

WEEK 10

Derived Class with Resources

OVERVIEW

- Week 10-1
 - Constructor & Destructors Redux
 - Copy Constructor & Copy Assignment Operator Redux

CONSTRUCTORS

- A **Default No Arg Constructor** is provided by the compiler if not explicitly created
- Can have **one or many** constructors to create objects with
- A derived class' constructor will call its **base's default constructor** by default
- This can be overridden by **explicitly calling a particular base constructor**

DESTRUCTORS

- **Default** is provided by the compiler if not explicitly created
- Only **one** destructor that cleans up the object
- A derived class' destructor will **call its base destructor automatically**

COPY CONSTRUCTOR

- **Default** is provided by the compiler if not explicitly created
- The default **CC** only does **shallow copying**

COPY ASSIGNMENT OPERATOR

- Default is provided by the compiler if not explicitly created
- The default CA only does shallow copying

DEFAULT CC / CA

Consider the following class:

```
class MyClass
{
    int x;
    char c;
    std::string s;
};
```

What do the default copy constructor and copy assignment operator look like?

DEFAULT CC

Consider the following class:

```
class MyClass
{
    int x;
    char c;
    std::string s;
};
```

```
MyClass::MyClass(const MyClass& other) : x(other.x), c(other.c), s(other.s)
{ }
```

A default copy constructor provided by the compiler ends up looking like this. Notice how the variables are passed

This is known as an initializer list

DEFAULT CA

Consider the following class:

```
class MyClass
{
    int x;
    char c;
    std::string s;
};
```

```
MyClass& MyClass::operator=( const MyClass&
other ) {
    x = other.x;
    c = other.c;
    s = other.s;
    return *this;
}
```

This is what the default copy assignment provided by the compiler would look like

CC / CA

- In the case of compiler provided CC and CA, they have no notion of handling dynamic resources (**deep copying**). For this we would need to deal in a manually defined CC / CA
- How does this notion carry into inheritance / derived classes with resources?

DERIVED CLASSES WITH RESOURCES

Consider the following:

```
class Compound{  
    int weight;  
    char* name; // Dynamic  
Resources  
    ...  
}
```

```
class Playdoh : public Compound{  
    char* colour; // Dynamic  
Resources  
    ...  
}
```

Are there any considerations for implementing the CC / CA in this context?

COMPLAY EXAMPLE