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1 // Lecture 51: Default and Deleted Functions
2 #include <iostream>
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4 // Integer class
5 class Integer {
6     int m_Value {}; // create this variable,
7     • initialise its value to 0.
8     // Recall that in C++11, if you declare any user
9     • defined constructors, the default constructor
10    • won't be created.
11    public:
12    // Integer() {
13    //     m_Value = 0;
14    // }
15    // If you comment out the constructor above, and
16    • try to build the code it will fail at the first
17    • line of main()– because a no argument
18    • constructor doesn't exist.
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20    // However, in C++11, you can request the compiler
21    • to generate a default implementation of some
22    • functions, so we can do that by writing the
23    • declaration of the constructor and using the
24    • keyword 'default', so I'm assigning default to
25    • the declaration of the integer constructor and
26    • the compiler will create a default
27    • implementation of this constructor without
28    • having to define it manually.
29    Integer() = default;
30    // Now our code builds fine.
31    // You can use the default keyword with only those
32    • functions that can be synthesised by the
33    • compiler, so that includes the destructor, copy
34    • constructor, and assignment operator.
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36    // It can be seen in assembly that the compiler
37    • has automatically created a definition for this
38    • integer.
39    Integer(int value) {
40        m_Value = value;
41    }
42    // in the same way we can ask the compiler to

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- create a default implementation of the copy
- constructor:

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24 Integer(const Integer &) = default;
25 //In our case, the compiler does it implicitly for
  • us. But in some cases this is required – so
  • we'll see those cases in subsequent sessions.
26 // The other important keyword is in fact the
  • 'delete' keyword: in the context of the classes.
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28 // Imagine that we don't want to create the copy
  • of the integer object. If we try to create a
  • copy of i1 for example, this should NOT be
  • allowed. So even if we remove this, the compiler
  • is anyway going to synthesise the above code
  • line instead.
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30 // To tell the compiler not to synthesise the copy
  • constructor, we use the word 'delete'. This
  • tells the compiler to not to synthesise the copy
  • ctor.
31 Integer(const Integer &) = delete;
32 // If we try to build this code now, it gives an
  • error: Attempting to reference a deleted
  • function...
33 //If we want to prevent copying of this object
  • then we should also mark the assignment operator
  • as deleted.
34 // Unlike default, delete can be used on any kind
  • of function.
35 void SetValue(int value){
36     m_value = value;
37 }
38 // To prevent the callers from passing float
  • values to SetValue(), we can declare a function
  • SetValue() with float type as an argument and
  • assign 'delete' to it.
39 void SetValue(float) = delete;
40 };
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42 int main() {
43     Integer i1; // default constructor invoked
44     Integer i2(5); // parameterised constructor invoked

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45     i1.SetValue(5);
46     // Some users can also pass a float value to the
    •     function without compiler errors (may have
    •     compiler warning)
47     i1.SetValue(2.5f);
48     // To prevent the callers from passing float
    •     values to SetValue(), we can declare a function
    •     SetValue() with float type as an argument and
    •     assign 'delete' to it.
49     // After doing this, the code will not compile,
    •     because the compiler will now match this call to
    •     a function SetValue() that accepts a float but
    •     since that has been marked as delete, it cannot
    •     be invoked.
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51     return 0;
52 }
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