

Programs for topic: smart pointers

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Unique pointers

Program:

```
// ===== Unique pointer =====

#include <iostream>
#include <memory>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "===== " << endl;
    unique_ptr<int> ptr1 {new int(56)};
    cout << *ptr1 << endl;
    cout << "===== " << endl;
    unique_ptr<int> ptr2;
    // ptr2 = ptr1; // copying not allowed with unique pointer
    ptr2 = move(ptr1); // moving
    cout << *ptr2 << endl;
    cout << "===== " << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Result:

```
=====
56
=====
56
=====
```

Shared pointers

Program:

```
// ===== Shared pointer =====

#include <iostream>
#include <memory>

using namespace std;

int main()
{

    shared_ptr<int> ptr1 {new int(56)};
    cout << *ptr1 << endl;

    shared_ptr<int> ptr2 {ptr1};
    cout << *ptr2 << endl;

    shared_ptr<int> ptr3;
    ptr3 = ptr2;
    cout << *ptr3 << endl;

    cout << "======" << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr1.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr2.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr3.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "======" << endl;
    ptr2.reset();
    cout << "use count " << ptr1.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr2.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr3.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "======" << endl;
    ptr3.reset();
    cout << "use count " << ptr1.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "use count " << ptr2.use_count() << endl;
```

```

    cout << "use count " << ptr3.use_count() << endl;
    cout << "===== " << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

Result:

```

56
56
56
=====
use count 3
use count 3
use count 3
=====
use count 2
use count 0
use count 2
=====
use count 1
use count 0
use count 0
=====

```

shared pointer drawback with circular reference

Program:

```

// == shared pointer drawback with circular reference ==

#include <iostream>
#include <memory>

using namespace std;

class B;
class A{
    shared_ptr<B> b_ptr;
public:
    void set_B(std::shared_ptr<B> &b){
        cout << "set B" << endl;
        b_ptr = b;
    }
    A(){ cout << "A constructor" << endl; }
}

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        ~A(){ cout << "A destructor" << endl; }
};

class B{
    shared_ptr<A> a_ptr;
public:
    void set_A(std::shared_ptr<A> &a){
        cout << "set A" << endl;
        a_ptr = a;
    }
    B(){ cout << "B constructor" << endl; }
    ~B(){ cout << "B destructor" << endl; }
};

int main()
{
    cout << "=====" << endl;
    shared_ptr<A> ptr1 = make_shared<A>();
    shared_ptr<B> ptr2 = make_shared<B>();
    cout << "=====" << endl;
    ptr1-> set_B(ptr2);
    ptr2-> set_A(ptr1);
    cout << "=====" << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

Result:

```

=====
A constructor
B constructor
=====
set B
set A
=====

```

weak pointer with circular reference

program:

```

// == weak pointer with circular reference ==

#include <iostream>
#include <memory>

using namespace std;

```

```

class B;
class A{
    shared_ptr<B> b_ptr;
public:
    void set_B(std::shared_ptr<B> &b){
        cout << "set B" << endl;
        b_ptr = b;
    }
    A(){ cout << "A constructor" << endl; }
    ~A(){ cout << "A destructor" << endl; }
};

class B{
    weak_ptr<A> a_ptr;
public:
    void set_A(std::shared_ptr<A> &a){
        cout << "set A" << endl;
        a_ptr = a;
    }
    B(){ cout << "B constructor" << endl; }
    ~B(){ cout << "B destructor" << endl; }
};

int main()
{
    cout << "=====" << endl;
    shared_ptr<A> ptr1 = make_shared<A>();
    shared_ptr<B> ptr2 = make_shared<B>();
    cout << "=====" << endl;
    ptr1-> set_B(ptr2);
    ptr2-> set_A(ptr1);
    cout << "=====" << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

Result:

```

=====
A constructor
B constructor
=====
set B
set A
=====
A destructor
B destructor

```