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1 Virtual functions

Polymorphism is a feature of object-oriented programming that allows different behavior of the same virtual functions while running the program. Virtual function must be a class member. When using pointers or references in the program, the use of virtual methods may be useful for full control of the program.

Example:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 using namespace std;
4
5 class base {
6 public:
7     void hat() {
8         cout << "Random empty hat" << endl;
9     }
10 };
11
12 class derived
13     : public base {
14 public:
15     void hat() { /hiding base class method
16         cout << "Hat with magical rabbit inside!" << endl;
17     }
18 };
19
20 int main() {
21     base empty;
22     derivative full;
23
24     empty.hat();
25     full.hat();
26
27     base * ptr = & full;
28     ptr->hat();
29 }
```

The above program presents the situation without the use of virtual methods. After the execution of the program, we can observe that the last pointer, despite pointing to the derived class object, uses the base class method. This

is because the pointer is of the base class type.

Example:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 using namespace std;
4
5 class base {
6 public:
7     virtual void hat() {
8         cout << "Random empty hat" << endl;
9     }
10 };
11
12 class derived
13     : public base {
14 public:
15     virtual void hat() { /hiding base class method
16         cout << "Hat with magical rabbit inside!" << endl;
17     }
18 };
19
20 int main() {
21     base empty;
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24     empty.hat();
25     full.hat();
26
27     base * ptr = & full;
28     ptr->hat();
29 }
```

As we can see from the way this program works, using virtual methods allows you to use the functions from the pointed object class, regardless of the type of pointer used.

Only a method can be a virtual function. It is associated with inheritance, which is a class attribute. Another important information is the need to use the word `virtual` only in the function declaration. In the definition it is not required, the compiler automatically guesses that it is dealing with a virtual function.

Method	Names	Arguments	Range
Virtual	same	same	varies (members of different classes)
Overloaded	same	varies	same (members of one class)

Table 1: Source: J. Grebosz, *Symfonia C++ Standard*

The virtual function calling mechanism should not be confused with function overloading. The following table summarizes the differences between these two features of the function:

2 Abstrac classes

An abstract class is a class with purely virtual functions. Such functions have only declarations, and the class itself is used as a template for inheriting classes. The virtual methods should be pure virtual method. To declare a pure virtual method one must use following syntax:

```
1 virtual function_type function_name(arg_type arg_name) = 0;
```

Bellow a practical example od an abstract class usage:

```
1 #include<iostream>
2 #include<string>
3
4 using namespace std;
5
6 class vehicle{
7 protected:
8     int wheels;
9     float engineCapacity;
10    string engineType;
11    string vehicleName;
12
13 public:
14    virtual ~vehicle(){};
15    virtual void engineStart()=0;
16    virtual void engineStop()=0;
17    virtual void displayStats()=0;
18
19
20 };
21
```

```

22 class car: public vehicle{
23     float trunkCapacity;
24 public:
25     car(int w, float ec, float tc, string et, string vn){
26         wheels = w;
27         engineCapacity = ec;
28         engineType = et;
29         vehicleName = vn;
30         trunkCapacity = tc;
31
32     }
33     ~car(){
34         cout<<"Car destroyed!"<<endl;
35     }
36     void engineStart(){
37         cout<< "Checking engine..."<<endl;
38         cout << engineCapacity <<"L " << engineType << " roars
           loudly!"<<endl;
39     }
40     void engineStop(){
41         cout<< engineType << " modestly stops"<<endl;
42     }
43     void displayStats(){
44         cout << "Car name: " <<vehicleName << endl;
45         cout << "Engine type: "<<engineType<<" , capacity:
           "<<engineCapacity<<"L"<<endl;
46         cout << "Trunc capacity: "<<trunkCapacity<<endl;
47         cout << "This vehicle has "<<wheels<<" wheels"<<endl;
48     }
49     void car_Name(){
50         cout<< vehicleName;
51     }
52 };
53
54 class motobike: public vehicle{
55
56 public:
57     motobike(int w, float ec, string et, string vn){
58         wheels = w;
59         engineCapacity = ec;
60         engineType = et;
61         vehicleName = vn;
62

```

```

63     }
64     ~motobike(){
65         cout<<"Bike destroyed!"<<endl;
66     }
67     void engineStart(){
68         cout << "Engine roars loudly!"<<endl;
69     }
70     void engineStop(){
71         cout<< "Engine modestly stops"<<endl;
72     }
73     void displayStats(){
74         cout << "Bike name: " <<vehicleName << endl;
75         cout << "Engine type: "<<engineType<<" , capacity:
76             "<<engineCapacity<<"L"<<endl;
77         cout << "This vehicle has "<<wheels<<" wheels"<<endl;
78     }
79     void bike_Name(){
80         cout<< vehicleName;
81     }
82 };
83
84 int main(){
85     car camaro(4,6.5,257.68,"L78 V8","1969 Camaro SS 396'");
86     motobike rocket(2,2.3,"In-line three, four-stroke", "Triumph
87         Rocket III Roadster");
88
89     int a;
90     vehicle *choice;
91
92     do{
93         cout<<"Pick your ride: "<<endl<<"1.
94             ";camaro.car_Name();cout<< "."<<endl;
95         cout<< "2. ";rocket.bike_Name();cout<< "."<<endl;
96         cin>>a;
97     }while (a!=1&&a!=2);
98
99     if (a==1)choice=&camaro;
100    else choice=&rocket;
101
102    cout <<"You have chosen your ride!"<<endl;
103    choice->displayStats();
104    choice->engineStart();

```



```
103     cout<<"Shame it's just a virtual vehicle :("<<endl;
104     choice->engineStop();
105
106
107     return 0;
108 }
```

3 Virtual destructor

In order to prevent the launch of the wrong destructor so-called Virtual destructor is used. With its use, the destructor will be run from the object's origin class rather than the pointer-type class. To declare a virtual destructor:

```
1 class random {
2 public:
3     virtual ~random(){};
4 };
```

4 Programs composed of several files

In the previous instruction, the header files were mentioned. They are very useful when it comes to organizing function and class declarations in ones code. This section presents a method of practical use of header files to create multi-source source code. You might ask why split the source code of the program into many files, isn't this an unnecessary complication? Sometimes, however, it is useful to complicate your work to some extent to be able to simplify your further work.

Below are examples of several header files containing class declarations, the definitions of which are contained in the corresponding cpp files (filenames are presented as comments in first line of each code:

```
1 //class.hpp
2 #ifndef class_hpp
3 #define class_hpp
4
5 class figure {
6 public:
7     virtual double area()=0;
8     virtual double circumference()=0;
9     virtual ~figure(){};
```

```
10
11 };
12
13 #endif
14
15 //circle.hpp
16 #ifndef circle_hpp
17 #define circle_hpp
18
19 #include "class.hpp"
20
21 class circle : public figure {
22 public:
23     circle(double);
24     ~circle();
25     double area();
26     double circumference();
27 private:
28     double radius;
29 };
30
31 #endif
32
33 //rectangle.hpp
34 #ifndef rectangle_hpp
35 #define rectangle_hpp
36
37 #include "class.hpp"
38
39 class rectangle : public figure {
40 public:
41     rectangle(double, double);
42     ~rectangle();
43     double area();
44     double circumference();
45 private:
46     double side_a, side_b;
47 };
48
49 #endif
50
51 //square.hpp
52 #ifndef square_hpp
```

```

53 #define square_hpp
54
55 #include "class.hpp"
56
57 class square : public figure {
58 public:
59     square(double);
60     ~square();
61     double area();
62     double circumference();
63 private:
64     double side_a;
65 };
66
67 #endif
68
69
70
71 //circle.cpp
72 #include <iostream>
73 #include "circle.hpp"
74 const float pi = 3.14159;
75
76 circle::circle(double r){
77     radius=r;
78 }
79 circle::~circle(){
80     std::cout <<"circle destroyed"<<std::endl;
81 }
82 double circle::area(){
83     return (pi*radius*radius);
84 }
85 double circle::circumference(){
86     return (pi*radius*2);
87 }
88
89 //rectangle.cpp
90 #include <iostream>
91 #include "rectangle.hpp"
92
93 rectangle::rectangle(double a, double b){
94     side_a=a; side_b=b;
95 }

```

```

96  rectangle::~~rectangle(){
97      std::cout <<"rectangle destroyed"<<std::endl;
98  }
99  double rectangle::area(){
100     return (side_a*side_b);
101 }
102 double rectangle::circumference(){
103     return ((2*side_a) +(2*side_b));
104 }
105
106 //square.cpp
107 #include <iostream>
108 #include "square.hpp"
109
110 square::square(double a){
111     side_a=a;
112 }
113 square::~~square(){
114     std::cout <<"rectangle destroyed"<<std::endl;
115 }
116 double square::area(){
117     return (side_a*side_a);
118 }
119 double square::circumference(){
120     return (4*side_a);
121 }
122
123 //main.cpp
124 #include <iostream>
125 #include "class.hpp"
126 #include "circle.hpp"
127 #include "rectangle.hpp"
128 #include "square.hpp"
129 using namespace std;
130
131 int main() {
132     int i;
133     do {
134         cout <<"\t\t\t\tChoose operation:" << endl << "1. Calculate
            area of a circle. \n2. Calculate circumference of a circle.
            \n3. Calculate area of a rectangle. \n";
135         cout <<"4. Calculate circumference of a rectangle. \n5.
            Calculate area of a square. \n6. Calculate circumference of

```

```

        a square.\n 0. Exit\n";
136 cin >> i;
137 if(i >6 || i < 0) continue;
138 switch(i){
139     case 0: cout << "ending program"; break;
140     case 1: {
141         double r; cout << "What is the radius?: "; cin >> r;
142         circle c1(r);
143         cout << endl << "Area of a circle (radius = " << r <<")
144             equals: " << c1.area() << endl; break;}
145     case 2: {
146         double r; cout << "What is the radius?: "; cin >> r;
147         circle c1(r);
148         cout << endl << "Circumference of a circle (radius = " <<
149             r <<") equals: " << c1.circumference() << endl; break;}
150     case 3: {
151         double a,b; cout << "How long is the side a?: "; cin >>
152             a; cout <<endl<< "How long is the side b?: "; cin >> b;
153         rectangle r1(a,b); cout << endl << "Area of a rectangle
154             (a = " << a <<", b = " << b <<") equals: " <<
155             r1.area() << endl; break;}
156     case 4: {
157         double a,b; cout << "How long is the side a?: "; cin >>
158             a; cout <<endl<< "How long is the side b?: "; cin >> b;
159         rectangle r1(a,b); cout << endl << "Circumference of a
160             rectangle (a = " << a <<", b = " << b <<") equals: "
161             << r1.circumference() << endl; break;}
162     case 5: {
163         double a; cout << "How long is the side a?: "; cin >> a;
164         square s1(a);
165         cout << endl << "Area of a square (a = " << a <<")
166             equals: " << s1.area() << endl; break;}
167     case 6: {
168         double a; cout << "How long is the side a?: "; cin >> a;
169         square s1(a);
170         cout << endl << "Circumference of a square (a = " << a
171             <<") equals: " << s1.circumference() << endl; break;}
172     }
173 }while(i!=0);
174 return 0;
175 }

```

To compile the above code into a fully functional program, it will be important to compile with the `-c` flag:

```
1 g++ -c file_name.cpp
```

Information about what the `-c` flag does, copied from the compiler manual (`man g ++`):

[...] (g++) `-c` Compile or assemble the source files, but do not link. The linking stage simply is not done. The ultimate output is in the form of an object file for each source file. By default, the object file name for a source file is made by replacing the suffix `.c`, `.i`, `.s`, etc., with `.o`. Unrecognized input files, not requiring compilation or assembly, are ignored. [...]

To combine individual `.o` files, use the `-o` option and name all files compiled with the `-c` option:

```
1 g++ -o output_file_name input1_name.o input2_name.o input3_name.o
```

The compilation process can of course be accelerated with the use of a bash script:

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 clear
3 g++ -c main.cpp
4 g++ -c circle.cpp
5 g++ -c rectangle.cpp
6 g++ -c square.cpp
7 g++ -o binary_file main.o circle.o rectangle.o square.o
8 echo 'compilation proces finished!'
```

One might ask why bother and why is this a simplification? By dividing the code into smaller batches, you can compile those parts that have changed and combine them with the intact previously compiled fragments. In addition, it simplifies group work on the code, allowing you to divide individual fragments between project participants without worrying about accidental changes in the code that are already working.

Task

Based on the informations provided in this manual, please improve the simple RPG character creation program.

Program requirements:

1. Create an abstract class interface that will store all the attributes that will be inherited by the hero and monster class.
2. Create an abstract class interface that will store the necessary methods that will be inherited by your profession classes.
3. Divide your code into separate files (one for templates, one for hero managing, one for monsters managing and one for main function)
4. Upload all previously created programs (including examples from the instructions) placed in appropriate folders (exercises, lab01, lab02, lab03 etc.) into your git repository.