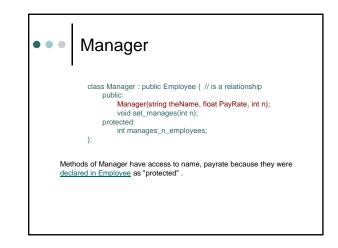
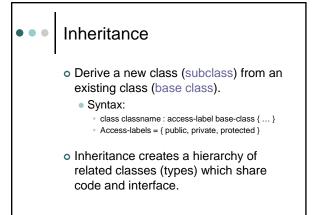


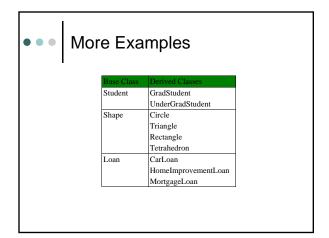
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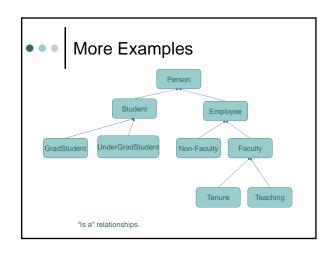
- We have done unnecessary work to create Manager, which is similar to (and really is a "is a") Employee.
- We can fix this using the OO concept of inheritance.
- We let a manager inherit from an employee.
 A manager gets all the data and functionality of an employee after inheritance.
 - We can then add any new data and methods needed for a manager and *redefine* any methods that differ for a manager.

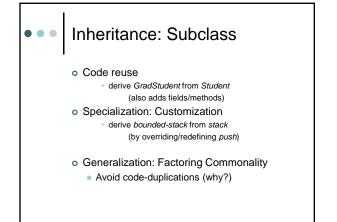


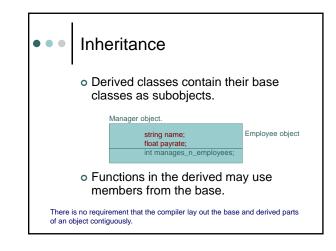


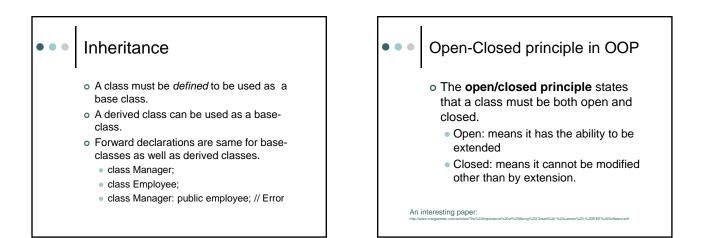


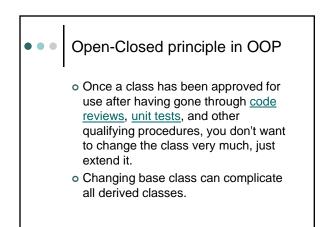


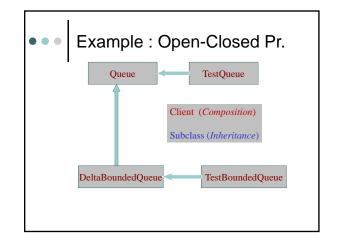








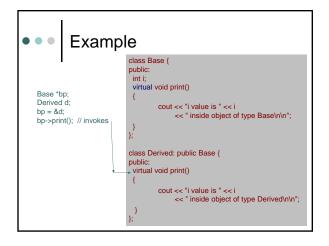


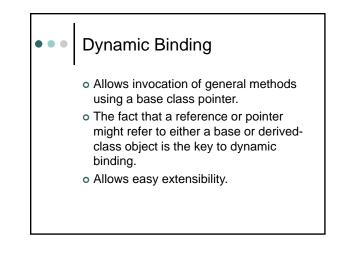


More on Inheritance A pointer to a derived class can always be used as a pointer to a base class when public inheritance is used. (But not vice-versa) Private base classes are different STL Containers which need to contain both base/derived classes should be made of pointers to base classes. Otherwise : Slicing problem.

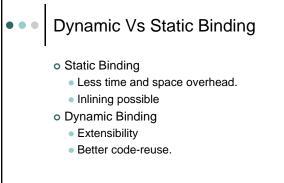
Virtual Methods

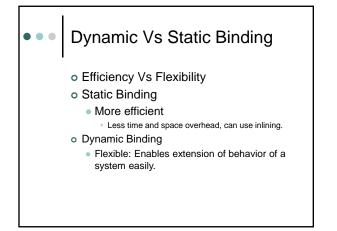
- A base class must indicate which of its member functions it intends its derived classes to redefine.
- These member functions are defined as "virtual" in the base class.





Dynamic Vs Static Binding Static Binding: The compiler uses the type of the pointer to find out which method to call. Dynamic Binding: The decision is made at runtime. (uses 'virtual' keyword)





Virtual Functions

- Have a fixed interface.
- o Derived implementations can change.
- Dispatched using object's "dynamic type" to select the appropriate method.
- o "Once Virtual, always virtual" rule.
 - Once a base-class defines a function as virtual, it remains virtual through out the inheritance hierarchy.

