obj;
```

```
,
```

O/p:
inside parent_1
inside parent_2
inside child.

Destructors in Inheritance:

→ Destructors are called in the opposite order of that of constructors.

Note:- When the object of a derived class expires first the derived class destructor is invoked followed by the base class destructor.

Ex:- class Base

```
    {
        public:
            Base()
            {
                cout << "Base constructor";
            }
            ~Base()
            {
                cout << "Base destructor";
            }
    };
```

class derived1 : public Base

```
    {
        public:
            derived1()
            {
                cout << "Constructor of derived1";
            }
            ~derived1()
            {
                cout << "Destructor of derived1";
            }
    };
```

class derived2 : public derived1

```
    {
        public:
            derived2()
            {
                cout << "Constructor of derived2";
            }
            ~derived2()
            {
                cout << "Destructor of derived2";
            }
    };
```

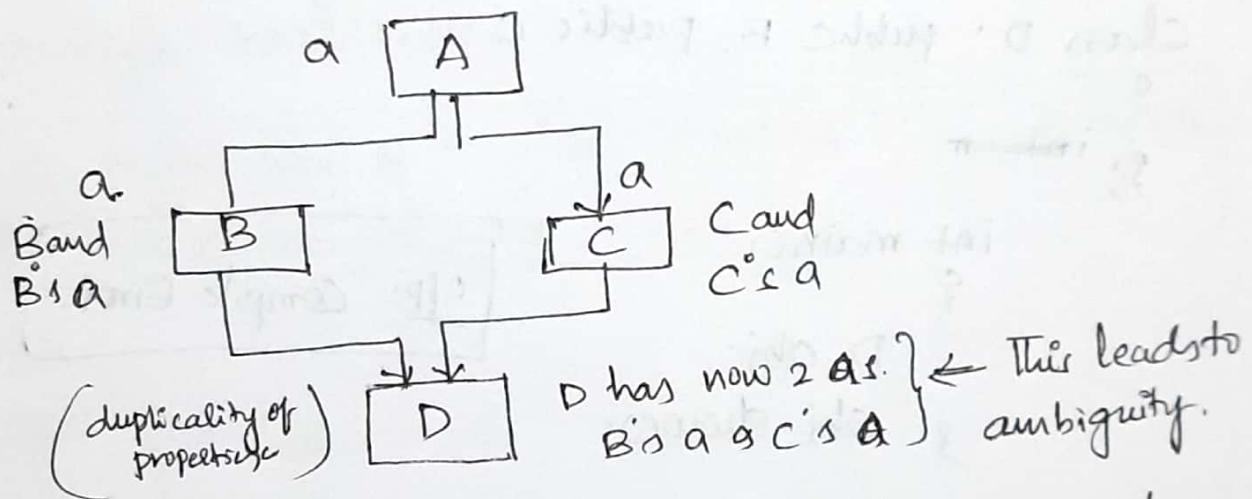
int main()

```
    {
        derived2 obj;
    }
```

O/p:
Base constructor
Constructor of derived1
Constructor of derived2
Destructor of derived2
Destructor of derived1
Destructor of Base

Virtual Base Classes in C++

- Hybrid (virtual) inheritance is a combination of hierarchical & multi-level inheritance.
(OR)
- Hybrid inheritance is implemented by combining more than one type of inheritance.
- Virtual base classes are used in virtual inheritance in a way of preventing multiple "instances" of a given class appearing in an inheritance hierarchy when using multiple inheritances.



→ As we can see from the figure that data members/function of class A are inherited twice to class D. (ie one through B second through class C).

↓
When any data/function member of class A is accessed by an obj of class D, ambiguity arises as to which data/function member would be called?

→ This confuses compiler and it displays error and it displays errors.

Ex:- Class A

```
public: void show()
    {
        cout << "Hello I am from A";
    }
};
```

Class B : public A

```
{  
};
```

Class C : public A

```
{  
};
```

Class D : public B, public C

```
{  
}; int
```

```
int main()
{
    D obj;
    obj.show();
}
```

O/P: Compile Error

⇒ Duplication of inherited members / members of due to multiple paths can be avoided by making the common base class as virtual base class.

Syntax for virtual Base classes

```
class B : virtual public A (or) class B : public virtual A
{
};
```

```
class C : public virtual A
{
};
```

class D: public B, public C

{
 |=
 | }

↑ Now only one copy of A will
be inherited

⇒ When A class is made as Virtual Base class, C++ takes necessary
action to see that only one copy of its class is inherited
regardless of how many inheritance paths exist.

Note: Virtual Base classes offer a way to save space and
avoid ambiguities in class hierarchies that use
multiple inheritances.

Note: A single copy of its data members is shared by all
the base classes that use virtual base.

class A

{
 public: void show()
 {
 cout << "I am from A";
 }
};

Class B : public virtual A

{
};

Class C : public virtual A

{
};

Class D: public B, public C

{
};
int main()
{
 D obj;
 obj.show();
}

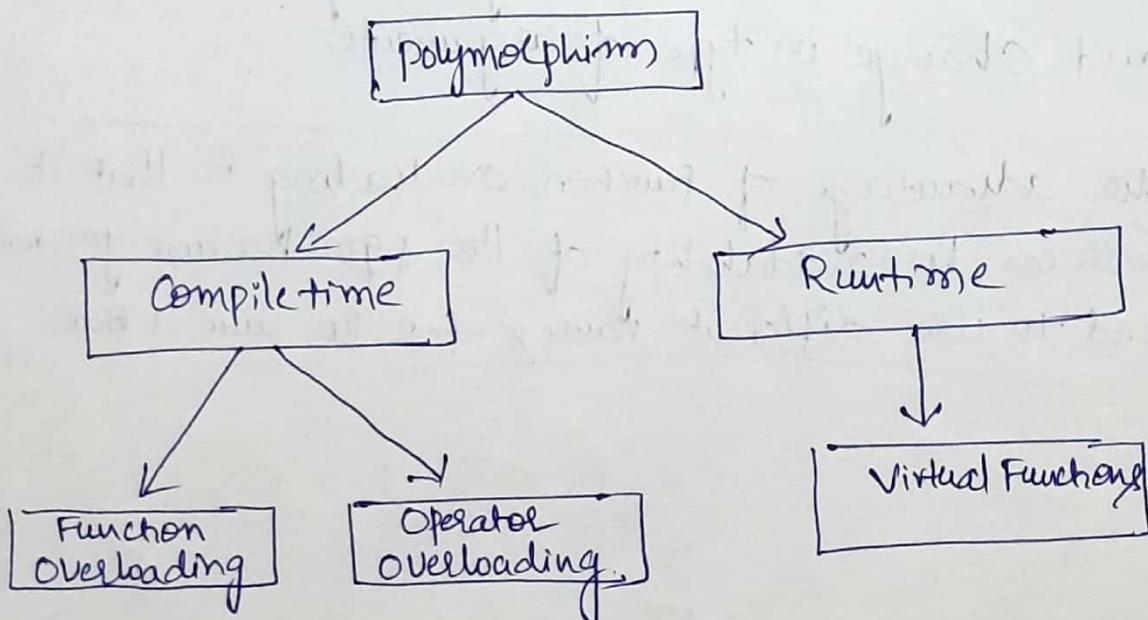
Output: I am from A

Polymorphism in C++

- ⇒ The term "polymorphism" is the combination of "poly" + "morphs" which means many forms.
- ⇒ it is a greek word.
- ⇒ in object-oriented programming it is one of the important features/concept.

Example: A lady behaves like a teacher in a classroom, mother at home and customer in a supermarket. here, a single person is behaving differently according to the situations.

- ⇒ In C++ polymorphism is mainly divided into two types:
 - ① Compile time Polymorphism
 - ② Runtime Polymorphism



- ⇒ Compiletime polymorphism is achieved by function overloading or operator overloading.

→ Runtime polymorphism is achieved by Function Overriding.

① Compiletime Polymorphism:

- it is achieved by function overloading and operator overloading.
- The overloaded functions are invoked by matching the type and no. of arguments.
- Compiler selects the appropriate f^n at the compile time.
- which is also known as static binding or early binding

Function overloading: When there are multiple f^n 's with same name but different parameters then these f^n 's are said to be overloaded.

- Functions can be overloaded by change in no. of arguments or/and change in type of arguments.

Note:- The advantage of function overloading is that it increases the readability of the program because you don't need to use different names for the same action.

Ex:-

class overload

```

public: void add(int a, int b)
{
    cout << "sum is " << a+b << endl;
}

void add(int a, int b, int c)
{
    cout << "sum is " << a+b+c << endl;
}

int main()
{
    overload obj;
    obj.add(10, 20); // 30
    obj.add(10, 20, 30); // 60
    obj.add(10.5, 20.345); // 30
    obj.add(23, 34.67); // 57
    obj.add(10.345, 23); // 33
}

```

Example:-

```

class xyz
{
public:
    void fun(int i)
    {
        cout << i << endl;
    }

    void fun(float j)
    {
        cout << j << endl;
    }
};

int main()
{
    xyz obj;
    obj.fun(12);
    obj.fun(12.5);
    return 0;
}

```

Note: The Pgm shows an error "call of overloaded fun(double) is ambiguous"

⇒ obj.fun(12) → calls the first function
 obj.fun(12.5) → not having corresponding fun.

Note:- in C++, all the floating point constants are treated as double not as a float.

If we replace ~~float~~ to double in 2nd function, the Pgm works.

So replace void fun (double j)
~~+ float~~ } cout << j << endl;

Note:- Function overloading Ambiguity:

⇒ When the compiler is unable to decide which f^n is to be invoked among the overloaded f^n s, known as f^n overloading ambiguity.

Causes of Function overloading ambiguity:

- ① Type conversion
- ② Function with default arguments
- ③ Function with pass by reference.

① Type conversion:

Class overload

```
public: void add(int a,int b)
{
    cout << "sum is" << a+b;
}

void add ( int a, int b)int c)
{
    cout << "sum is" << a+b+c;
}

void add ( double a, double b)
{
    cout << "sum is" << a+b << endl;
}

int main()
{
    overload obj;
    obj.add(10,20);   ←
    obj.add(10,20,30); ←
    obj.add(10.5,20.345) ←
    obj.add(10,34.89); //ambiguous
    obj.add(23.67,34); //ambiguous
}
```

Example for Function with default arguments

```
class xyz
{
public:
    void fun(int i)
    {
        cout << "i value is " << i << endl;
    }

    void fun(int a, int b=20)
    {
        cout << "Value of a is " << a << endl;
        cout << "Value of b is " << b << endl;
    }
};

int main()
{
    xyz obj;
    obj.fun(12); // ambiguity.
    return 0;
}
```

Runtime Polymorphism | Dynamic Polymorphism

- it is achieved by method overriding which is also known as dynamic binding or late binding.
- in method overriding where more than one method i.e. having the same name, no. of parameters and the type of the parameters.
- ⇒ which fn is to be invoked is known at the runtime.
- ⇒ it is achieved by virtual functions concept & pointers/references in C++.

Method overriding Example:

Class Base

```
public:  
    void display()  
    {  
        cout << "base display";  
    }
```

}

Class Derived : Public Base

```
public:  
    void display()  
    {  
        cout << "derived display";  
    }
```

;

```
int main()
```

```
{  
    Base obj;  
    obj.display(); // base display  
    Derived obj;  
    obj.display(); // derived "
```

```
int main()  
{  
    Derived obj;  
    obj.display();  
}
```

Always display derived
display only.

display() invoking is
decided by object invocation.

How to call overridden fn from the child class:

→ This can be done by assigning the object of child class to the reference of parent class.

class Base

{

public :

void display()

{

cout << "I am in base display"

}

}

class Derived : public Base

{

public: void display()

{

cout << " Derived display"

}

}

int main()

{

Base *ptr;

Derived Obj;

Obj.display(); // Derived display

ptr = & Obj;

ptr->display(); // Base's display()

return 0;

}

Note: But when base class pointer contains the address of the derived class obj, always executes the base class fn?

Virtual Functions in C++

⇒ There is a necessity to use the single pointer to refer to all the objects of the different classes. So, we create the pointer to the base class that refers to all the derived objects.



But, when base pointer contains the address of the derived class obj, always executes the base class function only.

⇒ This issue can only be resolved by using the 'virtual' function.

⇒ A virtual function is a member of^m in the base class that should be overridden in the derived class.

⇒ we use 'virtual' keyword to make a member of^m of the base class virtual.

⇒ it is used to tell the compiler to perform dynamic linkage or late binding on the function.

⇒ When the function is made virtual, C++ determines which f^m is to be invoked at runtime based on the type of the object pointed by the base class pointer.

Late binding or Dynamic Linkage:

In late binding f^m call is resolved during runtime. Therefore compiler determines the type of obj at runtime, and then binds the f^m call.

Ex:- class Base

{

public:

virtual void show()

{

cout << "Base class show()";

}

};

class Derived1 : public Base

{

public:

void show()

{

cout << "Derived1 class show()";

}

};

class Derived2 : public Base

{

public:

void show()

{

cout << "Derived2 class show()";

}

int main()

{

Base *bptr;

Derived1 d1;

Derived2 d2;

bptr = &d1;

bptr-> show(); // ObjP: Derived1 class show.

bptr = &d2;

bptr-> show(); // Derived2 class show.

Rules of Virtual Functions

- ① Virtual functions must be members of some class.
- ② Virtual " " can not be static members.
- ③ They are accessed through object pointers.
- ④ They can be a friend of another class.
- ⑤ A virtual f" must be defined in the base class, even though it is not used.
- ⑥ We cannot have a virtual constructor, but we can have a virtual destructor.

Virtual function call mechanism

or
Working of virtual functions: (VTABLE & VPTR)

Class Base

```

{
    public: void fun1() { cout << "base-fun1"; }
}

```

```

virtual void fun2()
{
    cout << "base-fun2";
}

```

```

virtual void fun3()
{
    cout << "base-fun3";
}

```

```

virtual void fun4()
{
    cout << "base-fun4";
}

```

}

class Derived : public Base

```

{
    public: void fun1()
    {
        cout << "derived-fun1";
    }
}

```

```

void fun2()
{
    cout << "derived-fun2";
}

```

```

void fun4(int a)
{
    cout << "Derived-fun4";
}

```

}

```

int main()
{
    Base *ptr;
    Derived obj;
    ptr = &obj;
}

```

ptr->fun1(); // base-fun1 because
fun1() is non-virtual
in base

ptr->fun2(); // derived-fun2

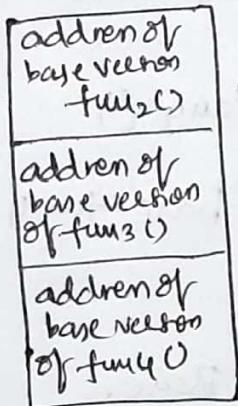
ptr->fun3(); // base-fun3

ptr->fun4(); // base-fun4;

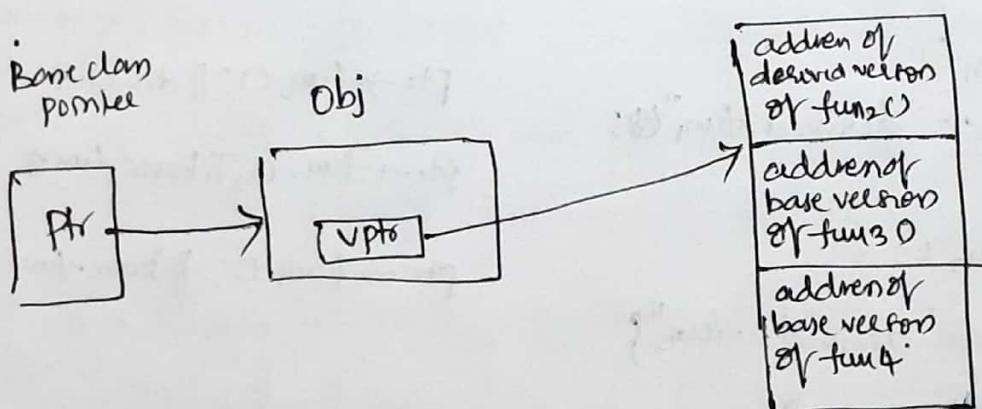
Compiler itself does two things:

- * irrespective of object is created or not, a static array of function pointer called VTABLE where each cell contains the address of each virtual function contained in that class.
- * if object of that class is created then a virtual pointer (VPT) is inserted as a data member of the class to point to VTABLE of that class.
 - ||, Note: for each new obj created, a new virtual pointer is inserted as a data member of that class.

in the above example:



VTABLE for
class 'Base'.



VTABLE for
class derived

Pure Virtual Functions in C++

- Pure Virtual Functions are virtual-fns with no definition.
- When the function has no definition, such fn is known as "do-nothing" function.
- do-nothing function is known as pure virtual function.
- A pure virtual function is a fn declared in the base class that has no definition relative to the base class.
- We declare a pure virtual function by assigning 0 in declaration.

Syntax: `virtual returnType fnName() = 0;`

ABSTRACT class

- A class with at least one pure virtual function & abstract function is called abstract class.
- we can't create an object for an abstract class because it has partial implementation of methods.
- the class inheriting the abstract class must implement abstract function | pure virtual fns of the abstract class.
- we can have pointers | references of abstract class type.
- if we do not override the pure virtual fn in derived class, then derived class also becomes abstract class.
- Abstract classes can not be instantiated.

Ex:- class Shape // Abstract class.

{

public:

 virtual void getArea()=0; // pure virtual functions
};

Class Circle: public Shape

{

public: void getArea()

{ int r;

 cout << "Enter the circle radius":

 cin >> r;

 cout << "Area of a circle is: " << (3.14 * r * r);

};

Class Rectangle: public Shape

{

public:

 void getArea()

{ int l, b;

 cout << "Enter length & breadth of a Rectangle":

 cin >> l >> b;

 cout << "Area of rectangle is: " << (l * b);

};

int main()

{

 Shape s1; // you can't create object for Shape.

 Circle c1;

 c1.getArea();

 Rectangle r1;

 r1.getArea();

};

Virtual Destructors in C++

- * Let's first examine the example what happens when we do not have a virtual Base class destructor.

Class Base

```
{ public: Base() { cout << "Constructing base class"; } ~Base() { cout << "Destructing base class"; } ; }
```

Class Derived: public Base

```
{ public: Derived() { cout << "Constructing derived class"; } ~Derived() { cout << "Destructing derived class"; } ; }
```

int main()

```
{ Derived *d = new Derived();  
Base *b = d;  
delete b;  
return 0; }
```

Output: Constructing base class
Constructing derived class
Destructing base class.

Note: in the above example delete b will only call the Base class destructor, which is undesirable because, then the object of Derived class remains undestructed since its destructor is never called.

→ To correct this behaviour, the base class should be defined with a virtual destructor.

Correct one is as follows:

class Base

```
{ public: Base()
    { cout << "constructing base" }
    virtual ~Base()
    { cout << "destructing base" }
};
```

class Derived : public Base

```
{ public:
    Derived()
    { cout << "constructing derived" }
    ~Derived()
    { cout << "destructing derived" }
};
```

int main()

```
{ Derived *d = new Derived();
    Base *b=d;
    delete b;
    return 0;
}
```

O/p: Constructing base
constructing derived
destructing derived
destructing base.

Note:- when we made virtual inside the base class, then first derived class's destructor is called and then base class's destructor is called — which is a defined behaviour.