

Working With Constructor and Static Members

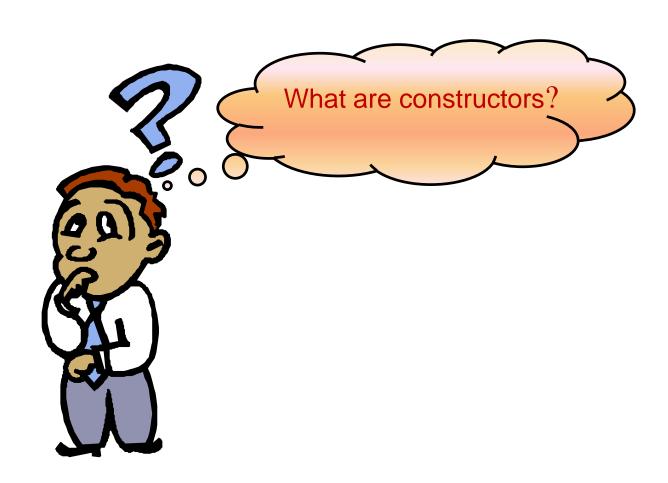
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Objectives

- ◆ In this session, you will learn to:
- Implement constructors



Implementing Constructors



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Implementing Constructors (Contd.)

- ♦ A constructor is a special type of method that is invoked automatically when you create an instance of a class.
- ♦ A constructor is used to initialize the members of the class.
- ♦ The name of a constructor is the same as the name of the class that contains it.
- Always have the same name as class.
- Don't returns a value(Even void is not allowed in its declaration).
- ◆ Invoked Automatically, When object or Instance of a class is created.
- Can make a call to other methods.



The Need of Constructors





The Need of Constructors (Contd.)

- A constructor can be used to initialize member variables when an object of the class is created.
- A constructor gets invoked only once during the execution of a program.
- ♦ The following example shows the use of constructor in a program:



Constructor Example

```
class Customer{
String custName;
                                                 Used to indicates the
int custID;
                                                 current type instance.
                                                 Here, we are referring
public Customer(int custName, string custID)
                                                  class instance filed
                                                       through it.
                                Invoked
this. custName = custName;
                               automatically
this. custID = custID;
                               when object
                               or instance is
                               created
static void Main(string[] args)
          Customer cust = new
          Customer("Tom", "C001");
```

Default Constructor



- Compiler creates the default constructor, if no constructors created by programmer.
 - Default constructor created by compiler is public parameterless instance constructor.
 - Has empty body
 - Calls only parameterless constructor from the base class.

public class Customer

```
public class
Customer
{
int age;
string city;
string city;
}
Is equivalent
to:

int age;
string city;
public Customer():
base()
{
}
```

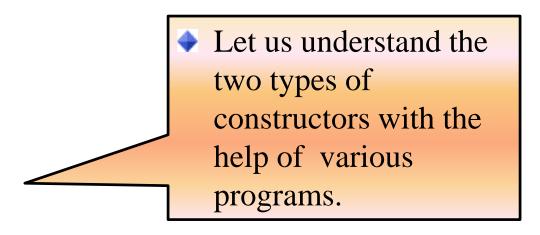
Types of Constructors



- The two types of constructors supported by C# are:
- ◆ Instance constructors: They are called whenever an instance of a class is created. These constructors are used to initialize the data members of the class.
- ◆ Static constructors: They are used to initialize the static variables of a class. These variables are created using static keyword and they store values that can be shared by all the instances of a class.



Types of Constructors (Contd.)





Types of Constructors (Contd.)

The following code shows the use of an instance constructor:

```
using System;
namespace Calc
{
  class Calculator
  {
    static int number1, number2, total;
    Calculator()
      {
        number1 = 10;
        number2 = 20;
    }
}
```



Types of Constructors (Contd.)

```
public void AddNumber()
                     total = number1 + number2;
public void DisplayNumber()
   Console.WriteLine("The Total is :{0}",
                                                        total);
             public static void Main(string[] args)
   Calculator c1 = new Calculator ();
   c1.AddNumber();
   c1.DisplayNumber ();
```





The following code shows the use of a static constructor: public class Class 1 static int number1; int number2; static Class1() number 1 = 10; /*OK. Since Number 1 is a static variable in class 1 */ number2 = 3; /*Error. Since Number2 is a non-static variable in class1 */



Constructors with Parameters

- Constructors can also initialize the variables of the program with the values by the user.
- The following code shows the use of constructor with parameters:

```
using System;
namespace Calc
{
    class Calculator
{
        static int number1, number2, total;
        //Constructor defined with two integer parameters
Calculator(int num1, int num2)
{
```



Constructors with Parameters (Contd.)

```
number1 = num1;
    number2 = num2;
public void AddNumber()
   total = number1 + number2;
public void DisplayNumber()
  Console.WriteLine("The Total is :{0}", total);
public static void Main(string[] args)
  int var1, var2;
```



Constructors with Parameters (Contd.)

```
Console.WriteLine("Enter Value 1:");
  var1=Convert.ToInt16(Console.ReadLine());
  Console.WriteLine("Enter Value 2 :");
  var2 = Convert.ToInt16(Console.ReadLine());
  Calculator C1 = new Calculator(var1, var2);
  C1.AddNumber();
  C1.DisplayNumber();
  Console.ReadLine();
}
```

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Summary

- In this lesson, you learned that:
 - Constructors are member functions of a class and are invoked when an instance of the class to which they belong is created.
 - A constructor has the same name as its class.



