

### **#7: Inheritance**

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#### Destructor

The  $\underline{last\ and\ final}$  member function called in the lifecycle of a class is the destructor.

Purpose of a **destructor**:

### The automatic destructor:

- 1. Like a constructor and copy constructor, an automatic destructor exists only when no custom destructor is defined.
- 2. [Invoked]:
- 3. [Functionality]:

#### **Custom Destructor:**

| Cube.h |   |  |  |  |
|--------|---|--|--|--|
| 5      | class Cube {                                  |  |  |  |
| 6      | <pre>public:</pre>                            |  |  |  |
| 7      | Cube(); // default ctor                       |  |  |  |
| 8      | Cube(double length); // 1-param ctor          |  |  |  |
| 9      | Cube(const Cube & other); // custom copy ctor |  |  |  |
| 10     | <pre>~Cube(); // destructor, or dtor</pre>    |  |  |  |
| 11     | •••   |  |  |  |

...necessary if you need to delete any heap memory!

# **Overloading Operators**

C++ allows custom behaviors to be defined on over 20 operators:

| Arithmetic | + - * / % ++    |
|------------|-----------------|
| Bitwise    | &   ^ ~ << >>   |
| Assignment | =               |
| Comparison | == != > < >= <= |
| Logical    | ! &&            |
| Other      | [] () ->        |

General Syntax:

Adding overloaded operators to Cube:

|    | Cube.h             | Cube.cpp |       |  |
|----|--------------------|----------|-------|--|
| 1  | #pragma once       |          | /* */ |  |
| 2  |                    | 40       |       |  |
| 3  | class Cube {       | 41       |       |  |
| 4  | <pre>public:</pre> | 42       |       |  |
|    | //                 | 43       |       |  |
| 10 |                    | 44       |       |  |
| 11 |                    | 45       |       |  |
| 12 |                    | 46       |       |  |
| 13 |                    | 47       |       |  |
| 14 |                    | 48       |       |  |
|    | //                 |          | /* */ |  |

# One Very Powerful Operator: Assignment Operator

| Cube.h   |  |  |  |  |
|----------|--|--|--|--|
|          | Cube & operator=(const Cube & other);          |  |  |  |
| Cube.cpp |  |  |  |  |
|          | Cube & Cube::operator=(const Cube & other) { } |  |  |  |

## **Functionality Table:**

|                     | Copies an object | Destroys an object |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Copy constructor    |                  |                    |
| Assignment operator |                  |                    |
| Destructor          |                  |                    |

## The Rule of Three

If it is necessary to define any one of these three functions in a class, it will be necessary to define all three of these functions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### **Inheritance**

In nearly all object-oriented languages (including C++), classes can be <u>extended</u> to build other classes. We call the class being extended the **base class** and the class inheriting the functionality the **derived** class.

## Base Class: Shape

```
Shape.h

4 class Shape {
5 public:
6 Shape();
7 Shape(double length);
8 double getLength() const;
9
10 private:
11 double length_;
12 };
```

## Derived Class: Square

```
Square.h
    #pragma once
 2
 3
    #include "Shape.h"
 4
 5
    class Square
     public:
 6
 7
        double getArea() const;
 8
 9
      private:
10
        // Nothing!
11
```

In the above code, **Square** is derived from the base class **Shape**:

• All **public** functionality of **Shape** is part of **Square**:

```
main.cpp

5 int main() {
6 Square sq;
7 sq.getLength(); // Returns 1, the len init'd
8 // by Shape's default ctor
...
```

• [Private Members of Shape]:

# Calling Base Class Constructors (Initializer List!)

```
Square.h

6 public:
7 Square(double length);

Square.cpp

6 Square::Square(double length) : Shape(length) { }
```

# Functions: virtual and pure virtual

• The **virtual** keyword:

```
Cube.cpp
                                             RubikCube.cpp
                                        // No print 1()
Cube::print 1() {
  cout << "Cube" << endl;
Cube::print 2() {
                                       RubikCube::print 2() {
  cout << "Cube" << endl;</pre>
                                         cout << "Rubik" << endl;</pre>
                                       // No print 3()
virtual Cube::print 3() {
  cout << "Cube" << endl:
virtual Cube::print 4() {
                                       RubikCube::print 4() {
  cout << "Cube" << endl:
                                         cout << "Rubik" << endl;
// In .h file:
                                       RubikCube::print 5() {
virtual Cube::print 5() = 0;
                                          cout << "Rubik" << endl;</pre>
```

|              | 0.1     | D 1:10 1     | RubikCube rc; |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|              | Cube c; | RubikCube c; | Cube &c = rc; |
| c.print_1(); |         |              |               |
| c.print_2(); |         |              |               |
| c.print_3(); |         |              |               |
| c.print_4(); |         |              |               |
| c.print_5(); |         |              |               |

# **CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:**

- 1. Theory Exam #1 starts tomorrow!
- 2. lab\_memory this week in labs (due Sunday)
- 3. MP2 released (EC due Monday)
- **4.** Daily POTDs every M-F for daily extra credit!