

Exercise 7

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General:

In this code we have a class `Trafficlight`, this class features 3 constructors, 1 destructor and 3 attributes:

- `static int counter_`: This is a `static` variable, meaning that only one can exist no matter how many objects are declared.
- `const int id_`: This one stores the `id` of the object.
- `light state`: This variable of type `light` (enum) stores the light status of the object.

Line 1 - `Trafficlight a(Trafficlight::green);`

Here we create a new object `a` of class `Trafficlight`, we pass `Trafficlight::green` as argument, so `a.light == green` therefore `a.state_ = green`. `counter_` is passed to `a.id_` and increased by one.

- **guessed output**: "Constructing 0"
- `a.id_ = 0`
- `a.state_ = green`

Line 2 - `Trafficlight* b_ptr = new Trafficlight(Trafficlight::orange);`

Here we do two things, firstly we declare an `object pointer` with the syntax `Trafficlight* b_ptr`. Then we create a `dynamic object` with the syntax `new` and store the address of the created object into the `object pointer`.

- **guessed output**: "Constructing 1"
- `b_ptr.id_ = 1`
- `b_ptr.state_ = orange`

Line 3 - `Trafficlight c(a);`

Here we create a new object `c` of class `Trafficlight` but based on `a`.

- **guessed output**: "Copy constructing 2 from 0"
- `c.id_ = 2`
- `c.state_ = green`

Line 4 - `Trafficlight d = *b_ptr ;`

Here we create a new object `d` and pass a pointer to `b_ptr` as constructor.

- **guessed output**: "Copy constructing 3 from 1"
- `d.id_ = 3`
- `c.state_ = orange`

Line 5 / 6 - `Trafficlight e; e = a;`

Here we firstly create an empty `Trafficlight` class object `e`.

- **guessed output**: "Constructing 4"
- `e.id_ = 4`
- `e.state_ = red`

Then we attribute the attributes of `a` to `e`:

- **guessed output** : "Assigning 0 to 4"
- `e.id_ = 4`
- `e.state_ = green`

Line 7 - Trafficlight& f = a;

For this one, we are simply creating a reference `f` to `a`.

- **guessed output** : `nothing`
- `f.id_` refers to `a.id_`
- `f.state_` refers to `f.state_`

Line 8 - a.print_state();

- **guessed output** : `green`

Line 9 - b->print_state();

Here we need to access the function behind the pointer with `->`

- **guessed output** : `"orange"`

Line 10 - c.print_state();

- **guessed output** : `"green"`

Line 11 - d.print_state();

- **guessed output** : `"orange"`

Line 12 - e.print_state();

- **guessed output** : `"green"`

Line 13 - f.print_state();

Here we are actually calling `a.print_state()`.

- **guessed output** : `"green"`

Line 14 - delete b_ptr;

Here we are calling `delete` on `b_ptr`, this means that we call the class destructor `~Trafficlight()`. However since `b_ptr` is an `object pointer` pointing on `class Trafficlight` it calls the destructor of all instances of that class.

- **guessed output** : `"Deconstructing 1 Deconstructing 3 Deconstructing 4 Deconstructing 2 Deconstructing 0"`

Guessed output

```
Constructing 0
Constructing 1
Copy constructing 2 from 0
Copy constructing 3 from 1
Constructing 4
Assigning 0 to 4
green
orange
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```
green
orange
green
green
Deconstructing 1
Deconstructing 3
Deconstructing 4
Deconstructing 2
Deconstructing 0
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