Inheritance Ch 15.1-15.2



Highlights

- Creating parent/child classes (inheritance)
class Parent{
public:
 void foo();
};

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class Child : public Parent {
  public:
     Child();
};
```

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Let's make this story into code!

To create create a <u>child</u> class from a <u>parent</u> class, use a : in the (child) class declaration

child_class parent_class
class Dunecat : public ArrakianSandworm {
 public:
 Dunecat();
};

(See: dunecat.cpp)

In a parent/child class relationship, the child gets all variables and functions of the parent

This allows you to build off previous work, even if you need to modify it slightly

This also makes it easier to maintain code, as changing it in the parent class can effect all children (and the children's children)

Typically you use classes when you have multiple objects that are somewhat similar

You group the similar parts into a parent class and the different parts into children classes

For examples all chairs have a flat surface to sit on, but they come in different designs (folding types that you are sitting on) (or rolling types)

Parent: (Internal combustion engine)



Children:





AD&D example

| Slime Devil | Level 16 Lurker | Herald of Colorless Fire | Level 27 Skirmisher |
|---|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| Medium immortal humanoid (devil, ooze) | XP 1,400 | Medium natural animate (construct, fire) | XP 11,000 |
| HP 123; Bloodied 61 | Initiative +18 | HP 244: Bloodied 122 | Initiative +25 |
| AC 30, Fortitude 28, Reflex 29, Will 28 | Perception +13 | AC 41 Fastitude 27 Deflass 40 Will 27 | Demonster (10 |
| Speed 6, swim 6 | Darkvision | AC 41, Fortitude 37, Kerlex 40, Will 37 | Perception +19 |
| Resist 20 acid | | Speed 8, fly 6 | |
| Traits | | Resist 15 fire | |
| Mercurial Body | | TRAITS | - |
| The slime devil ignores difficult terrain and does not provoke | | Frozen in Place | |
| opportunity attacks by moving. | | Whenever the herald of colorless fire takes cold damage, it | |
| Standard Actions | | cannot use flickering flame until the end of its next turn. | |
| (+) Caustic Slam (acid) + At-Will | | STANDARD ACTIONS | |
| Attack: Melee 1 (one creature); +19 vs. Fortitude | | | |
| Hit: 3d8 + 11 acid damage. | | (T) Caress of Flame (fire, force) + At-Will | |
| Diabolical Engulfment (acid) At-Will | | Attack: Melee 1 (one creature); +32 vs. AC | |
| Attack: Melee 1 (one Medium or smaller enemy); +19 vs. Reflex | | Hit: 3d10 + 19 fire and force damage. | |
| Hit: The devil grabs the target and shifts 1 square into the target's square. Until the grab ends, the target is dazed and | | | |
| | | Effect: The herald makes the following attack twice, shifting half | |
| takes ongoing 10 acid damage. While the devil has the target | | its speed between the attacks. The herald cannot target the | |
| grabbed, attacks against the devil deal half damage to it and | | same creature with both attacks | |
| half damage to the grabbed creature. When the devil moves, it pulls the target with it. In addition, the target remains grabbed, and the devil does not provoke an opportunity attack from the target. | | Attack Class hurst 1 (grantures in hurst): +20 vs. Defley | |
| | | Attack: Close burst T (creatures in burst); +30 vs. Kerlex | |
| | | Hit: 4d10 + 16 fire and force damage, and ongoing 15 fire | |
| | | damage (save ends). | |

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Finding similarities

Consider these two sports:



If you were going to create a C++ class for these, what data would you store in them? (see: sports.cpp)

Finding similarities

Consider two classes you have made already: Point Complex

You can have a single parent of both of these that stores the similar parts

This means you only need to type the code once for both classes (See: complexPoint.cpp)

Types + inheritance

What type of object is "soccer"?

It is (obviously) a "soccer", but could it also be classified as "sports"? In fact, yes... both of these are legal: soccer worldCup; sports fun = worldCup;

"soccer" have more functionality than "sports" (extra stuff), so they can act as one (just pretend some boxes aren't there)

Types + inheritance

The reverse is not true (as we are using them):

You cannot say:

sports fun; soccer worldCup; worldCup = fun;

As the "worldCup" variable has more info than the "fun" variable (the computer refuses to just guess at the missing functions/data) (see: convertClassTypes.cpp)