

Static Members

- Variables – not part of the object, belong to the class, only one copy exist
- Functions – required only in declaration, belong to the class, do not receive this pointer, cannot access non static member functions, can be invoked directly through the class name

Constructors

- **Rule of 3** – All should be defined in a user implements any of them – **Destructor, Copy Constructor, Copy Assignment operator**
- **Delegating constructor** – constructor that invokes other constructor/constructors of the class

Copy of object

- **Shallow copy** – copy the address of pointer only
- **Deep copy** – allocate new address and then copy the value of the pointer

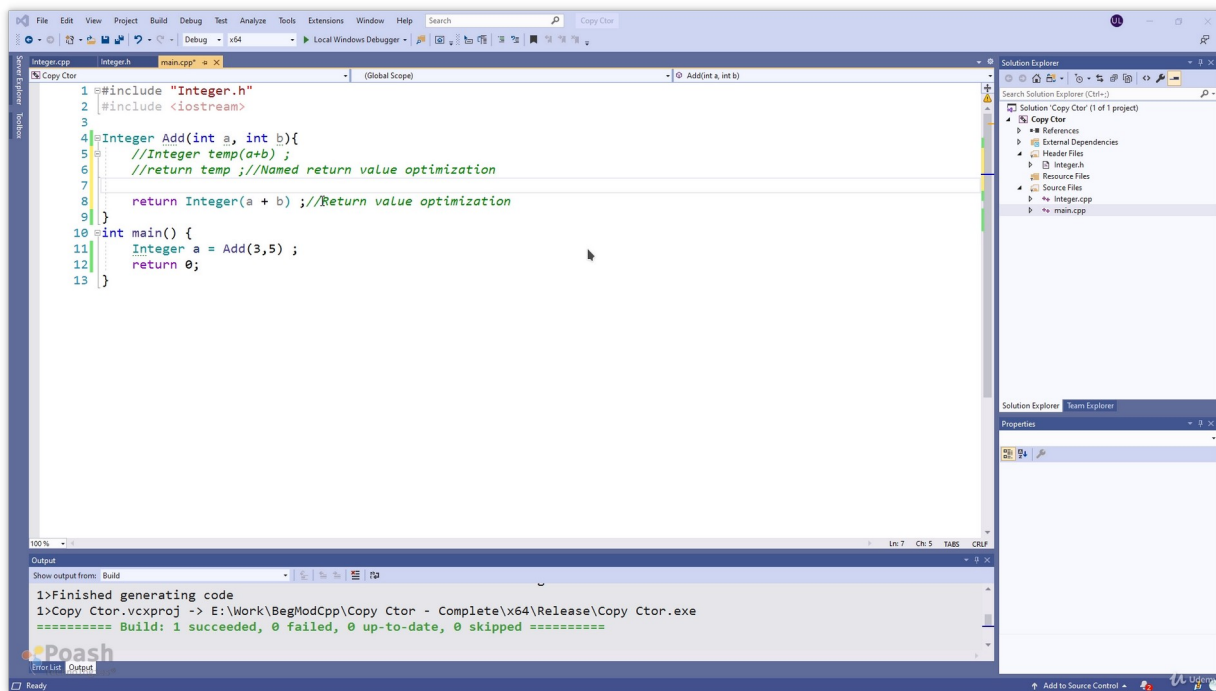
Rule of 5

- If class has ownership semantics, then you must provide a user-defined:
 - **Destructor, Copy constructor, Copy assignment operator, Move constructor and Move assignment operator**
- **If any copy constructor/copy assignment operator or destructor is defined – move operations will not be created implicitly.**
- **if any move operation is defined – all other move operations and copy operations will be deleted**

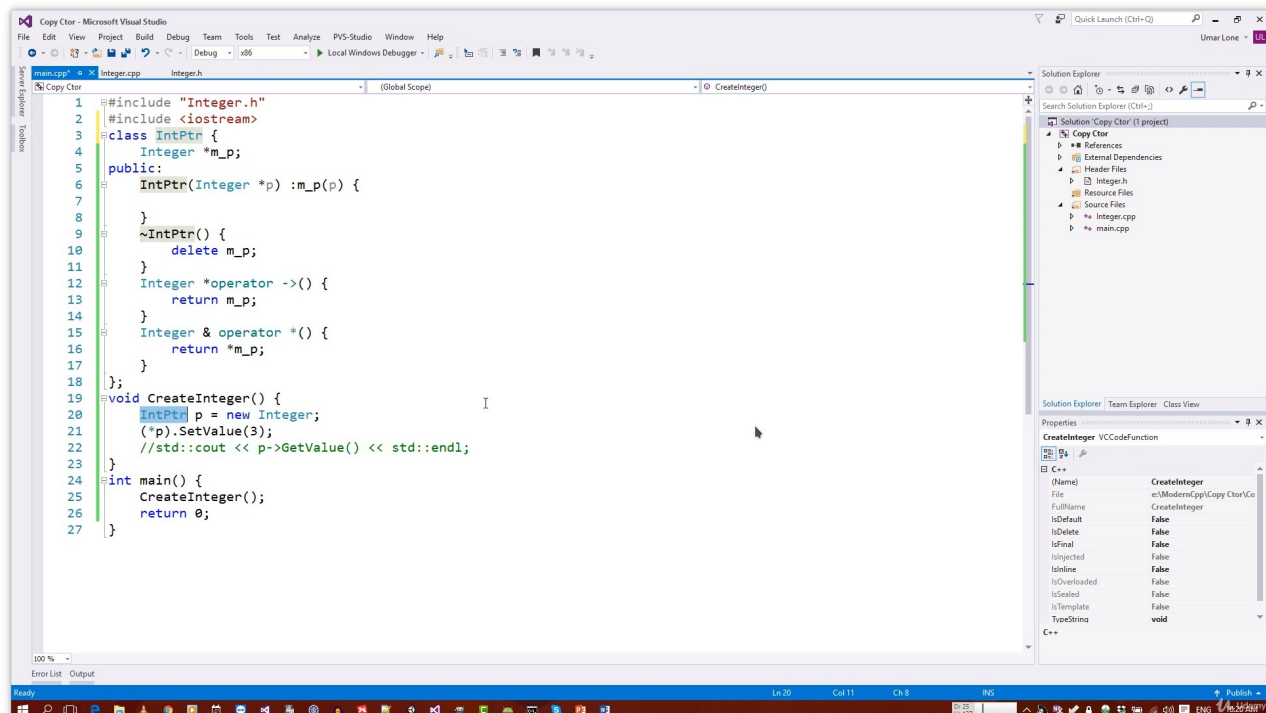
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Custom	Copy Constructor	Copy Assignment	Move Constructor	Move Assignment	Destructor
Copy constructor	Custom	=default	=delete	=delete	=default
Copy assignment	=default	Custom	=delete	=delete	=default
Move constructor	=delete	=delete	Custom	=delete	=default
Move assignment	=delete	=delete	=delete	Custom	=default
Destructor	=default	=default	=delete	=delete	Custom
None	=default	=default	=default	=default	=default

Copy/move elision

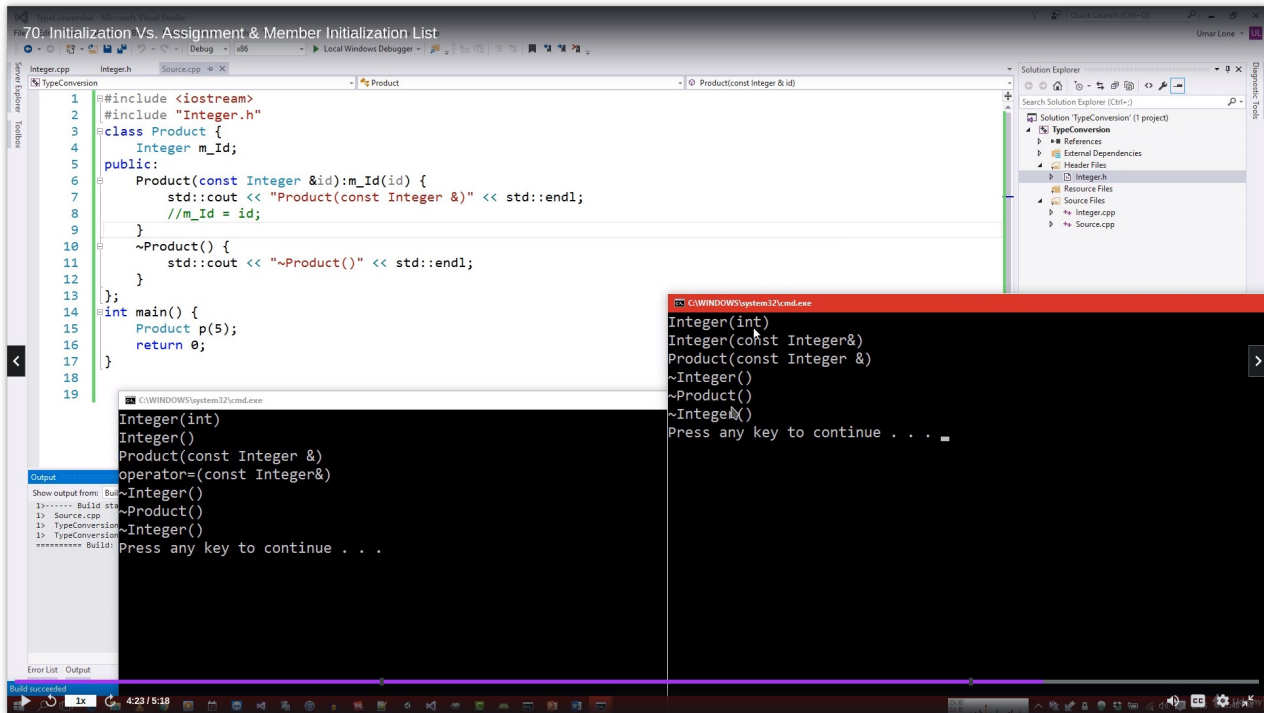


RAII principle – resource acquisition is initialization – The basic idea is to represent a resource by local object, so that the local object constructor will allocate the resource, and the local object destructor will release the resource. The problem is solved by smart pointers.



Type conversions

- **Always prefer `static_cast(c++ cast)` over C-cast**, because C-cast do not check for the validness of the cast.
- **If we do not want constructor to be invoked implicitly due to type conversion** (Integer a = 5), we have to **mark the constructor with keyword explicit**.
- **Always prefer to use `std::initializer_list` to initialize members of the class**. It allow initialization of member variables without assignment.



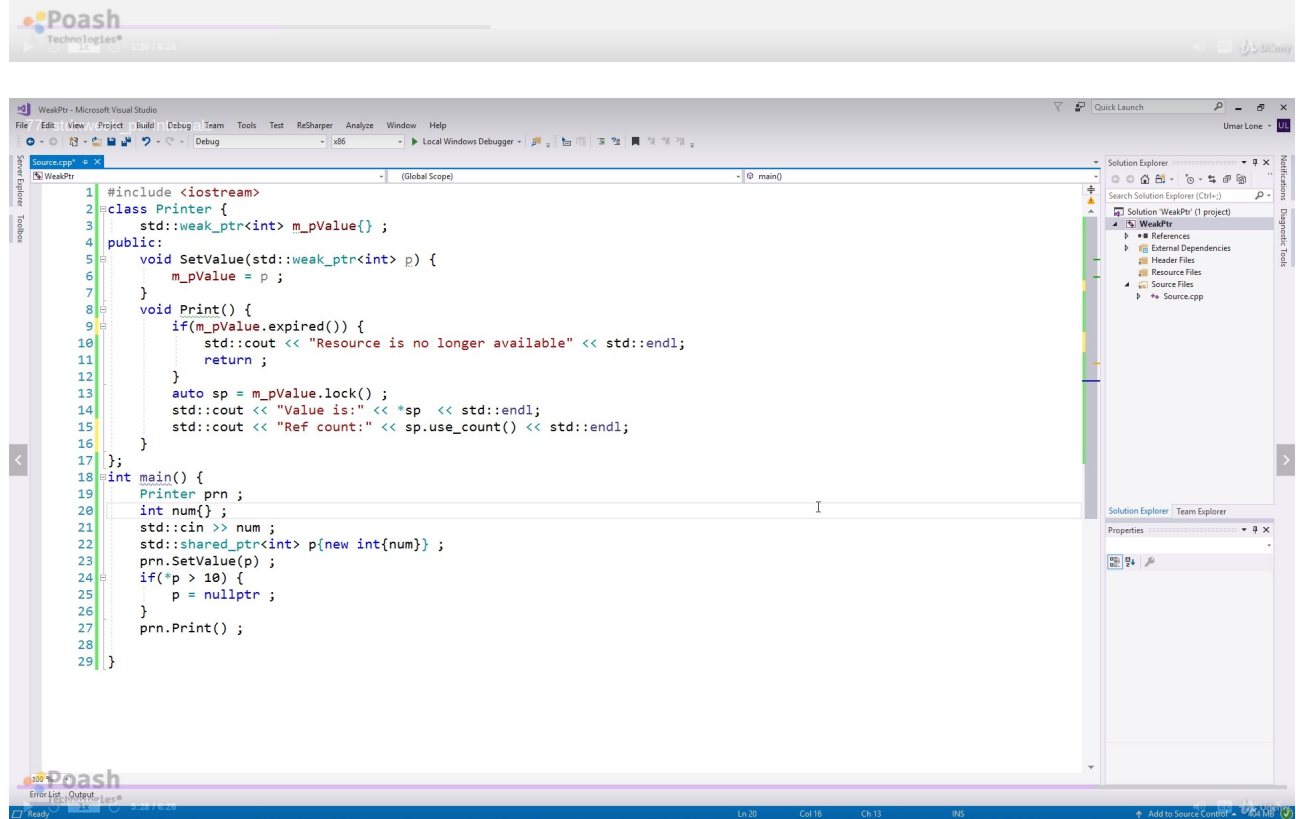
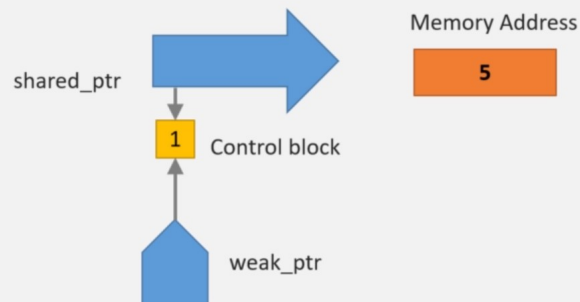
weak_ptr

77: std::weak_ptr Internals

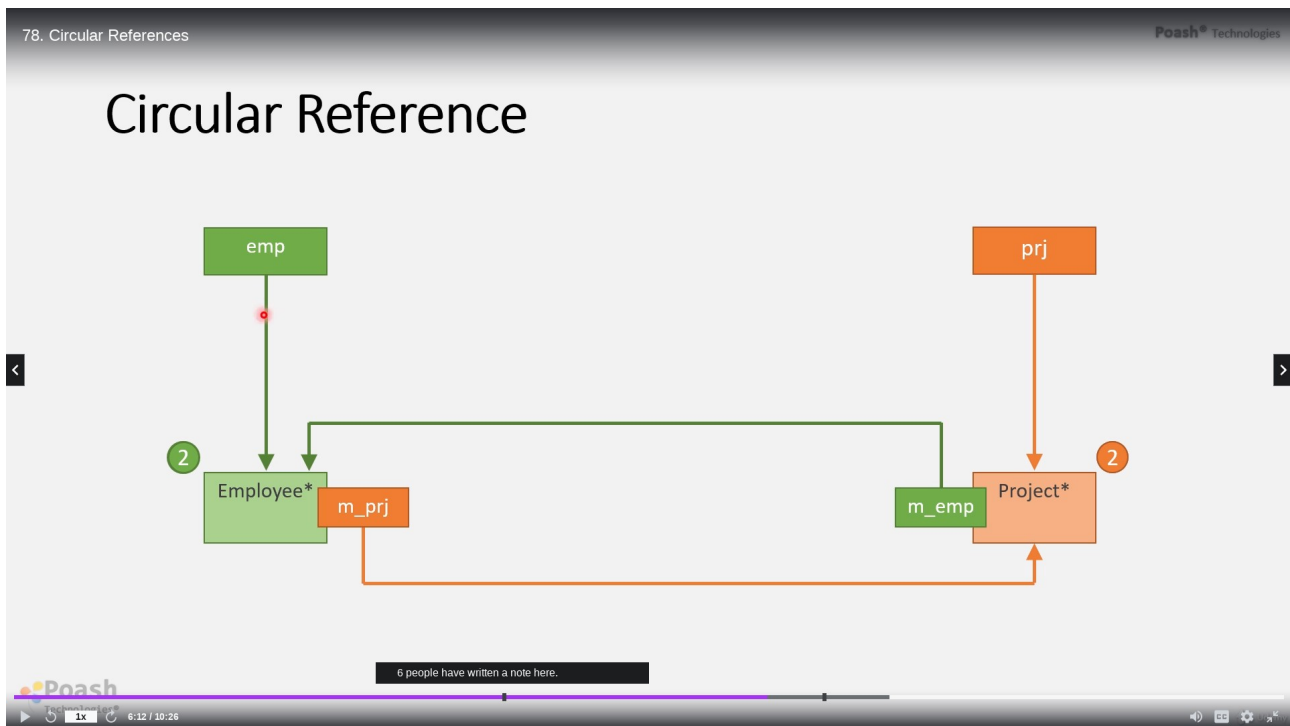
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std::weak_ptr

```
std::shared_ptr<int> p{new int{5}};  
std::weak_ptr<int> wk = p;  
p.reset();
```



Circular reference – when two object point to each other. When using `shared_ptr` this cause a memory leak. Insted you should use `weak_ptr`(in one of the objects at least) to avoid the problem.



78. Circular References

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 class Employee ;
3 class Project {
4 public:
5     std::shared_ptr<Employee> m_emp ;
6     Project() {
7         std::cout << "Project()" << std::endl ;
8     }
9     ~Project() {
10         std::cout << "~Project()" << std::endl;
11     }
12 };
13 class Employee {
14 public:
15     std::shared_ptr<Project> m_prj ;
16     Employee() {
17         std::cout << "Employee()" << std::endl ;
18     }
19     ~Employee() {
20         std::cout << "~Employee()" << std::endl;
21     }
22 };
23
24 int main() {
25     std::shared_ptr<Employee> emp(new Employee());
26     std::shared_ptr<Project> prj(new Project());
27
28     emp->m_prj = prj ;
29     prj->m_emp = emp ;
30 }
31
```

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Smart pointers – Deleter - Why and when would we need something like that?

- In C where, when you wrap `FILE*`, or some kind of a C style structure `free()`, custom deleters may be useful.
- In order to fully delete an object sometimes, we need to do some additional action. What if performing “delete” (that smart pointers do automatically) is not the only thing which needs to be done before fully destroying the owned object.

Example for `shared_ptr` using lambda for default deleter:

```
std::shared_ptr<MyType> sp(new int{10}, [](int *p) { delete p; });
```

Example for `unique_ptr` using lambda for default deleter:

```
auto deleter = [](MyType*){ ... }
```

```
std::unique_ptr<MyType, decltype(deleter)>> u1(new MyType(), deleter);
```