

# Ch : 2

Class and Objects,  
Constructors and Destructors

# C Structures :

- Structures allows us to create complex user defined data type that can represent an entity with different other data types.
- After declaring the structure, you can create variables of your structure to use it.
- Example, struct book

```
{  
    int book_id;  
    char name[20];  
    float price;  
}
```

# Limitations of Structure :

- You can perform all the normal operations on the structure members but you cannot treat structure variables as normal variables

- struct number

```
{
```

```
    int a;
```

```
    float b;
```

```
};
```

```
struct number n1,n2,n3;
```

```
    n1=n2+n3;
```

# Specifying Class :

- We can create a class by declaring its member variables and member functions
- The member functions have to be defined after declaration
- The class is also known as Abstract Data Type (ADT) because you will create its variables(objects) similar to other data types after creating class
- Class specification includes class declaration and member function definition

# Cont...

Class class\_nm

{

private:

datatype var1;

datatype var2;

.....

returntype fun\_nm(args);

returntype fun\_nm(args);

.....

public:

datatype var1;

datatype var2;

.....

returntype fun\_nm(args);

returntype fun\_nm(args);

.....

};

# Example :

Class student

```
{  
    int roll_no;  
    char name[20];  
    float per;  
    public:  
        void input();  
        void display();  
};
```

# Defining member functions :

- We have to define each member functions declared in class
- The functions can be defined at two types :
  - Inside the class
  - Outside the class
- Wherever we define, it will work same way, it will not make any differences on working of functions

# Defining member function inside the class :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class book
{
    int id;
    char nm[20];
    float price;
    public:
        void input()
        {
            cout<<"enter book id";
            cin>>id;
            cout<<"enter book name";

            cin>>nm;
            cout<<"enter book price";
            cin>>price;
        }
        void display()
        {
            cout<<"book details";
            cout<<"book id"<<id;
            cout<<"book name"<<nm;
            cout<<"book price"<<price;
        }
};
```



# Cont...

```
int main()
{
    clrscr();
    book b;
    b.input();
    b.display();
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

# Defining member function outside the class :

- If we want, we can define function outside the class if we do not want to make it inside.
- Inside the class, we need to place only prototypes and outside the class, the functions are defined
- Syntax :

```
return_type class_name :: function_nm(args)
{
    function body
}
```

The scope resolution operator (::) is used to specify that the function is member of the class specified by class\_name

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
class Example
{
    public:
        void print();

};
void Example :: print()
{
    cout<<"hello";
}
```

```
int main()
{
    clrscr():
    Example e;
    e.print();
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

# Making Outside Function Inline :

- We can also make a function inline, defined outside the class by using the keyword inline.

- Here is an example,

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class demoinline
```

```
{
```

```
    int a;
```

```
    public:
```

```
        void getdata(int n);
```

```
        void show();
```

```
};
```

```
Inline void demoinline :: getdata(int n)
```

```
{
```

```
    a=n;
```

```
}
```

```
Inline void demoinline :: show()
```

```
{
```

```
    cout<<"value of a="<<a;
```

```
}
```

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    clrscr();
```

```
    demoinline obj;
```

```
    obj.getdata(10);
```

```
    obj.show();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

# Nesting Of Member Functions :

- If a member function calls another member function of its class, it is known as nesting of member functions
- When a function calls another member function of its own class, it does not need to use dot( . ) operator to call it.
- Here is an example,
- `Obj.funmn()`

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class number
{
    public:
        int a;
        void get();
        int square(int a);
        void display(a);
};
Void number::get()
{
    cout<<"Enter number";
    cin>>a;
}
```

```
Int number::square (int a)
{
    return a*a;
}
Void number::display()
{
    int s = square(a);
    cout<<"Square :"<<s;
}
Void main()
{
    number n;
    n.get();
    n.square(a);
    n.display();
    getch();
}
```

# Array Within A Class :

- We can also use array as member variable of a class
- For example,
- If we need to have a group of variables as member such as marks of students, sales of months etc
- We can have array as member variable
- Here is an example,

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class student
```

```
{
```

```
    int id;
```

```
    char name[10];
```

```
    int marks[3];
```

```
    float per;
```

```
};
```

```
public:
```

```
    void getdata();
```

```
    void calculate();
```

```
    void display();
```



```
Void student :: getdata()
{
    cout<<"Enter Rollno";
    cin>>id;
    cout<<"Enter student name";    }
    cin>>name;
    cout<<"Enter marks of 3
    subjects";
```

```
for(int i=0;i<3;i++)
{
    cin>>marks[i];
}
```

```
Void student :: calculate()
{
    int total=0;
    for(int i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        total= total+masks[i];
    }
    per=total/3;
}
```

```
Void student :: display()
{
    cout<<"Student
information";
    cout<<"id ="<<id;
    cout<<"name ="<<name;
    cout<<"Percentage="<<per;
}
```

```
Void main()
{
    clrscr();
    student s;
    s.getdata();
    s.calculate();
    s.display();
    getch();
}
```

# Memory Allocation Of Objects :

- When object of the class is created, memory is allocated to the object according to the member variables of the class
- But the memory space for the member function is allocated when they are defined
- So the complete memory allocation is done when an object is created
- Individual memory is allocated for each object created
- But the common memory is allocated for the member function, no separate memory space is allocated for functions

# Cont..

Member Function 1
Member Function 2
Member Function N

Common Memory allocated  
for all objects when  
functions are defined

Member Function 1
Member Function 2
Member Function N

**Object1**

Member Function 1
Member Function 2
Member Function N

**Object2**

Member Function 1
Member Function 2
Member Function N

**Object3**

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class test
```

```
{
```

```
    int a,b;    //4
```

```
    char c[10]; //10
```

```
    float d;    //4
```

```
};
```

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    clrscr();
```

```
    test t;
```

```
    cout<<"Size of t"<<sizeof(t);
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

```
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```

# Static Data Member :

- We can have variables or functions as static in our class
- Some properties of static member variables:
  - It is automatically initialized to 0 when an object is created first time
  - It cannot be initialized explicitly
  - **The value of static variable remains same for all objects**
  - It can be accessed only within the class
  - It cannot be destroyed during the program

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class staticex
{
    int a;
    static int b;    //0
    public:
        void getval(int x)
        {
            a=x;
            b++;    //2
            cout<<a;
        }
}
```

```
void getstatic()
{
    cout<<b; //2
}

};
Int staticex :: b;
Void main()
{
    staticex e1,e2;
    cout<<"static value for s1";
    s1.getstatic();    0
    cout<<"static value for s2";
    s2.getstatic();    0
}
```



# Cont...

```
cout<<"value for s1";  
s1.getval(111);  
cout<<"value for s2";  
s2.getval(222);  
cout<<"static value for s1";  
s1.getstatic();  
cout<<"static value for s2";  
s2.getstatic();  
getch();
```

```
}
```

- Static members are stored separately unlike normal variables, so

Int staticex :: b;

Is necessary.

# Static Member Function :

- We can also create static member functions like member variables
- Some characteristics of it :
  - In static function, we can only use other static member variables
  - Static member functions generates same output irrespective of objects
  - It can be called by the class name using scope resolution operator instead of dot operator
  - Syntax:
    - `class_nm :: static_member_function();`

# Example:

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class number
{
    int a;
    static int count;
    public:
    void shownum()
    {
        count++;           //3
        a=count;
        cout<<a;           //3

        static void showcount()
        {
            cout<<count;    //3
        }
    }
};
```

```
Int number :: count;
Void main()
{
    number n1,n2,n3;
    number :: showcount();    0
    n1.shownum();             1
    n2.shownum();             2
    n3.shownum();             3
    number::showcount();      3
    number::showcount();      3
    number::showcount();      3
    getch();
}
```

# Array Of Objects :

- Like any other normal variables, you can also create an array of objects for class
- For ex,
- If you have created a class student, you can create an array of student objects to represent 50 students
- For ex,
- `student s[50];`
- Now to access the member function of the class, you can use array index as:
- `s[5].display();`
- `s[10].getdata();`

# Cont...

- or we can use loop

```
For(int i=0; i<60; i++)  
{  
    s[i].getdata();  
    s[i].display();  
}
```

```
s[0].getdata();  
s[0].display();
```

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class book
{
    int id;
    char name[10];
    float price;
Public:
    void input()
    {
        cout<<"Enter book id";
        cin>>id;
        cout<<"Enter book name";
        cin>>name;
    }

    void show()
    {
        cout<<"Enter book price";
        cin>>price;

        cout<<"Book id is"<<id<<endl;
        cout<<"Book name is"<<name<<endl;
        cout<<"Book price is"<<price;
    }
};
```

# Cont...

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    book b[3];
```

```
    for(int i=0;i<3;i++)
```

```
    {
```

```
        b[i].input();
```

```
    }
```

```
    cout<<"Book information";
```

```
for(i=0;i<3;i++)
```

```
{
```

```
    b[i].show();
```

```
}
```

```
getch();
```

```
}
```

# Object As Function Arguments :

- We know that, member functions can have arguments, just like any other normal variables, we can also pass objects as function arguments
- As the objects are of type **class**, we have to specify the class name as the type of object arguments **student s;**
- The concept, call by value and call by reference applies to the function having object as arguments
- If you pass address of the object to the function, is call by reference, so any changes made on the object will also affect the object values



# Cont...

- But if you pass object normally, it is call by value. So any changes made on the object will not reflect to the original object
- Here is an example,

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class numbers
{
    int a,b;
Public:
    void input(int x,int y)
    {
        a=x;    100    10
        b=y;    200    20
    }
};
```

```
void sum(numbers n1, numbers
n2)
{
    a=n1.a+n2.a;
    b=n1.b+n2.b;
}
void output()
{
    cout<<a<<b;
}
};
```

# Cont...

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    numbers n1,n2,n3;
```

```
    n1.input(100,200);
```

```
    n2.input(10,20);
```

```
    n3.sum(n1,n2);
```

```
    n1.output();
```

```
    n2.output();
```

```
    n3.output();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

# Friend Function :

- Normally, the private members cannot be accessed by external functions
- Means a function which is not a member function of the class cannot have access to the private members of the class
- C++ introduces a kind of functions known as friend functions which behaves like friend of the class
- The friend functions have access to the private members of the class
- You can define a function friendly to one or more classes allowing the function to access the public as well as private members of all the classes to which it is declared as friend

# Cont...

- To declare a friend function, **friend** keyword is used. Following is the general form :

Class Test

```
{  
    private:  
        member variables...  
    public:  
        member functions....  
        friend void abc(args); //friend function declaration  
};
```

# Cont...

- To understand friend function more clearly,
- The friend function can be declared in either public or private section of class.
- The friend function is not in the scope of the class in which is declared
- It is declared inside the class definition but it must be defined outside the class without using ::
- It is called without using object. Like, **test()**;
- It will need object to access the member variables. It cannot access member variables directly like other member functions
- Generally it takes objects as arguments so that it can access member variables of the class using the object

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class friendex
{
    int a,b;
Public:
    void setvalue(int x, int y)
    {
        a=x;
        b=y;
    }
    void display()
    {
        cout<<a<<endl<<b;
    }
}
```

```
friend void sum(friendex f);
};

void sum(friendex f)
{
    int s=f.a+f.b;
    cout<<"sum="<<s;
}

Void main()
{
    friendex f;
    f.setvalue(100,200);
    f.display();
    sum(f);
    getch();
}
```

# Returning Objects :

- As a member function can take objects as arguments, a function can also return objects
- As any other normal data types, a function can also return objects
- A function should specify the class name as the return type
- Consider the example :



# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class time
{
    int h,m;
    public:
    void settime(int hrs, int mnt)
    {
        h=hrs;
        m=mnt;
    }
```

```
void display()
{
    cout<<"Hours"<<h;
    cout<<"Min"<<m;
}
friend time add(time t1, time t2);
};
Time add(time t1, time t2)
{
    time t;
    t.m=t1.m+t2.m;
    t.h=t.m/60;
```

```
        t.m=t.m%60;
        t.h=t.h+t1.h+t2.h;
        return t;
    }
Void main()
{
    time t1,t2,t3;
    t1.settime(1,30);
    t2.settime(2,40);
    t3=add(t1,t2);
```

```
        t1.display();
        t2.display();
        t3.display();
        getch();
    }
```

# Const Member Function :

- We can specify a member function by const keyword if you do not want to allow the function to modify any member variables
- A member function can be declared as const by simply adding const keyword after the function name in function declaration as well as function definition
- `void test (int a, int b) const;                      //declaration`
- `void test(int a, int b) const                      //definition`  
`{`  
`//code`  
`}`

Now if you try to change the member variables in this function, you will get error message

# Pointer To Members :

- Like normal variables, you can also create pointer to member variables also
- For normal variables, you can create pointer using \* operator and the address of a variable can be obtained by applying & operator
- In case of member variables, you can create pointer using ::\* operator and the address of a variable can be got using & operator after the var name followed by class name and ::
- For example,
- `int a =10;`
- `int *p=&a;`

# Cont...

- Same way,

Class test

```
{  
    int a;  
    .....  
    .....  
};
```

Pointer can be created by :

```
int *p=&a;
```

```
int test ::*p=&test::a;
```

## Cont...

- If you have created pointer to object, you can access the member by using arrow sign instead of dot
- test t;

**Test \*p=&t;**

To access variable using t,

t.a=10;

To access variable using p,

T->a=10;

# Example :

Class pointer

```
{
    int a,b;
    public:
    void set(int p,int q)
    {
        a=p;        //50
        b=q;        //20
    }
    void display()
    {
        cout<<a<<endl<<b;
    }
    friend void add(pointer p);
    friend void sub(pointer p);
};
```

void add(pointer p)

```
{
    int pointer::*p1=&pointer::a;    //int *p1=&a;
    int pointer::*p2=&pointer::b;    //int *p2=&b;
    int s=p.*p1 + p.*p2;
    cout<<"Addition is"<<s;
}
```

Void sub(pointer p)

```
{
    int pointer::*p1=&pointer::a;
    int pointer::*p2=&pointer::b;
    pointer *ptr=&p;
    int s=ptr->*p1 - ptr->*p2;
    cout<<"Substration is"<<s;
}
```

# Cont....

```
Void main()                                getch();
{                                           }
    clrscr();
    pointer p;
    p.set(50,20);
    void(pointer
::*disp())=&pointer::display;
    add(p);
    sub(p);
```



# Local Class :

- We can create a class inside a function definition
- These types of classes are known as local classes
- For example, consider this :

```
Void abc()  
{  
    class test    //local class  
    {  
        //class definition  
    };  
}
```

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class test
{
    public:
    void demo();
};
```

```
Void test :: demo()
{
```

```
class xyz
{
    public:
    void show()
    {
        cout<<"This is show";
    }
};

Cout<<"calling function";
Xyz x;
x.show();
}
```

# Cont...

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    clrscr();
```

```
    test t;
```

```
    t.demo();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

# Nested Classes :

- We can create nested class by defining class inside the another class
- The class defined inside the class is known as the inner class and the class in which a class defined is known as outer class

Class outclass

```
{  
    class innerclass  
    {  
        //code  
    };  
};
```

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class outer
```

```
{
```

```
    public:
```

```
    class inner
```

```
    {
```

```
    public:
```

```
    void showwinner()
```

```
    {
```

```
    cout<<"inner";
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
void showouter()
```

```
{
```

```
cout<<"outer";
```

```
inner I;
```

```
I.showwinner();
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    outer o1;
```

```
    o1.showouter();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

# Constructors :

- Normally, functions like `getdata()`, `input()`, `setvalues()` are used to give values to member variables for particular objects
- In fact, in OOP, the task of initializing member variable is done by constructors.
- That is member variables can be initialized using constructors
- Constructor is a type of function that is used to construct the object of its class
- Its main task is to initialize member variables of its class so that after creating objects, you do not need to call functions mentioned above

# Cont....

- Constructor is a type of member function which initialize the objects of its class
- We have mentioned the constructor as a special member function because its name is same as its class name
- You cannot give any other name to the constructors
- General form of constructor:

Class **sample**

```
{  
    int a,b;  
    public:  
    sample()  
    {  
        a=0;  
        b=0;  
    }  
};
```

## Cont....

- Points to remember about constructors :
- Constructors are special member functions
- It has the same name as class name
- It cannot have return type, NOT EVEN VOID
- It is automatically called, we do not need to call
- **The constructor is called when the object of its class is created**
- i.e. it is implicitly called
- Constructors should be declared in public section, otherwise it cannot be accessed



# Cont...

- Constructors can have default arguments
- Constructors make automatically call to **new** and **delete** for memory allocation and deallocation
- Types of Constructors:
- There are 3 types of constructors in C++ as below:
- Default Constructors (with 0 parameters)
- Parameterized Constructors (with one or more parameters)
- Copy Constructors ( with objects as parameters)

# Example : (Default)

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class test
```

```
{
```

```
    int a,b;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    test()
```

```
    {
```

```
        a=0;
```

```
        b=0;
```

```
    }
```

```
    void show()
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout<<"a="<<a<<endl;
```

```
        cout<<"b="<<b;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    clrscr();
```

```
    test t;
```

```
    t.show();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

# Parameterized Constructors :

- We can pass arguments to the constructors to initialize its objects with some specified values
- The constructors that take one or more arguments is known as parameterized constructor
- Example : class test

```
{  
    int a,b;  
    public:  
    test(int a1, int b1)  
    {  
        a=a1;  
        b=b1;  
    }  
};
```

## Cont....

- Constructor is called when you create object of the class
- So you have to pass parameters to constructor at the time of creating object
- The parameterized constructors can be called by two ways:
- By making explicit call to constructor like: `test t1=test(100,200);`
- By making implicit call like : **`test t1(100,200);`**

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class test
{
    int a,b;
    public:
    test(int x, int y)
    {
        a=x;
        b=y;
    }
    void show()
    {
        cout<<a<<endl<<b;
    }
};
```

```
Void main()
{
    clrscr();
    test t1=test(10,20);
    t1.show();
    test t2(111,222);
    t2.show();
    getch();
}
```

# Multiple Constructor In A Class :

- In a program, you may need to create more than one constructor to initialize objects
- For example, we can overload constructors with different number or types of arguments similar to function overloading to create different types of objects
- When you create object with no arguments, the default constructor is called
- When you create object with number of arguments, the parameterized constructor is called

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class box
{
    double height, width, depth;
public:
    box()
    {
        height=width=depth=0;
    }
    box(double length)
    {
        height=width=depth=length;
    }
}
```

```
Box(double h, double w, double d)
{
    height=h;
    width=w;
    depth=d;
}
Void show()
{
    cout<<"height"<<height;
    cout<<"Width"<<width;
    cout<<"Depth"<<depth;
}
```

# Constructor With Default Arguments :

- Like normal functions of C++, you can also set default arguments in constructors also
- The same rules are applied to the constructors for default arguments as for the functions
- The constructors will consider the default argument if no value is specified for it
- class test

```
{  
    double p,r;  
    int n;  
    public:  
    test(double p, int n, double r=0.12);  
};
```



## Cont....

- Here at the time of creating object of test class, if you do not specify value of r, it will consider it the default argument
- If you specify all the values, the specified value of r will be considered
- Example for this is in HOMEWORK

# Copy Constructor :

- A copy constructor is a constructor which is used to create a new object from an existing object
- This type of constructor takes reference to an object as argument and initializes the member variables of its class with the values of the specified objects
- General form is :

```
class test
{
    int a; float b;
    public:
        test(test &t) { }
};
```

## Cont....

- Now to call this constructor, you have to pass the object as argument from which you want to create a new object

test t1;

**test t2(t1);**

- You can also call copy constructor by following statement :

**test t3=t2;**

- It works same as the above statement

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class box
```

```
{
```

```
    float h,w,d;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    box()
```

```
    {
```

```
        h=w=d=0;
```

```
    }
```

```
box(float h1, float w1, float d1)
```

```
{
```

```
    h=h1;
```

```
    w=w1;
```

```
    d=d1;
```

```
}
```

```
box(box &b)
```

```
{
```

```
    h=b.h;
```

```
    w=b.w;
```

```
    d=b.d;
```

```
}
```

# Cont...

```
void display()
{
    cout<<"Height"<<h;
    cout<<"Width"<<w;
    cout<<"Depth"<<d;
    cout<<"Volume"<<h*w*d;
}

};
```

```
Void main()
{
    box b1;
    box b2(10,20,30);
    box b3(b2);
    cout<<"Box 1";
    b1.display();
    cout<<"Box 2";
    b2.display();
    cout<<"Box 3";
    b3.display();
    getch();
}
```

# Dynamic Initialization Of Objects :

- We can provide the initial values for an object dynamically at runtime
- This is known as the dynamic initialization of objects
- You can get the values from the user at runtime and these values can be passed to the constructor to build the object
- Consider the example, where the values are given to the constructor dynamically

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class box
```

```
{
```

```
    float h,w,d;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    box()
```

```
    {
```

```
        h=w=d=0;
```

```
    }
```

```
box(float h1, float w1, float d1)
```

```
{
```

```
    h=h1;
```

```
    w=w1;
```

```
    d=d1;
```

```
}
```

```
box(box &b)
```

```
{
```

```
    h=b.h;
```

```
    w=b.w;
```

```
    d=b.d;
```

```
}
```

# Cont...

```
void display()
{
    cout<<"Height"<<h;
    cout<<"Width"<<w;
    cout<<"Depth"<<d;
    cout<<"Volume"<<h*w*d;
}

};
```

```
Void main()
{
    box b1;
    box b2(10,20,30);
    box b3(b2);
    cout<<"box 1";
    b1.display();
    cout<<"box 2";
    b2.display();
    cout<<"box 3";
    b3.display();
    getch();
}
```



# Dynamic Constructors :

- In the dynamic constructor the memory is allocated to the object dynamically at the time of creation of objects
- It will save the memory as only the required amount of memory is allocated to the objects
- The new operator is used to allocate memory to the objects
- Here in example, the another constructor we have allocated memory as per the size of string passed to it and additional space for null character

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
#include<string.h>
```

```
Class text
```

```
{
```

```
    char *name;
```

```
    int len;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    text()
```

```
    {
```

```
        len=0;
```

```
        name=new char[1];
```

```
    }
```

```
text(char *n)
```

```
{
```

```
    len=strlen(n);
```

```
    name=new char[len+1];
```

```
    strcpy(name,n);
```

```
}
```

```
void show()
```

```
{
```

```
    cout<<"Name is"<<name;
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

# Cont...

```
Void main()
{
    char *name="kscpac";
    text t1;
    t1=text(name);
    t1.show();
    text t2("abcd");
    t2.show();
    getch();
}
```

# MIL ( Member Initialization List ) :

- The MIL is a way by which you can initialize the member variables in the constructor
- The list of members to be initialized is written with constructor separated by comma (,) followed by a colon
- Syntax : **constructor(arg1,arg2,...): var1(val),var2(val),....**

```
{  
    //other code  
}
```

Here, in the parenthesis near variables, you can also pass expression:

# Cont..

- Number (int a, int b) : x(**a+b**), y(**b\*2**)  
  {  
    //other code  
  }
- Advantages of using MIL :
- There are definitely some advantages of using MIL rather than the normal assignments we do such as :

# Cont...

```
Constructor (int a, int b, int c)
```

```
{
```

```
    x=a;
```

```
    y=b;
```

```
    z=c;
```

```
}
```

- (1) The MIL is more efficient than the normal assignments
- (2) It actually initializes the member variables because the assignment version constructor first calls default to initialize the member variables

# Cont....

(3) So all the work performed by the default constructor is wasted and done again

(4) We can also use expressions in MIL which will save code and execution time

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
```

```
#include<conio.h>
```

```
Class test
```

```
{
```

```
    int a,b;
```

```
    public:
```

```
    test(int x, int y):a(x),b(y)
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout<<"This is MIL";
```

```
    }
```

```
    void display()
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout<<"a="<<a<<endl;
```

```
        cout<<"b="<<b;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
Void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    clrscr();
```

```
    test t(11,22);
```

```
    t.display();
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```



# Destructors :

- A destructor is also a special kind of member function which is used to destroy the object created by constructor
- It is special because like constructor, it has also same name as the class name
- The destructor is written by specifying a tilde (~) sign before its name
- For example,

```
~ test()  
{  
    //code  
}
```

# Characteristics of Destructor :

- It has the same name as the class name
- It starts with tilde (~) sign
- It cannot take any arguments
- It does not return any value
- It is called automatically when an object goes out of scope
- It releases the memory allocated to the object by constructor
- Destructors cannot be overloaded

# Importance :

- When we use constructors to create objects, it allocates memory to those objects
- Now as the new objects are created more and more memory is allocated to the objects
- At some point these constructors may not be in use i.e. in the scope but still they have occupied some memory
- In some systems the memory is very important so we have to take care about memory management
- In C++, destructors are the solution to this problem, when the object goes out of scope, destructors is called automatically and releases the memory allocated by the object

## Cont..

- If in the constructor, the memory is allocated by **new** keyword, it should be deleted by **delete** keyword in destructor
- Example,

```
Test()
```

```
{
```

```
    a=new char[len+1];
```

```
}
```

```
~Test()
```

```
{
```

```
    delete a;
```

```
}
```

# Example :

```
#include<iostream.h>
#include<conio.h>
Class test
{
    public:
    test()
    {
        cout<<"Object created";
    }
    ~test()
    {
        cout<<"Object Deleted";
    }
};
```

```
Void main()
{
    test t1,t2;
    {
        cout<<"creating object in a block";
        test t3;
        cout<<"object will be destroyed when block ends";
        cout<<"press any key to exit";
        getch();
    }
    getch();
}
```