

# System Programming with C++

Initialization in C++, copy constructors



# How to create an object?

```
class Vector {  
    ...  
public:  
  
    Vector(): Vector(16) { }  
  
    Vector(size_t initial_capacity) {  
        size_ = 0;  
        capacity_ = initial_capacity;  
        data_ = new int[capacity_];  
    }  
    ...  
};
```

```
Vector v; // calls ctor  
// object v is initialized!  
std::cout << v.capacity(); // 16  
  
Vector p{8}; // calls second ctor  
// object p is initialized!  
std::cout << p.capacity(); // 8
```

# How to create an object?

Right, but let's start from C.



# Initialization in C

1. Default initialization (in C)

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## 1. Default initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int i;  
    printf("%d", i);  
    return 0;  
}
```

What do you see here?

# Initialization in C

## 1. Default initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int i;           // garbage  
    printf("%d", i); // UB!  
    return 0;  
}
```

What do you see here?

It is UB!

# Initialization in C

## 1. Default initialization (in C)

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

What do you see here?

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    printf("%d %d", p.x, p.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Initialization in C

## 1. Default initialization (in C)

```
struct Point {  
    int x; // uninitialized  
    int y; // uninitialized  
};
```

What do you see here?

This is UB again!

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    printf("%d %d", p.x, p.y); // UB  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Initialization in C

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```
int main() {  
    int i = 42;  
    printf("%d", i);  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Initialization in C

1. Default initialization (in C)
2. Copy initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int i = 42;  i is initialized with 42  
    printf("%d", i);  
    return 0;  
}
```

No more UB!

# Initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};  
  
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    struct Point p2 = p;  
    printf("%d %d\n", p2.x, p2.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    struct Point p2 = p;  
    printf("%d %d\n", p2.x, p2.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

← p2 is initialized with  
copy of p! No more UB and  
"13 42" will be printed

# Initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    struct Point p2 = p;  
    printf("%d %d\n", p2.x, p2.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

You can think about initialization of p2 as about just copying **raw memory** from p (in C language)

p2 is initialized with copy of p! No more **UB** and "13 42" will be printed

# Initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    struct Point p2 = p;  
    printf("%d %d\n", p2.x, p2.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

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Where else this initialization is used?

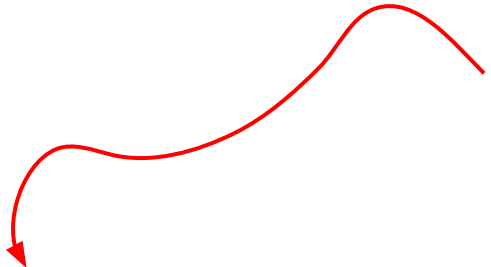
p2 is initialized with copy of p! No more **UB** and "13 42" will be printed



```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};  
  
void foo(struct Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}  
  
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    foo(p);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from the argument

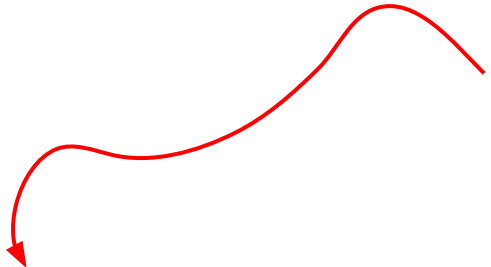


```
void foo(struct Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    foo(p);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from the argument



```
void foo(struct Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}
```

More cases?

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    foo(p);  
    return 0;  
}
```

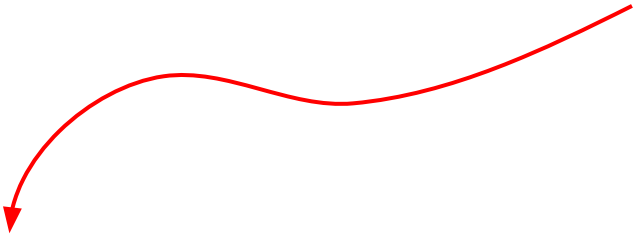
```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};  
  
struct Point bar() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    return p;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    struct Point lp = bar();  
    printf("%d %d", lp.x, lp.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
struct Point bar() {  
    struct Point p;  
    p.x = 13;  
    p.y = 42;  
    return p;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point lp = bar();  
    printf("%d %d", lp.x, lp.y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from return value



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```
int main() {  
    int arr[4] = {0, 1, 2, 3};  
    printf("%d %d", arr[0], arr[3]);  
    return 0;  
}
```



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    printf("%d %d", arr[0], arr[3]);  
    return 0;  
}
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all elements are  
**initialized** with the  
given values

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3. Aggregate initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int arr[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};  
    printf("%d %d", arr[0], arr[3]);  
    return 0;  
}
```

all elements are  
**initialized** with the  
given values (array  
size **deduction** is  
possible)

# Initialization in C

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2. Copy initialization (in C)
3. Aggregate initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int arr[4] = {0, 1};  
    printf("%d %d", arr[0], arr[3]);  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Initialization in C

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2. Copy initialization (in C)
3. Aggregate initialization (in C)

```
int main() {  
    int arr[4] = {0, 1};  
    printf("%d %d", arr[0], arr[3]);  
    return 0;  
}
```

All elements are  
still **initialized**!  
Last two with zeroes.

# Aggregate initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p = {13, 42};  
    printf("%d %d\n", p.x, p.y);  
    // prints: 13 42  
    return 0;  
}
```

Works nice for structs  
as well!

# Aggregate initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p = {13};  
    printf("%d %d\n", p.x, p.y);  
    // prints: 13 0  
    return 0;  
}
```

Works nice for structs as well!

Also: the rest of the fields will be initialized with zeroes.

# Aggregate initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p = {.x=13, .y=42};  
    printf("%d %d\n", p.x, p.y);  
    // prints: 13 42  
    return 0;  
}
```

Works nice for structs  
as well!

Also: very nice syntax  
with **named** fields.

# Aggregate initialization in C

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    struct Point p = {.x=42};  
    printf("%d %d\n", p.x, p.y);  
    // prints: 42 0  
    return 0;  
}
```

Works nice for structs as well!

Also: very nice syntax with **named** fields. All unspecified fields are zero-initialized.



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What did C++ add to it?



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What did C++ add to it? Constructors!!!

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What did C++ add to it? Constructors!!!  
(well, not only, but we'll start from them).

# Initialization in C++

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# Default initialization in C++

Same problems for primitives!

```
int main() {  
    int i;           // garbage  
    cout << i << endl; // UB!  
    return 0;  
}
```

Still **UB** in C++!

# Default initialization in C++

Same problems for primitives! And what about your classes?

```
int main() {  
    Vector v;  
    cout << v.capacity << endl; // UB?  
    return 0;  
}
```


```
class Vector {  
    ...  
public:  
  
    Vector(): Vector(16) { }  
  
    Vector(size_t initial_capacity) {  
        size_ = 0;  
        capacity_ = initial_capacity;  
        data_ = new int[capacity_];  
    }  
    ...  
};
```

```
Vector v; // default ctor called  
// object v is initialized!  
std::cout << v.capacity(); // 16
```




# Default initialization in C++

Same problems for primitives! And what about your classes?

```
int main() {  
    Vector v;  default ct is called  
    cout << v.capacity << endl; // UB?  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Default initialization in C++

Same problems for primitives! And what about your classes?

```
int main() {  
    Vector v;  default ct is called  
    cout << v.capacity << endl; // UB?  
                                   // Depends on default  
                                   // ct. If it inits  
                                   // capacity => no UB  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

Does this struct has default ctr?

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About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() { }  
};
```

Does this struct has default ctr?

Yes, it is. It was **generated** by the compiler just like this.

# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point(int x, int y) {  
        this->x = x;  
        this->y = y;  
    }  
};
```

Does this struct has default ctr?

# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;
```

Does this struct has default ctor?  
No! You already have **some** ctor, so,  
compiler doesn't provide you anything.

```
    Point(int x, int y) {  
        this->x = x;  
        this->y = y;  
    }  
};
```

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```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
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```

Does this struct has default ctor?  
No! You already have **some** ctor, so,  
compiler doesn't provide you anything.

```
    Point(int x, int y) { ... }  
};
```

```
Point p; // compilation error, no default ctor
```

# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;
```

You can force generation of empty default constructor with "default" key word if you already have some.

```
    Point() = default;  
    Point(int x, int y) { ... }  
};
```

```
Point p; // no compilation error
```



# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;
```

```
    Point() = delete;  
};
```

You can prohibit generation of empty default constructor with "delete" keyword.

```
Point p; // compilation error again
```

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  - b. default ctors for classes
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3. Aggregate initialization (in C)



# Initialization in C++

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2. Value initialization
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4. Aggregate initialization (in C)



# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x;  
    int* px = new int;  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x;  
    int* px = new int;  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here?

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x;  
    int* px = new int;  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here? Garbage, it was a default initialization and UB.

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {
```

```
    int x;
```

```
    int* px = new int;
```



Everything we are talking about is also right for new operator, this is **default-init** of int.

```
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

What will we see here? Garbage, it was a default initialization and **UB**.

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x = int();  
    int* px = new int();  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here?



# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x = int();  
    int* px = new int();  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    //           0           0  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here? Zeros!

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x = int();  
    int* px = new int();  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    //           0           0  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here? Zeros! This is called **value initialization** and for **primitive** types values are initialized with zeros.

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x = int();  
    int* px = new int();  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    //           0           0  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here? Zeros! This is called **value initialization** and for **primitive** types values are initialized with zeros. What about classes?

# Value initialization in C++

```
int main() {  
  
    int x = int();  
    int* px = new int();  
  
    std::cout << x << " " << *px << std::endl;  
    //           0           0  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will we see here? Zeros! This is called **value initialization** and for **primitive** types values are initialized with zeros. What about classes? Well...

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() { ← default ctor  
        x = 13;  
        y = 42;  
    }  
};
```

What will be printed?

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    std::cout << p.x << " " << p.y << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Value initialization in C++



```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() { ← default ctor  
        x = 13;  
        y = 42;  
    }  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    std::cout << p.x << " " << p.y << std::endl;  
    //           13           42  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will be printed?  
Default ctor is called.

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```



What will be printed?

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    std::cout << p.x << " " << p.y << std::endl;  
    //          ???          ???  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```



```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //          0          0  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will be printed?  
Zeros! No default ctor  
=> compiler will zero  
it for you 🦄



# Value initialization in C++



```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() { ← default ctor  
    }  
  
};
```

What will be printed?

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //      ???      ???  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() { ← default ctor  
    }  
  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    // 85135360      32758  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?

**Garbage!** Default ctor is called, but it doesn't initialize fields!

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() = default;  
  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //      ???           ???  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will be printed?



# Default initialization in C++

About default constructors:

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;
```

You can force generation of empty default constructor with "default" key word if you already have some.

```
    Point() = default;  
    Point(int x, int y) { ... }  
};
```

```
Point p; // no compilation error
```

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() = default;  
  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //      ???           ???  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will be printed?



# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() = default;  
  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //           0           0  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?

Zeros! Why?

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point() = default;  
  
};
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //          0          0  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?

Zeros! Why? Default constructor is called only\* if you've written it's body by yourself.

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point();  
  
};  
  
Point::Point() = default;  
  
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    //      ???           ???  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?



# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point();  
  
};  
  
Point::Point() = default;  
  
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    // garbage          garbage  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?  
Garbage, it was UB.  
What??

# Value initialization in C++

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
  
    Point();  
  
};  
  
Point::Point() = default;  
  
int main() {  
    Point p = Point();  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    // garbage          garbage  
    return 0;  
}
```



What will be printed?  
Garbage, it was UB.  
What??

Could be defined in  
other module, so not  
clear for the compiler  
if you've **define** a body  
or **not**.

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nightmare for classes, **avoid**  
**if possible**, had to be used  
for tmp objects

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`foo(Vector());`

value-init



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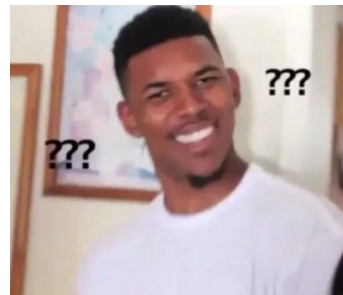
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Another approach: {} work with value init as well.

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Direct initialization with {} can conflict with `initializer_list` and list-initialization, we will discuss it later.



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```
int main() {  
    int i = 42;  ← i is initialized with 42  
    printf("%d", i);  
    return 0;  
}
```

No more UB!

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Aggregates are:

1. Arrays,
2. Classes with no private members, no user-declared constructors, no inheritance and etc.

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also works like this, but no conflict with `direct initialization` as aggregates doesn't have user-defined constructors!

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    Point t = 3;      copy initialized  
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    return 0;  
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    Line l = {f, t};  aggregate initialized  
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# Constructors revisited

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    Point p;
public:

```

```

    Vector(size_t initial_capacity) {
        cout << p.x << p.y << endl;
        size_ = 0;
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        data_ = new int[capacity_];
    }
    ...
};

```

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        data_ = new int[capacity_];  
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};
```

Are there any problems  
in such constructor?

No UB here, still we  
have a potential  
problem with default  
initialized fields in  
the body of ctr.

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```

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    size_ = 0;
    capacity_ = initial_capacity;
    data_ = new int[capacity_];
}
...
};

```

Are there any problems  
in such constructor?

Also, if you want  
initialize fields  
differently, there will  
be **double work**: firstly  
default init, than -  
your logic.



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public:  
  
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public:

    Vector(size_t initial_capacity): size_(0),
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If a field listed in member initializer list, it is initialized with it before body of the constructor (and only once, without double init).

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public:  
    Vector(size_t initial_capacity): size_(0),  
                                     capacity_(initial_capacity),  
                                     data_(new int[capacity_]) { }  
  
    ...  
};
```

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public:
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                                     data_(new int[capacity_]),
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```

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```

```

    ...

```

```

};

```

```

struct Point {
    int x; int y;
    Point() {
        this->x = 13;
        this->y = 42;
    }
    Point(int x, int y) {
        this->x = x;
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    ...
};

```

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    int x; int y;

    Point(): x(13), y(42) {}
    Point(int x, int y): x(x), x(y) {}
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        capacity_(initial_capacity),
        data_(new int[capacity_]),
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Now it is aggregate

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**Direct initialization**! Value, aggregate and list initialization are also possible here, but usually we use direct.

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what if I'll  
change the  
order?





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Still works! For good or evil

```
public:
```

```
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If you have both, initializer list will win.


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public:  
  
    Vector(): Vector(16) { }  
  
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```
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```
Vector(): Vector(16), size_(42) { } // compilation error
```

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                                data_(new int[capacity_]) { }
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```
...
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public:  
  
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    ...  
};
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    ...  
};
```

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```

```
public:
```

```
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    ...  
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Works as default constructor when argument is not specified. Adding default constructor here will cause compilation error.

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In general, it is wonderful feature (needed for language with flat fields and uninitialized values). Please use it!



# Copy constructors

"can I copy your homework?"

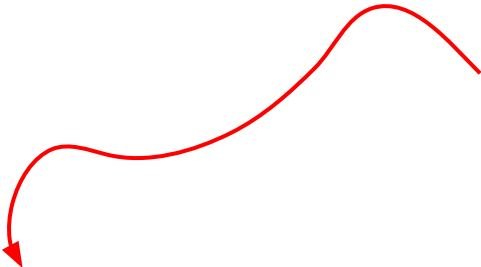
"yeah just change it up a bit so it  
doesn't look obvious you copied"

"ok"



```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from the argument



```
void foo(Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}
```

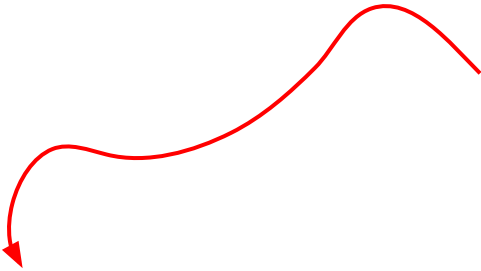
```
int main() {  
    Point p{13, 42};  
    foo(p);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

```
void foo(Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}
```

```
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```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from the argument



Previously we've said that all  
**raw memory** of all fields of p  
was just copied into lp (this  
is true for C).

But is it always correct  
behavior?

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public:
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What will be printed?

```
void foo(Vector lv) {  
    lv.at(0) = 78;  
}
```

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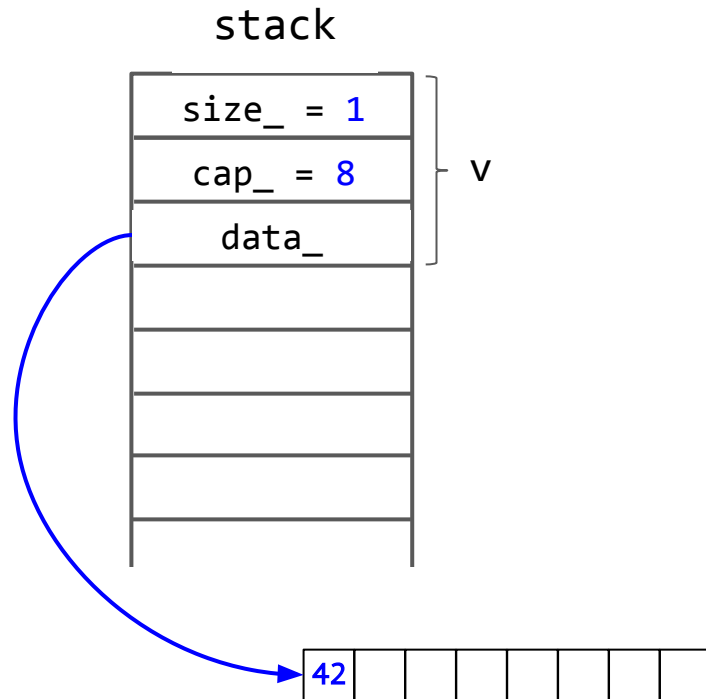
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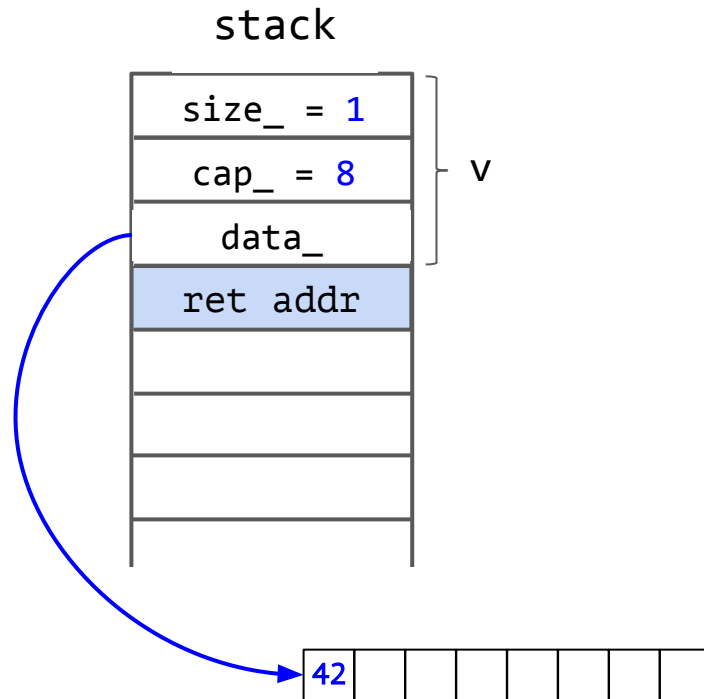
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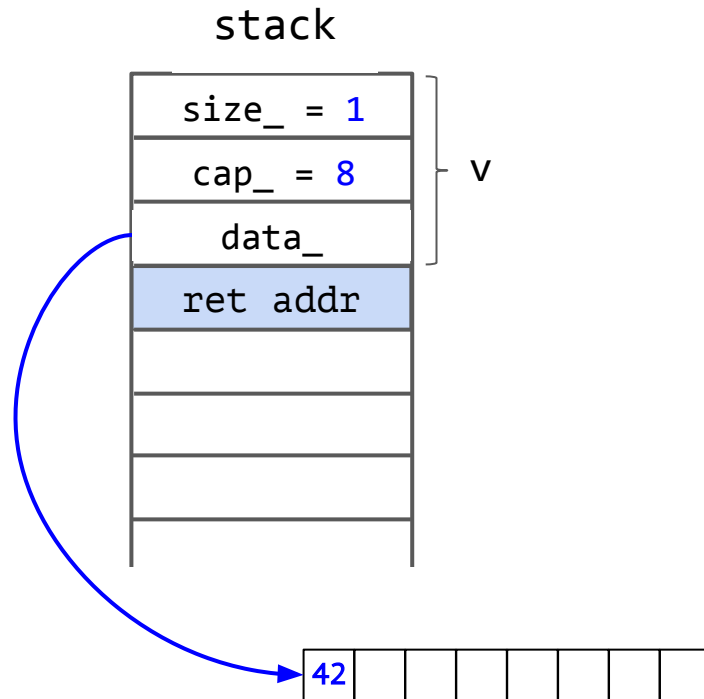
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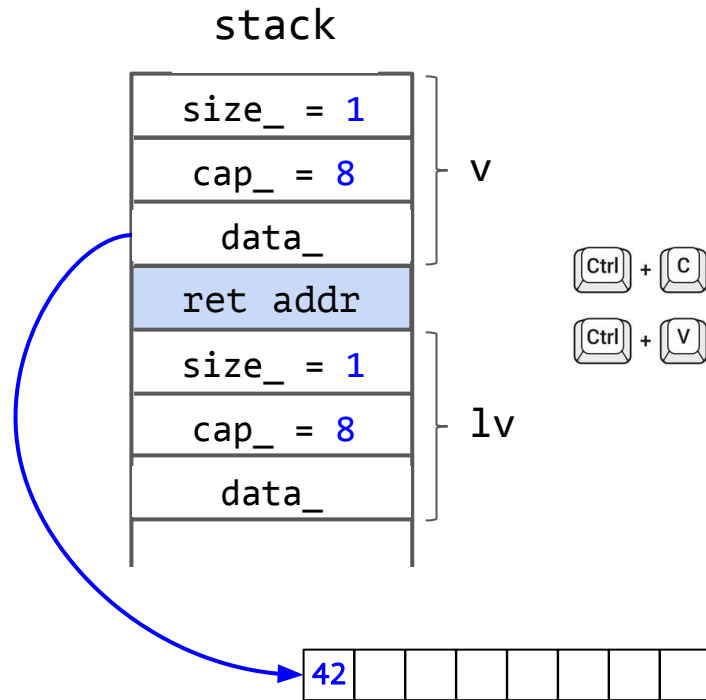
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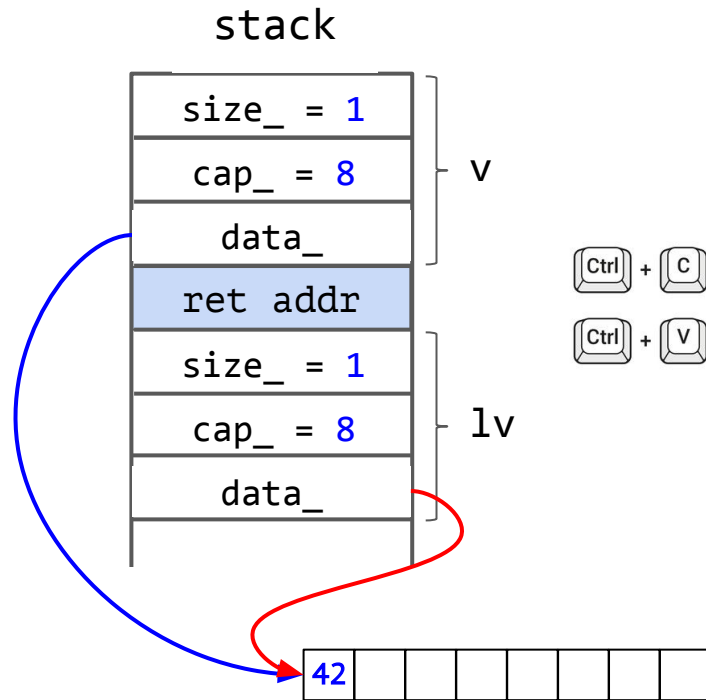
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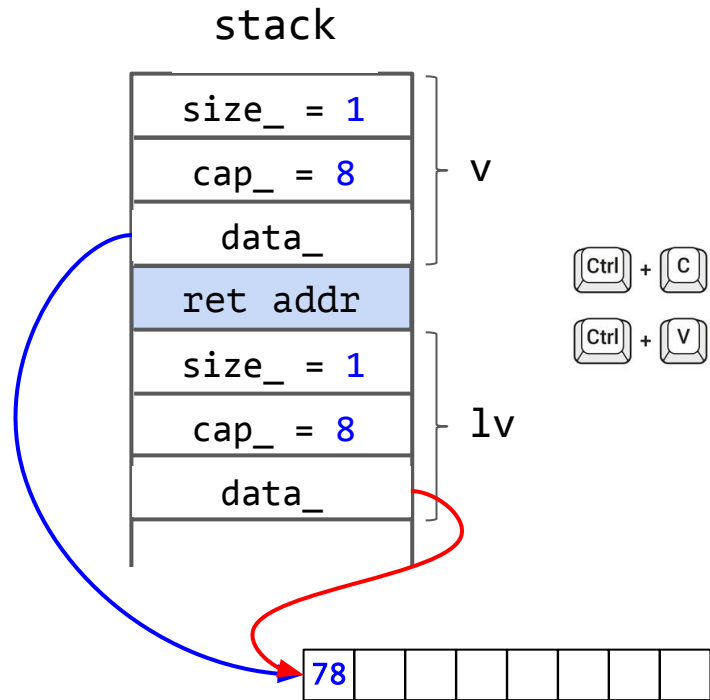
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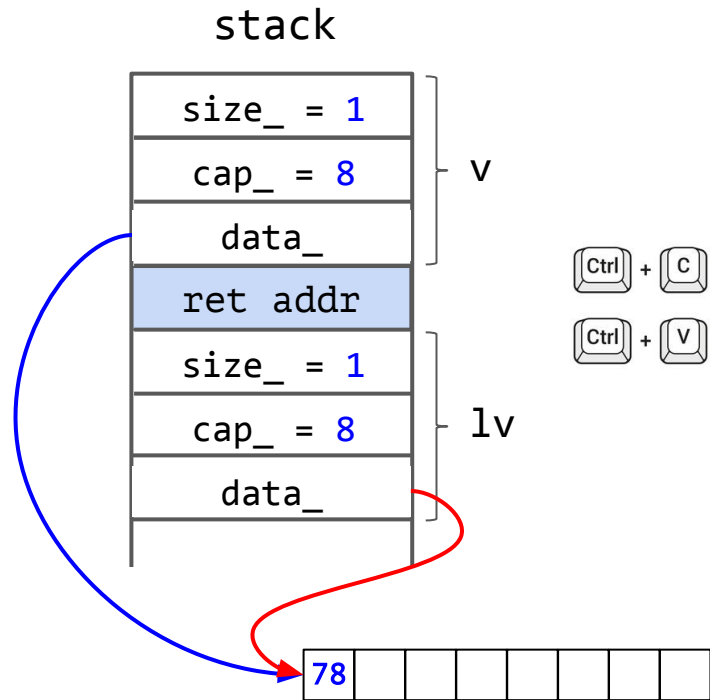
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```

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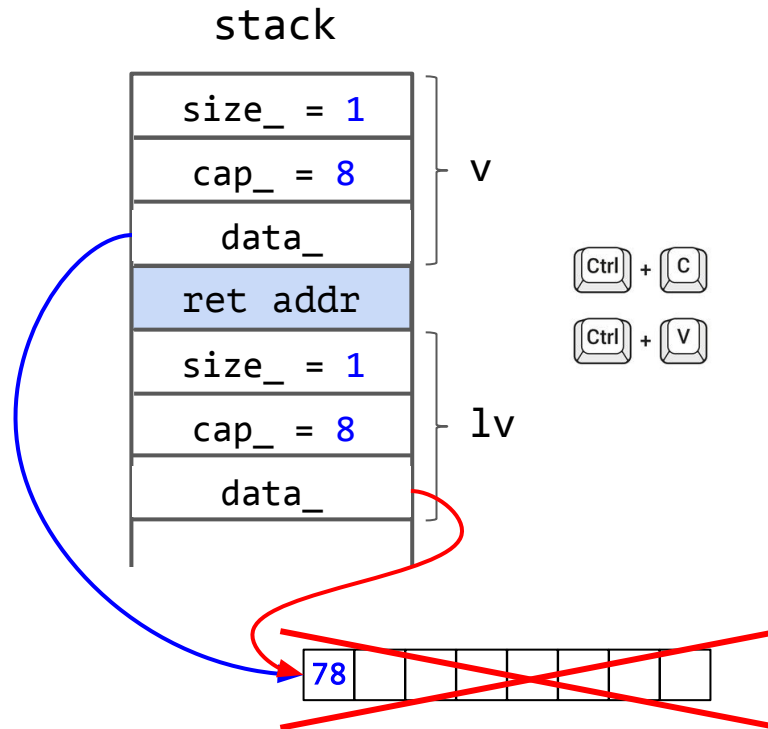
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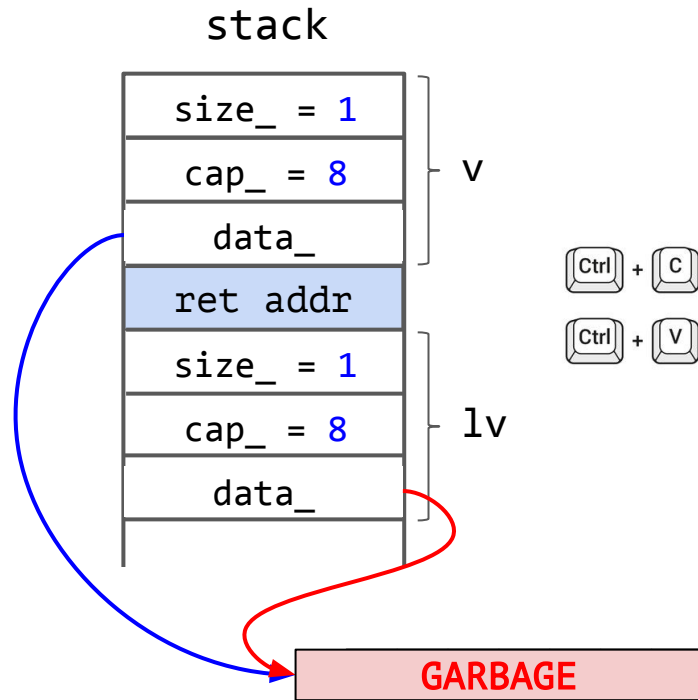
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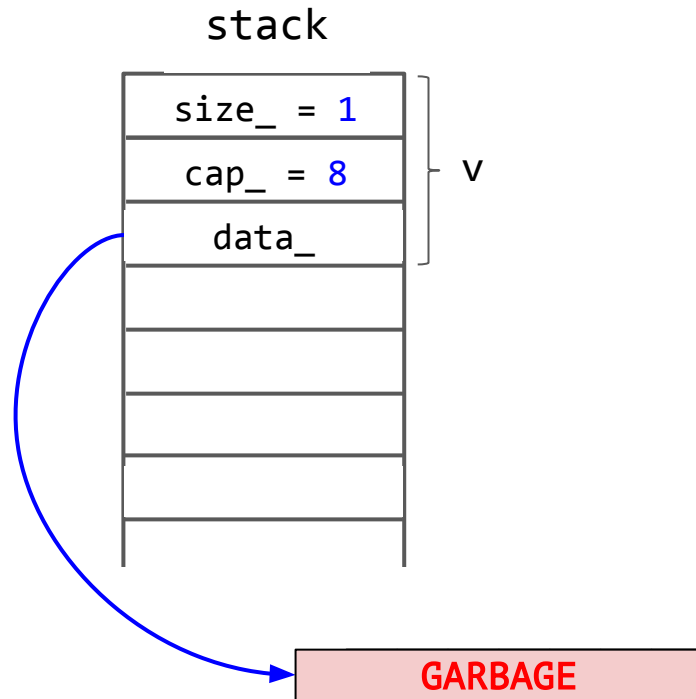
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void foo(Vector lv) {
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```

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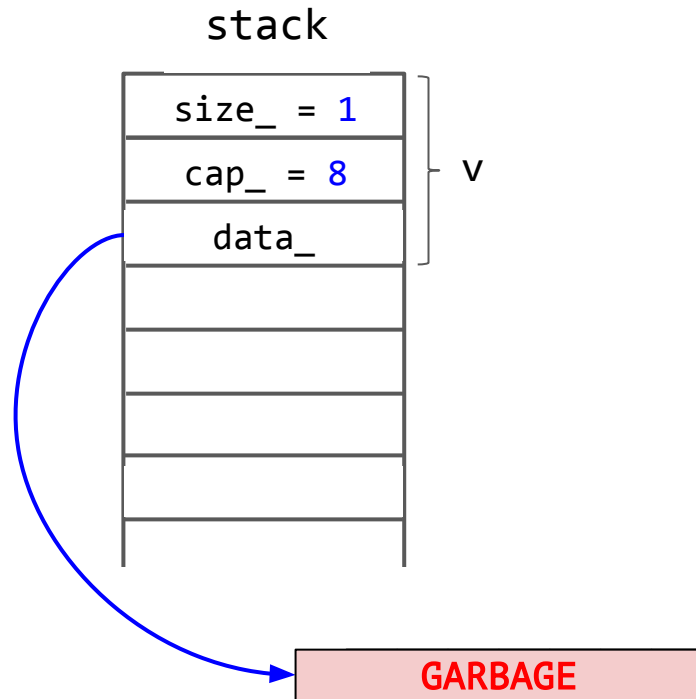
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UB happens!

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```

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So, we need some way to  
**customize** logic during  
copying.

Here comes **copy constructor**.

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    int* data_ ;  
public:  
    Vector(size_t ic = 16):  
        capacity_(ic),  
        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}  
  
    Vector(const Vector& other) ... {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    ~Vector() { delete[] data_; }  
};
```

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class Vector {
    size_t size_ = 0;
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public:
    Vector(size_t ic = 16):
        capacity_(ic),
        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}

    Vector(const Vector& other): size_(other.size_), capacity_(other.capacity_) {
        ...
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        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}

    Vector(const Vector& other): size_(other.size_), capacity_(other.capacity_) {
        data_ = new int[capacity_];
        for (size_t i = 0; i < size_; i++) {
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];
        }
    }
    ~Vector() { delete[] data_; }
};

```

```
class Vector {  
    size_t size_ = 0;  
    size_t capacity_ ;  
    int* data_ ;
```

```
public:
```

```
    Vector(size_t ic = 16):  
        capacity_(ic),  
        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}
```

This constructor is called **copy constructor**.

It is used when copy initialization from other Vector is invoked.

```
    Vector(const Vector& other): size_(other.size_), capacity_(other.capacity_) {  
        data_ = new int[capacity_];  
        for (size_t i = 0; i < size_; i++) {  
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];  
        }  
    }
```

```
    ~Vector() { delete[] data_; }
```

```
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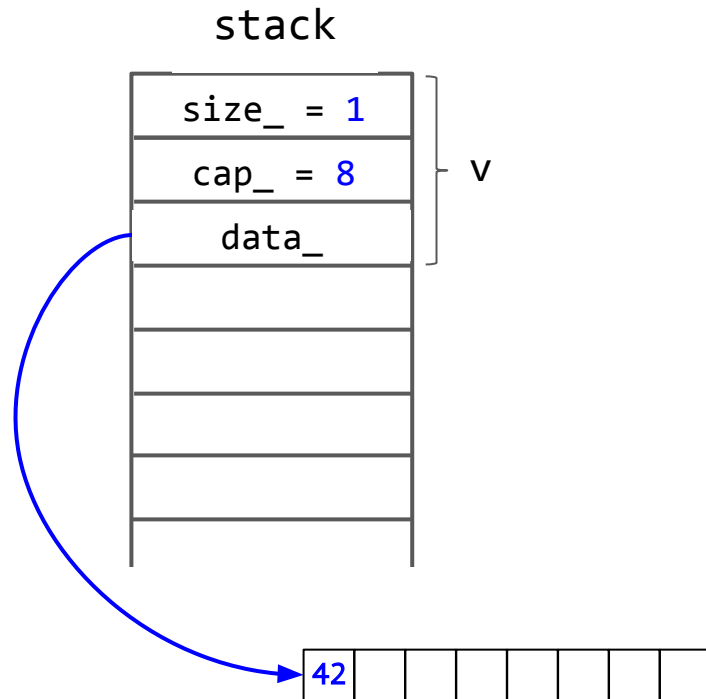
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```

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}

```





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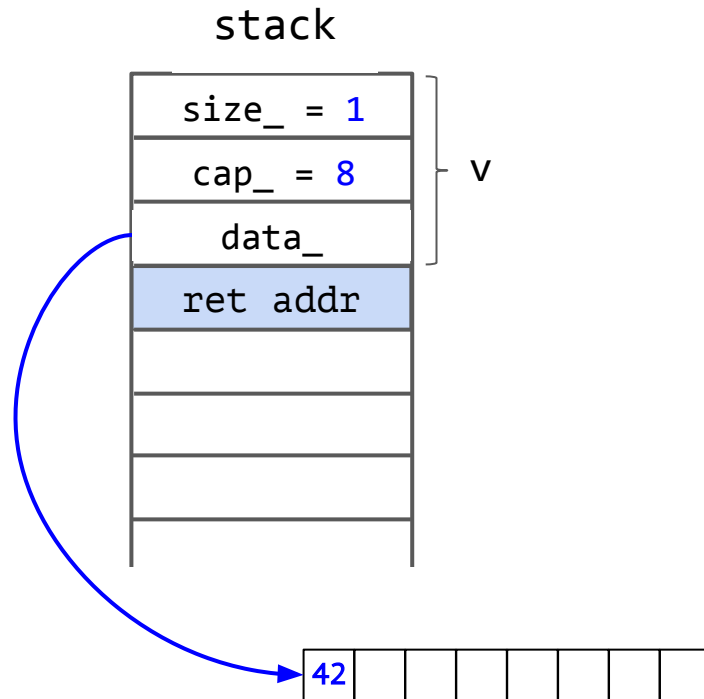
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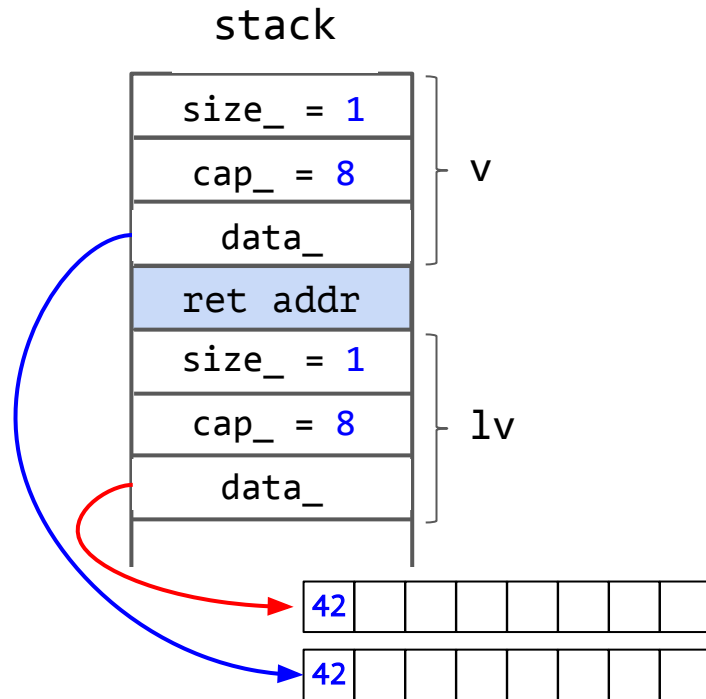
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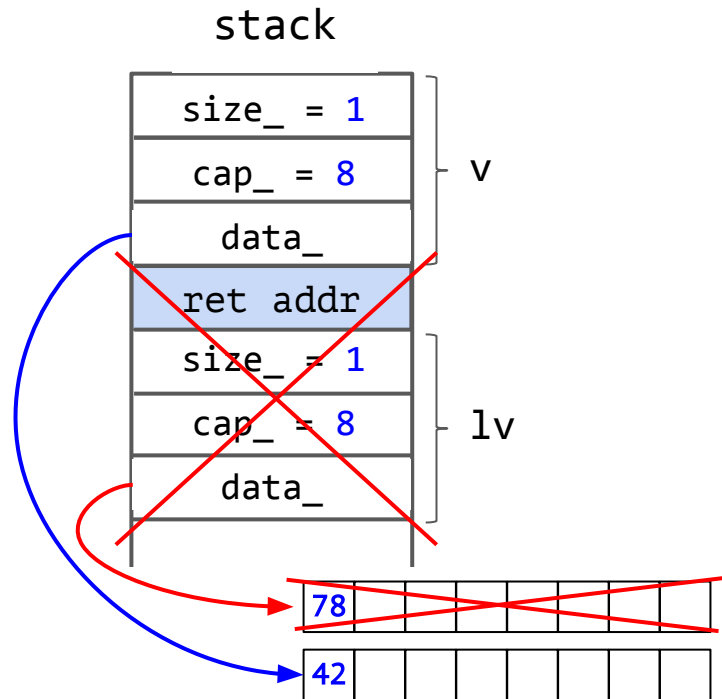
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```

```
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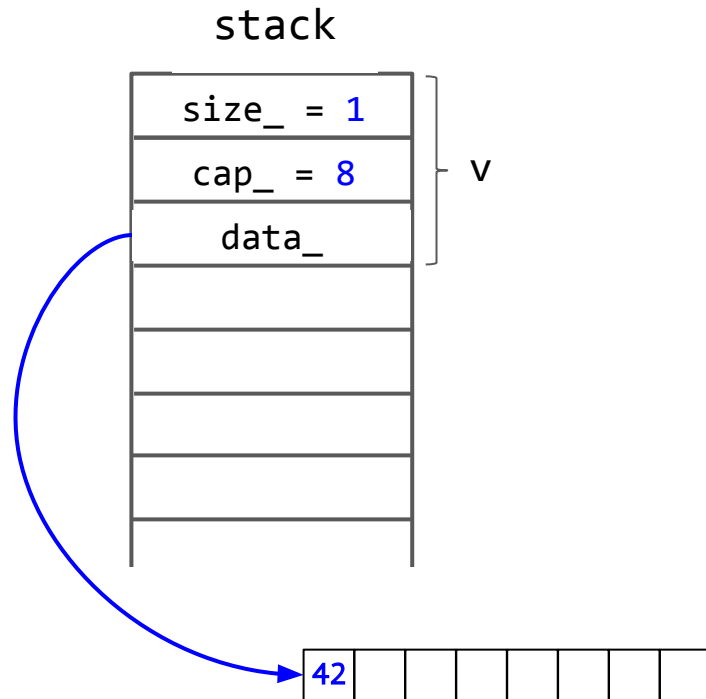
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```

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```

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Vector v{8};
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```
Vector v2(v);
```



copy ctr

```
Vector v3 = v;
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When else it will be called?

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```

```
Vector v{8};
```

```
Vector v2(v);
```

```
Vector v3 = v;
```



copy ctr  
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```

void foo(Vector lv) {
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}

```



copy ctr  
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When else it will be called?

Aggregate initialization, for  
copy initialization of fields!



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```

```
Vector v{8};
```

```
Vector v2(v);
```



copy ctr

```
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```



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```

struct PairOfVectors {
    Vector v1;
    Vector v2;
};

```

```

class Vector {
    size_t size_ = 0;
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    Vector(size_t ic = 16):
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    Vector(const Vector& other) { ... }
    ~Vector() { delete[] data_; }
};

```

```
Vector v{8};
```

```
Vector v2(v);
```



copy ctr

```
Vector v3 = v;
```



is called

```

void foo(Vector lv) {
    lv.at(0) = 78;
}

```



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When else it will be called?

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```

struct PairOfVectors {
    Vector v1;
    Vector v2;
};

```

```
Vector v1{8};
```

```
Vector v2{12};
```

```
PairOfVectors pv{v1, v2};
```

```

class Vector {
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ ;
    int* data_ ;

public:
    Vector(size_t ic = 16):
        capacity_(ic),
        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}
    int& at(size_t idx) { return data_[idx]; }
    Vector(const Vector& other) { ... }
    ~Vector() { delete[] data_; }
};

```

```

Vector v{8};
Vector v2(v);
Vector v3 = v;

```

← copy ctr is called

```

void foo(Vector lv) {
    lv.at(0) = 78;
}

```

← copy ctr is called

When else it will be called?

Aggregate initialization, for copy initialization of fields!

```

struct PairOfVectors {
    Vector v1;
    Vector v2;
};

```

```

Vector v1{8};
Vector v2{12};
PairOfVectors pv{v1, v2};

```

← copy ctr is called twice.

```

class Vector {
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public:
    Vector(size_t ic = 16):
        capacity_(ic),
        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}
    int& at(size_t idx) { return data_[idx]; }
    Vector(const Vector& other) { ... }
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};

```

```
Vector v{8};
```

```
Vector v2(v);
```



copy ctr

```
Vector v3 = v;
```



is called

```

void foo(Vector lv) {
    lv.at(0) = 78;
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```



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Vector bar() {
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    for (size_t i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        v.push(i);
    }
    return v;
}

```

What will be printed?

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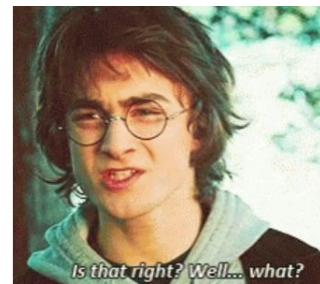
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Noinline doesn't help,  
result is the same.

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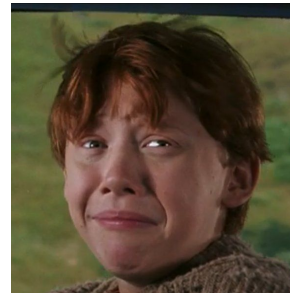
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```
__attribute__((noinline)) Vector bar2() {  
    return Vector{8};  
}
```

```
cout << bar2().at(0) << endl;
```

-----  
Expectation:

"vector copied"

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-----  
Reality (gcc 13.2.0):

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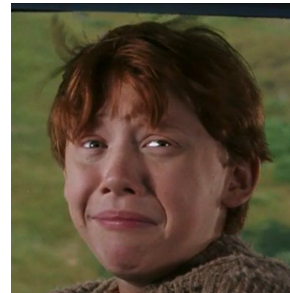
NRVO - **N**amed  
**R**eturn  
**V**alue  
**O**ptimization

If temporary object is returned,  
compiler **MUST** make an  
**optimization**: allocate memory for  
this object outside of the method  
and work with it in bar2.

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```
Vector bar3(int a) {  
    Vector v{8};  
    v.push(42);  
    if (a != 42) {  
        v.push(13);  
        return v;  
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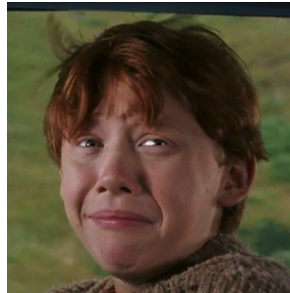
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Here compiler **failed** to prove that memory could be allocated outside, so, yes, copying is here.

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public:
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        data_(new int[capacity_]) {}
    int& at(size_t idx) { return data_[idx]; }
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Vector v{8};
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```

```

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                    is called
}

```

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Return values?

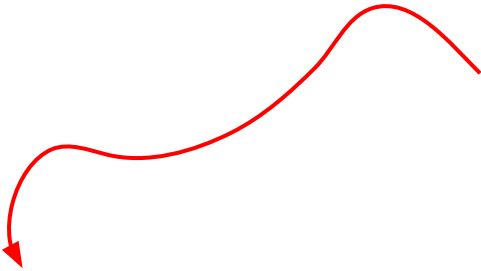
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**Be careful** with side effects  
in copy constructors!



```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

lp is initialized with  
copy initialization  
from the argument



```
void foo(Point lp) {  
    printf("%d %d\n", lp.x, lp.y);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    Point p{13, 42};  
    foo(p);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Previously we've said that all  
**raw memory** of all fields of p  
was just copied into lp (this  
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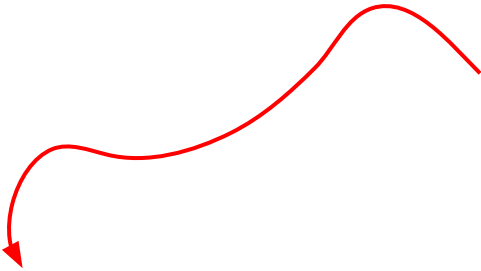


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In case of C++ it is not quite like that even if you do not have custom copy constructor.

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class Vector {
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    int* data_ ;

public:
    ...
    Vector(const Vector& other):
        size_(other.size_), cap_(other.cap_) {

        cout << "vector copied" << endl;
        data_ = new int[cap_];
        for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];
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};

void foo(PairOfVectors pv) {
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Copy constructor for  
PairOfVectors will be  
generated and it will init **v1**  
and **v2** with their copy ctrs.

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- Avoid **side effects** in them! RVO/NRVO can remove calls of such constructors.



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    Vector v2;  
    v2.push(42);  
  
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    std::cout << v1.at(0);  
    return 0;  
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The special method called **copy assignment operator** will be called here. It is somehow similar to copy constructor, but different, as we don't initialize here. 263

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    int* data_ ;  
public:  
    ...  
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    ...  
  
    ~Vector() { ... }  
};
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So, what we need to do:

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```

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    return 0;
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```

So, what we need to do:

- 1) take already created and initialized object v1
- 2) and change it to be **semantically the same** as another object v2

```
class Vector {  
    size_t size_ = 0;  
    size_t cap_ ;  
    int* data_ ;  
public:  
    ...  
    Vector(const Vector& other) ... { ... }  
  
    Vector& operator=(const Vector& other) {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    ~Vector() { ... }  
};
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Instead of "=" our custom method  
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        ...
    }

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```

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v1 will serve as *\*this* in it, v2 is an argument,

```

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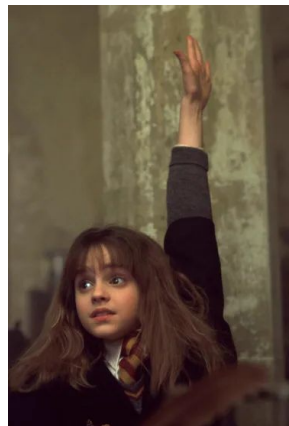
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```

the result of such expression is the destination (lhs after assignment)

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So, both `v1.data_` and `v2.data_` will point the same memory (and it will be **double freed** in their destructors after `return`)



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If you have at least  
**one of these three**:  
copy constructor, copy  
assignment operator or  
destructor =>

than you most probably  
need **all three** of them.

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# Takeaways

- Initialization in C++: default, value, direct, copy and aggregate.
- Member initializer list: use it, but be aware of pitfalls (fields initialization order)
- Copy constructors: implement for complex classes, be aware of side effects (RV0)
- Copy assignment operators and rule of 3.

## Not So Tiny Task №3 (1 point)



Improve solution from NSTT #1 by adding **copy constructors** and **copy assignment operators** where needed.

Also, use member initializers lists in constructors.

Don't forget to add tests that show that copy constructors and assign operators work correctly.