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1 // Lecture 50: Delegating Constructors
2 class Car {
3     private: // this is optional.
4         float fuel{ 0 }; // Lecture 44 – Non-static
5         • Variables initialisers
6         float speed{ 0 };
7         int passengers{ 0 };
8         int arr[5] = { 1,2,3 };
9         char *p{}; // p will be default NULL.
10    public:
11        Car();
12        Car(float fuel);
13        Car(float fuel, int passengers);
14        ~Car();
15    //
16    };
17    Car::Car(){
18        fuel = 0; speed = 0; passengers = 0;
19    }
20    Car::Car(float fuel){
21        speed = 0; this->fuel = fuel; passengers = 0;
22    }
23    Car::Car(float fuel, int passengers)
24    {
25        speed = 0; this->fuel = fuel; this->passengers =
26        • passengers;
27    }
28    // Notice that, the same code is repeated in different
29    • constructors. This is a source of bugs, because it
30    • is possible that in one of the constructors, the
31    • initialisation may be skipped or it may be incorrect.
32    // So we'll apply the delegating constructors concept
33    • of C++11 here:
34    // the common initialisation code will be kept in the
35    • most elaborate constructor.
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37    // So consider the following implementation:
38    // Constructor 1
39    Car::Car():Car(0){
40        std::cout << "ctor1"<< std::endl;

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36     }
37     // Constructor 2
38     Car::Car(float fuel):Car(fuel, 0){
39         std::cout << "ctor2" << std::endl;
40     }
41     // Constructor 3
42     Car::Car(float fuel, int passengers)
43     {
44         speed = 0; this->fuel = fuel; this->passengers =
        • passengers;
45         std::cout << "ctor3" << std::endl;
46     }
47     // In the following implementation, ctor 1 delegates
        • to ctor2, and ctor2 delegates to ctor3.
48     // When we call the default ctor (ctor1), what happens
        • is that ctor2 will be invoked, which will inturn
        • invoke ctor3.
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50     // Labelling all the constructors as such, the program
        • will hit line 34, and will go to line 38, and will
        • go line 42, which will execute lines 43 to 46, and
        • then it will go back to execute lines 39 to 40, and
        • then execute lines 35 to 36.
51     // When the program sees a call to the other
        • constructor, it will JUMP to the next constructor.
52     // Like recursion lol.
53     // This is why the initialisation code should always
        • be kept in a single constructor.
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