# Chapter-5 (Default Arguments and Ambiguity) Teach yourself C++, Herbert Schildt

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# Default Argument

```
int totalMark (int phy, int chem){
        int total = phy+chem;
        return total;
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt){
        int total = phy+chem+opt;
        return total;
void main(){
        cout << totalMark (80,90)<<endl;
cout << totalMark (80,90,80);</pre>
```

# Default Argument

```
int totalMark (int phy, int chem){
                                                   int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = 0)
        int total = phy+chem;
        return total;
                                                        int total = phy+chem+opt;
                                                        return total;
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt){
        int total = phy+chem+opt;
        return total;
                                                   void main(){
void main(){
                                                      cout << totalMark (80,90)<<endl;
       cout << totalMark (80,90)<<endl;
cout << totalMark (80,90,80);</pre>
                                                      cout << totalMark (80,90,80);
```

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int totalMark (int phy, int chem){
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                                                        return total;
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        int total = phy+chem+opt;
        return total;
                                                   void main(){
void main(){
                                                      cout << totalMark (80,90)<<endl;
        cout << totalMark (80,90)<<endl;
cout << totalMark (80,90,80);</pre>
                                                      cout << totalMark (80,90,80);
```

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```
int totalMark (int opt = 0, int phy, int chem){
  int total = phy+chem+opt;
  return total;
}
```

#### Error!

Must be to the right of any parameter that don't have defaults

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return total;
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int main(){...}
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = 0){
    return phy+chem+opt;
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Default can't be specified both in prototype and definition

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int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt=0);
int main(){...}
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = 0){
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 int main(){...}
 int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = 0){
     return phy+chem+opt;
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = phy){
    return phy+chem+opt;
```

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#### Error!

Default arguments must be constant or global variables

```
int totalMark (int opt = 0, int phy, int chem){
 int total = phy+chem+opt;
 return total;
 int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt=0);
 int main(){...}
 int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = 0){
     return phy+chem+opt;
int totalMark (int phy, int chem, int opt = phy){
    return phy+chem+opt;
```

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt = 0)
                                                        Output:
    int total = phy+opt;
    return total;
int main(){
cout<<totalMark();</pre>
cout << totalMark (80);</pre>
cout << totalMark (80,90);</pre>
```

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt = 0)
    int total = phy+opt;
    return total;
int main(){
cout<<totalMark();</pre>
cout << totalMark (80);</pre>
cout << totalMark (80,90);</pre>
```

#### **Output:**

0

80

170

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt = 0)
    int total = phy+opt;
    return total;
int main(){
cout<<totalMark();</pre>
cout << totalMark (80);</pre>
cout << totalMark (80,90);</pre>
```

#### Output:

0

80

170

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt) {
   int total = phy+opt;
   return total;
}
```

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt = 0)
    int total = phy+opt;
    return total;
int main(){
cout<<totalMark();</pre>
cout << totalMark (80);</pre>
cout << totalMark (80,90);</pre>
```

### Output:

0

80

170

```
int totalMark (int phy=0, int opt) {
  int total = phy+opt;
  return total;
```

//ERROR!

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```
double rect_area(double length, double width)
  return length*width;
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  return length*length;
int main()
  cout<<rect_area(10.0, 5.8)<<endl;</pre>
  cout<<rect_area(10.0);</pre>
```

```
double rect_area(double length, double width)
  return length*width;
                                                        if(width!=0)
double rect_area(double length)
                                                        else
  return length*length;
                                                      int main()
int main()
  cout<<rect_area(10.0, 5.8)<<endl;</pre>
  cout<<rect_area(10.0);</pre>
```

```
double rect_area(double length, double width=0)
    return length*width;
    return length*length;
  cout<<rect_area(10.0, 5.8)<<endl;
  cout<<rect area(10.0);</pre>
```

# Overloading and ambiguity-Default arguments

```
int ambigFun (int x) {cout<<x<<endl;}
int ambigFun (int x, int y=0) {cout<<x<<endl<<y<<endl;}
main(){
  int i,j;
  ambigFun (i,j); // O.K
  ambigFun (i);
}</pre>
```

# Overloading and ambiguity-Default arguments

```
float ambigFun(float f)
{ return f;}
int main()
  int i=1;
  float f=2.3323;
  cout<<ambigFun(f)<<endl;</pre>
  cout<<ambigFun(i); }</pre>
```

```
float ambigFun(float f)
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  cout<<ambigFun(i); }</pre>
```

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  int i=1;
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  cout<<ambigFun(f)<<endl;</pre>
  cout<<ambigFun(i);
```

```
int ambigFun (float f) {cout<<f<<endl;}</pre>
int ambigFun (double d) {cout<<d<<endl;}</pre>
main(){
int i;
float f;
double d;
ambigFun (f);
ambigFun (d);
ambigFun (i);
ambigFun (15);
```

```
int ambigFun (float f) {cout<<f<<endl;}</pre>
int ambigFun (double d) {cout<<d<<endl;}</pre>
main(){
 int i;
 float f;
 double d;
 ambigFun (f);
 ambigFun (d);
 ambigFun (i);
 ambigFun (15);
```

```
int ambigFun (float f) {cout<<f<<endl;}</pre>
int ambigFun (double d) {cout<<d<<endl;}</pre>
main(){
 int i;
 float f;
 double d;
 ambigFun (f);
 ambigFun (d);
 ambigFun (i);
 ambigFun (15);
```

```
int ambigFun (float f) {cout<<f<<endl;}</pre>
int ambigFun (double d) {cout<<d<<endl;}</pre>
main(){
 int i;
 float f;
 double d;
 ambigFun (f);
 ambigFun (d);
                                 Error
 ambigFun (i);
                               Convert to
 ambigFun (15); _
                            double or float?
```

# Constructor and Destructor Functions-Chapter 2.1 and 2.2 Teach yourself C++, Herbert Schildt

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#### Constructor Functions

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#### How constructors are different from a normal member function?

- □ A constructor has the same name as the class.
- □ It does not have a return type.
- □ A class's constructor is called each time an object of that class is created.

### Default Constructors

Default constructor is the constructor which doesn't take any argument. It has no parameters.

```
class construct
public:
  int a, b;
    // Default Constructor
  construct();
construct::construct()
     cout<<"Constructing..."<<endl;</pre>
     a = 10;
b = 20; }
int main()
   // Default constructor called automatically when the object is created
  construct c;
cout << "a: "<< c.a << endl << "b: "<< c.b;
  return 0;
```

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  return 0;
```

Constructing...

a:10

b:20

### Default Constructors

Notice how contruct() is defined.

```
construct::construct()
{
    cout<<"Constructing..."<<endl;
    a = 10;
    b = 20;
}</pre>
```

It has no return type.

It is illegal for a constructor to have a return type.

- ☐ It is possible to pass arguments to constructors.
- ☐ Typically, these arguments help initialize an object when it is created.
- ☐ To create a parameterized constructor, simply add parameters to it the way you would to any other function.
- □ When you define the constructor's body, use the parameters to initialize the object.

```
class Point
    int x, y;
  public:
     // Parameterized Constructor
     Point(int x1, int y1)
       x = x1;
y = y1;
    int getX() { return x; }
    int getY() {return y;}
};
```

```
int main()
  // Constructor called
  Point p1(10, 15);
  // Access values assigned by constructor
cout << "p1.x = " << p1.getX() << ", p1.y = " <<
p1.getY();
  return 0;
```

☐ When an object is declared in a parameterized constructor, the initial values have to be passed as arguments to the constructor function.

```
In the previous example:
int main()
{
    // Constructor called
    Point p1;    //error because the object does not pass any parameter to the constructor
    // Access values assigned by constructor
cout << "p1.x = " << p1.getX() << ", p1.y = " << p1.getY();
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

You can also send any variables in the constructor.

```
class Point
  private:
    int x, y;
public:
    // Parameterized Constructor
    Point(int x1, int y1)
      x = x1;
      y = y1;
                    { return x; }
    int getX()
    int getY()
                    { return y; }
```

```
int main()
  int a,b;
  cin>>a>>b;
  // Constructor called
  Point p1(a, b);
  // Access values assigned by constructor
cout << "p1.x = " << p1.getX() << ", p1.y = " << p1.getY();
  return 0;
```

### Note:

For global objects, an object's constructor is called once, when the prgram first begins execution.

For local objects, the constructor is called each time the declaration statement is executed.

#### Destructors

- ☐ The complement of a constructor is called destructor.
- Destructor is a member function which destructs or deletes an object.

#### **☐** When is destructor called?

A destructor function is called automatically when the object goes out of scope:

- (1) the function ends
- (2) the program ends
- (3) a block containing local variables ends

#### ■How destructors are different from a normal member function?

- □ Destructors have same name as the class preceded by a tilde (~)
- Destructors don't take any argument and don't return anything

#### Constructors and Destructors

```
class Line {
   double length;
 public:
   double getLength( );
   Line(double len); // This is the constructor declaration
   ~Line(); // This is the destructor: declaration
};
Line::Line(double len) {
  length=len;
  cout << "Object is being created" << endl;}</pre>
Line::~Line(void) {
 cout << "Object is being deleted" << endl;}</pre>
double Line::getLength() {return length;}
```

```
int main() {
  Line line(6.0);
  cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength();
  return 0;
}</pre>
```

### Constructors and Destructors

```
class Line {
                                                                 int main() {
   double length;
                                                                  Line line(6.0);
 public:
                                                                 cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength();</pre>
   double getLength( );
   Line(double len); // This is the constructor declaration
                                                                 return 0;
   ~Line(); // This is the destructor: declaration
};
                                                                 Output:
Line::Line(double len) {
                                                                 Object is being created
  length=len;
  cout << "Object is being created" << endl;}</pre>
                                                                 Length of line: 6
Line::~Line(void) {
                                                                 Object is being deleted
 cout << "Object is being deleted" << endl;}</pre>
double Line::getLength() {return length;}
```

### Practice on Constructor and Destructor

☐ Create a class called **box** whose constructor function is passed three double values, length, width and height of the box. Have the **box** class compute the volume of the box and store it in another **double** variable. Include a member function of the class called **show\_volume()** that will display the volume of each box.

☐ Practice all the previous examples using constructors instead of **setvalues** functions.