



CS-202

C++ Classes – Constructor(s) (Pt.1)

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Course Week

Course , Projects , Labs:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
			Lab (8 Sections)		
	CLASS		CLASS		
PASS Session	PASS Session	Project DEADLINE	NEW Project	PASS Session	PASS Session

Your 3nd Project will be announced today Thursday 2/7.

2nd Project Deadline was this Wednesday 2/6.

- NO Project accepted past the 24-hrs delayed extension (@ 20% grade penalty).
- Send what you have in time!

Today's Topics

C++ Classes Cheatsheet

- Declaration
- Members, Methods, Interface
- Implementation – Resolution Operator (`::`)
- Instantiation – Objects
- Object Usage – Dot Operator (`.`)
- Object Pointer Usage – Arrow Operator (`->`)
- Classes as Function Parameters, Pass-by-Value, by-(**const**)-Reference, by-Address
- Protection Mechanisms – **const** Method signature
- Classes – Code File Structure

Constructor(s)

Destructor

Class Cheatsheet

Declaration:

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class (Type) Name

- Type Name is up to you to declare!
- Members in Brackets
- Semicolon

Conventions:

- Begin with Capital letter.
- Use **CamelCase** for phrases.
- General word for Class of Objects.

Class Cheatsheet

Declaration:

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Access Specifiers

➤ Provide Protection Mechanism

Encapsulation - Abstraction:

➤ “Data Hiding”

Class Cheatsheet

Declaration:

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Member Variables

➤ All necessary Data inside a single Code Unit.

Conventions:

➤ Begin with **m_<variable_name>**.

Encapsulation - Abstraction:

➤ Abstract Data Structure

Class Cheatsheet

Declaration:

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Member Function / Class Methods

➤ All necessary Data
& Operations
inside a single Code Unit.

Conventions:

➤ Use **camelCase** (or **CamelCase**).

Encapsulation - Abstraction:

➤ Abstract Data Structure

Class Cheatsheet

Usual-case Class Interface Design:

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
  
    private:  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

public Class Interface:

- Class Methods
- (Seldom) Class Data – *Immutable* usually.

private Class Access:

- Class Data
- Class (**private**) Methods

Class Interface to Member Data should “go through” Member Functions.

Class Cheatsheet

Class Implementation:

```
class Car {  
    ...  
    bool addGas(float gallons);  
    float getMileage();  
};
```

```
float Car::addGas(float gallons) {  
    /* actual code here */  
}
```

```
float Car::getMileage() {  
    /* actual code here */  
}
```

An Implementation
needs to exist for
Class Methods

Scope Resolution Operator
(::)

➤ Indicates which Class Method
this definition implements.

Class Cheatsheet

Class Instantiation – Default Construction:

`<type_name> <variable_name>;`

`Car` `myCar;` Object

Create (Construct) a variable of specific Class type.

Will employ “*Default Constructor*”

- Compiler will auto-handle *Member Variables*’ initialization !

Note: NOT to be confused with Value-Initialization:

`Car myCar = Car();`

```
class Car {
public:
    float addGas(float gallons);
    float getMileage();
    char m_licensePlates[9];
protected:
    float m_gallons;
    float m_mileage;
private:
    bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
    double m_engineTiming[16];
};
```

- Handled very differently...

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object Usage:

`<variable_name>.<member_name>;`

Dot Operator – Member-of
(.)

➤ Which Object this Member references.

`Car myCar;`

`float mileage = myCar.getMileage();`
`strcpy(myCar.m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");`

Member Variables &
Member Functions

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object Pointers:

`<type_name> * <variable_name_Pt>;`

`Car myCar;` Object

`Car * myCar_Pt;` Pointer to Object

`myCar_Pt = &myCar;`

`(*myCar_Pt).getMileage();`

- Dereferencing to get to Object.
Works the same as any pointer.

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object Pointer Usage:

`<variable_name_Pt>-><member_name>;`

Arrow Operator – Member-access
(->)

➤ Structure (Class) Pointer Dereference

```
Car myCar;
```

```
Car * myCar_Pt = &myCar;
```

```
myCar_Pt->getMileage();
```

```
strcpy(myCar_Pt->m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");
```

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object Pointer Usage:

`<variable_name_Pt>-><member_name>;`

Arrow Operator – Member-access

`(->)`

➤ Structure (Class) Pointer Dereference

Why?

Chaining Operator Precedence (`.` , `->`)

`(* (* (*topClass) .subClass) .subSubClass) .method() ;`

`topClass->subClass->subSubClass->method() ;`

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object in Function – By-Value:

```
Car myCar;  
strcpy(myCar.m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");  
printCapPlatesMileage(myCar);  
cout << myCar.m_licensePlates;  
  
void printCapPlatesMileage(Car car) {  
    char * lP = car.m_licensePlates;  
    while (*lP = toupper(*lP)) { ++lP; }  
  
    cout << car.m_licensePlates << endl;  
    cout << car.getMileage() << endl;  
}
```

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Note:

Will work with Local Object Copy !

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object in Function – By-Reference:

```
Car myCar;  
strcpy(myCar.m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");  
printModifyCapPlates(myCar);  
cout << myCar.m_licensePlates;  
  
void printModifyCapPlates(Car & car) {  
    char * lP = car.m_licensePlates;  
    while (*lP = toupper(*lP)) { ++lP; }  
    cout << car.m_licensePlates << endl;  
}
```

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Note:

Will modify Object Data !

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object in Function – By-**const**-Reference:

```
Car myCar;
strcpy(myCar.m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");
printCapPlates(myCar);
cout << myCar.m_licensePlates;

void printCapPlates(const Car & car) {
    char * lP = (char*)malloc(sizeof(
        car.m_licensePlates));
    strcpy(lP, car.m_licensePlates);

    char * lP_0 = lP;
    while (*lP = toupper(*lP)) { ++lP; }
    cout << lP_0 << endl;
}
```

```
class Car {
public:
    float addGas(float gallons);
    float getMileage();
    char m_licensePlates[9];
protected:
    float m_gallons;
    float m_mileage;
private:
    bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
    double m_engineTiming[16];
};
```

Note:

Not allowed to modify Object Data !

Class Cheatsheet

Class Object in Function – By-Address:

```
Car myCar;  
Car * myCar_Pt = &myCar;  
strcpy(myCar_Pt->m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");  
printModifyCapPlates(myCar_Pt);  
cout << myCar.m_licensePlates;  
  
void printModifyCapPlates (Car * car_Pt) {  
    char * lP = car_Pt->m_licensePlates;  
    while (*lP = toupper(*lP)) { ++lP; }  
    cout << car_Pt->m_licensePlates  
        << endl;  
}
```

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage();  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Note:

Will modify Object Data !

Class Cheatsheet

Protection Mechanisms – **const** Method signature:

A “promise” that Method doesn’t modify Object

```
Car myCar;
cout << myCar.getMileage() << endl;
cout << myCar.addGas(10.0F) << endl;

float Car::getMileage() const {
    return m_mileage;
}

float Car::addGas(float gallons) {
    if (m_gallons += gallons > MAX_GALLONS)
        m_gallons = MAX_GALLONS;
    return m_gallons;
}
```

```
class Car {
public:
    float addGas(float gallons);
    float getMileage() const;
    char m_licensePlates[9];
protected:
    float m_gallons;
    float m_mileage;
private:
    bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
    double m_engineTiming[16];
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Protection Mechanisms – Access Specifiers:

public

Anything that has access to a **Car** Object (scope-wise) also has access to all **public** Member Variables and Functions.

- “Normally” used for Functions.
- Need to have at least one **public** Member.

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage() const ;  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Protection Mechanisms – Access Specifiers:

private

Members (Variables and Functions) that can ONLY be accessed by Member Functions of the **Car** Class.

- Cannot be accessed in **main()**, in other files, or by other functions.
- If not specified, Members default to **private**.
- Should specify anyway – good coding practices!

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage() const ;  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```


Class Cheatsheet

Protection Mechanisms – Access Specifiers:

protected

Members that can be accessed by:

- Member Functions of the **Car** Class.
- Member Functions of any *Derived* Class.

```
class Hybrid : Car { A Derived Class
    ...
    float gasToElectricRatio();
};
```

```
float Hybrid::gasToElectricRatio() {
    if (m_gallons < ...) { return ...; }
}
```

```
class Car {
    public:
        float addGas(float gallons);
        float getMileage() const;
        char m_licensePlates[9];
    protected:
        float m_gallons;
        float m_mileage;
    private:
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
        double m_engineTiming[16];
};
```


Class Cheatsheet

Member Functions – Accessors (“Getters”)

Name starts with **get**, ends with Member name.

Allows retrieval of non-**public** Data Members.

```
float Car::getMileage() const {  
    return m_mileage;  
}
```

Note: Don't generally take in arguments.

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage() const ;  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Member Functions – Mutators (“Setters”)

Name starts with **set**, ends with Member name.

Controlled changing of non-**public** Data Members.

```
bool Car::setEngineTiming(double t_in[16]){
    for (int i=0;i<16;++i){
        if (t_in[i]<... || t_in[i]>...){ return false; }
    }
    for (int i=0;i<16;++i){
        m_engineTiming[i]=t_in[i];
    }
    return true;
}
```

Note: In simple case, don't **return** anything (**void**).
In controlled setting, return success/fail (**bool**).

```
class Car {
    public:
        float addGas(float gallons);
        float getMileage() const ;
        char m_licensePlates[9];
    protected:
        float m_gallons;
        float m_mileage;
    private:
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
        double m_engineTiming[16];
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Member Functions – Facilitators (“Helpers”)

Provide support for the Class’s operations.

```
float Car::addGas(float gallons) {  
    if (m_gallons += gallons > MAX_GALLONS)  
        m_gallons = MAX_GALLONS;  
    return m_gallons;  
}
```

Note:

public if generally called outside Function.

private/protected if only called by Member Functions.

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        float addGas(float gallons);  
        float getMileage() const ;  
        char m_licensePlates[9];  
    protected:  
        float m_gallons;  
        float m_mileage;  
    private:  
        bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);  
        double m_engineTiming[16];  
};
```

Class Cheatsheet

Classes and Code File Structure

Class Header File: **Car.h**

```
#ifndef CAR_H
#define CAR_H

#define NUMVALVES 16

class Car {
public:
    float addGas(float gallons);
    float getMileage() const;
    char m_licensePlates[9];
protected:
    float m_gallons, m_mileage;
private:
    bool setEngineTiming(double[16]);
    double m_engineTiming[NUMVALVES];
};

#endif
```

Class Source File: **Car.cpp**

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

#define MAX_GALLONS 20.0

float Car::getMileage() const {
    return m_mileage;
}

float Car::addGas(float gallons) {
    if (m_gallons += gallons > MAX_GALLONS)
        m_gallons = MAX_GALLONS;
    return m_gallons;
}

bool Car::setEngineTiming(double t_in[16]){
    for (int i=0;i<16;++i){
        if (t_in[i]<... || t_in[i]>...) return false;
    }
    for (int i=0;i<16;++i){
        m_engineTiming[i]=t_in[i];
    }
    return true;
}
```

Class Cheatsheet

Classes and Code File Structure

Note: Compile all your source (.cpp) files together with
`g++ car_program.cpp Car.cpp`

Program File: `car_program.cpp`

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

int main() {
    Car myCar;
    Car * myCar_Pt = &myCar;

    strcpy(myCar_Pt->m_licensePlates, "Gandalf");
    printCapPlates(myCar_Pt);
    cout << myCar.m_licensePlates << endl;

    cout << myCar.getMileage() << endl;
    cout << myCar.addGas(10.0F) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Constructor(s)

Constructor – Description

Special Class Methods that “build” an Object.

- Object Initialization.
- Supply *specific* default values (If necessary).

Remember:

Implicit initialization (*Default* Constructor)

- Automatically called when an object is created.

Implicit: `Date myDate;`

Explicit: `Date myDate(1,1,1917);`

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Description

Called when a Class is *Instantiated*.

- C++ won't automatically initialize Member Variables.

Default Constructor:

- Basic no-argument constructor, can have one or none in a Class.
- If Class has no Constructors, the C++ Compiler will *make a Default*.

Overloaded Constructors:

- Constructors that take in arguments, can have none or many in a Class.
- Appropriate version called based on number and type of arguments passed when an Object is created (*Instantiated*).

Constructor(s)

Syntax - General

Syntax:

- For Function Prototype:

```
<class_name> (...) ;  
Date (...) ;
```

- For Function Definition:

```
<class_name>::<class_name> (...) {  
    /* class_name constructor code */  
}  
Date::Date (...) {  
    /* Date constructor code */  
}
```

Note: A Special Function!

- Has NO **return** type.
- Has same name as Class.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date() ;  
  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay() ;  
  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Syntax – The Default *ctor*

Default (empty) Constructor:

- Function Prototype:

```
Date ();
```

- Function Definition:

```
Date::Date() {  
    /* default constructor code */  
}
```

Note:

- The compiler will *automatically synthesize* a Default Constructor if no *user-provided* one is specified.

Note: A Special Function!

- Has NO **return** type.
- Has same name as Class.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Syntax – The Default *ctor*

Default (empty) Constructor:

- Function Prototype:

```
Date ();
```

- Function Definition:

```
Date::Date() {  
    m_month = 1;  
    m_day = 1;  
    m_year = 1917;  
    printDay();  
    /* or even no code at all? */  
}
```

Note: A Special Function!

- Has NO **return** type.
- Has same name as Class.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Syntax – The Parametrized **ctor**

Overloaded (parametrized) Constructor:

➤ Function Prototype:

```
Date(int month, int day, int year);
```

➤ Function Definition:

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    m_month = month;  
    m_day = day;  
    m_year = year;  
    printDay();  
}
```

Note: A Special Function!

- Has NO **return** type.
- Has same name as Class.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Implementations

Overloaded (parametrized) Constructor Definition:

➤ Simple.

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    m_month = month;  
    m_day = day;  
    m_year = year;  
}
```

Missing: Technically, nothing, but...

➤ Validation of the information being passed in!

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Implementations

Overloaded (parametrized) Constructor Definition:

➤ Controlled.

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    if (month>0 && month<=12) {  
        m_month = month; }  
    else { m_month = 1; }  
    if (day>0 && day<=31) {  
        m_day = day; }  
    else { m_day = 1; }  
    if (year>=1917 && year<=2017) {  
        m_year = year; }  
    else { m_year = 1; }  
}
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Implementations

Overloaded (parametrized) Constructor Definition:

➤ Controlled /w better coding.

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    if (month>0 && month<=MAX_MONTH) {  
        m_month = month; }  
    else { m_month = 1; }  
    if (day>0 && day<=MAX_DAY) {  
        m_day = day; }  
    else { m_day = 1; }  
    if (year>=MIN_YEAR && year<=MAX_YEAR) {  
        m_year = year; }  
    else { m_year = 1; }  
}
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```


Constructor(s)

Implementations

Overloaded (parametrized) Constructor Definition
(Controlled /w even better coding):

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    setMonth(month) ;  
    setDay(day) ;  
    setYear(year) ;  
}
```

Why?

➤ Enable Code Re-Use !

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year) ;  
  
        void setMonth(int m) ;  
        void setDay(int d) ;  
        void setYear(int y) ;  
  
        void printDay() const ;  
        void shiftNextDay() ;  
  
    private:  
        int m_month ;  
        int m_day ;  
        int m_year ;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Overloading

Can have multiple versions of the Constructor:

- *Overloading* the Constructor.

Different constructors for when:

- All Member values are known.
- No Member values are known.
- Some subset of Member values are known.

Note:

- If you define an *Overloaded* Constructor the compiler will *not* automatically synthesize a *Default* one.
- You *have* to define a *Default* (empty) constructor if you want to be able to do:

```
Date myDate;
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int year);  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Overloading

Can have multiple versions of the Constructor:

- *Overloading* the Constructor.

Different constructors for when:

- All Member values are known.
- No Member values are known.
- Some subset of Member values are known.

Note:

- If you define an *Overloaded* Constructor the compiler will *not* automatically synthesize a *Default* one.
- A good coding practice is to always define a 1-liner Default (empty) Constructor as well, as a lot of C++ functionalities depend on the existence of an *accessible* class *Default* Constructor.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int year);  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Overloading

Can have multiple versions of the Constructor:

➤ *Overloading* the Constructor.

Constructor invoked with full range of arguments:

➤ Constructor to set user-supplied Member values.

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year) {  
    setMonth(month) ;  
    setDay(day) ;  
    setYear(year) ;  
}
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date() ;  
        Date(int month,  
            int year) ;  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year) ;  
  
        void setMonth(int m) ;  
        void setDay(int d) ;  
        void setYear(int y) ;  
        void printDay() const ;  
        void shiftNextDay() ;  
    private:  
        int m_month ;  
        int m_day ;  
        int m_year ;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Overloading

Can have multiple versions of the Constructor:

- *Overloading* the Constructor.

Constructor invoked with no arguments:

- Constructor to set default Member values.

```
Date::Date() {  
    setMonth(DEFAULT_MONTH);  
    setDay(DEFAULT_DAY);  
    setYear(DEFAULT_YEAR);  
}
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
    Date();  
    Date(int month,  
        int year);  
    Date(int month,  
        int day, int year);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
    int m_month;  
    int m_day;  
    int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Overloading

Can have multiple versions of the Constructor:

➤ *Overloading* the Constructor.

Constructor invoked with some arguments:

➤ Constructor to set some user-supplied Member values, the rest set to default Member values.

```
Date::Date(int month, int year) {  
    setMonth(month) ;  
    setDay(DEFAULT_DAY) ;  
    setYear(year) ;  
}
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date() ;  
        Date(int month,  
            int year) ;  
        Date(int month,  
            int day, int year) ;  
        void setMonth(int m) ;  
        void setDay(int d) ;  
        void setYear(int y) ;  
        void printDay() const ;  
        void shiftNextDay() ;  
    private:  
        int m_month ;  
        int m_day ;  
        int m_year ;  
};
```


Constructor(s)

Overloading Caveats

Consider 2 Overloaded Constructor versions:


```
Date::Date(int month, int year) {  
    setMonth(month);  
    setDay(DEFAULT_DAY);  
    setYear(year);  
}  
Date::Date(int month, int day) {  
    setMonth(month);  
    setDay(day);  
    setYear(DEFAULT_YEAR);  
}
```


```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int year);  
        Date(int month,  
            int day);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```


Constructor(s)

Overloading Caveats

Consider 2 Overloaded Constructor versions:
What the Compiler “sees”:

 `Date::Date(int month, int year) { /* ... */ }`
`Date(int , int);` Function Prototype Signature

 `Date::Date(int month, int day) { /* ... */ }`
`Date(int , int);` Function Prototype Signature

```
class Date{
public:
    Date();
    Date(int month,
        int year);
    Date(int month,
        int day);

    void setMonth(int m);
    void setDay(int d);
    void setYear(int y);
    void printDay() const;
    void shiftNextDay();
private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
    int m_year;
};
```

Constructor(s)

Default Parameters

Not really meaningful to have numerous Constructors just to set default Member values.

- A lot of code duplication.
- Can set Default Parameter values in Constructor.

Function Prototype Syntax:

```
Date(int month, int day=DFLT_D,  
      int year=DFLT_Y, bool printFlg=false);
```

Note:

- Use constants !
- Only Change in Constructor Prototype !

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int day=DFLT_D,  
            int year=DFLT_Y,  
            bool printFlg=false);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Default Parameters

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- A lot of code duplication.
- Can set Default Parameter values in Constructor.

Function Prototype Syntax (NO!) :

```
Date(int month=DFLT_M, int day=DFLT_D,  
      int year=DFLT_Y, bool printFlg=false);
```

```
Date();
```

Attention: Same Prototype Signature !

- This is still ambiguous!

```
Date d; ➡ error: call of overloaded 'Date()'   
is ambiguous
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month=DFLT_M,  
            int day=DFLT_D,  
            int year=DFLT_Y,  
            bool printFlg=false);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Default Parameters

Function Implementation Syntax:

```
Date::Date(int month, int day, int year,  
           bool printFlg) {  
    setMonth(month) ;  
    setDay(day) ;  
    setYear(year) ;  
    if (printFlg) { printDay() ; }  
}
```

Note:

- Function implementation doesn't change !
- If parameters are not provided, they will be set to Prototype Default Parameters.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date() ;  
        Date(int month,  
              int day=DFLT_D,  
              int year=DFLT_Y,  
              bool printFlg=false) ;  
  
    void setMonth(int m) ;  
    void setDay(int d) ;  
    void setYear(int y) ;  
    void printDay() const ;  
    void shiftNextDay() ;  
    private:  
        int m_month ;  
        int m_day ;  
        int m_year ;  
};
```

Constructor(s)

Default Parameters

Call with Default Parameters:

`Date defaultCtorDate;` Default Constructor call
(no parameter list)

`Date myBDayPrinted(5, 15, 1985, true);`

`Date myBDay(5, 15, 1985);`

`Date halloween(10, 31);`

`Date july(4);`

`// defaultDate: 4196816/0/4196304`

`// myBDayPrinted: 5/15/1985` Output: 5,15,1985

`// myBDay: 5/15/1985`

`// halloween: 10/31/1917`

`// july: 4/1/1917`

```
class Date{
public:
    Date();
    Date(int month,
        int day=DFLT_D,
        int year=DFLT_Y,
        bool printFlg=false);

    void setMonth(int m);
    void setDay(int d);
    void setYear(int y);
    void printDay() const;
    void shiftNextDay();
private:
    int m_month;
    int m_day;
    int m_year;
};
```

Constructor(s)

Default Parameters

Call with Default Parameters – Caveats:

- Sequential Interpretation of Default Parameters in Constructor Prototype:

```
Date(int month, int day=DFLT_D,  
      int year=DFLT_Y, bool printFlg=false);
```

No skipping Parameters! Can only do:

```
or Date myFullDatePrinted(2, 9, 2017, true);  
or Date myFullDate(2, 9, 2017);  
or Date myMonthDayOnly(2, 9);  
Date myMonthOnly(2);
```

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int day=DFLT_D,  
            int year=DFLT_Y,  
            bool printFlg=false);  
  
    void setMonth(int m);  
    void setDay(int d);  
    void setYear(int y);  
    void printDay() const;  
    void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month;  
        int m_day;  
        int m_year;  
};
```


Constructor(s)

Syntax – The Copy **ctor**

Copy (class-object) Constructor:

➤ For Function Prototype:

```
Date(const Date & );
```

➤ For Function Definition:

```
Date::Date(const Date & other) {  
    /* Date date object-const-ref copy code */  
}
```

Note:

➤ The compiler will *automatically synthesize* a Copy Constructor if no *user-provided* one is specified

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int day=DFLT_D,  
            int year=DFLT_Y,  
            bool printFlg=false);  
        Date(const Date & other);  
  
        void setMonth(int m);  
        void setDay(int d);  
        void setYear(int y);  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month, m_day,  
            m_year;  
};
```


Constructor(s)

Implementations

Copy (class-object) Constructor Definition:

- Copy-over Member Data.

```
Date::Date(const Date & other) {  
    m_month = other.m_month;  
    m_day = other.m_day;  
    m_year = other.m_year;  
}
```

Same Class:

- Has direct access to **private** Member Data of input Object **other** because it is a method of the same Class.

```
class Date{  
    public:  
        Date();  
        Date(int month,  
            int day=DFLT_D,  
            int year=DFLT_Y,  
            bool printFlg=false);  
        Date(const Date & other);  
  
        void setMonth(int m);  
        void setDay(int d);  
        void setYear(int y);  
        void printDay() const;  
        void shiftNextDay();  
    private:  
        int m_month, m_day,  
            m_year;  
};
```

Destructor(s)

Destructor – Description

Called when a Class goes out-of-scope or is freed from the heap (by **delete**).

– More about that in Lectures later on ... –

- Not necessary in simple class cases.
- But, have to take care of Cleaning-Up resources that won't automatically go away.

Destructor

- Has the name `~ClassName()`, has NO **return** type.
- Can only specify a *single one user-provided* in a Class, or none and the compiler will provided an *automatically synthesized* one.

Destructor will automatically (without writing any code in it) call Destructor of any Data Member *Objects*.

- But not Pointed-to Objects by Member Pointers !
- Define a Destructor if you need to return resources, deallocate pointer memory, etc.

Designing a Class

Ask yourself:

- What properties must each Object have, what data types should each be?
- Which should be **private**? Which should be **public**?
- What operations must each Object have?
- What Accessors, Mutators, Facilitators?
- What parameters must each of these have?
- **const**, by-Value, by-Reference, Default?
- What **return** value should each of these have?

Beginner's rules of thumb:

- Data usually **private**, operations usually **public**.
- Usually 1 Mutator & 1 Accessor per Data Member.



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Time for Questions !