

## Section 2.1 C++11

## Inheriting Ctors

tains data, constructors, and pure virtual functions.<sup>2</sup> Such inheritance, known as **implementation inheritance**, is decidedly distinct from pure **interface inheritance**, which is often the preferred design pattern in practice.<sup>3</sup> As an example, consider a **base** class, `NetworkDataStream`, that allows overriding its virtual functions for processing a stream of data from an expanding variety of arbitrary sources over the network:

```
class NetworkDataStream
{
private:
    // ...                (member data)

public:
    explicit NetworkDataStream(TCPConnection* tcpConnection);
    explicit NetworkDataStream(UDPConnection* udpConnection);
    explicit NetworkDataStream(RawDataStreamHandle* rawDataStreamHandle);

    virtual ~NetworkDataStream();

    virtual void onPacketReceived(DataPacket& dataPacket) = 0;
    // Derived classes must override this method.
};
```

The `NetworkDataStream` class above provides three constructors, with more under development, that can be used assuming no per-packet processing is required. Now, imagine the need for logging information about received packets (e.g., for auditing purposes). Inheriting constructors make deriving from `NetworkDataStream` and overriding (see Section 1.1. “**override**” on page 104) `onPacketReceived(DataPacket&)` more convenient because we don’t need to reimplement each of the constructors, which are anticipated to increase in number over time:

```
class LoggedNetworkDataStream : public NetworkDataStream
{
public:
    using NetworkDataStream::NetworkDataStream;

    void onPacketReceived(DataPacket& dataPacket) override
    {
        LOG_TRACE << "Received packet " << dataPacket; // local log facility
        NetworkDataStream::onPacketReceived(dataPacket); // Delegate to base.
    }
};
```

## Implementing a strong typedef

Classic **typedef** declarations — just like C++11 **using** declarations (see Section 1.1. “**using Aliases**” on page 133) — are just synonyms; they offer absolutely no additional type safety

<sup>2</sup>A discussion of this topic is planned for **lakos2a**, section 4.7.

<sup>3</sup>A discussion of this topic is planned for **lakos2b**, section 4.6.