



C++ - Module 03

Inheritance

Summary:

This document contains the exercises of Module 03 from C++ modules.

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Chapter I

Introduction

C++ is a general-purpose programming language created by Bjarne Stroustrup as an extension of the C programming language, or "C with Classes" (source: [Wikipedia](#)).

The goal of these modules is to introduce you to **Object-Oriented Programming**. This will be the starting point of your C++ journey. Many languages are recommended to learn OOP, but we decided to choose C++ since it's derived from your old friend C. Because this is a complex language, and in order to keep things simple, your code will comply with the C++98 standard.

We are aware that modern C++ is very different in many aspects. So, if you want to become a proficient C++ developer, it's up to you to go further after the 42 Common Core!

Chapter II

General rules

Compiling

- Compile your code with `c++` and the flags `-Wall -Wextra -Werror`
- Your code should still compile if you add the flag `-std=c++98`

Formatting and naming conventions

- The exercise directories will be named this way: `ex00`, `ex01`, ..., `exn`
- Name your files, classes, functions, member functions and attributes as required in the guidelines.
- Write class names in **UpperCamelCase** format. Files containing class code will always be named according to the class name. For instance: `ClassName.hpp`/`ClassName.h`, `ClassName.cpp`, or `ClassName.tpp`. Then, if you have a header file containing the definition of a class "BrickWall" standing for a brick wall, its name will be `BrickWall.hpp`.
- Unless specified otherwise, every output message must end with a newline character and be displayed to the standard output.
- *Goodbye Norminette!* No coding style is enforced in the C++ modules. You can follow your favorite one. But keep in mind that code your peer evaluators can't understand is code they can't grade. Do your best to write clean and readable code.

Allowed/Forbidden

You are not coding in C anymore. Time to C++! Therefore:

- You are allowed to use almost everything from the standard library. Thus, instead of sticking to what you already know, it would be smart to use the C++-ish versions of the C functions you are used to as much as possible.
- However, you can't use any other external library. It means C++11 (and derived forms) and Boost libraries are forbidden. The following functions are forbidden too: `*printf()`, `*alloc()` and `free()`. If you use them, your grade will be 0 and that's it.

- Note that unless explicitly stated otherwise, the `using namespace <ns_name>` and `friend` keywords are forbidden. Otherwise, your grade will be -42.
- **You are allowed to use the STL only in Modules 08 and 09.** That means: no **Containers** (vector/list/map, and so forth) and no **Algorithms** (anything that requires including the `<algorithm>` header) until then. Otherwise, your grade will be -42.

A few design requirements

- Memory leakage occurs in C++ too. When you allocate memory (by using the `new` keyword), you must avoid **memory leaks**.
- From Module 02 to Module 09, your classes must be designed in the **Orthodox Canonical Form, except when explicitly stated otherwise**.
- Any function implementation put in a header file (except for function templates) means 0 to the exercise.
- You should be able to use each of your headers independently from others. Thus, they must include all the dependencies they need. However, you must avoid the problem of double inclusion by adding **include guards**. Otherwise, your grade will be 0.

Read me

- You can add some additional files if you need to (i.e., to split your code). As these assignments are not verified by a program, feel free to do so as long as you turn in the mandatory files.
- Sometimes, the guidelines of an exercise look short but the examples can show requirements that are not explicitly written in the instructions.
- Read each module completely before starting! Really, do it.
- By Odin, by Thor! Use your brain!!!



Regarding the Makefile for C++ projects, the same rules as in C apply (see the Norm chapter about the Makefile).



You will have to implement a lot of classes. This can seem tedious, unless you're able to script your favorite text editor.



You are given a certain amount of freedom to complete the exercises. However, follow the mandatory rules and don't be lazy. You would miss a lot of useful information! Do not hesitate to read about theoretical concepts.

Chapter III

AI Instructions

● Context

This project is designed to help you discover the fundamental building blocks of your 42 training.

To properly anchor key knowledge and skills, it's essential to adopt a thoughtful approach to using AI tools and support.

True foundational learning requires genuine intellectual effort — through challenge, repetition, and peer-learning exchanges.

For a more complete overview of our stance on AI — as a learning tool, as part of the 42 training, and as an expectation in the job market — please refer to the dedicated FAQ on the intranet.

● Main message

- 👉 Build strong foundations without shortcuts.
- 👉 Really develop tech & power skills.
- 👉 Experience real peer-learning, start learning how to learn and solve new problems.
- 👉 The learning journey is more important than the result.
- 👉 Learn about the risks associated with AI, and develop effective control practices and countermeasures to avoid common pitfalls.

● Learner rules:

- You should apply reasoning to your assigned tasks, especially before turning to AI.

- You should not ask for direct answers to the AI.
- You should learn about 42 global approach on AI.

● Phase outcomes:

Within this foundational phase, you will get the following outcomes:

- Get proper tech and coding foundations.
- Know why and how AI can be dangerous during this phase.

● Comments and example:

- Yes, we know AI exists — and yes, it can solve your projects. But you're here to learn, not to prove that AI has learned. Don't waste your time (or ours) just to demonstrate that AI can solve the given problem.
- Learning at 42 isn't about knowing the answer — it's about developing the ability to find one. AI gives you the answer directly, but that prevents you from building your own reasoning. And reasoning takes time, effort, and involves failure. The path to success is not supposed to be easy.
- Keep in mind that during exams, AI is not available — no internet, no smartphones, etc. You'll quickly realise if you've relied too heavily on AI in your learning process.
- Peer learning exposes you to different ideas and approaches, improving your interpersonal skills and your ability to think divergently. That's far more valuable than just chatting with a bot. So don't be shy — talk, ask questions, and learn together!
- Yes, AI will be part of the curriculum — both as a learning tool and as a topic in itself. You'll even have the chance to build your own AI software. In order to learn more about our crescendo approach you'll go through in the documentation available on the intranet.

✓ Good practice:

I'm stuck on a new concept. I ask someone nearby how they approached it. We talk for 10 minutes — and suddenly it clicks. I get it.

✗ Bad practice:

I secretly use AI, copy some code that looks right. During peer evaluation, I can't explain anything. I fail. During the exam — no AI — I'm stuck again. I fail.

Chapter IV

Exercise 00: Aaaaand... OPEN!

	Exercise: 00
	Aaaaand... OPEN!
Directory: <i>ex00/</i>	
Files to Submit: <i>Makefile, main.cpp, ClapTrap.{h, hpp}, ClapTrap.cpp</i>	
Forbidden: <i>None</i>	

First, you have to implement a class! How original!

It will be called **ClapTrap** and will have the following private attributes initialized to the values specified in brackets:

- Name, which is passed as a parameter to the constructor
- Hit points (10), representing the health of the ClapTrap
- Energy points (10)
- Attack damage (0)

Add the following public member functions so that the ClapTrap behaves more realistically:

- `void attack(const std::string& target);`
- `void takeDamage(unsigned int amount);`
- `void beRepaired(unsigned int amount);`

When ClapTrap attacks, it causes its target to lose `<attack damage>` hit points. When ClapTrap repairs itself, it regains `<amount>` hit points. Attacking and repairing each cost 1 energy point. Of course, ClapTrap can't do anything if it has no hit points or energy points left. However, since these exercises serve as an introduction, the ClapTrap instances should not interact directly with one another, and the parameters will not refer to another instance of ClapTrap.

In all of these member functions, you need to print a message to describe what happens. For example, the `attack()` function may display something like (of course, without the angle brackets):

```
ClapTrap <name> attacks <target>, causing <damage> points of damage!
```

The constructors and destructor must also display a message, so your peer-evaluators can easily see that they have been called.

Implement and turn in your own tests to ensure your code works as expected.

Chapter V

Exercise 01: Serena, my love!

	Exercise: 01
	Serena, my love!
Directory:	<i>ex01/</i>
Files to Submit:	Files from the previous exercise + ScavTrap.{h, hpp}, ScavTrap.cpp
Forbidden:	None

Because you can never have enough ClapTraps, you will now create a derived robot. It will be named **ScavTrap** and will inherit the constructors and destructor from ClapTrap. However, its constructors, destructor, and `attack()` will print different messages. After all, ClapTraps are aware of their individuality.

Note that proper construction/destruction chaining must be shown in your tests. When a ScavTrap is created, the program starts by constructing a ClapTrap. Destruction occurs in reverse order. Why?

ScavTrap will use the attributes of ClapTrap (update ClapTrap accordingly) and must initialize them to:

- Name, which is passed as a parameter to the constructor
- Hit points (100), representing the health of the ClapTrap
- Energy points (50)
- Attack damage (20)

ScavTrap will also have its own special ability:

```
void guardGate();
```

This member function will display a message indicating that ScavTrap is now in Gate keeper mode.

Don't forget to add more tests to your program.

Chapter VI

Exercise 02: Repetitive work

	Exercise: 02
	Repetitive work
Directory:	<i>ex02/</i>
Files to Submit:	Files from previous exercises + <code>FragTrap.h</code> , <code>FragTrap.hpp</code> , <code>FragTrap.cpp</code>
Forbidden:	None

Making ClapTraps is probably starting to get on your nerves.

Now, implement a **FragTrap** class that inherits from ClapTrap. It is very similar to ScavTrap. However, its construction and destruction messages must be different. Proper construction/destruction chaining must be shown in your tests. When a FragTrap is created, the program starts by constructing a ClapTrap. Destruction occurs in reverse order.

Same goes for the attributes, but with different values this time:

- Name, which is passed as a parameter to the constructor
- Hit points (100), representing the health of the ClapTrap
- Energy points (100)
- Attack damage (30)

FragTrap has a special ability too:

```
void highFivesGuys(void);
```

This member function displays a positive high-fives request on the standard output.

Again, add more tests to your program.

Chapter VII

Exercise 03: Now it's weird!

	Exercise: 03
	Now it's weird!
Directory: <i>ex03/</i>	
Files to Submit: <code>Files from previous exercises + DiamondTrap.{h, hpp}, DiamondTrap.cpp</code>	
Forbidden: None	

In this exercise, you will create a monster: a ClapTrap that's half FragTrap, half ScavTrap. It will be named **DiamondTrap**, and it will inherit from both FragTrap AND ScavTrap. This is so risky!

The DiamondTrap class will have a private attribute named `name`. This attribute must have exactly the same variable name as in the ClapTrap base class (without referring to the robot's name).

To be clearer, here are two examples:

If ClapTrap's variable is `name`, give the DiamondTrap's variable the name `name`.

If ClapTrap's variable is `_name`, give the DiamondTrap's variable the name `_name`.

Its attributes and member functions will be inherited from its parent classes:

- Name, which is passed as a parameter to a constructor
- `ClapTrap::name` (parameter of the constructor + `"_clap_name"` suffix)
- Hit points (FragTrap)
- Energy points (ScavTrap)
- Attack damage (FragTrap)
- `attack()` (ScavTrap)

In addition to the special functions from both parent classes, DiamondTrap will have its own special ability:

```
void whoAmI();
```

This member function will display both its name and its ClapTrap name.

Of course, the ClapTrap instance of DiamondTrap will be created once, and only once. Yes, there's a trick.

Again, add more tests to your program.



Do you know the `-Wshadow` and `-Wno-shadow` compiler flags?



You can pass this module without completing exercise 03.

Chapter VIII

Submission and Peer-Evaluation

Submit your assignment in your **Git** repository as usual. Only the work within your repository will be evaluated during the defense. Don't hesitate to double-check the names of your folders and files to ensure they are correct.

During the evaluation, a brief **modification of the project** may occasionally be requested. This could involve a minor behavior change, a few lines of code to write or rewrite, or an easy-to-add feature.

While this step may **not be applicable to every project**, you must be prepared for it if it is mentioned in the evaluation guidelines.

This step is meant to verify your actual understanding of a specific part of the project. The modification can be performed in any development environment you choose (e.g., your usual setup), and it should be feasible within a few minutes — unless a specific timeframe is defined as part of the evaluation.

You can, for example, be asked to make a small update to a function or script, modify a display, or adjust a data structure to store new information, etc.

The details (scope, target, etc.) will be specified in the **evaluation guidelines** and may vary from one evaluation to another for the same project.