

# INHERITANCE

## 5.1 Introduction

Inheritance is a useful feature in object-oriented programming (OOP) supported by C++.

It allows a new class to include the members (data and functions) of an existing class.

The new class can also have its own members. This is called **inheritance**.

- The existing class is called the **base class** or **parent class** or **superclass**.
- The new class is called the **derived class** or **child class** or **subclass**.

### Syntax:

```
class DerivedClass : accessSpecifier BaseClass
{
    // definition of derived class
};
```

### Example:

```
class A { };

class B : public A
{
    // new features of class B
};
```

In this, `public` is the access specifier. Other access specifiers will be explained later.

### 5.1.1 Effects of Inheritance

Inheritance affects the derived class in two ways:

1. The derived class object contains data members of both base and derived classes, so it is larger in size.

- a. Exception: If both classes have no data members, both objects are 1 byte each.
- 2. You can call public functions of both the base and derived classes using a derived class object.
  - a. (Exceptions exist, to be discussed later.)

**Example (Listing 5.1):**

**A.h**

```
class A
{
    int x;
public:
    void setX(const int = 0);
    int getX() const;
};
```

**A.cpp**

```
#include "A.h"
void A::setX(const int pX) { x = pX; }
int A::getX() const { return x; }
```

**B.h**

```
#include "A.h"
class B : public A
{
    int y;
public:
    void setY(const int = 0);
    int getY() const;
};
```

**B.cpp**

```
#include "B.h"
void B::setY(const int pY) { y = pY; }
int B::getY() const { return y; }
```

## inherit.cpp

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

void main()
{
    cout << sizeof(A) << endl << sizeof(B) << endl;
    B B1;
    B1.setX(1);    // calling base class function
    B1.setY(3);    // calling derived class function
    cout << B1.getX() << endl; // base class function
    cout << B1.getY() << endl; // derived class function
}
```

### Output:

```
4
8
1
3
```

### Explanation:

Object of B has 2 integers (1 from A, 1 from B), so size is 8.

Functions from both A and B can be used with B object.

Inheritance means derived class **"is-a"** base class.

Example: Aircraft is a type of Vehicle.

But containership means **"has-a"** relationship.

Example: Aircraft **has** engines.

Another example:

```
class employee
{
    String name;
    double basic;
    Date doj;
```

```
    // rest of class
};

class manager : public employee
{
    employee* list; // manager has list of employees
    // rest of class
};
```

So, derived class = specialized base class.

Inheritance is also called **specialization**.

### 5.1.2 Benefits of Inheritance

Derived class adds only the extra members.

Common data/functions go in base class.

So, inheritance helps in **code reusability**.

### 5.1.3 Inheritance in Actual Practice

A library programmer makes a class.

Another programmer can inherit from it and add new members.

No need to modify base class.

### 5.1.4 Base Class and Derived Class Objects

Some think derived class object comes from a base class object — that's **wrong**.

Each object is separate in memory.

### 5.1.5 Accessing Members of the Base Class in the Derived Class

Only **public** (and **protected**, explained later) members of base class can be accessed in derived class.

**Private** members **cannot** be accessed directly in derived class.

Example (wrong way):

```
void B::setY()
{
    x = y; // ERROR: x is private in base class A
```

```
}
```

Example (correct way):

```
void B::setY(const int q)
{
    y = q;
    setX(y); // calls base class function
}
```

This protects private data. Only base class functions can access its private members.

If some base class functions are missing, inheritance **should not** be used to fix it.

Instead, base class should be corrected.

Inheritance adds **extra** features only, not fixes.

**Friendship is not inherited.**

**Example (Listing 5.2):**

```
class B;
class A
{
    friend class B;
    int x;
};

class B
{
    void fB(A * p)
    {
        p->x = 0; // OK: B is a friend of A
    }
};

class C : public B
{
    void fC(A * p)
    {
        p->x = 0; // ERROR: C is NOT a friend of A
    }
}
```

```
    }  
};
```

Even though class C is derived from B (which is a friend of A),

**C is not a friend of A.**

Friendship does not pass through inheritance.

## 5.2 Base Class and Derived Class Pointers

- A **base class pointer** can point to a **derived class object** — **this is allowed and safe**.
- A **derived class pointer cannot** point to a **base class object** — unless you use **typecasting**, but that's **unsafe** and can lead to **runtime errors**.

### ☒ Why base class pointer → derived object is safe

Let's look at these simple classes:

```
// A.h  
class A {  
public:  
    int x;  
};  
  
// B.h  
#include "A.h"  
class B : public A {  
public:  
    int y;  
};
```

And the main program:

```
// BasePtr01.cpp
#include "B.h"

void main() {
    A* APtr;
    B B1;
    APtr = &B1;    // OK: base class pointer points to derived
object
    APtr->x = 10;    // OK: 'x' is in base class A
    APtr->y = 20;    // ❌ ERROR: 'y' is not in A
}
```

- Even though B1 has both x and y, APtr can **only access x**, because APtr is of type A\*.
- It knows only what's defined in A. So, accessing y (from B) is not allowed.
- **Memory safety:** APtr can only access the memory of A part inside B1, which is safe.

🔴 **Important:** This is common in C++ — for example, in polymorphism.

## ❌ Why derived class pointer → base object is not allowed

```
// DerivedPtr01.cpp
#include "B.h"

void main() {
    A A1;
    B* BPtr;
    BPtr = &A1;    // ❌ ERROR: Can't convert A* to B*
    BPtr->x = 10;    // ❌ Dangerous
    BPtr->y = 20;    // ❌ Very dangerous
}
```

- BPtr is expecting a B-type object, which has both x and y.
- But A1 is only 4 bytes (for x). BPtr->y = 20; will try to write to memory that doesn't belong to A1 — this is **undefined behavior**.

🌟 That's why C++ **doesn't allow** this.



## You can force it using typecasting, but it's dangerous

```
// DerivedPtrTypeCast.cpp
#include "B.h"

void main() {
    A A1;
    B* BPtr;
    BPtr = (B*)&A1; // ⚠️ Forced typecast – unsafe!
}
```

This compiles, but you're risking a crash or corrupt data.

## With Private Data and Functions (Safer Example)

```
// A.h
class A {
    int x;
public:
    void setx(const int = 0);
};

// B.h
#include "A.h"
class B : public A {
    int y;
public:
    void sety(const int = 0);
};
```

Now in main:

```
// BasePtr02.cpp
#include "B.h"

void main() {
    A* APtr;
```

```

    B B1;
    APtr = &B1;          // OK
    APtr->setx(10);       // OK
    APtr->sety(20);       // ✗ ERROR: sety() is not in A
}

```

APtr only knows about functions in A.

## ⚠ Derived class pointer pointing to base class object

```

// DerivedPtr02.cpp
#include "B.h"

void main() {
    A A1;
    B* BPtr;
    BPtr = &A1;          // ✗ ERROR: Can't convert A* to B*
    BPtr->setx(10);       // DANGEROUS
    BPtr->sety(20);       // DANGEROUS
}

```

Even if you force this, the memory layout is wrong, and you risk writing to an invalid memory location.

## ▣ What about the this pointer?

When you call:

```
B1.setx(10);
```

It internally becomes:

```
setx(&B1, 10);
```

The `this` pointer in `A::setx()` is of type `A* const`. So it works even if `B1` is a derived object.

```
void setx(A* const this, const int p) {  
    this->x = p;  
}
```

That's why base class functions can safely work on derived class objects — they only use the base part.

## What is Function Overriding?

Function overriding happens when:

1. A **base class** has a member function.
2. The **derived class** defines a function with **the same name and signature**.

Example:

```
class A {  
public:  
    void show() {  
        cout << "show() function of class A called\n";  
    }  
};  
  
class B : public A {  
public:  
    void show() { // overrides A::show()  
        cout << "show() function of class B called\n";  
    }  
};
```

Now, if you do:

```
B b1;  
b1.show(); // Calls B::show()
```

## 🔗 How the Compiler Works Behind the Scenes

When you write:

```
b1.show();
```

The compiler first looks in class B. If B has a function called `show()`, it calls that.

If it didn't exist in B, the compiler would then check class A.

So, in your example:

```
B1.A::show(); // Forcefully calling the base version
```

This works because even though B *overrides* `A::show()`, the base version still exists and can be accessed using the **scope resolution operator**.

## 🧠 Hidden Insight: Different Signatures Internally

Even though the signatures look the same:

```
void show()
```

Internally, due to the `this` pointer:

- `A::show()` is really: `void show(A * const this)`
- `B::show()` is really: `void show(B * const this)`

So they are technically **different functions**, bound to different object types. That's why **you need `virtual`** if you want **polymorphism** — where the function call is resolved at runtime.

## 🧠 Why Function Overriding Without `virtual`?

You're right to wonder — “*what’s the point if this doesn’t do runtime polymorphism?*”

✅ It's still useful when:

- You're working with **objects** directly (not pointers or references).
- You want derived classes to provide different behavior.

But if you want:

```
A* ptr = new B;  
ptr->show(); // Calls A::show() – NOT what we want!
```

You need this:

```
class A {  
public:  
    virtual void show() { ... }  
};
```

Then it works like magic:

```
A* ptr = new B;  
ptr->show(); // Now calls B::show() – thanks to 'virtual'
```

## ✅ Summary

Concept	What Happens
Function overriding	Derived class replaces base class method
No <code>virtual</code>	Function resolved at compile time
With <code>virtual</code>	Function resolved at <b>runtime</b>
Scope Resolution (::)	Call base class version manually

## 5.4 Base Class Initialization

When you create an object of a derived class, it contains data members from both the base class and the derived class. We often need to initialize both sets of data members. Here's how this works:

### Constructors and Object Creation

- When you create an object of a derived class, the compiler automatically calls the constructor of the base class first, followed by the constructor of the derived class.
- For example, if A is the base class and B is the derived class, when you write:

```
B B1;
```

This is internally converted into:

```
B B1; // Memory allocated for the object
B1.A(); // Base class constructor called (implicitly)
B1.B(); // Derived class constructor called (implicitly)
```

### Destructors

- Destructors are called in the reverse order.
- The base class destructor is called first when the object is destroyed, followed by the derived class destructor.

### Issue in Base Class Initialization (Listing 5.15)

In this example, we are going to initialize base class data members, but we make a mistake by not passing the correct parameters to the base class constructor.

#### Listing 5.15: Unsuccessful Initialization of Base Class Members

##### *A.h (Base Class)*

```
class A
{
    int x; // Data member x
public:
```

```

    A(const int = 0); // Constructor with a default parameter for x
    void setx(const int = 0); // Method to set x
    int getx() const; // Method to get the value of x
};

```

- A is the base class with a private integer x.
- The constructor A(int p) takes an optional parameter to initialize x.
- The method setx() sets the value of x.
- The method getx() returns the value of x.

### ***A.cpp (Base Class Implementation)***

```

#include "A.h"

A::A(const int p)
{
    x = p; // Initialize x with the value of p (defaults to 0 if no
value is passed)
}

void A::setx(const int p)
{
    x = p;
}

int A::getx() const
{
    return x;
}

```

- The constructor A::A(const int p) initializes x with the given value (default is 0).
- setx() and getx() are simple getter and setter methods for x.

### ***B.h (Derived Class)***

```

#include "A.h"

class B : public A // Class B inherits from A
{

```

```

    int y; // Data member y
public:
    B(const int = 0); // Constructor with a default parameter for y
    void sety(const int = 0); // Method to set y
    int gety() const; // Method to get the value of y
};

```

- B is the derived class from A with an additional integer y.
- B::B(int q) is the constructor of B that initializes y.

### ***B.cpp (Derived Class Implementation)***

```

#include "B.h"

B::B(const int q)
{
    y = q; // Initialize y with the value of q
}

void B::sety(const int q)
{
    y = q;
}

int B::gety() const
{
    return y;
}

```

- B::B(const int q) initializes y with the value of q.

### ***baseinit01.cpp (Main Program)***

```

#include "B.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    B B1(20); // Create an object of class B, passing 20 to the

```



```

constructor
    cout << B1.getx() << endl; // Print the value of x (from class
A)
    cout << B1.gety() << endl; // Print the value of y (from class
B)
}

```

### Output

```

0
20

```

### Explanation of the Output

1. When you create the object B1 using the constructor B1(20), the object B1 is created as:

```

B B1;          // Memory allocated for the object
B1.A();        // Base class constructor called, initializing x to
default 0
B1.B(20);      // Derived class constructor called, initializing y to 20

```

2. **Base Class Constructor (A::A(int p)):** The base class constructor is called with the default value (0), so x is initialized to 0.
3. **Derived Class Constructor (B::B(int q)):** The derived class constructor is called with the value 20, so y is initialized to 20.

Thus, when B1.getx() is called, it returns 0 (default value for x), and when B1.gety() is called, it returns 20 (value passed to y).

### Fixing the Initialization

In the previous example, the base class x was initialized with the default value of 0. If we want to explicitly pass a value to the base class constructor from the derived class, we need to modify the constructor of the derived class.

#### Correcting the Derived Class Constructor (Listing 5.16)

To fix the issue and properly initialize the base class data member x, we modify the derived class constructor to pass a value to the base class constructor.

### ***B.h (Corrected Derived Class)***

```
#include "A.h"

class B : public A
{
public:
    B(const int p, const int q); // Constructor with two parameters
    for both x and y
};
```

### ***B.cpp (Corrected Derived Class Implementation)***

```
#include "B.h"

B::B(const int p, const int q) : A(p) // Pass p to the base class
constructor
{
    y = q; // Initialize y with the value of q
}
```

Now, the derived class constructor takes two parameters:

- p is passed to the base class constructor A(p), which initializes x.
- q is used to initialize y in the derived class.

### ***baseinit02.cpp (Corrected Main Program)***

```
#include "B.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    B B1(10, 20); // Create an object of class B, passing 10 to the
    base class and 20 to the derived class
    cout << B1.getx() << endl; // Prints 10 (value passed to base
    class constructor)
    cout << B1.gety() << endl; // Prints 20 (value passed to
    derived class constructor)
```

```
}
```

### Output

```
10  
20
```

### Final Explanation

When the object B1 is created with `B B1(10, 20);`, the constructor calls happen in this order:

1. `B1.A(10)` — The base class constructor initializes `x` with 10.
2. `B1.B(20)` — The derived class constructor initializes `y` with 20.

Thus, the output correctly prints:

- 10 for `x` (base class data member)
- 20 for `y` (derived class data member)

### Protected Access Specifier

In C++, the protected access specifier is the third access modifier, in addition to `public` and `private`. Here's an overview of how it works:

- **Private members:** Can only be accessed by the member functions of the class itself.
- **Protected members:** Can be accessed by the member functions of the class and its derived classes. However, they are not accessible by non-member functions.
- **Public members:** Can be accessed by any function.

### Accessing Protected Members (Listing 5.18)

In this example, we demonstrate the use of protected members in a class:

#### *A.h (Base Class)*

```
class A  
{  
private:
```

```

        int x;          // Private member, inaccessible outside class A
protected:
        int y;          // Protected member, accessible in class A and
derived classes
public:
        int z;          // Public member, accessible everywhere
};

```

- **Private x:** Only accessible within class A.
- **Protected y:** Accessible in class A and any derived classes.
- **Public z:** Accessible from anywhere.

### ***B.h (Derived Class)***

```

#include "A.h"

class B : public A    // Derived class B from class A
{
public:
    void xyz();        // Method to access members of A
};

```

### ***B.cpp (Derived Class Implementation)***

```

#include "B.h"

void B::xyz() // Member function of derived class B
{
    x = 1;    // ERROR: private member 'x' of base class A
    y = 2;    // OK: protected member 'y' of base class A
    z = 3;    // OK: public member 'z' of base class A
}

```

- **x = 1;** This line gives an error because x is private in A, so it is inaccessible in B.
- **y = 2;** This works because y is protected in A, so it is accessible in B.
- **z = 3;** This also works because z is public in A, so it is accessible in B.

### *protected.cpp (Non-member Function)*

```
#include "A.h"

void main()
{
    A *Aptr;
    Aptr->x = 10; // ERROR: private member 'x' of A
    Aptr->y = 20; // ERROR: protected member 'y' of A
    Aptr->z = 30; // OK: public member 'z' of A
}
```

- **Aptr->x = 10;** Error because x is private in A.
- **Aptr->y = 20;** Error because y is protected in A.
- **Aptr->z = 30;** This works because z is public in A.

## Deriving by Different Access Specifiers

### *5.6.1 Deriving by the Public Access Specifier*

When you derive a class using the public access specifier, the access level of the base class members is retained. Here's what happens:

- **Private members:** Not accessible in the derived class or non-member functions.
- **Protected members:** Accessible in the derived class and its derived classes.
- **Public members:** Accessible in the derived class and its derived classes, and even from non-member functions.

### *publicInheritance.cpp (Public Inheritance)*

```
class A
{
private:
    int x;
protected:
    int y;
public:
    int z;
};
```

```

class B : public A
{
public:
    void f1()
    {
        x = 1; // ERROR: private member remains private
        y = 2; // OK: protected member remains protected
        z = 2; // OK: public member remains public
    }
};

class C : public B
{
public:
    void f2()
    {
        x = 1; // ERROR: private member remains private
        y = 2; // OK: protected member remains protected
        z = 2; // OK: public member remains public
    }
};

void xyz() // Non-member function
{
    B B1;
    B1.z = 100; // OK: Can access public member of A
    A *APtr;
    APtr = &B1;
    APtr->z = 100; // OK: Can access public member of A through base
pointer
}

```

- The public members from class A remain accessible even through a base class pointer.
- Protected members can be accessed within the derived classes.
- Private members remain inaccessible.

### ***5.6.2 Deriving by the Protected Access Specifier***

When a class is derived using the protected access specifier, the base class members' access levels change:

- **Private members:** Still inaccessible.
- **Protected members:** Become protected in the derived class and accessible by its member functions.
- **Public members:** Become protected in the derived class, making them inaccessible by non-member functions.

```

class A
{
private:
    int x;
protected:
    int y;
public:
    int z;
};

class B : protected A // Derived with protected access
{
public:
void f1()
{
    y = 2; // OK: protected member 'y' remains protected
    z = 2; // OK: public member 'z' becomes protected
}
};

void xyz() // Non-member function
{
    B B1;
    B1.z = 100; // ERROR: Cannot access public member 'z' through
protected derived class
    A *APtr;
    APtr = &B1; // ERROR: Cannot make a base class pointer point at
a protected derived class
    APtr->z = 100; // OK: Access public member of A through a base
pointer
}

```

- A base class pointer cannot point to an object of a class derived with protected access.

- Public members become protected in derived classes, making them inaccessible by non-member functions.

### 5.6.3 Deriving by the Private Access Specifier

When a class is derived using the `private` access specifier, the base class's public and protected members become private in the derived class. Here's what happens:

- **Private members:** Not accessible.
- **Protected members:** Become private in the derived class.
- **Public members:** Also become private in the derived class.

```
class A
{
private:
    int x;
protected:
    int y;
public:
    int z;
};

class B : private A // Derived with private access
{
public:
    void f1()
    {
        y = 2; // OK: protected member 'y' becomes private
        z = 2; // OK: public member 'z' becomes private
    }
};

void xyz() // Non-member function
{
    B B1;
    B1.z = 100; // ERROR: Cannot access public member 'z'
    A *APtr;
    APtr = &B1; // ERROR: Cannot make a base class pointer point at
a private derived class
    APtr->z = 100; // OK: Access public member of A through a base
pointer
```



}

- Public and protected members from the base class become private in the derived class.
- A base class pointer cannot point to an object of a class derived with private access.

## 5.7 Different Kinds of Inheritance

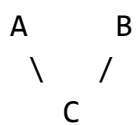
### 5.7.1 Multiple Inheritance

In **multiple inheritance**, a class is derived from more than one base class.

#### Syntax:

```
class Derived : access Base1, access Base2, ...  
{  
    // class body  
};
```

#### Diagram



#### Example:

```
class A {  
private:  
    int x;  
protected:  
    int y;  
public:
```

```

        int z;
    };

    class B : private A {
    public:
        void f1() {
            // x = 1; // Not allowed
            y = 2;    // OK
            z = 2;    // OK
        }
    };

    class C : public B {
    public:
        void f2() {
            // y = 2; // Not allowed
            // z = 2; // Not allowed
        }
    };

```

## Notes:

- Private inheritance: public and protected members of A become private in B.
- In `main()`, object of class B cannot access z directly.
- A base class pointer can point to base class, not derived class privately inherited.

## 5.7.2 Ambiguities in Multiple Inheritance

### 1. Identical Members in Base Classes

When two base classes have same function name, it causes ambiguity.

```

class A {
public:
    void show() {
        cout << "A\n";
    }
};

```

```

class B {
public:
    void show() {
        cout << "B\n";
    }
};

class C : public A, public B {};

int main() {
    C obj;
    // obj.show(); // ERROR: ambiguous
    obj.A::show(); // Calls A's show
    obj.B::show(); // Calls B's show
}

```

### ***Resolved by Overriding:***

```

class C : public A, public B {
public:
    void show() {
        cout << "C\n";
    }
};

```

Now, `obj.show()` calls C's `show()`.

### ***You can still access A and B's show()***

```

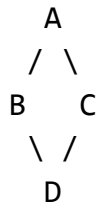
obj.A::show();
obj.B::show();

```

## ***2. Diamond-Shaped Inheritance***

When two base classes inherit from same class, and another class inherits from them.

### ***Diagram***



### ***Example Without Virtual***

```
class A {
public:
    void show();
};

class B : public A {};
class C : public A {};
class D : public B, public C {};

int main() {
    D d;
    d.show(); // ERROR: ambiguous
}
```

### ***Solution: Virtual Inheritance***

```
class B : virtual public A {};
class C : virtual public A {};
```

Now D has only one copy of A, and `d.show()` works fine.

## **5.7.3 Multi-Level Inheritance**

One class is derived from another derived class.

### ***Diagram***

A  
|  
B  
|  
C

### ***Example:***

```
class A {
public:
    void fA() { cout << "fA()\n"; }
};

class B : public A {
public:
    void fB() { cout << "fB()\n"; }
};

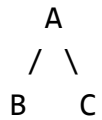
class C : public B {
public:
    void fC() { cout << "fC()\n"; }
};

int main() {
    C obj;
    obj.fA(); // from A
    obj.fB(); // from B
    obj.fC(); // from C
}
```

## **5.7.4 Hierarchical Inheritance**

One base class has multiple derived classes.

### **Diagram**



### **Example:**

```
class A {
public:
    void fA() { cout << "fA()\n"; }
};

class B : public A {
public:
    void fB() { cout << "fB()\n"; }
};

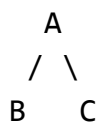
class C : public A {
public:
    void fC() { cout << "fC()\n"; }
};

int main() {
    B b;
    C c;
    b.fA(); b.fB();
    c.fA(); c.fC();
}
```

## **5.7.5 Hybrid Inheritance**

A **combination** of multiple types of inheritance (e.g., multiple, hierarchical, multilevel).

### **Diagram**



\ /  
D

This can involve diamond-shaped problems and requires careful design, often solved with **virtual inheritance**.

## Order of Invocation of Constructors and Destructors

### Constructor invocation order:

1. **Virtual base class constructors** – In the order they are inherited.
2. **Non-virtual base class constructors** – In the order they are inherited.
3. **Member object constructors** – In the order they are declared in the class.
4. **Derived class constructor**

### Destructor invocation order:

- Exactly the reverse of constructor invocation.

### Example: Listing 5.33 – cd\_order.cpp

```
#include<iostream.h>

class A {
public:A() {
cout << "Constructor of class A called\n";
}
~A() {
cout << "Destructor of class A called\n";
}
};

class B {
public:
B() {
cout << "Constructor of class B called\n";
}
```

```

~B() {
    cout << "Destructor of class B called\n";
}
};

class C : virtual public A {
public:
    C() {
        cout << "Constructor of class C called\n";
    }
    ~C() {
        cout << "Destructor of class C called\n";
    }
};

class D : virtual public A {
public:
    D() {
        cout << "Constructor of class D called\n";
    }
    ~D() {
        cout << "Destructor of class D called\n";
    }
};

class E {
public:
    E() {
        cout << "Constructor of class E called\n";
    }
    ~E() {
        cout << "Destructor of class E called\n";
    }
};

class F : public B, public C, public D {
private:
    E Eobj; // member object
public:
    F() {
        cout << "Constructor of class F called\n";
    }
}

```



```

~F() {
    cout << "Destructor of class F called\n";
}
};

void main() {
    F Fobj;
}

```

## Explanation of the Output:

When object Fobj of class F is created, the constructors run in this order:

1. Constructor of **class A** – (Virtual base class)
2. Constructor of **class B** – (Non-virtual base class)
3. Constructor of **class C**
4. Constructor of **class D**
5. Constructor of **class E** – (Member object)
6. Constructor of **class F**

When Fobj is destroyed, destructors run in **reverse** order:

1. Destructor of **class F**
2. Destructor of **class E**
3. Destructor of **class D**
4. Destructor of **class C**
5. Destructor of **class B**
6. Destructor of **class A**

## Output:

```

Constructor of class A called
Constructor of class B called
Constructor of class C called
Constructor of class D called
Constructor of class E called
Constructor of class F called
Destructor of class F called
Destructor of class E called

```

Destructor of class D called  
Destructor of class C called  
Destructor of class B called  
Destructor of class A called

