

Constructors of Class



Review: Class and Object

We have made an object of the class with the following code.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

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student s1 = new student();
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This looks like a function Call.

```
class student
{
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   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

Whenever we create an object with class name and parenthesis, a function is automatically called.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

We have not made the function, but C# creates one by default that reserves the memory in heap and sets attributes to the default values.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

What will be the Output if the following lines are executed?

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s1.matricMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.fscMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.ecatMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.aggregate);
Console.Read();
```

Output is:

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
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```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s1.matricMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.fscMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.ecatMarks);
Console.WriteLine(s1.aggregate);
Console.Read();
```

The Constructor that was called is known as Default Constructor because it is called by default.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

We can also choose which default values we want to give to the attributes.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

For that we have to specifically write the default constructor in the class.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

To create a default constructor, we use the same name as the class, followed by parentheses ()

```
class student
  public student()
  public string sname;
  public float matricMarks;
  public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
  public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

The constructor has the same name as the class, it is always public, and it does not have any return type.

```
class student
  public student()
  public string sname;
  public float matricMarks;
  public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
  public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
```

Following code prints on the console "Default Constructor Called" because the constructor student() is automatically called.

```
class student
  public student()
    Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor Called");
  public string sname;
  public float matricMarks;
  public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
  public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Read();
```

Following code prints on the console "Default Constructor Called" because the constructor student() is automatically called.

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class student
  public student()
    Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor Called");
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Read();
```

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Default Constructor Called

Now, We can use the constructor function to initialize any attributes of the class for the instance that is being created.

```
class student
  public student()
    Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor Called");
  public string sname;
  public float matricMarks;
  public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
  public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Read();
```

It means whenever the object is created its sname will be set to "Jill".

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Read();
```

We can check it by printing the value on the screen. The Console. Write() statement will print Jill on the screen.

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Write(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

We can check it by printing the value on the screen. The Console. Write() statement will print Jill on the screen.

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.Write(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
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Jill
```

This will initialize sname as Jill for all objects that we will create.

```
class student
  public student()
    sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

What if we want to initialize different name using the same constructor?

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

We can create constructors that can have different parameters.

```
class student
  public student()
    sname = "Jill";
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
  public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

We can create constructors that can have different parameters. For example, the following constructor takes name as parameter.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

We can create constructors that can have different parameters. For example, the following constructor takes name as parameter.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student("John");
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

We can create constructors that can have different parameters. For example, the following constructor takes name as parameter.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student("John");
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
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John
Jack
```

Now, we need to pass name as argument, otherwise we will not be able to create the object of the class.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student("John");
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
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John

Jack
```

Following code contains an error because we are trying to create an object with default constructor that does not exist any more.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Now we can only create an object of the class by passing a name to the constructor.

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student("John");
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
class student
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n)
     sname = n;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
student s2 = new student("Jack");
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

```
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Jill
Jack
```

Constructor with any No. of Parameters

We can extend the constructor so it can take any number of parameters.

```
class student
   public student()
      sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n, float m)
     sname = n;
     matricMarks = m;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

Constructor with any No. of Parameters

This constructor is expecting two arguments to be passed when object is created otherwise it will give an error message.

```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n, float m)
     sname = n;
     matricMarks = m;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

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```
class student
  public student()
     sname = "Jill";
  public student(string n, float m)
     sname = n;
     matricMarks = m;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student("Jack", 3F);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s1.matricMarks);
Console.Read();
```

Copy Constructor

Right now, we are initializing the attributes of an object using the Constructor (Default or Parameterized). There is another Constructor called Copy Constructor that creates a new object (separate memory on heap) by copying variables from another object.

Heap

Suppose, we copy s1 into s2 like this.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123

sname	Jack
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Heap

Suppose, we copy s1 into s2 like this.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
Student s2 = s1;
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

sname	Jack
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Heap

Suppose, we copy s1 into s2 like this.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

student s1 = new student();	
s1.sname = "Jack";	
Student s2 = s1;	
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);	
Console.Read();	

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

sname	Jack
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	



Heap

Suppose, we copy s1 into s2 like this.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

sname	Jill
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Heap

Suppose, we copy s1 into s2 like this.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

student s1 = new student();	
s1.sname = "Jack";	
Student s2 = s1;	
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);	
s.sname = "Jill";	
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);	
Console.Read();	

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

A123

sname	Jill
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Jack Jill

Heap

It means this is a Shallow Copy pointing to the same location.

". A123

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

student s1 = new student();		
s1.sname = "Jack";		
Student s2 = s1;		
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);		
s2.sname = "Jill";		
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);		
Console.Read();		

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

sname	Jill
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Jack Jill

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Heap

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1:
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A140

A123

sname matricMarks fscMarks ecatMarks aggregate

A140

sname

matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Heap

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1:
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A140

A	1	40

sname	Α
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

sname	В
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

Heap

sname	A
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

A123

sname	В
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.Read();
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

Heap

sname	С
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

A	1	40	

sname	В
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Heap

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

Console.Read();

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
```

Stack

s1	A123	
s2	A123	A14

A123

This will print C on Console

sname	С
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
_	

sname

agareaate

Heap

A123

A140

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

Console.Read();

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
```

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

Now, the reference to A140 memory is lost

sname	С
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

В

Heap

Let's solve a working Example First.

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

Console.Read();

```
student s1 = new student();
student s2 = new student();
s1.sname = "A";
s2.sname = "B";
s2 = s1;
s2.sname = "C";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
```

Stack

s1	A123	
s2	A123	A140

A123

Garbage Collector is a program that automatically runs and free the memory of the object that cannot be referenced.

sname	С
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
nnareante	

sname

Coming Back: Why we need Copy Constructor?

Heap

We want to create two separate objects; but in this way, new object is not created. So what to Do?

```
class student
{
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
}
```

<pre>student s1 = new student();</pre>		
s1.sname = "Jack";		
Student s2 = s1;		
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);		
s2.sname = "Jill";		
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);		
<pre>Console.Read();</pre>		

Stack

s1	A123
s2	A123

A123

sname	Jill
matricMarks	
fscMarks	
ecatMarks	
aggregate	

Jack Jill

```
class student
  public student()
     Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor");
  public student(student s)
                                      //Copy Constructor
     sname = s.sname;
     matricMarks = s.matricMarks;
     fscMarks = s.fscMarks;
     ecatMarks = s.ecatMarks;
     aggregate = s.aggregate;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
class student
   public student()
     Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor");
   public student(student s)
                                       //Copy Constructor
      sname = s.sname;
     matricMarks = s.matricMarks;
     fscMarks = s.fscMarks;
     ecatMarks = s.ecatMarks;
     aggregate = s.aggregate;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
student s2 = new student(s1);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
```

```
class student
   public student()
     Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor");
   public student(student s)
                                       //Copy Constructor
      sname = s.sname;
     matricMarks = s.matricMarks;
     fscMarks = s.fscMarks;
     ecatMarks = s.ecatMarks;
     aggregate = s.aggregate;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
student s2 = new student(s1);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
```

```
Default Constructor
Jack
Jack
```

```
class student
   public student()
     Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor");
   public student(student s)
                                        //Copy Constructor
     sname = s.sname;
     matricMarks = s.matricMarks;
     fscMarks = s.fscMarks;
     ecatMarks = s.ecatMarks;
     aggregate = s.aggregate;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
student s2 = new student(s1);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
s1 = "Jill";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
```

```
class student
   public student()
     Console.WriteLine("Default Constructor");
   public student(student s)
                                       //Copy Constructor
     sname = s.sname;
     matricMarks = s.matricMarks;
     fscMarks = s.fscMarks;
     ecatMarks = s.ecatMarks;
     aggregate = s.aggregate;
   public string sname;
   public float matricMarks;
   public float fscMarks;
   public float ecatMarks;
   public float aggregate;
```

```
student s1 = new student();
s1.sname = "Jack";
student s2 = new student(s1);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s2.sname);
s1 = "Jill";
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
Console.WriteLine(s1.sname);
```

```
Default Constructor
Jack
Jack
Jill
Jack
```

Important thing to note is that copy constructor makes a new object in the memory, therefore separate memory is allocated to the new object.

This is what we call a Deep Copy.

Do not make the copies of the object unless it is highly needed.

Heap

Stack

Stack

Stack

sname

matricMarks

fscMarks

ecatMarks

aggregate

s2

A140

A140

ecatMarks
aggregate

sname
matricMarks
fscMarks
ecatMarks
aggregate

Conclusion

- Whenever we create an object of a class a constructor function is called automatically.
- Constructor function without any parameters is called default constructor.
- To create a default constructor, we use the same name as the class, followed by parentheses ()
- The constructor has the same name as the class, it is always public, and it does not have any return type.
- We can also pass multiple parameters to a constructor when an object is being created.
- Copy Constructor copies the data of one object into another object

Learning Objective

Explain Role of the Constructors and Memory Representation of the objects.



Self Assessment: Class and Objects

- 1. Make following Class in C# for Circle.
 - Two data members:
- 1. radius (of the type double)
- 2. color (of the type String).
 - Make Three constructors:
- 1. One with default constructor with default value of 1.0 and "red", respectively.
- 2. One Constructor that takes only the radius as parameter
- 3. And Another constructor which takes radius and color.
 - Make a Copy Constructor to make a deep copy

