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# C++ is complex



mostly for historical reasons

**BUT . . .**

C++ is a value-based language by default

```
int i = 42;
```

```
int i = 42;  
i = 7;
```

{

int i = 42;

i = 7;

}

{

int i = 42;

}

construction

i = 7;

assignment

destruction

```
{  
    std::string s = "initial";  
    s = "assigned";  
}  
construction  
assignment  
destruction
```

The diagram illustrates the lifetime of a string variable `s`. It shows three stages: construction (at the beginning of the block), assignment (at the point of assignment), and destruction (at the end of the block). Dashed arrows indicate the boundaries of each stage relative to the code.

```
{
```

```
std::vector v = {2, 4, 6, 8};
```

```
v = {1, 1, 2, 3, 5};
```

```
}
```

construction

assignment

destruction

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“Do as the ints do”

“Adhere to the principle of  
least astonishment”

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“Do as the ints do”

“Recognize that anything somebody *can* do, they *will* do. They'll throw exceptions, they'll assign objects to themselves, they'll use objects before giving them values”

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“Do as the ints do”

“As a result, make your  
classes easy to use  
correctly and hard to use  
incorrectly.”

```
Gadget gadget1;
```

```
Gadget gadget2;
```

```
{
```

```
Gadget* gadget = &gadget1;
```

```
gadget = &gadget2;
```

```
}
```

construction

assignment

destruction

```
{
```

```
Gadget* gadget = &gadget1;
```

```
gadget = &gadget2;
```

```
}
```

construction

assignment

destruction

even pointers are just value types

construction

default ctor

$T()$

custom ctor

$T(A, B, C\dots)$

copy ctor

$T(T \ const\&)$

move ctor

$T(T\&\&)$

assignment

copy-assign

$\operatorname{operator}=(T \ const\&)$

move-assign

$\operatorname{operator}=(T\&\&)$

destruction

destructor

$\sim T()$

```
class Gadget {};
```

```
class Gadget {};
```

```
Gadget gadget;
```

```
class Gadget {  
public:  
    int i;  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;
```

```
class Gadget {  
public:  
    int i;  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

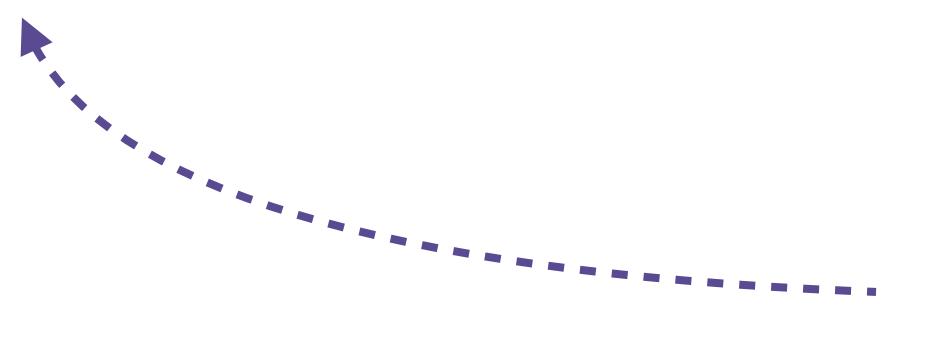
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```
struct Gadget {  
    int i;  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

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```
struct Gadget {  
    int i;  
    Gadget() : i(0) {}  
};
```



default constructor

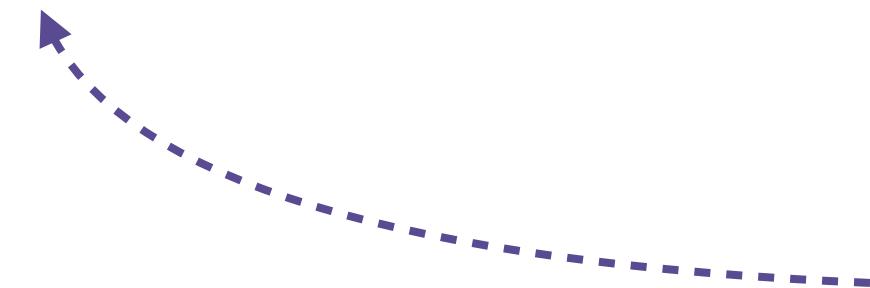
```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
};
```

default member initializer

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```



custom constructor

```
Gadget gadget(42);  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;
```

```
basic.cpp:56:16: error: no matching function for call to 'Gadget::Gadget()'  
56 |         Gadget gadget;  
|           ^~~~~~
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;
```

```
basic.cpp:56:16: error: no matching function for call to 'Gadget::Gadget()'  
56 |         Gadget gadget;  
|           ^~~~~~
```

# the **Special Member Functions**

T( )	T( T const& )	operator=( T const& )	~T( )
	T( T&& )	operator=( T&& )	

- I. The compiler will generate Special Member Functions (SMFs) for you
2. Defining some SMFs may delete or disable some others

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
basic.cpp:56:16: error: no matching function for call to 'Gadget::Gadget()'  
56 |         Gadget gadget;  
|         ^~~~~~
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
    Gadget() {}  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

*explicitly implemented  
default constructor*

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
    Gadget() = default;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

*compiler generated  
default constructor*

```
Gadget gadget;  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
struct Gadget {  
    int i = 0;  
    Gadget() = default;  
    Gadget(int i) : i(i) {}  
};
```

```
Gadget gadget;  
gadget = Gadget(42);  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
int gadget_number = 0;  
struct Gadget {  
    int i;  
    Gadget() : i(++gadget_number) {  
        std::cout << "gadget ctor: #" << i << "\n";  
    }  
    ~Gadget() {  
        std::cout << "gadget dtor: #" << i << "\n";  
    }  
};
```

*Explicitly  
implemented  
destructor*

```
Gadget gadget;  
  
std::cout << gadget.i << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
1  
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name;  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

1835594944

0x8f38800180df2064

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name;  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget() : age(0), gadget(nullptr) {}  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

0  
0

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget() : age(42), gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

gadget ctor: #1

widget

42

0x6000025bc030

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42  
0x6000025bc030
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42  
0x600003a90030  
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";  
  
Widget widget2 = widget;  
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42
```

```
0x600003488000
```

```
widget
```

```
42
```

```
0x600003488000
```

```
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
gadget dtor: #-655720448
```

```
malloc: *** error for object 0x600003488000: pointer being  
freed was not allocated
```

```
malloc: *** set a breakpoint in malloc_error_break to debug
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
Widget widget2 = widget;  
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n";
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    Widget(Widget const& other)  
        : name(other.name),  
          age(other.age),  
          gadget(/* .. */) {}  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

*Explicitly  
implemented  
copy constructor*

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";  
  
Widget widget2 = widget;  
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n";
```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = widget;
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x6000027d0030
widget
42
0x6000027d0040
gadget dtor: #1
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = widget;
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600003240030
gadget copy ctor: #2
widget
42
0x600003240040
gadget dtor: #2
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

widget = Widget();
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x6000009c4030
gadget ctor: #2
gadget dtor: #2
widget
42
0x6000009c4040
gadget dtor: #-1386594240
malloc: *** error for object 0x6000009c4040: pointer being freed
malloc: *** set a breakpoint in malloc_error_break to debug
```

```

struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    Widget& operator=(const& other) {
        name = other.name;
        age = other.age;
        gadget = new Gadget(*other.gadget);
        return *this;
    }
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};

```

*Explicitly  
implemented  
copy-assignment operator*

```

Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

widget = Widget();
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

```

```

gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600001c44030
gadget ctor: #2
gadget copy ctor: #3
gadget dtor: #2
widget
42
0x600001c44050
gadget dtor: #3

```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {
        name = other.name;
        age = other.age;
        delete gadget;
        gadget = new Gadget(*other.gadget);
        return *this;
    }
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

widget = Widget();
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x60000006c030
gadget ctor: #2
gadget dtor: #1
gadget copy ctor: #3
gadget dtor: #2
widget
42
0x60000006c030
gadget dtor: #3
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    Widget(Widget const& other)  
        : name(other.name),  
          age(other.age),  
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}  
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {  
        name = other.name;  
        age = other.age;  
        Gadget* temp = new Gadget(*other.gadget);  
        delete gadget;  
        gadget = temp;  
        return *this;  
    }  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";  
  
widget = Widget();  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42  
0x600003b3c030  
gadget ctor: #2  
gadget copy ctor: #3  
gadget dtor: #1  
gadget dtor: #2  
widget  
42  
0x600003b3c050  
gadget dtor: #3
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    Widget(Widget const& other)  
        : name(other.name),  
          age(other.age),  
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}  
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {  
        name = other.name;  
        age = other.age;  
        Gadget* temp = new Gadget(*other.gadget);  
        delete gadget;  
        gadget = temp;  
        return *this;  
    }  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";  
  
widget = widget;  
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42  
0x600003300030  
gadget copy ctor: #2  
gadget dtor: #1  
widget  
42  
0x600003300040  
gadget dtor: #2
```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
        gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
        age(other.age),
        gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {
        if(this != &other) {
            name = other.name;
            age = other.age;
            Gadget* temp = new Gadget(*other.gadget);
            delete gadget;
            gadget = temp;
        }
        return *this;
    }
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

widget = widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600001dc0030
widget
42
0x600001dc0030
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age;  
    Gadget* gadget;  
    Widget()  
        : age(42),  
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}  
    Widget(Widget const& other)  
        : name(other.name),  
          age(other.age),  
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}  
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {  
        if(this != &other) {  
            name = other.name;  
            age = other.age;  
            Gadget* temp = new Gadget(*other.gadget);  
            delete gadget;  
            gadget = temp;  
        }  
        return *this;  
    }  
    ~Widget() {  
        delete gadget;  
    }  
};
```

# the Rule of Three

copy constructor

copy-assignment operator

destructor

```
Widget(Widget const& other)
: name(other.name),
  age(other.age),
  gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}

Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {
    if(this != &other) {
        name = other.name;
        age = other.age;
        Gadget* temp = new Gadget(*other.gadget);
        delete gadget;
        gadget = temp;
    }
    return *this;
}
```

```
Widget(Widget const& other)
: name(other.name),
  age(other.age),
  gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}

Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {
    Widget temp(other);
    using std::swap;
    swap(name, temp.name);
    swap(age, temp.age);
    swap(gadget, temp.gadget);
    return *this;
}
```

```
struct Widget {
    std::string name = "widget";
    int age;
    Gadget* gadget;
    Widget()
        : age(42),
          gadget(new Gadget()) {}
    Widget(Widget const& other)
        : name(other.name),
          age(other.age),
          gadget(new Gadget(*other.gadget)) {}
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other) {
        Widget temp(other);
        using std::swap;
        swap(name, temp.name);
        swap(age, temp.age);
        swap(gadget, temp.gadget);
        return *this;
    }
    ~Widget() {
        delete gadget;
    }
};
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600000708000
gadget copy ctor: #2
widget
42
0x600000708010
gadget dtor: #2
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
Widget(Widget&& other)
: name(std::move(other.name)),
age(std::move(other.age)),
gadget(std::move(other.gadget)) {}
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x6000037b4030
widget
42
0x6000037b4030
gadget dtor: #1
gadget dtor: #1157382192
malloc: *** error for object 0x6000037b4030: pointer being freed was not a
malloc: *** set a breakpoint in malloc_error_break to debug
```

```
Widget(Widget&& other)
: name(std::move(other.name)),
age(other.age),
gadget(other.gadget) {
    other.gadget = nullptr;
}
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600000760000
widget
42
0x600000760000
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
Widget(Widget&& other)
: name(std::move(other.name)),
  age(other.age),
  gadget(
    std::exchange(other.gadget, nullptr))
{}
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600000760000
widget
42
0x600000760000
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
Widget(Widget&& other) noexcept
: name(std::move(other.name)),
  age(other.age),
  gadget(
    std::exchange(other.gadget, nullptr))
{}
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600000760000
widget
42
0x600000760000
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
Widget(Widget&& other) noexcept
: name(std::move(other.name)),
age(other.age),
gadget(
    std::exchange(other.gadget, nullptr))
{}
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600001f0c030
gadget ctor: #2
gadget copy ctor: #3
gadget dtor: #2
widget
42
0x600001f0c050
gadget dtor: #3
gadget dtor: #1
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2;
widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
Widget& operator=(Widget&& other) noexcept
{
    name = std::move(other.name);
    age = other.age;
    gadget =
        std::exchange(other.gadget, nullptr);
    return *this;
}
```

```
Widget widget;
std::cout << widget.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget.gadget << "\n";

Widget widget2;
widget2 = std::move(widget);
std::cout << widget2.name << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.age << "\n";
std::cout << widget2.gadget << "\n"
```

```
gadget ctor: #1
widget
42
0x600001198000
gadget ctor: #2
widget
42
0x600001198000
gadget dtor: #1
```

the

# Rule of Five

```
struct Widget {  
    Widget();  
    Widget(Widget const& other);  
    Widget(Widget&& other) noexcept;  
    Widget& operator=(Widget const& other);  
    Widget& operator=(Widget&& other) noexcept;  
    ~Widget();  
};
```

copy constructor

move constructor

copy-assignment operator

move-assignment operator

destructor

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age = 42;  
};
```

```
Widget widget2 = widget;  
print(widget2);  
Widget widget3 = std::move(widget);  
print(widget3);  
print(widget); // moved from  
  
widget2 = widget3;  
print(widget2);  
widget3 = std::move(widget2);  
print(widget3);  
print(widget2); // moved from
```

```
void print(Widget const& widget) {  
    std::cout << widget.name << "\n";  
    std::cout << widget.age << "\n";  
}
```

```
widget  
42  
widget  
42  
widget  
42  
42  
widget  
42  
widget  
42  
42  
42
```

```
struct Widget {  
    std::string name = "widget";  
    int age = 42;  
    std::unique_ptr<Gadget> gadget = std::make_unique<Gadget>();  
};
```

```
Widget widget;  
print(widget);  
  
Widget widget2 = std::move(widget);  
print(widget2);  
print(widget);  
  
widget = std::move(widget2);  
print(widget2);  
print(widget);
```

```
gadget ctor: #1  
widget  
42  
widget  
42  
42  
42  
widget  
42  
gadget dtor: #1
```

the

# Rule of Zero

```
struct Widget {  
    // only value types or managers  
};
```

Always strive to have the compiler  
generated Special Member Functions do  
the right thing

Category	When to use	Rule(s)	Special members
<b>Value types</b>	Simple direct values	Rule of Zero	
<b>Views</b>	Non-owning managers		
<b>Polymorphic base classes</b>	Classic OO hierarchies	Rule of Five with disabled copy & move ("DesDeMovA")	<code>virtual ~T() = default operator=(T&amp;&amp;)</code>
<b>Scoped Managers</b>	Short-lived, on the stack		<code>~T()</code> <code>operator=(T&amp;&amp;)</code>
<b>Unique Managers</b>	Single ownership - can be stored. Expensive or nonsensical to copy	Rule of Five with disabled copy	<code>~T()</code> <code>T(T&amp;&amp;)</code> <code>operator=(T&amp;&amp;)</code>
<b>General Managers</b>	Impart value semantics to managed resources - with full copying of independent objects.	Rule of Five	<code>~T()</code> <code>T(T const&amp;)</code> <code>T(T&amp;&amp;)</code> <code>operator=(T const&amp;)</code> <code>operator=(T&amp;&amp;)</code>

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