

ITEM 12 Copy All Parts of an Object.

We can declare our own copy functions.
i.e. copy constructor & copy assignment operator.

eg¹

```
class Customer {
public:
    Customer (const Customer &shs);
    Customer &operator = (const Customer &shs);
private:
    string name;
};
```

```
Customer::Customer (const Customer &shs) {
    : name (shs.name)
    {
        log << "Copy Const";
    }
}
```

```
Customer::Customer & operator = (const Customer &shs)
{
    name = shs.name;
    return *this;
}
```

above program is perfectly fine.

what if we add another data member
to customer.

```
class date { -- };
```

class Customer

```
{
    ::
    private:
        String name;
        Date last_transaction;
}
```

last_transaction will not be copied
~~and~~ neither compiler will display
any error for this.

∴ Make sure to update the copying
functions, if a new data member
is added to class.

This issue can also arise through inheritance.

If we have a derived class & we do not mention the base class parts in the copying function of derived class, the default constructor of base class is called & none of the base class members is initialized with the copy function rather they are initialized with default value such as zero.

∴ We must copy the base class parts while writing copy function of derived class.

Priority Cust ∴ Priority Cust (const Priority Cust (&ds))

```
& : Customer (ds),
    priority (ds.priority)
{
    Log << "Cust" << endl;
}
```


priority Cust & Priority Cust :: operator = (const
Priority Cust & rhs)

```
{
    Customer :: operator = (rhs);
    priority = rhs priority;
    return *this;
}
```

Since both copy constructor & copy assignment operator may look same & you want to avoid code duplication.

∴ then create a third member function that both call.

Don't call copying functions inside each other.