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# Improving structure with inheritance

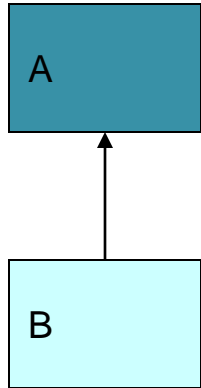
# Main concepts to be covered

- Inheritance
- Subtyping
- Substitution
- Polymorphic variables

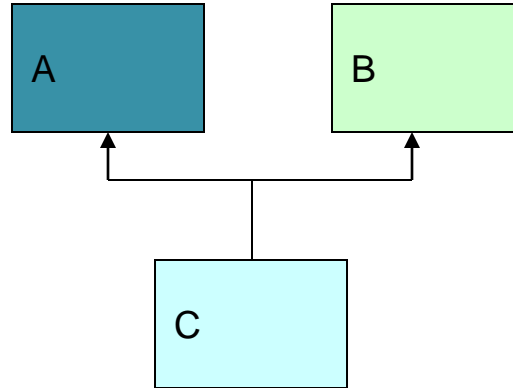
# Inheritance: Introduction

- The inheritance allows subclasses to inherit all properties (variables and methods) of their parent classes. The different forms of inheritance are:
  - Single inheritance (only one super class)
  - Multiple inheritance (several super classes)
  - Hierarchical inheritance (one super class, many sub classes)
  - Multi-Level inheritance (derived from a derived class)
  - Hybrid inheritance (more than two types)
  - Multi-path inheritance (inheritance of some properties from two sources).

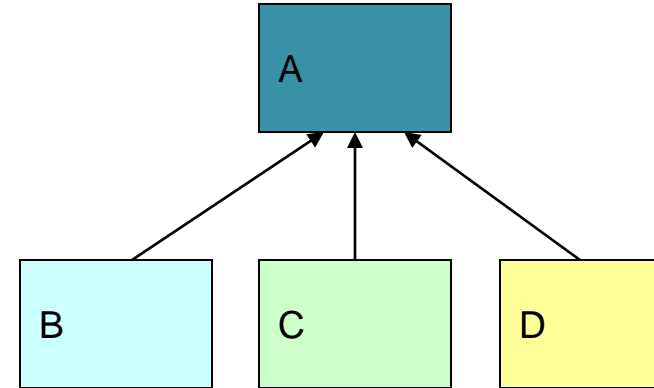
# Forms of Inheritance



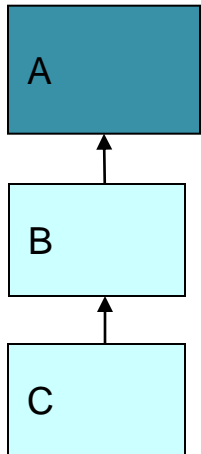
(a) Single Inheritance



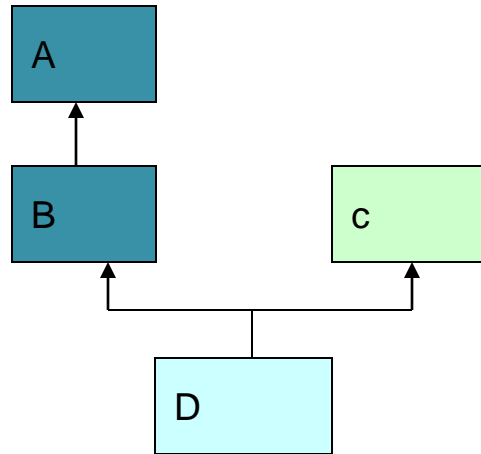
(b) Multiple Inheritance



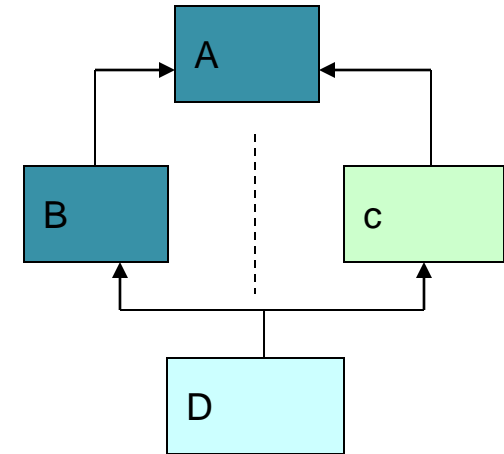
(c) Hierarchical Inheritance



(a) Multi-Level Inheritance



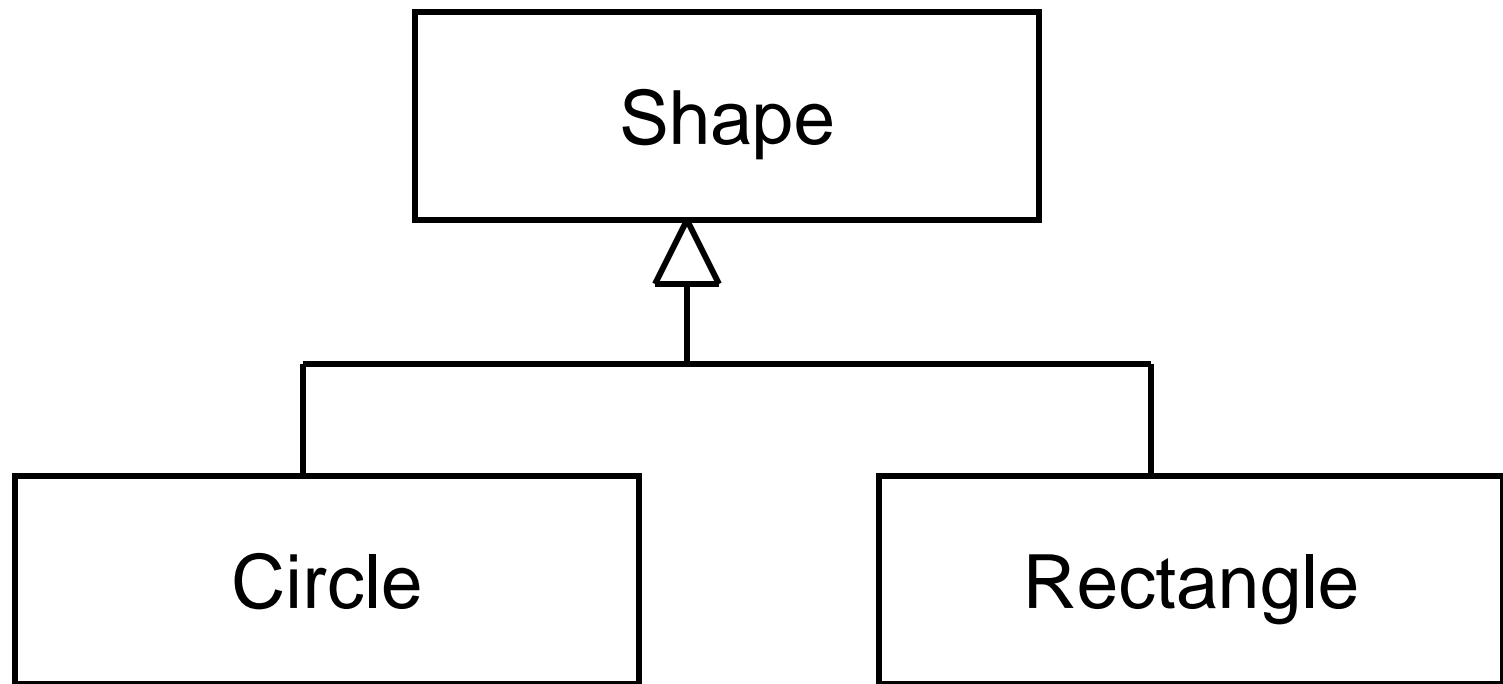
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(b) Multipath Inheritance

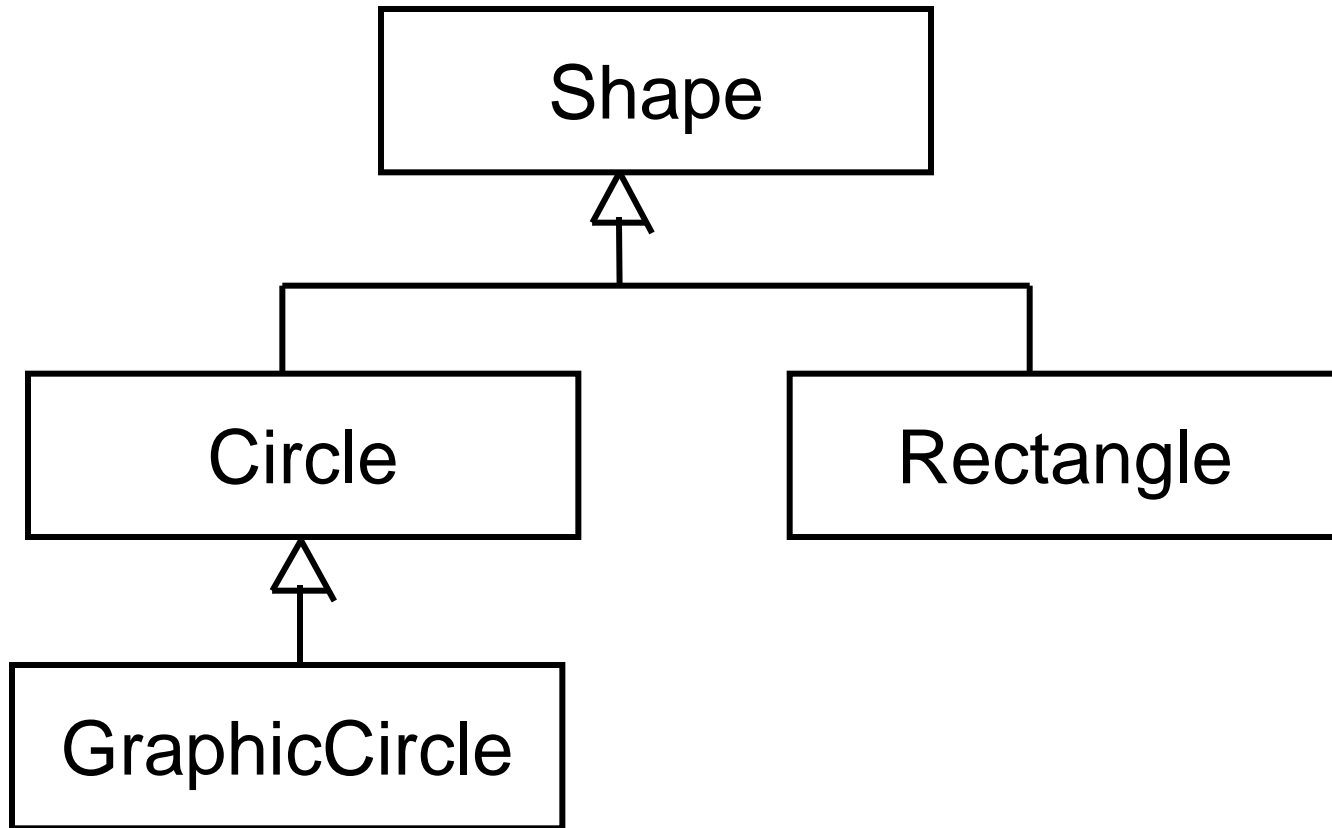
# Inheritance - Example

- Circle Class can be a subclass (inherited from) of a parent class - Shape



# Inheritance - Example

- Inheritance can also have multiple levels.

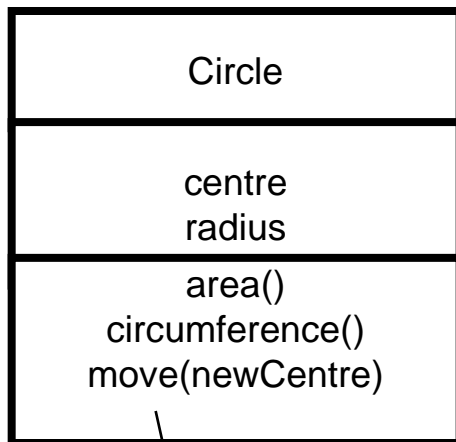


# Uses of Inheritance - Reuse

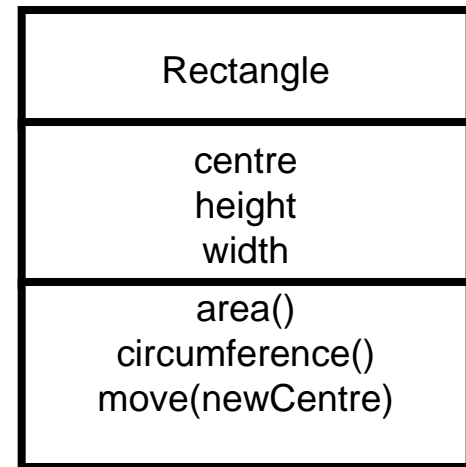
- If multiple classes have common attributes/methods, these methods can be moved to a common class - parent class.
- This allows reuse since the implementation is not repeated.

Example : Rectangle and Circle method have a common method `move()`, which requires changing the centre coordinate.

# Uses of Inheritance - Reuse



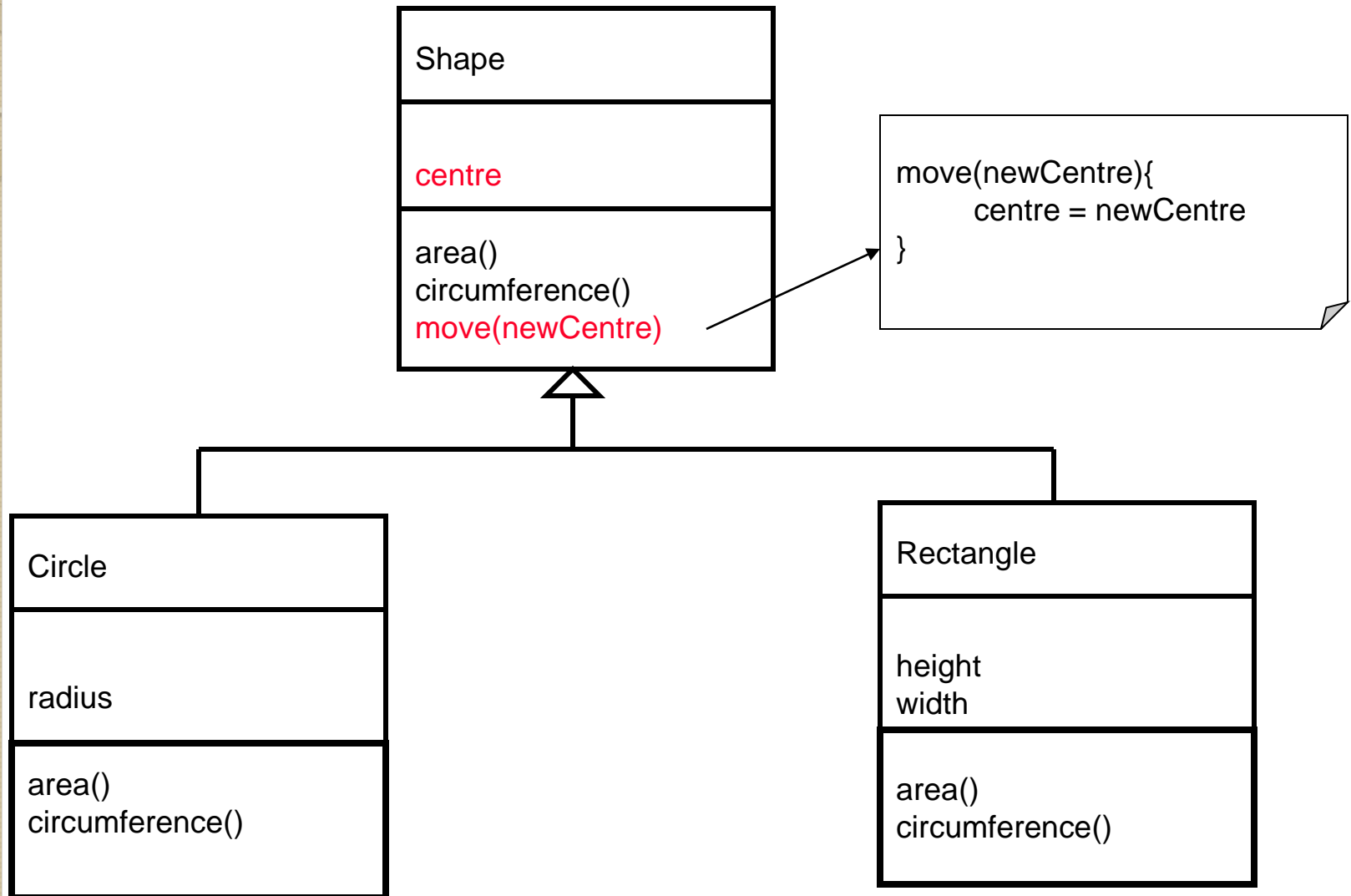
```
move(newCentre){  
    centre = newCentre;  
}
```



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    centre = newCentre;  
}
```



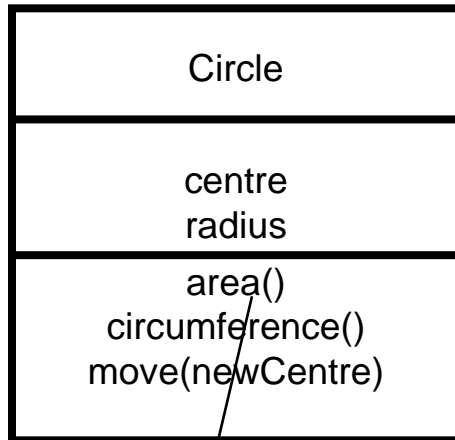
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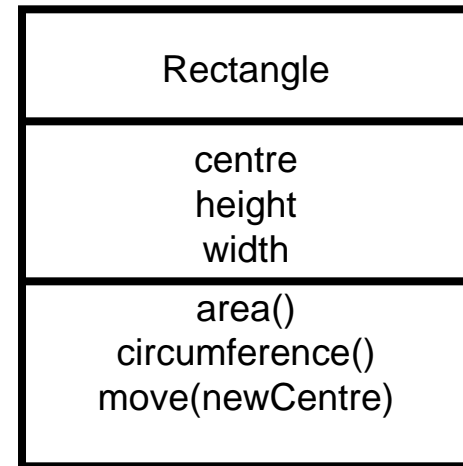
# Uses of Inheritance - Specialization

- Specialized behavior can be added to the child class.
- In this case the behaviour will be implemented in the child class.
  - E.g. The implementation of area() method in the Circle class is different from the Rectangle class.
- area() method in the child classes override the method in parent classes().

# Uses of Inheritance - Specialization

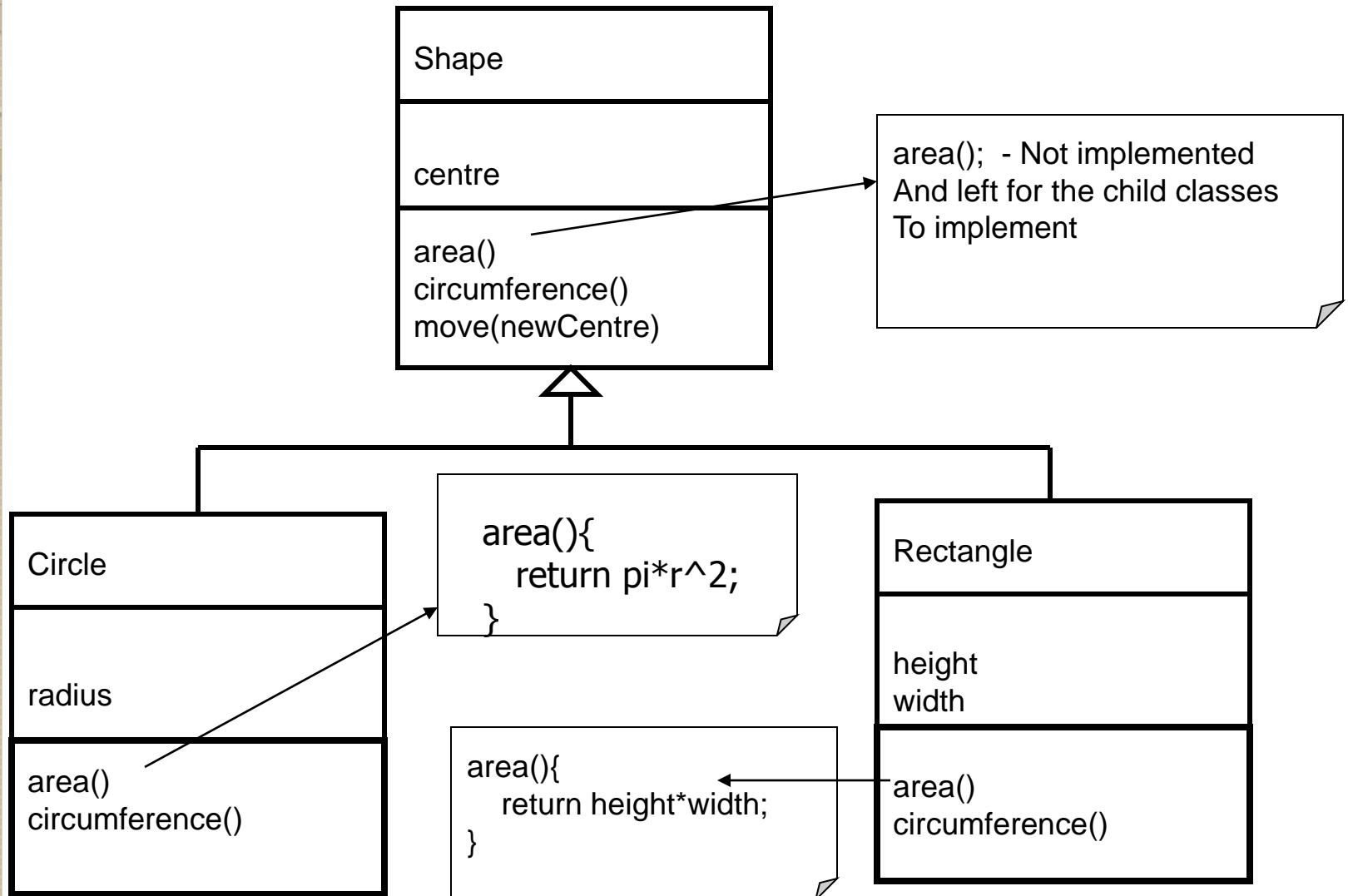


```
area(){  
    return pi*r^2;  
}
```



```
area(){  
    return height*width;  
}
```

# Uses of Inheritance - Specialization



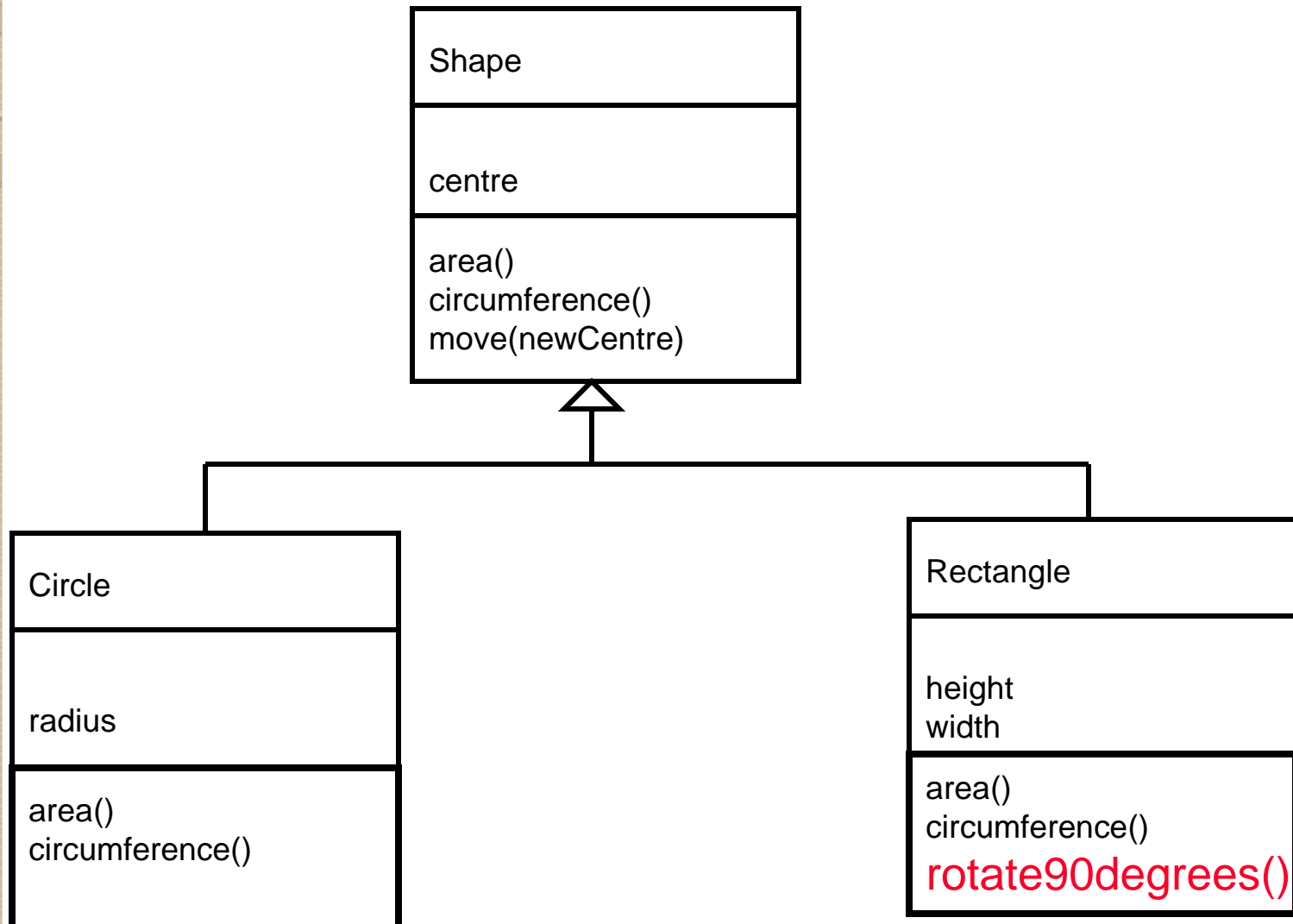
# Uses of Inheritance – Common Interface

- All the operations that are supported for Rectangle and Circle are the same.
- Some methods have common implementation and others don't.
  - `move()` operation is common to classes and can be implemented in parent.
  - `circumference()`, `area()` operations are significantly different and have to be implemented in the respective classes.
- The Shape class provides a common interface where all 3 operations *move()*, *circumference()* and *area()*.

# Uses of Inheritance - Extension

- Extend functionality of a class.
- Child class adds new operations to the parent class but does not change the inherited behavior.
  - E.g. Rectangle class might have a special operation that may not be meaningful to the Circle class – rotate 90 degrees()

# Uses of Inheritance - Extension



# Клас Employee

Employee
-name_: string
-id : long
+get_name(): string
+get_id(): long

```
1 class Employee {
2     string name_;
3     long id_;
4 public:
5     Employee(string name, long id)
6         : name_(name), id_(id)
7         {}
8     string get_name() const;
9     long get_id() const;
10 };
```



# Клас Manager

Manager
-name_: string
-id_: long
-level_: int
+get_name(): string
+get_id(): long
+get_level(): int

```
1 class Manager {
2     string name_;
3     long id_;
4     int level_;
5 public:
6     Manager(string name,
7             long id,
8             int level)
9         :name_(name), id_(id),
10        level_(level)
11    {}
12    string get_name() const;
13    long get_id() const;
14    int get_level() const;
15};
```

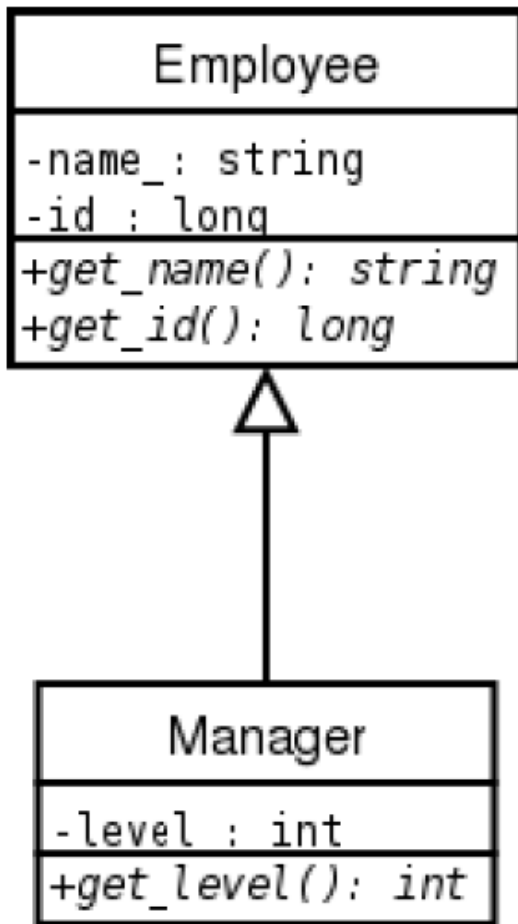
# Класовете Employee и Manager

- Мениджърът (Manager) е вид работник (Employee).
- Класът Manager притежава всички атрибути и методи на класа Employee.
- Освен атрибутите и методите на класа Employee, класът Manager притежава някои допълнителни свойства:
  - ниво в йерархията (level\_);
  - група от подчинени;

Employee
-name_ : string
-id : long
+get_name(): string
+get_id(): long

Manager
-name_ : string
-id_ : long
-level : int
+get_name(): string
+get_id(): long
+get_level(): int

# Наследяване

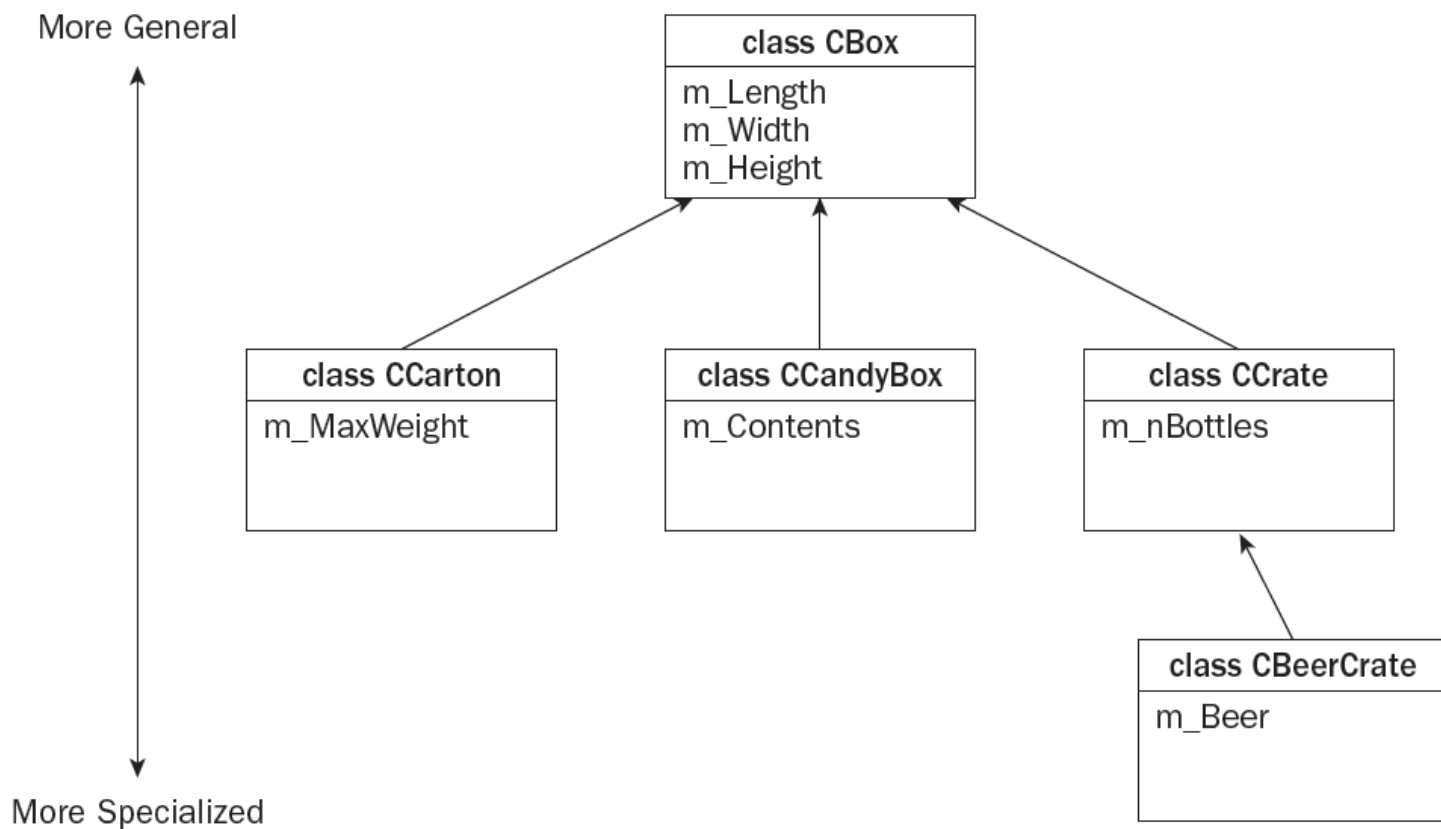


- За да се моделира подобен вид отношение между класовете в обектно-ориентираното програмиране се използва наследяване.
- Класът **Employee** се нарича базов клас или супер клас.
- Класът **Manager** се нарича производен клас или наследник.

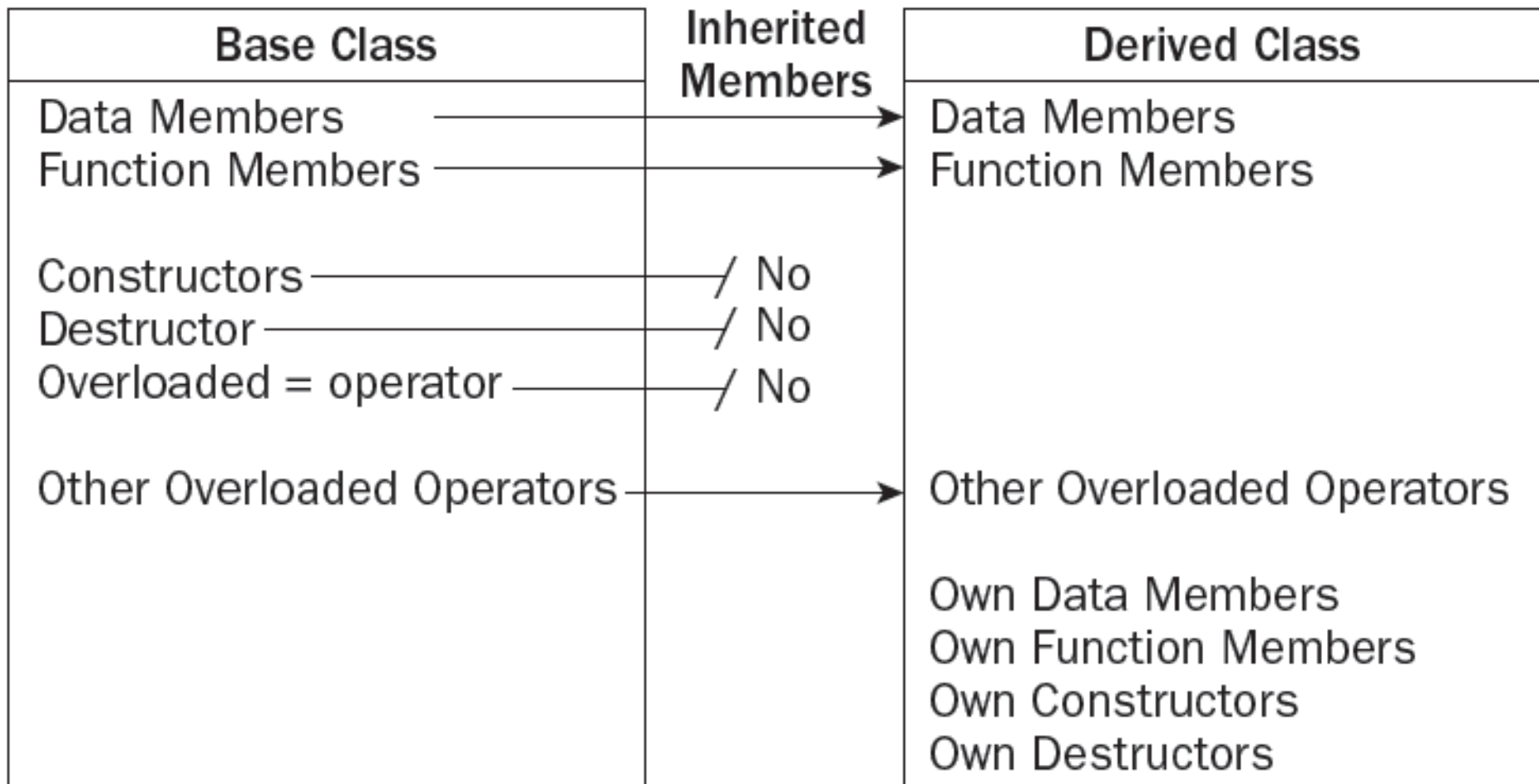
# Концепцията Наследяване

- **Наследяване** е процес на създаване на нови класове, наречени породени класове, от съществуващи класове, наречени базови.
- Породеният наследява базовия, като добавя и свои собствени елементи – данни и/или методи.
- Базовият клас не се влияе, не се променя.
- Породеният клас е функционално по-богат от базовия клас.

# Йерархия на класовете



# Базов клас и наследник



# Исключения

Не се наследяват:

- Конструкторите и деструктора
- Операторът =
- Приятелските функции и класове

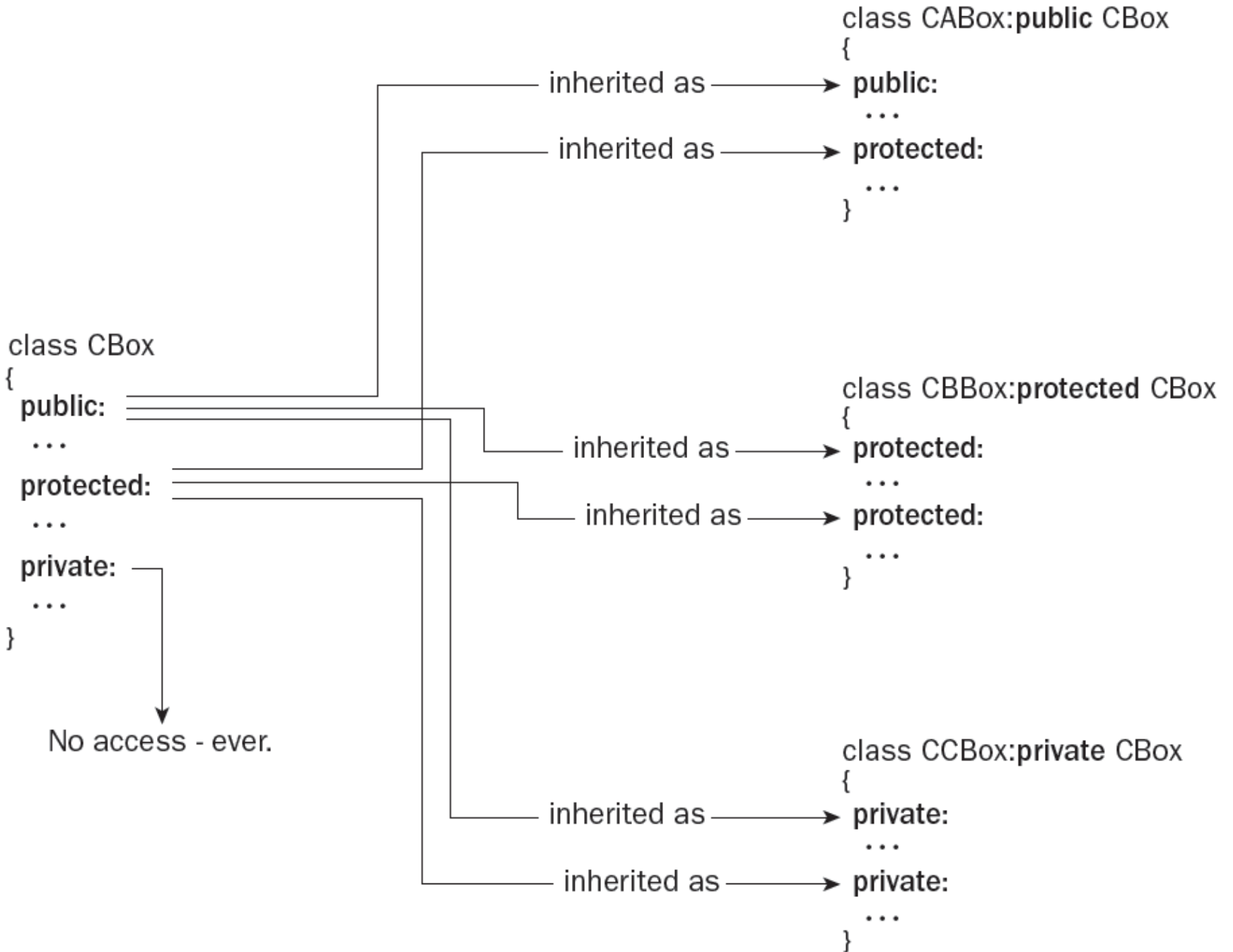
# Синтаксис (C++)

```
class derived-class:access base-class  
{  
    body of new class  
}
```



# Модификатор за достъп

- private
- public
- protected



# Пример за базов клас

```
class Employee {  
    public:  
        Employee(string theName, float  
thePayRate);  
        string getName() const;  
        float getPayRate() const;  
        float pay(float hoursWorked) const;  
  
    protected:  
        string name;  
        float payRate;  
};
```

```
Employee::Employee(string theName, float thePayRate)
{
    name = theName;
    payRate = thePayRate;
}

string Employee::getName() const
{
    return name;
}

float Employee::getPayRate() const
{
    return payRate;
}

float Employee::pay(float hoursWorked) const
{
    return hoursWorked * payRate;
}
```

# Пример за наследник

```
class Manager : public Employee {  
public:  
    Manager(string theName,  
            float thePayRate,  
            bool isSalaried);  
  
    bool getSalaried() const;  
  
    float pay(float hoursWorked) const;  
  
protected:  
    bool salaried;  
};
```

```
Manager::Manager(string theName,
                  float thePayRate,
                  bool isSalaried)
    : Employee(theName, thePayRate)
{
    salaried = isSalaried;
}

bool Manager::getSalaried() const
{
    return salaried;
}

float Manager::pay(float hoursWorked) const
{
    if (salaried)
        return payRate;
    /* else */
    return Employee::pay(hoursWorked);
}
```

# Пример за използване на класовете

```
Employee empl("John Burke", 25.0);  
// Print out name and pay (based on 40 hours work).  
cout << "Name: " << empl.getName() << endl;  
cout << "Pay: " << empl.pay(40.0) << endl;
```

```
Manager mgr("Jan Kovacs", 1200.0, true);  
// Print out name and pay (based on 40 hours work).  
cout << "Name: " << mgr.getName() << endl;  
cout << "Pay: " << mgr.pay(40.0) << endl;
```

# Методи

- При реализацията на производен клас се използват само публичните методи и член-променливи на базовия клас.
- Като компромис могат да се използват защитени (protected) член-променливи и методи.
- Защитените членове на базовия клас се държат като публични (public) за членовете на производните класове и като скрити (private ) за всички останали функции.



- В базовия и производния класове може да се дефинират методи с еднакви имена.
- В класовете Employee и Manager е дефиниран метод с едно и също име — print().
- Когато в класа наследник искаме да използваме метода print(), дефиниран в базовият клас, трябва да използваме пълното му име.

```
void Manager :: print ( void ) const {  
    Employee :: print ();  
    //...  
}
```

- Следната дефиниция е некоректна (безкрайна рекурсия):

```
void Manager :: print ( void ) const {  
    print ();  
    //...  
}
```

# Конструктори

- При създаване обект от производен клас: първо се създава базовият клас, след това се създават член-променливите на производния клас и след това самият производен клас.

```
1 class Manager: public Employee {
2     int level_;
3 public:
4     Manager(string name, long id, int level)
5         : Employee(name, id),
6           level_(level)
7     {}
8     ...
9 };
```

# Конструктори

- В конструктора на производния клас могат да се инициализират член-променливите, които са декларирани в производния клас.
- Не е възможно да се инициализират директно член-променливите на базовия клас.
- Ако базовият клас няма конструктор по подразбиране, то в производния клас задължително трябва да се извика конкретен конструктор на базовият клас.
- Ако в производния клас не е изрично указано кой конструктор на базовия клас трябва да се извика, то ще се извика конструкторът по подразбиране на базовия клас.

# Inheritance and Polymorphism in a program

(second example & point of view)

- must have base class with may be some (virtual) functions with different meaning in future
- let see an idea of base class (will be used for planets and spaceships as well):

```
class Orbiter
{
    private:
        double m_mass;
        XY m_prior, m_current, m_thrust;

    public:
        Orbiter( XY current, XY prior, double mass);
        XY GetPosition() const;
        void Fly();
};
```

*//data members*  
*//m\_ is a prefix convention for data members*  
*//thrust is needed for fly() – initial force.For*  
*// planets thrust is always (0,0)*

*// member functions*  
*// constructor*  
*// only reads data members*



# Inheritance and polymorphism

- Now -an enriched class version with a **display() method**. This method differs for planets and for flying objects:

```
class Orbiter  
{  
    protected:  
        double m_mass;  
        XY m_current, m_prior, m_thrust;  
    public:  
  
        Orbiter( XY current, XY prior, double mass)  
        { m_current = current; m_prior = prior; m_mass = mass; }  
        XY GetPosition() const;  
        void Fly();  
        virtual void Display() const; // virtual !!  
        //we must think about object future polymorphism  
};
```



# Inheritance and polymorphism

- the following example assumes that `orbiterArray[ ]` contains pointers to a mixture of objects of classes derived from `Orbiter`:

```
extern Orbiter* orbiterArray[];  
for( int i = 0; i < MAX; i++)  
{  
    orbiterArray[i] ->Fly();  
    orbiterArray[i] -> Display();  
}
```

- idea of **pure virtual functions**  
(if one exist in a class declaration, it's forbidden to construct an object of that class )

Example:

```
virtual void Display() const =0;
```



# Derived classes

```
class Planet : public Orbiter
```

```
{ public:
```

```
    Planet( XY current, XY prior, double mass) :Orbiter( current, prior, mass) {}  
    void Display() const;
```

```
};
```

```
class SpaceShip : public Orbiter
```

```
{ private: double m_fuel; XY m_orientation;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    SpaceShip( XY current, XY prior, XY thrust, double mass, double fuel, XY orientation)  
              : Orbiter(current, prior, mass)
```

```
    {m_orientation = orientation; m_fuel = fuel;
```

```
      m_thrust = thrust;
```

```
    // m_thrust was Orbiter's data member
```

```
    }
```

```
    void Display() const;
```

```
    ...
```

```
    // maybe another members of the class follows
```

```
};
```

**If omitted – mistake!. The compiler would have tried to use default, but this is missed in Orbiter.**



# Полиморфизъм

- **Полиморфизмът** е свойство на член-функциите и се реализира с **виртуални функции**.

Той се състои в осигуряване възможността генерирания код да се държи по различен начин в зависимост от условия, определяни по време на изпълнението на програмата. Идеята на тези функции се основава на вида на свързването им (**статично** или **ранно** и съответно **динамично** или **късно**)



# Статичното свързване

- **Статичното свързване** на типа на обекта с извикваната член-функция става по време на компилацията и не се променя при изпълнение на програмата. Свързващият редактор замества имената на извикваните функции с конкретните им адреси.

# Динамичното свързване

- **Динамичното** свързване на типа на обекта с извикваната член-функция е по време на изпълнение на програмата. При извикването на функция се задава само името, но не и конкретния адрес на прехода. Или по време на изпълнение се дава възможността за промяна на връзките между имена и адреси. Късното свързване се определя чрез думата **virtual**.

# Характеристики на виртуалните функции

- Членове на класа;
- Декларират се с ключовата дума **virtual**;
- В породения клас има различна функционалност.

# Пример

```
class Animal {  
    public:  
        virtual void eat ()  
        {  
            cout << "I eat  
like a generic Animal."  
<< endl;  
        }  
};
```

# virtual functions

- virtual functions can be called in a base class as well as from outside the class;
- if Orbiter class contains  
Orbiter::Fly()  
and that function uses angular momentum for his computations, which is specific to every derived class. So it's convenient to declare it in Orbiter like this:

***protected:***

***virtual XY GetSpecificCalculation() const = 0;***

and every derived class **is obliged** to provide his overriding function implementation.

# Неопределен виртуален метод

- Т.нар. чисти виртуални функции
- Метод, който има декларация, но няма дефиниция.
- Използва се присвояване на стойност 0.

# Абстрактен клас

- Клас, в който е деклариран поне един неопределен виртуален метод.

```
class Shape {  
    public:  
    virtual void draw ( void ) const =0;  
};
```

# Пример

```
class Abstract
{
    public:
        virtual void pure_virtual() =0;
};
```



# Особености 1/2

- Обекти от абстрактни класове не могат да бъдат създавани:

```
Abstract x; //Error
```

- Абстрактните класове могат да се използват като базови за други класове.
- Абстрактните класове не могат да се използват, като тип на параметри и тип на върнатата стойност на функциите:

```
Abstract func(); //Error
```

```
Float f(Abstract); //Error
```

# Особености 2/2

- Методите на абстрактните класове могат да се извикват от техните конструктори, но извикване на чиста виртуална функция не е възможно и води до грешка по време на изпълнение на програмите;
- Допустимо е дефиниране и използване на указатели към абстрактни класове и псевдоними на абстрактни класове:

```
Abstract *ptr;
```

```
Abstract& f (Abstract &);
```

# Пример 1/3

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class CPolygon
{
    protected:
        int width, height;
    public:
        void set_values (int a, int b)
        { width=a; height=b; }
        virtual int area (void) =0;
};
```

## Пример 2/3

```
class CRectangle: public CPolygon
{
    public:
        int area (void)
        {return (width * height); }
};
class CTriangle: public CPolygon
{
    public:
        int area (void)
        { return (width * height / 2);
        }
};
```

## Пример 3/3

```
int main ()
{
    CRectangle rect;
    CTriangle trgl;
    CPolygon * ppoly1 = &rect;
    CPolygon * ppoly2 = &trgl;
    ppoly1->set_values (4,5);
    ppoly2->set_values (4,5);
    cout << ppoly1->area() << endl;
    cout << ppoly2->area() << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# Abstract base class and pure virtual functions. Example

```
// Specification file for the Student class (Student.h)
```

```
#include <Cstring> // For strcpy
```

```
const int NAME_SIZE = 51;
```

```
const int ID_SIZE = 21;
```

```
class Student
```

```
{
```

```
protected:
```

```
    char name[NAME_SIZE]; // Student name
```

```
    char idNumber[ID_SIZE]; // Student ID
```

```
    int yearAdmitted; // Year student was admitted
```

```
public:
```

```
    // Default constructor
```

```
    Student() { name[0] = '\0'; idNumber[0] = '\0'; yearAdmitted = 0; }
```

```
    // Constructor
```

```
    Student(const char *n, const char *id, int year) { set(n, id, year); }
```

```
    // The set function sets the attribute data.
```

```
    void set(const char *n, const char *id, int year)
```

```
    { strncpy(name, n, NAME_SIZE); // Copy the name
```

```
      name[NAME_SIZE - 1] = '\0'; // Place a null character
```

```
      ....}
```

```
    // Accessor functions
```

```
    const char *getName() const { return name; }
```

```
    const char *getIdNum() const { return idNumber; }
```

```
    int getYearAdmitted() const { return yearAdmitted; }
```

```
    // Pure virtual function
```

```
    virtual int getRemainingHours() const = 0;
```

```
};
```

# Abstract base class and pure virtual functions. Example

```
// Specification file for the CsStudent class (Cstudent.h)
```

```
#include "Student.h"
```

```
// Constants for required hours
```

```
const int MATH_HOURS = 20; // Math hours
```

```
const int CS_HOURS = 40; // Computer science hours
```

```
const int GEN_ED_HOURS = 60; // General Ed hours
```

```
class CsStudent : public Student
```

```
{ private:
```

```
    int mathHours; // Hours of math taken
```

```
    int csHours; // Hours of Computer Science taken
```

```
    int genEdHours; // Hours of general education taken
```

```
public:
```

```
    // Default Constructor
```

```
    CsStudent() : Student() { mathHours = 0; csHours = 0; genEdHours = 0; }
```

```
    // Constructor
```

```
    CsStudent(const char *n, const char *id, int year) : Student(n, id, year)
```

```
        { mathHours = 0; csHours = 0; genEdHours = 0; }
```

```
    // Mutator functions
```

```
    void setMathHours(int mh) { mathHours = mh; }
```

```
    void setCsHours(int csh) { csHours = csh; }
```

```
    void setGenEdHours(int geh) { genEdHours = geh; }
```

```
    // Overridden getRemainingHours function, defined in CsStudent.cpp
```

```
    virtual int getRemainingHours() const;
```

```
};
```

## Abstract base class and pure virtual functions. Example

```
#include <iostream>
#include "CsStudent.h"
using namespace std;

//*****
// The CsStudent::getRemainingHours function returns *
// the number of hours remaining to be taken.      *
//*****

int CsStudent::getRemainingHours() const
{
    int reqHours, // Total required hours
        remainingHours; // Remaining hours

    // Calculate the required hours.
    reqHours = MATH_HOURS + CS_HOURS + GEN_ED_HOURS;

    // Calculate the remaining hours.
    remainingHours = reqHours - (mathHours + csHours +
        genEdHours);

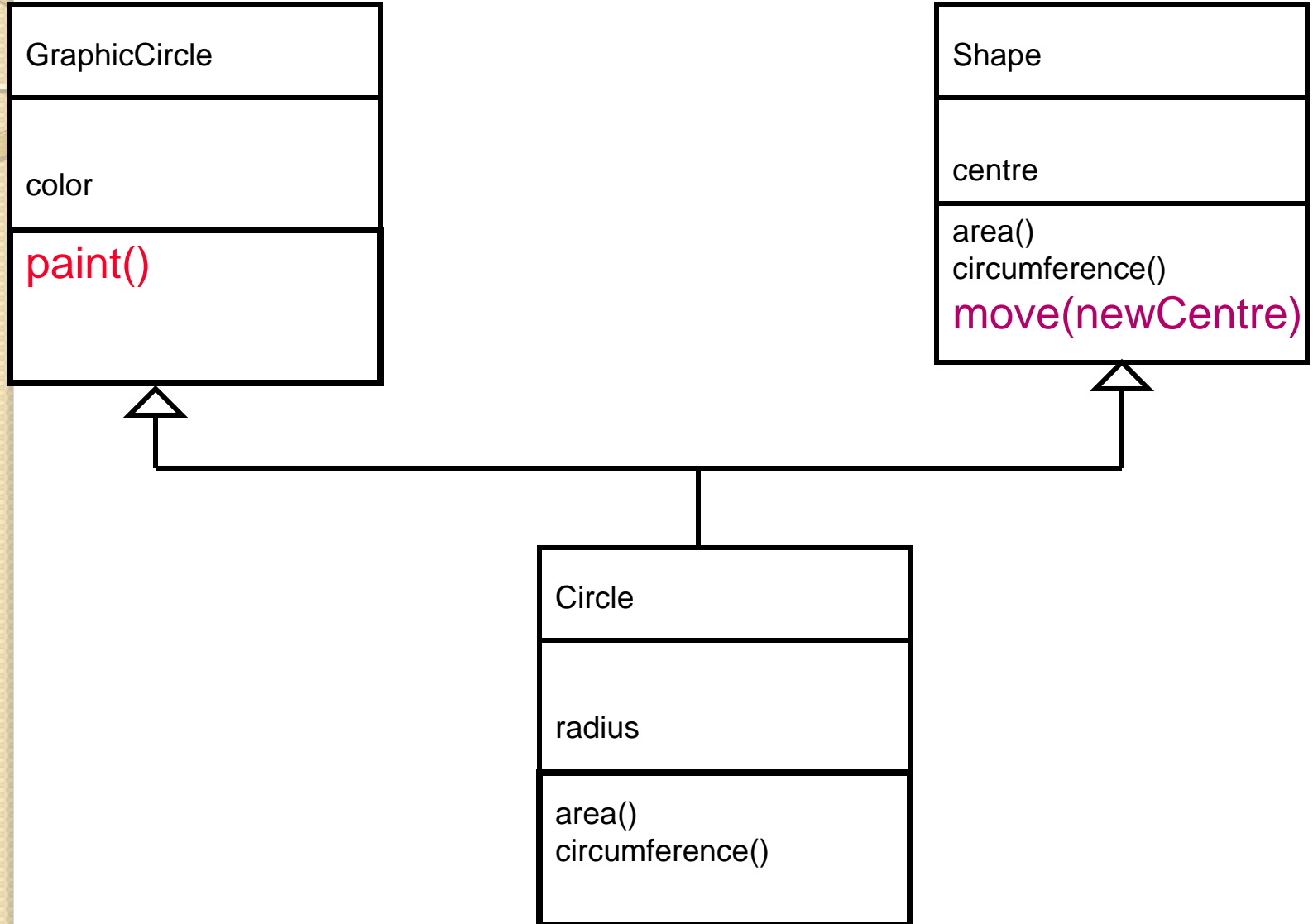
    // Return the remaining hours.
    return remainingHours;
}
```



## Abstract base class and pure virtual functions. Example

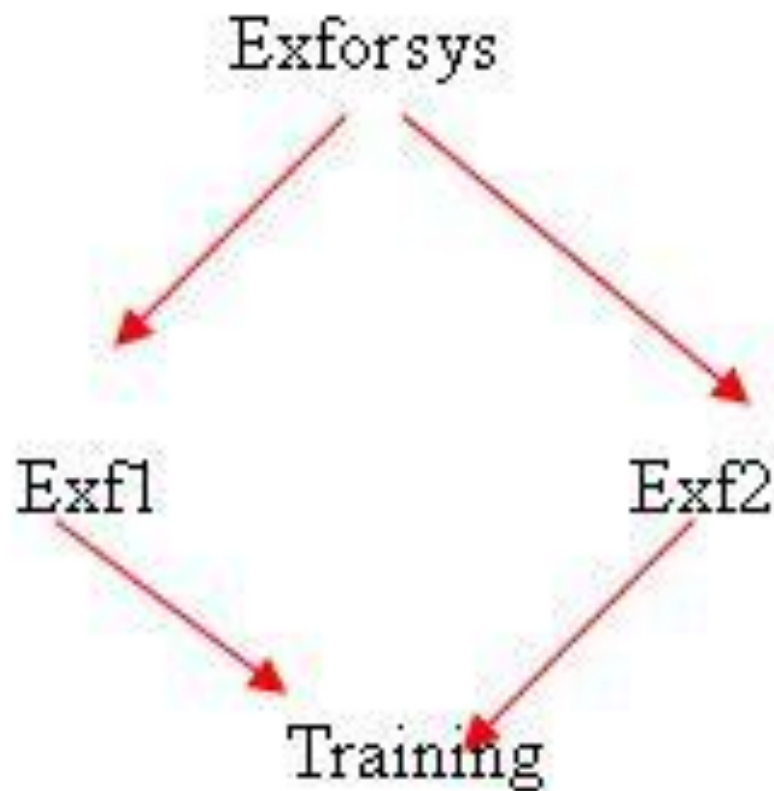
```
// This program demonstrates the CsStudent class, which is  
// derived from the abstract base class, Student.  
#include <iostream>  
#include "CsStudent.h"  
using namespace std;  
  
int main()  
{  
    // Create a CsStudent object for a student.  
    CsStudent student("Jennifer Haynes", "167W98337", 2006);  
  
    // Store values for Math, Computer Science, and General Ed hours.  
    student.setMathHours(12); // Student has taken 12 Math hours  
    student.setCsHours(20); // Student has taken 20 CS hours  
    student.setGenEdHours(40); // Student has taken 40 Gen Ed hours  
  
    // Display the number of remaining hours.  
    cout << "The student " << student.getName()  
        << " needs to take " << student.getRemainingHours()  
        << " more hours to graduate.\n";  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Uses of Inheritance – Multiple Inheritance



# Множество наследяване

- Множествено наследяване се нарича наследяването, при което един клас е пряк наследник на повече от един предшественици.



```
class Exforsys
{
protected:
int x;
};
```

```
class Exf1:public Exforsys
{ };
```

```
class Exf2:public Exforsys
{ };
```

```
class Training:public Exf1,public Exf2
{
public:
int example()
{
return x;
}
};
```

```
class Exforsys
{
protected:
int x;
;

class Exf1:virtual public Exforsys
{ };

class Exf2:virtual public Exforsys
{ };

class Training:public Exf1,public Exf2
{
public:
int example()
{
return x;
}
};
```

- Променя се **типът на наследяване** на базовия клас от преките му наследници, като се описва, че той се наследява **виртуално**. В този случай в класа ще се наследят само по едно копие на член-данните на базовия клас.

## Multiple inheritance. Example:

*// Specification file for the Date.h class*

*class Date*

*{*

*protected:*

*int day;*

*int month;*

*int year;*

*public:*

*// Default constructor*

*Date()*

*{ day = 1; month = 1; year = 1900; }*

*// Constructor*

*Date(int d, int m, int y)*

*{ day = d; month = m; year = y; }*

*// Accessors*

*int getDay() const*

*{ return day; }*

*int getMonth() const*

*{ return month; }*

*int getYear() const*

*{ return year; }*

*};*

## Multiple inheritance. Example:

*// Specification file for the Time.h class*

*class Time*

*{*

*protected:*

*int hour;*

*int min;*

*int sec;*

*public:*

*// Default constructor*

*Time()*

*{ hour = 0; min = 0; sec = 0; }*

*// Constructor*

*Time(int h, int m, int s)*

*{ hour = h; min = m; sec = s; }*

*// Accessor functions*

*int getHour() const*

*{ return hour; }*

*int getMin() const*

*{ return min; }*

*int getSec() const*

*{ return sec; }*

*};*

## Multiple inheritance. Example:

*// Specification file for the DateTime.h class*

*#include "Date.h"*

*#include "Time.h"*

*// Constant for string size*

*const int DT\_SIZE = 20;*

*class DateTime : public Date, public Time*

*{*

*protected:*

*char dateTimeString[DT\_SIZE];*

*public:*

*// Default constructor*

*DateTime();*

*// Constructor*

*DateTime(int, int, int, int, int, int);*

*// Accessor function*

*const char \*getDateTime() const*

*{ return dateTimeString; }*

*};*



## Multiple inheritance. Example:

*// Implementation file for the DateTime.cpp class*

**#include <cstring>** // For strcpy and strcat

**#include <cstdlib>** // For itoa

**#include "DateTime.h"**

*// Constant for temp array size*

**const int TEMP\_SIZE = 10;**

*// Default constructor*

\*

*DateTime::DateTime() : Date(), Time()*

**{**                **strcpy(dateTimeString, "1/1/1900 0:0:0");** **}**

*// Constructor*

\*

*DateTime::DateTime(int dy, int mon, int yr, int hr, int mt, int sc) : Date(dy, mon, yr), Time(hr, mt, sc)*

**{** **char temp[TEMP\_SIZE];** // Temporary work area for itoa()

*// Store the date in dateTimeString, in the form MM/DD/YY*

**strcpy(dateTimeString, itoa(getMonth(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**

**strcat(dateTimeString, "/");**

**strcat(dateTimeString, itoa(getDay(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**

**strcat(dateTimeString, "/");**

**strcat(dateTimeString, itoa(getYear(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**

**strcat(dateTimeString, " ");**

*// Store the time in dateTimeString, in the form HH:MM:SS*

**strcat(dateTimeString, itoa(getHour(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**

**strcat(dateTimeString, ":");**

**strcat(dateTimeString, itoa(getMin(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**

**strcat(dateTimeString, ":");**

**strcat(dateTimeString, itoa(getSec(), temp, TEMP\_SIZE));**    **}**

## Multiple inheritance. Example:

*// This program demonstrates a class with multiple inheritance.*

```
#include <iostream>  
#include "DateTime.h"  
using namespace std;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    // Define a DateTime object and use the default constructor to initialize it.  
    DateTime emptyDay;
```

```
    // Display the object's date and time.  
    cout << emptyDay.getDateTime() << endl;
```

```
    // Define a DateTime object and initialize it with the date 2/4/60 and the time 5:32:27.  
    DateTime pastDay(2, 4, 60, 5, 32, 27);
```

```
    // Display the object's date and time.  
    cout << pastDay.getDateTime() << endl;  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Program output:

1/1/1900 0:0:0

4/2/60 5:32:27

•To call function or data from the super class (as BankAccount), we can write:

**`__super::function(..);`**

•In managed code you can define a class as 'sealed'. This means the class cannot be inherited from. It's useful security measure

•Inheritance can be made through **interfaces** as well through parent classes. An interface is similar to a class, but all the member functions in it are pure virtual. So, **an instantiation of interface cannot be made!!**

Interfaces are useful for defining common capabilities for diverse classes with Different realizations.

•Interface example in managed C++ :

```
__gc __interface IStorableAsXml  
{  
    void ReadFromXmlFile(String *XmlFileName);  
    void WriteToXmlFile(String *XmlFileName);  
};  
  
...  
__gc __sealed class SavingAccount : public BankAccount, public IStorableAsXml  
{  
    public:  
    // override functions from the interface  
...  
    // other members, as before  
...  
}
```

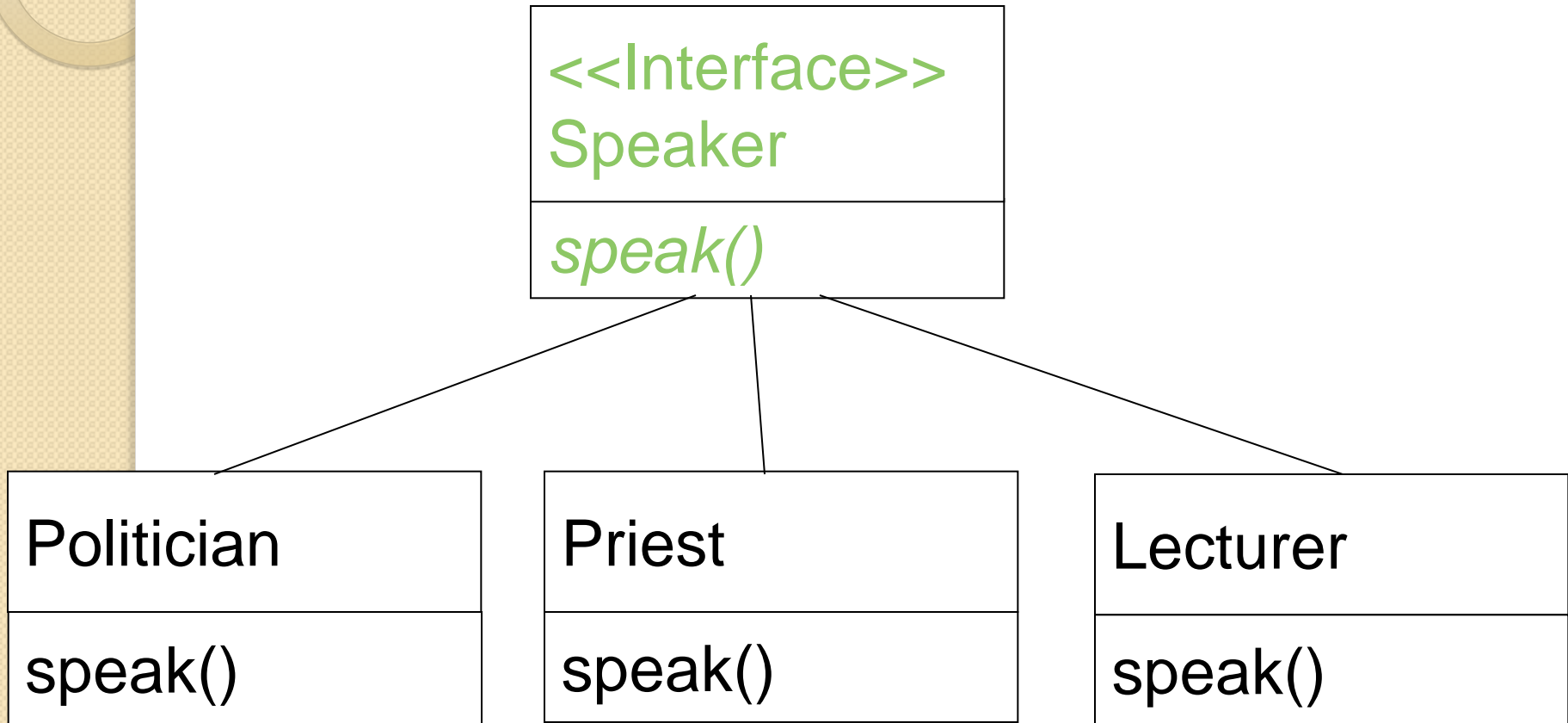
# Interfaces

- *Interface* is a conceptual entity similar to a Abstract class.
- Can contain only **constants (final variables)** and **abstract method** (no implementation) - Different from Abstract classes.
- Use when a number of classes share a common interface.
- Each class should implement the interface.

# Interfaces: An informal way of realising multiple inheritance

- An interface is basically a kind of class—it contains methods and variables, but they have to be only abstract classes and final fields/variables.
- Therefore, it is the responsibility of the class that implements an interface to supply the code for methods.
- A class can implement any number of interfaces, but cannot extend more than one class at a time.
- Therefore, interfaces are considered as an informal way of realising multiple inheritance in Java.

# Interface - Example





# Review

- Inheritance allows the definition of classes as extensions of other classes.
- Inheritance
  - avoids code duplication
  - allows code reuse
  - simplifies the code
  - simplifies maintenance and extending
- Variables can hold subtype objects.
- Subtypes can be used wherever supertype objects are expected (substitution).