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1  // Lecture 70: Initialisation vs Assignment
2  // This will help you decide which one to use and in
   • previous videos we've already seen a little bit
   • about initialisation and assignment.
3  // In the below example:
4  int main(){
5      Integer a = 5; // Initialisation
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7      a = 6; // Assignment
8  }
9  // What if we prefer initialisation? We are
   • initialising the object a with some value: so
10 int main(){
11     Integer a1 = 5; // Initialisation
12     Integer a2 {6}; // Initialisation
13 }
14 // It invokes the constructor at the point of the code
   • at which it is invoked, and it is destroyed at the
   • end of the scope. And that's why we see the
   • destructor call.
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16 // Compare the above to this:
17 int main(){
18     Integer a1; // create an instance first.
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20     a1 = 5; // Assign it a value
21 }
22 // When you build this and run, you'll see the
   • following output:
23 // A constructor call.
24 // Then you also see a parameterised constructor call:
25 // the parameterised constructor call is for the
   • temporary object that gets created on the right hand
   • side of the assignment: more specifically:
26 a1 = Integer(5);
27 // Since Integer(5) is a temporary, the next call is
   • the move assignment operator.
28 // After the assignment is done, then you see the
   • destructor.
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30 // So obviously assignment requires more function
   • calls initialisation. This is why you should always

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- prefer initialisation over assignment.

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32 // Consider a class called product
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34 class Product{
35     Integer m_Id;
36 public:
37     Product (const Integer &id){
38         std::cout << "Product(const Integer &)" <<
        •         std::endl;
39         m_Id = id;
40     }
41     // Create a destructor
42     ~Product(){
43         std::cout << "~Product()" << std::endl;
44     }
45 };
46 int main(){
47     Product p(5);
48 }
49 /* Let's refer to the output:
50 1. Integer(int) --> parameterised call of the Integer
    • object because the 5 gets converted into an Integer
    • object. Done automatically by the compiler.
51 2. Default call to the constructor of Integer – that
    • is because we are default constructing the m_Id
    • Integer.
52 3. Product(const Integer &) --> constructor for product
53 4. Copy Assignment constructor --> We are using
    • assignment here to initialise the Integer object.
54 */
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57 // How do we use initialisation instead of assignment?
    • That would be possible by initialising the Integer
    • object in a list called as member initialiser list.
    • It is a list that occurs immediately after the
    • constructor.
58 class Product{
59     Integer m_Id;
60 public:
61     Product(const Integer &id): m_Id(id){

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62         // the assignment here is no longer required.
63     }; // When the compiler sees this, it will first
        •   construct the m_Id Integer object and initialise
        •   it with this value that you have passed into the
        •   constructor, and then it'll create the enclosing
        •   Product object.
64     // Always use the member initialiser list to
        •   initialise the members of your class. You can
        •   use the initialiser list for initialising any
        •   kind of type (primitive types too), and you can
        •   initialise it in any order. they are initialised
        •   in the order in which they are declared.
65 };
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