Third Exam
Monday, May 20

Simpler polymorphism demo
(~mikec/cs32/demos/figures)

- Base: `Figure` has `virtual void print()`
  - `print()` is used in `printAt(lines)`
- Derived: `Rectangle` *just* overrides `print()`
- Which `print()` is used in the following code?

```
Figure *ptr = new Rectangle,
       &ref = *new Rectangle('Q', 5, 10, 4);
ptr->printAt(1); ref.printAt(1);
```

- What if `print()` was not declared `virtual`?
- What if line 2 above just had `ref`, not `&ref`?
  - To know why, see "slicing" … a few slides from now

"Pure virtual" and abstract classes

- Actually class Figure's print() function is useless
  - It should have been a pure virtual function:

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

  - Says not defined in this class – means any derived class must define its own version, or be abstract itself
- A class with one or more pure virtual functions is an abstract class – so *it can only be a base class*
  - An actual instance would be an incomplete object
  - So *any instance must be a derived class instance*

Types when inheritance is involved

- Consider: `void func (Sale &x) {…}` or similarly: `void func (Sale *xp) {…}`
  - What type of object is x (or *xp), really? Is it a Sale?
  - Or is it a DiscountSale, or even a CrazyDiscountSale?
- Just Sale members are available
  - But might be virtual, and Sale might even be abstract
  - & and * variables allow polymorphism to occur
- Contrast: `void func (Sale y) {…}`
  - What type of object is y? It's a Sale. Period.
  - Derived parts are "sliced" off by Sale's copy ctor
  - Also in this case, Sale cannot be an abstract class

Type compatibility example

```
class Pet {
public: // pls excuse bad info hiding
   string name;
   virtual void print();
};

class Dog : public Pet {
public:
   string breed;
   virtual void print();
};
```

- Consider:

```
Dog d; Pet p;
d.name = "Tiny";
d.breed = "Mutt";
p = d; // "slicing" here
```

  - All okay – a Dog "is a" Pet
- Reverse is not okay
  - A Pet might be a Bird, or …
- And `p.breed`? Nonsense!
- Also see `slicing.cpp` at `~mikec/cs32/demos/`

Destructors should be virtual

- Especially if class has virtual functions
- Derived classes might allocate resources via a base class reference or pointer:

```
Base *ptrBase = new Derived;
... // a redefined function allocates resources
delete ptrBase;
```

- If dtor not virtual, derived dtor is not run!
- If dtor is virtual – okay: run derived dtor, immediately followed by base dtor

Casting and inherited types

- Consider again: `Dog d; Pet p;`
- "Upcasting" (descendent to ancestor) is legal:
  `p = d;` // implicitly casting "up"
  `p = static_cast<Pet>(d);` // like `(Pet)d`
  – But objects sliced if not pointer or reference
- Other way ("downcasting") is a different story:
  `d = static_cast<Dog>(p);` // ILLEGAL
  – Can only do by pointer and *dynamic cast* :
  `Pet *pptr = new Dog;` // we know it's a `Dog`
  `Dog *dptr = dynamic_cast<Dog*>(pptr)`
  – But can be dangerous, and is rarely done

Multiple inheritance and virtual

- Idea: a `ClockRadio` is a `Radio` *and* an `AlarmClock`
  – But what if class `Radio` and class `AlarmClock` are both derived from another class, say `Appliance`?
  – Doesn't each derived object contain an `Appliance` portion?
  – So wouldn't a `Clockradio` have two copies of that portion, and how can such a scheme possibly work properly?
- Answer: it can work, but only by using *virtual* inheritance!

```
class Radio : virtual public Appliance;
class AlarmClock : virtual public Appliance;
class ClockRadio : public Radio, public AlarmClock;
```

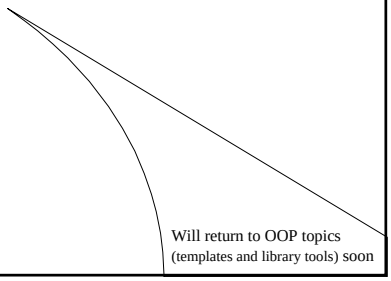
  – Now a `Clockradio` has just one `Appliance` portion, not two
- See demo code in `~mikec/cs32/demos/multi-inherit`
- But note: hierarchy is still messed up, and still lots of chances for ambiguity – best to avoid multi-inheritance!

How do virtual functions work?

- Not exactly magic, but safe to consider it so
- `virtual` tells compiler to "wait for instructions" until the function is used in a program
- So the compiler creates a virtual function table for the class, with pointers to all virtual functions
- In turn, every *object* of such a class will be made to store a pointer to its own class's virtual function table – try …`/demos/sizeofvirtual.cpp`
- At runtime: follow the pointers to find the code!

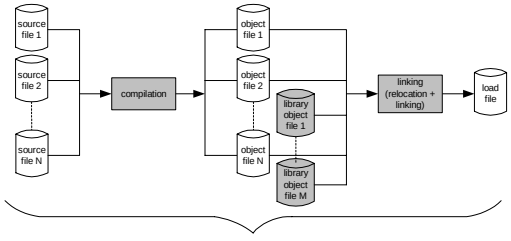
Memory and C/C++ modules

From Reading #6



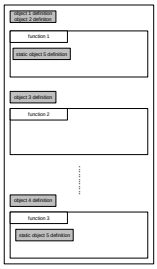
Will return to OOP topics (templates and library tools) soon

Compilation/linking revisited



Usually performed by gcc/g++ in one uninterrupted sequence

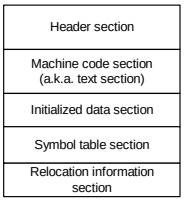
Layout of C/C++ programs



Source code ←

… becomes

Object module →



A sample C program – demo.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int a[10]={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
int b[10];

void main(){
   int i;
   static int k = 3;

   for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    printf("%d\n",a[i]);
    b[i] = k*a[i];
   }
}
```

- Has text section of course: the machine code
- Has initialized global data: `a`
- Uninitialized global data: `b`
- Static data: `k`
- Has a local variable: `i`

A possible structure of demo.o

Offset	*Contents*	*Comment*
Header section		
0	124	number of bytes of Machine code section
4	44	number of bytes of initialized data section
8	40	number of bytes of Uninitialized data section (array **b[]**) (*not part of this object module*)
12	60	number of bytes of Symbol table section
16	44	number of bytes of Relocation information section
Machine code section (124 bytes)		
20	X	code for the top of the **for** loop (36 bytes)
56	X	code for call to **printf()** (22 bytes)
68	X	code for the assignment statement (10 bytes)
88	X	code for the bottom of the **for** loop (4 bytes)
92	X	code for exiting **main()** (52 bytes)
Initialized data section (44 bytes)		
144	0	beginning of array **a[]**
148	1	
:		
176	8	
180	9	end of array **a[]** (40 bytes)
184	3	variable **k** (4 bytes)
Symbol table section (60 bytes)		
188	X	array **a[]** : offset 0 in Initialized data section (12 bytes)
200	X	variable **k** : offset 40 in Initialized data section (10 bytes)
210	X	array **b[]** : offset 0 in Uninitialized data section (12 bytes)
222	X	**main** : offset 0 in Machine code section (12 bytes)
234	X	**printf** : external, used at offset 56 of Machine code section (14 bytes)
Relocation information section (44 bytes)		
248	X	relocation information

Object module contains neither uninitialized data (`b`), nor any local variables (`i`)