

POLYMORPHISM IN DEPTH

Run Time Binding Late Binding Dynamic Binding Dynamic Dispatch

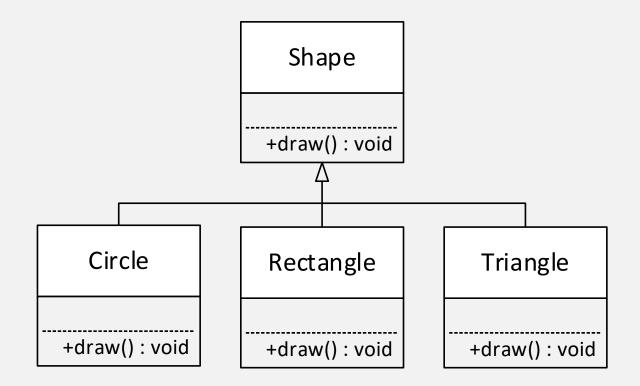
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REQUIREMENTS

• Inheritance

- Function overriding
- Upcasting
- Pointer or reference variable
- "virtual" function

INHERITANCE AND OVERRIDDEN FUNCTIONS



"virtual" ENABLES POLYMORPHISM

```
class Shape
{
    public:
        virtual void draw();
};
```

```
class Circle : public Shape
{
    public:
        virtual void draw();
};
```

```
class Rectangle : public Shape
{
    public:
        virtual void draw();
};
class Triangle : public Shape
{
    public:
        virtual void draw();
};
```



UPCASTING WITH POINTERS

ASSIGNMENT

FUNCTION CALL

- Shape* s = new Circle(...); void render(Shape* s) {...}
 - render(new Circle(...));

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USING POLYMORPHISM

```
void render(Shape* s)
{
    ...
    s->draw();
    ...
}
```

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- In object speak, calling a function is often referred to as sending a message.
- Send object s the "draw" message
- Polymorphism:
 - An object responds appropriately to a message for the kind of object that it is
 - Function binding takes place at the time of the function call – binds to the function belonging to the object

ACCESSING MEMBER VARIABLES WITHOUT DOWNCASTING

- SalariedEmployee has a private member named salary
 - pay = salary / 24
- SalesEmployee
 - Inherits salary
 - Has a private member named commission
 - pay = salary / 24 + commission
 - But a SalesEmployee object cannot access salary!

Employee
+calc_pay(): double
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SalariedEmployee
-salary : double
+calc_pay() : double
SalesEmployee
-commission : double
+calc_pay() : double



```
SalariedEmployee
double calc_pay()
{
    return salary / 24;
}
```

```
SalesEmployee
```

```
double calc_pay()
```

```
return SalariedEmployee::calc_pay()
+ commission;
```



POLYMORPHISM REDUCES THE NEED TO DOWNCAST

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```
SalariedEmployee SalesEmployee
virtual double calc_pay() virtual double calc_pay()
{
    return salary / 24; return SalariedEmployee::calc_pay()
    + commission;
}
Employee* e = new SalesEmployee(...);
double pay = e->calc pay();
```

```
class Parent
                                      Parent* P1 = new Parent;
   public:
                void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                void funcB() {...}
                void funcC() {...}
                                      P1->funcA(); // (a)
};
class Child : public Parent
                                      P1->funcB(); // (b)_____
   public:
                void funcA() {...}
     virtual void funcB() {...}
};
                                      P1->funcC(); // (c)
```

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};
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                                        P1->funcB(); // (b) Parent
   public:
                 void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                 void funcB() {...}
};
                                        P1->funcC(); // (c) Parent
```

```
class Parent
                                     Parent* P2 = new Child;
   public:
                void funcA() {...}
                void funcB() {...}
      virtual
                void funcC() {...}
                                     P2->funcA(); // (d)
};
class Child : public Parent
                                     P2->funcB(); // (e)
   public:
               void funcA() {...}
     virtual void funcB() {...}
};
                                     P2->funcC(); // (f)
```

```
class Parent
                                        Parent* P2 = new Child;
   public:
                 void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                 void funcB() {...}
                 void funcC() {...}
                                        P2->funcA(); // (d) Parent
};
class Child : public Parent
                                        P2->funcB(); // (e) Child
   public:
                 void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                 void funcB() {...}
};
                                        P2->funcC(); // (f) Parent
```

```
class Parent
                                      Child* C2 = new Child;
   public:
                void funcA() {...}
                void funcB() {...}
      virtual
                void funcC() {...}
                                      C2->funcA(); // (g)_____
};
class Child : public Parent
                                      C2->funcB(); // (h)
   public:
                void funcA() {...}
     virtual void funcB() {...}
};
                                      C2->funcC(); // (i)
```

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                                         Child* C2 = new Child;
   public:
                  void funcA() {...}
       virtual
                  void funcB() {...}
                  void funcC() {...}
                                         C2->funcA(); // (g) Child
};
class Child : public Parent
                                         C2->funcB(); // (h) <u>Child</u>
   public:
                  void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                 void funcB() {...}
};
                                         C2->funcC(); // (i) Parent
```

```
class Parent
                                     Child temp;
   public:
                                     Parent P3 = temp;
                void funcA() {...}
      virtual
                void funcB() {...}
                void funcC() {...}
                                     P3.funcA(); // (j)_____
};
class Child : public Parent
                                     P3.funcB(); // (k)
   public:
               void funcA() {...}
     virtual void funcB() {...}
};
                                     P3.funcC(); // (1)
```

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