

Constructors and destructors

Constructors:- A constructor is a member function of a class which initializes objects of a class. In C++, Constructor is automatically called when object (instance of class) create. It is special member function of the class.

It is basically three types.

1. **Default constructor.**
2. **Parameter constructor.**
3. **Copy constructor.**

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

Example:-

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class construct
{
public:
    int a, b;
    construct()    // Default Constructor
    {
        cout<<"Enter two number";
        cin>>a>>b;
    }
};
int main()
```

```

{
    // Default constructor called automatically
    // when the object is created
    construct c;
    cout << "A: " << c.a << endl
        << "B: " << c.b;
    return 1;
}

```

Output:-

```

Enter two number. 4
                    5
                    A:4
                    B:5

```

Note:- Even if we do not define any constructor explicitly, the compiler will automatically provide a default constructor implicitly.

2. Parameter constructor:- 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

Example:-

```

#include<iostream>

using namespace std;

class Car
{
    public:

```

```

    string brand;
    string model;

    int year;

    Car(string x, string y, int z)    //Constructor with parameters
    {
        brand = x;
        model = y;
        year = z;
    }
};

int main() {
    Car carObj1("BMW", "X5", 1999);
    Car carObj2("Ford", "Mustang", 1969);
    cout << carObj1.brand << " " << carObj1.model << " " <<
carObj1.year << "\n";
    cout << carObj2.brand << " " << carObj2.model << " " <<
carObj2.year << "\n";
    return 0;
}

```

Output:-

```

BMW X5 1999
Ford Mustang 1969

```

3. Copy constructor:- A copy constructor is a member function which initializes an object using another object of the same class. A copy constructor has the following general function prototype.

ClassName (const ClassName &old_obj);

Example:-

```
#include<iostream>

using namespace std;

class Point
{
private:
    int x, y;
public:
    Point(int p, int q)
    {
        x = p;
        y = q;
    }

    // Copy constructor
    Point(const Point &p2)
    {
        x = p2.x;
        y = p2.y;
    }

    int getX()
    {
        return x;
    }
}
```

```

    int getY()
    {
    return y;
    }
};

int main()
{
    Point p1(10, 15); // Normal constructor is called here
    Point p2 = p1; // Copy constructor is called here
    cout << "p1.x = " << p1.getX() << ", p1.y = " << p1.getY();
    cout << "\np2.x = " << p2.getX() << ", p2.y = " << p2.getY();
    return 0;
}

```

Output :-

p1.x = 10, p1.y = 15

p2.x = 10, p2.y = 15

Destructors:- Destructor is a member function which destructs or deletes an object. It is denoted by (~).

Syntax:-

class class_name

```
{  
    public:  
        class_name(); //constructor.  
        ~class_name(); //destructor.  
}
```

Example:-

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
class ABC  
{  
    public:  
        ABC ()                //constructor defined  
        {  
            cout << "Hey look I am in constructor" << endl;  
        }  
        ~ABC()                //destructor defined  
        {  
            cout << "Hey look I am in destructor." << endl;  
        }  
};  
  
int main()  
{  
    ABC cc1;                //constructor is called  
    cout << "function main is terminating...." << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:-

Hey look I am in constructor
function main is terminating....
Hey look I am in destructor.

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