



## Module 22

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# Module 22: Programming in C++

## Inheritance (Part 2): Override and Overload

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# Module Objectives

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- Understand how inheritance impacts data members and member functions
- Introduce overriding of member function and its interactions with overloading



# Module Outline

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# Inheritance in C++: Semantics

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- **Derived ISA Base**
- **Data Members**
  - **Derived** class *inherits* all data members of **Base** class
  - **Derived** class may *add* data members of its own
- **Member Functions**
  - **Derived** class *inherits* all member functions of **Base** class
  - **Derived** class may *override* a member function of **Base** class by *redefining* it with the *same signature*
  - **Derived** class may *overload* a member function of **Base** class by *redefining* it with the *same name*; but *different signature*
  - **Derived** class *may add* new member functions
- **Access Specification**
  - **Derived** class *cannot access private* members of **Base** class
  - **Derived** class *can access protected* members of **Base** class
- **Construction-Destruction**
  - A *constructor* of the **Derived** class *must first* call a *constructor* of the **Base** class to construct the **Base** class instance of the **Derived** class
  - The *destructor* of the **Derived** class *must* call the *destructor* of the **Base** class to destruct the **Base** class instance of the **Derived** class



# Data Members

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- **Object Layout**
  - **Derived** class *layout* contains an instance of the **Base** class
  - Further, **Derived** class *layout* will have data members of its own
  - C++ does not guarantee the *relative position* of the **Base** class instance and **Derived** class members



# Object Layout

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```
class B { // Base Class
    int data1B_;
public:
    int data2B_;
    // ...
};

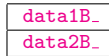
class D: public B { // Derived Class
    // Inherits B::data1B_
    // Inherits B::data2B_
    int infoD_; // Adds D::infoD_
public:
    // ...
};

B b; // Base Class Object

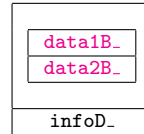
D d; // Derived Class Object
```

## Object Layout

Object b



Object d



- **d cannot access data1B\_ even though it is a part of d!**
- **d can access data2B\_**



# Member Functions

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- **Derived ISA Base**
- **Member Functions**
  - **Derived** class *inherits* all member functions of **Base** class
    - ▷ **Note:** **Derived** class *does not inherit* the **Constructors** and **Destructor** of **Base** class but *must have access to them*
  - **Derived** class may *override* a member function of **Base** class by *redefining* it with the *same signature*
  - **Derived** class may *overload* a member function of **Base** class by *redefining* it with the *same name*; but *different signature*
  - **Derived** class *may add* new member functions
- **Static Member Functions**
  - **Derived** class *does not inherit* the static member functions of **Base** class
- **Friend Functions**
  - **Derived** class *does not inherit* the friend functions of **Base** class



# Overrides and Overloads

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### Inheritance

```

class B { public: // Base Class
    void f(int i);
    void g(int i);
};
class D: public B { public: // Derived Class
    // Inherits B::f(int)

    // Inherits B::g(int)

};
B b;
D d;

b.f(1); // Calls B::f(int)
b.g(2); // Calls B::g(int)

d.f(3); // Calls B::f(int)
d.g(4); // Calls B::g(int)

```

- `D::f(int)` overrides `B::f(int)`
- `D::f(string&)` overloads `B::f(int)`

### Override & Overload

```

class B { public: // Base Class
    void f(int);
    void g(int i);
};
class D: public B { public: // Derived Class
    // Inherits B::f(int)
    void f(int); // Overrides B::f(int)
    void f(string&); // Overloads B::f(int)
    // Inherits B::g(int)
    void h(int i); // Adds D::h(int)
};
B b;
D d;

b.f(1); // Calls B::f(int)
b.g(2); // Calls B::g(int)

d.f(3); // Calls D::f(int)
d.g(4); // Calls B::g(int)

d.f("red"); // Calls D::f(string&)
d.h(5); // Calls D::h(int)

```





# Comparison of Overloading vis-a-vis Overriding

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Basis	Function Overloading	Function Overriding
<b>Name of Function</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All overloads have the same function name</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All overrides have the same function name</li></ul>
<b>Signature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Function signatures must be different</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Function signatures are same</li></ul>
<b>Type of Function</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Can be global, friend, static or non-static member function</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Must be a non-static member function - non-virtual or virtual</li></ul>
<b>Inheritance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Can happen with or without inheritance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Happens only with inheritance</li></ul>
<b>Polymorphism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Static (Compile time)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Static (Compile time) or Dynamic (Runtime)</li></ul>
<b>Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Overloaded functions are in the same scope</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Functions are in different scopes (base class and derived class)</li></ul>
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To have multiple functions with same name that act differently depending on parameters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To perform additional or different tasks than the base class function</li></ul>
<b>Constructor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Constructors can be overloaded</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Constructors cannot be overridden</li></ul>
<b>Destructor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The destructor cannot be overloaded</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The destructor cannot be overridden</li></ul>
<b>Usage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Can be overloaded multiple times</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Can be overridden once in the derived class</li></ul>



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**Module Summary**

- Discussed the effect of inheritance on Data Members and Object Layout
- Discussed the effect of inheritance on Member Functions with special reference to Overriding and Overloading