

Constructor

- A *constructor* is a special member function which initializes the objects
 - Has the exact same name as its class
 - No return type
 - It has to be public
- Invoked implicitly/explicitly every time an instance/object of that class is created
- Can be overloaded
- Are called in the order of creation
- Involve memory allocation
- Once a constructor is defined, the default one stops working

Type of Constructors

3 types of constructors

- Default / Zero argument A constructor that accepts no parameter is called default constructor. Initializes the members of all the objects to a predefined value.
- Parameterized A constructor that accepts parameters is called parameterized constructor. Used when it is necessary to initialize different values to the members of different objects.
- Copy Constructor

Default Constructor

```
class student {
         int id;
public:
         void setValues(){
         id = 0;
         int getId(){
         return id;
int main(){
student st;
st. setValues();
cout<<st.getId();</pre>
```

```
class student {
         int id;
public:
         student()
                           Constructor
         id=0;
         int getId() {
         return id;
int main(){
student st;
cout<<st.getId();</pre>
```

Destructor

- A *destructor* is a special member function which destroys the objects
 - Has the exact same name as its class, preceded by the sign '~'
 - No return type
 - It has to be public
- Can not be overloaded
- Called when an object is destroyed
 - A function ends
 - Global objects destroyed when the program ends
 - a delete operator is called
 - A block containing local variable ends
- Are called in the reverse order of creation
- Cleans memory or deallocates memory

Why Defining Destructor is Necessary?

- If user defined *destructor* is not written in class, compiler calls the *default destructor*. Default destructor deallocates memory unless we have dynamically allocated memory. When a class contains a pointer to allocate memory dynamically, we should write a destructor to release memory before the class instance/object is destroyed.
- This has to be done to avoid memory leak.

Constructor and Destructor

```
class student {
         int id;
public:
         void setValues(){
         id = 0;
         int getId(){
         return id;
int main(){
student st;
st. setValues();
cout<<st.getId();</pre>
```

```
class student {
         int id;
                            Constructor
public:
         student()
         id=0;
                             Destructor
         ~student()
         int getId() {
         return id; }
};
int main(){
student st;
cout<<st.getId();</pre>
```

Default/ Zero Argument Constructor

```
class student {
     int id;
                                                            Constructor with zero parameter
public:
     student() +
                                                      "C:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\cse 205\Untitled1.exe"
     id = 0:
                                                     Constructing 0
     cout << "Constructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                                     Constructing 0
     ~student(){
                                                     Destroying 0
     cout << "Destructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                                     Destroying 0
                                                     Process returned 0 (0x0)
                                                                           execution time : 0.088 s
     int getId() {return id;}
                                                     Press any key to continue.
};
                                                            Object declaration should match
int main(){
                                                                    with constructor
student st1, st2;
cout<<st1.getId()<<endl;</pre>
cout<<st2.getId()<<endl;</pre>
```

- Parameterized Constructor When a constructor has been parameterized, passing the initial values as arguments to the constructor can be done in two ways while declaring the object:
 - By calling the constructor explicitly student object = student(2);
 - By calling the constructor implicitly student object(2);
- When a constructor is parameterized, appropriate arguments should be sent for the constructor.

```
class student {
                                                 "C:\Users\MP & MC LAB\Desktop\Untitled1.exe"
     int id:
                                                Constructing 1
public:
                                                Constructing 2
     student(int i) {
    id = i;
                                                Destructing 2
     cout << "Constructing "<id<<endl;</pre>
                                                Destructing 1
                                                       returned 0 (0x0) execution time: 0.173 s
     ~student(){
     cout << "Destructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                                  Parameterized constructor
     int getId() {return id;}
int main() {
student st1(1), st2(2);-
                                                       Object declaration should match
cout<<st1.getId()<<endl;</pre>
                                                              the constructor
cout<<st2.getId()<<endl;</pre>
```

```
class student {
                                                 "C:\Users\MP & MC LAB\Desktop\Untitled1.exe"
     int id;
                                                Constructing 1
public:
                                                Constructing 2
     student(int i) {
    id = i;
     cout << "Constructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                               Destructing 2
                                               Destructing 1
     ~student(){
                                                       returned 0 (0x0) execution time: 0.173 s
     cout << "Destructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                                  Parameterized constructor
     int getId() {return id;}
};
int main(){
     student st(1); _____
     student st2 = student(2);
                                                    Both the declaration is allowed
     cout<<st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
     cout<<st2.getId()<<endl;</pre>
```

```
class student {
     int id;
public:
    student(int i) {
    id = i:
    cout << "Constructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
     cout << "Destructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
     int getId() {return id;}
};
int main() {
     student st(1), st2;
     cout<<st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
     cout<<st2.getId()<<endl;</pre>
```

What will happen now?

```
□int main(){
                 student st(1), st2;
Blocks X 🔾 Search results X 🣝 Cccc X 🔕 Build log X 📌 Build messages X 🣝 CppCheck
             Message
SUS\... 6
             note: candidate expects 1 argument, 0 provided
SUS\... 3
             note: candidate: constexpr student.:student(const student&)
SUS\... 3
                    candidate expects 1 argument, 0 provided
                 Build failed: 1 apper/s) 0 marring/s) /0 minute/s)
```

Solution: Multiple Constructor in a Class/ Constructor Overloading

- Once a constructor is defined, the default one stops working.
- ■While defining constructor, we should take care of the fact that, there must be a constructor function for each way that an object of a class will be created.
- ■If a program attempts to create an object for which no matching constructor is found, compile-time error occurs.
- In the previous example, there was compilation error, because the declaration "student st2" did not match any constructor call. The only constructor function in the class accepts one parameter. But the declaration provides no argument.
- ■To avoid the error in the previous example, we could define 2 constructors.
 - ■Default constructor this would match the declaration of student st2
 - **■Parameterized constructor** this would match the declaration of student st1(1)

Multiple Constructors

```
class student {
    int id;
public:
    student() {
    id = 0;
    cout << "Constructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
                                          int main(){
    student(int i) {
                                               student st(1), st2;
    id = i;
    cout << "Constructing "<<id<<endl,*</pre>
                                               cout<<st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
                                               cout<<st2.getId()<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<id<<endl;</pre>
    int getId() {return id;}
```

Necessity of Constructor Overloading

- To gain flexibility
- To support arrays
- To create copy constructors

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
                              Object
                              declaration
func(st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
                          OUTPUT??
                        Constructing st1
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st)
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
•This statement is not object declaration.
  •This is an assignment stmt student st = st1;
int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;
                              OUTPUT??
                           Constructing st1
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;
                          OUTPUT??
                       Constructing st1
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func (student (st
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
                  •func() ends here
                   ■The object "st" is a local variable of
                  the function.
int main() {
                  So, destructor for object "st" will be
student st1
                  called
func(st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
                                     OUTPUT??
                                  Constructing st1
                                  Destructing st1
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
                              OUTPUT??
                            Constructing st1
                            Destructing st1
                            Finish
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
int main() {
student (st1)("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
          •Int main() ends here
          ■The object "st1" is a local
          variable of the function.
          So, destructor for object
          "st1" will be called
```

OUTPUT??

Constructing st1

Destructing st1

Finish

Destructing st1

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}
int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;</pre>
```

- •Names of the objects character pointer
- •While calling the function *func(st1)*, value of st1 is stored in st(a bitwise copy made)
- •st.name = st1.name & st.id = st1.id
- •Both the objects names are pointing to the same memory. **st.name & st1.name** are pointing to the same memory location
- •When the destructor is called 1st time, it destroys the memory containing the name

OUTPUT??

Constructing st1

Destructing st1

Finish

Destructing st1

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<end1;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
} ;
```

```
void func(student st) {
                                  OUTPUT??
cout << st.getId()<<endl;</pre>
                                 Constructing st1
int main(){
student st1("St1",1);
func(stl);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
                                    st1
                          member
                                  address
                          *name
                                  3000
                                            st1
                                          0001
                          id
                                  4000
```

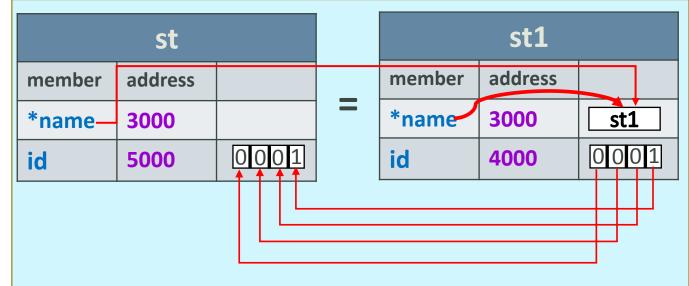
```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<end1;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
};
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;
}</pre>
OUTPUT??

Constructing st1

st = st1(bitwise copy)
```



```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<end1;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
} ;
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;
}</pre>
OUTPUT??
Constructing st1
1
```

st				st1		
member	address			member	address	
*name—	3000		=	*name	3000	st1
id	5000	0001		id	4000	0001

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<end1;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
} ;
```

```
void func(student(st)) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout<< "Finish" << endl;
}</pre>
OUTPUT??
Constructing st1
1
Destructing st1

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout<< "Finish" << endl;
}
```

st				st1		
member	address			member	address	
*name—	3000		=	*name	3000	\$
id	5000	0 1		id	4000	0001

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
} ;
```

```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);

cout << "Finish" << endl;
}</pre>
OUTPUT??

Constructing st1

1
Destructing st1
Finish
```

st				st1		
member	address			member	address	
*name—	3000		=	*name	3000	
id	5000	0 1		id	4000	0001

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<end1;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
};
```

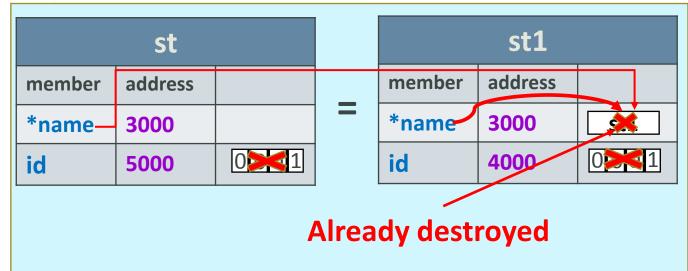
```
void func(student st) {
cout << st.getId() << endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout << "Finish" << endl;
}

OUTPUT??

Constructing st1

1
Destructing st1
Finish
Destructing st1</pre>
```



Solution??

- Assignment
- Find out the solution

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student &st) { 3 3 2 0
cout << st.getId() <<endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
}</pre>
```

```
class student {
    int id;
    char* name;
public:
    student(char* p , int q) {
    id=q;
    name = new char[strlen(p)];
    strcpy(name,p);
    cout << "Constructing: "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    ~student(){
    cout << "Destructing "<<name<<endl;</pre>
    delete [] name;
    int getId() {return id;}
```

```
void func(student *st) {
cout << st->getId() <<endl;
}

int main() {
student st1("St1",1);
func(&st1);
cout<<"Finish"<<endl;
}</pre>
```

hank you.