

Constant function

→ Lets suppose we have a class fraction, with two data members (Private), Numerator & denominator & we have a Constructor which takes both Num —, deno —, and we also set our getters & setters as getNumerator(), getden(), setNum(), setden(). // CODE on PC:

Then we do —

→ int main() {

Fraction Const f3;

cout << f3.getNum() << " " << f3.getden() << endl;

f3.setNum(10);

}

accordingly,

getNum() & getden()

must work fine on Const function

as we are not changing value just reading them,
& setNum() must be given an error

but, we get error on getN(), getden(), setNum().

Error → "member function 'getNumerator' not visible: 'this' argument has type 'Const function', but function is not marked Const."

→ f_3 Ek Constant member hai, to Compiler ko thoda tension hai agar iske koi function call hua to f_3 ki value change na ho jae. for that,

Compiler won't allow us to call f_3 on any normal function. we need to mark functions as Constant, so as that function become visible for our Constant member.

Constant functions → functions that make no changes in any property of our Const member. (i.e., no changes in Numerator & denominator).

→ our getters are then Constant function, we just need to mark them as ———

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int getNumerator const {  
    return numerator;  
}
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→ Now Compiler identify this as Const function & will Execute & Provide values as output if asked too.

⇒ So, it is Recommended to mark function Const while doing such type of work, so as only Const object can call them.