C++

程式語言 (二)

Introduction to Programming (II)

Constructors & Destructors

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Platform/IDE



OnlineGDB (https://www.onlinegdb.com/)



Real-Time Collaborative Online IDE (https://ide.usaco.guide/)



Textbooks (We focusing on C++11)

- Learn C++ Programming by Refactoring (由重構學習 C++ 程式設計). Pang-Feng Liu (劉邦鋒). NTU Press. 2023.
- C++ Primer. 5th Edition. Stanley B. Lippman, Josée Lajoie, Barbara E. Moo. 2019.
- *Effective C++*. Scott Meyers. O'Reilly. 2016.
- *Thinking in C++*. *Vol. 1: Introducing to Standard C++*. 2nd Edition. Bruce Eckel. Prentice Hall PTR. 2000.

Useful Resources

- Tutorialspoint
 - https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/index.htm
 - Online C++ Compiler
- Programiz
 - https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming
- LEARN C++
 - https://www.learncpp.com/
- MIT OpenCourseWare Introduction to C++
 - https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/6-096-introduction-to-c-january-iap-2011/pages/lecture-notes/
- Learning C++ Programming
 - https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming
- GeeksforGeeks
 - https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/c-plus-plus/

Constructors and Destructors

- Each class defines how objects of its type can be initialized.
- Classes control object initialization by defining one or more special member functions known as **constructors**.
- A constructor: initialize the data members of a class object.
 - A constructor is run whenever an object of a class type is created.
- It's very useful for setting initial values for certain member variables.

- The compiler generates a default constructor, called **synthesized default constructor**, automatically only if a class declares no constructors.
- **Note:** for some classes, the synthesized default constructor does the wrong thing.

Refer to: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_constructor_destructor.htm

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Line {
  public:
    void setLength( double len );
    double getLength( void );
    Line(); // the constructor
  private:
    double length;
};
```

```
Line::Line(void) {
   cout << "Object is being created\n";
}
void Line::setLength(double len) {
   length = len;
}
double Line::getLength(void) {
   return length;
}</pre>
```

```
int main() {
   Line line;

line.setLength(6.0); // set line length
   cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength() <<endl;

return 0;
}</pre>
```

Object is being created Length of line : 6

Refer to: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_constructor_destructor.htm

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Line {
  public:
    void setLength( double len );
    double getLength( void );
    Line() = default;
    // synthesized default constructor
    private:
    double length;
};
```

```
void Line::setLength(double len) {
   length = len;
}
double Line::getLength(void) {
   return length;
}
```

```
int main() {
  Line line;

line.setLength(6.0); // set line length
  cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength() <<endl;

return 0;
}</pre>
```

Length of line : 6

Parameterized Constructors

Refer to: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_constructor_destructor.htm

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Line {
  public:
    void setLength( double len );
    double getLength( void );
    Line(double len);
    // constructor with parameters
  private:
    double length;
};
```

```
int main() {
   Line line(10.0);

   cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength() <<endl;
   line.setLength(6.0);
   cout << "Length of line : " << line.getLength() <<endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Object is being created, length = 10 Length of line : 10 Length of line : 6

Constructor Initializer List

Refer to: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp constructor destructor.htm

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Line {
  public:
    void setLength( double len );
    double getLength(void);
    Line() = default;
    Line(double len): length(len) {};
  private:
    double length;
};
```

```
void Line::setLength(double len) {
   length = len;
}
double Line::getLength(void) {
   return length;
}
```

```
int main() {
   Line line1, line2(10.0);
   cout << "Length of line1: " << line1.getLength() <<endl;
   cout << "Length of line2: " << line2.getLength() <<endl;
   line1.setLength(6.0);
   cout << "Length of line1: " << line1.getLength() <<endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Length of line1: 4.68426e-310 Length of line2: 10 Length of line1: 6

Destructors (1/3)

- Destructors do whatever work is needed to free the resources used by an object and destroy the nonstatic data members of the object.
- The destructor is a member function with the name of the class prefixed by a tilde (~).
- It has **no return value** and takes **no parameters**.
 - Cannot be overloaded.
 - There is always only one destructor for a given class.

```
class Foo {
  public:
    ~Foo(); // destructor
// ...
};
```

Destructors (2/3)

- A destructor also has a function body and a destruction part.
- In a destructor:
 - The function body is executed first, and then the members are destroyed.
 - Members are destroyed in reverse order from the order in which they were initialized.
- The function body of a destructor does whatever operations the class designer wishes to have executed subsequent to the last use of an object.
 - Typically, the destructor **frees resources** an object allocated during its lifetime.

Destructors (3/3)

- The destruction part is implicit.
 - What happens when a member is destroyed depends on the type of the member.
 - Members of class type are destroyed by running the member's own destructor.
- The built-in types do not have destructors, so nothing is done to destroy members of built-in type.

Destructor Examples

Refer to: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/cpp_constructor_destructor.htm

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Line {
  public:
      void setLength( double len );
      double getLength( void );
      Line(); // constructor
      ~Line(); // destructor
  private:
      double length;
};
```

```
Line::Line(void) {
   cout << "Object is being created"</pre>
         << endl:
Line::~Line(void) {
   cout << "Object is being deleted"</pre>
         << endl;
void Line::setLength(double len) {
   length = len;
double Line::getLength(void) {
   return length;
```

```
Object is being created
Length of line: 6
Object is being deleted
```

Destructor Examples

Refer to: https://onlinegdb.com/QK8YB6RBP

```
#include <iostream>
                                               void Line::setLength(double len) {
using namespace std;
                                                  length = len;
class Line {
                                               double Line::getLength(void) {
   public:
                                                  return length;
      void setLength( double len );
      double getLength ( void );
      Line(); // constructor
      ~Line() { cout << "An object with length " << length << " is out!" << endl;} ;
   private:
      double length;
                                                           Length of line2: 10
                                                           Length of line1: 6
};
                                                           An object with length 10 is out!
                                                           An object with length 6 is out!
int main() {
   Line line1, line2(10.0);
```

```
int main() {
   Line line1, line2(10.0);
   cout << "Length of line1: " << line1.getLength() << endl;
   cout << "Length of line2: " << line2.getLength() << endl;
   line1.setLength(6.0);
   cout << "Length of line1: " << line1.getLength() <<endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Exercise

- Add constructor(s) and a destructor to the following class

```
class rectangle {
public:
    typedef int unit;
    void area();
    void set(unit wd, unit ht);
private:
    unit width;
    unit height;
};
```

```
void rectangle::set(unit wd, unit ht)
{
    width = wd;
    height = ht;
}
```

```
void rectangle::area()
{
  cout << "The area: " << width * height << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
int main() // DO NOT modify main()
{
    rectangle obj, obj2(2,5); //creating object of rectangle class
    rectangle::unit x, y;
    cin >> x;
    cin >> y;
    obj.set(x, y);
    obj.area();
    obj2.area();
    return 0;
}
```

Copy Constructor

- Reference:
 - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse333/12su/lectures/lec11.pdf
- An Example of "Person":
 - https://onlinegdb.com/8EeWdA3zv

Another Example

-from cplusplus.com

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
class Example {
    string* ptr;
  public:
    // constructors:
    Example(): ptr(new string) {}
    Example (const string& str): ptr(new string(str)) {}
    // destructor:
    // since we dynamically allocate a string
    ~Example () {delete ptr;}
    // access content:
    const string& content() const {return *ptr;}
};
int main () {
  Example foo;
  Example bar ("NTOU CSE IS THE BEST!");
  cout << "bar's content: " << bar.content() << '\n';</pre>
  return 0;
```

More on the Copy Constructor

https://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/classes2/

```
MyClass::MyClass (const MyClass&);
```

If a class has no custom copy nor move constructors (or assignments) defined, an *implicit copy constructor* is provided.

This copy constructor simply performs a copy of its own members. For example,

```
class MyClass {
  public:
    int a, b;
    string c;
};
```

An implicit copy constructor is automatically defined and is equivalent to

```
MyClass::MyClass(const MyClass& x):
a(x.a), b(x.b), c(x.c) {}
```

When is the copy constructor called?

https://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/classes2/

```
MyClass& operator= (const MyClass& x) {
    delete ptr;
    ptr = new string (x.content());
    return *this;
}
```

Operator overloaded (We will discuss about it in the future.

Another Example (Destructor + Copy Constructor)

-from cplusplus.com

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
class Example {
    string* ptr;
  public:
    // constructors:
    Example(): ptr(new string) {}
    Example (const string& str): ptr(new string(str)) {}
    Example (const Example& x): ptr(new string(x.content())) {}
    // destructor:
    ~Example () {delete ptr;}
    // access content:
    const string& content() const {return *ptr;}
};
void main () {
  Example foo ("NTOU CSE IS THE BEST!");
 Example bar = foo;
  cout << "bar's content: " << bar.content() << '\n';</pre>
```

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*Move Constructor

https://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/classes2/

```
MyClass (MyClass&&); // move-constructor
MyClass& operator= (MyClass&&); // move-assignment
```

- Similar to copying, moving also uses the value of an object to set the value to another object.
- But, unlike copying, the content is actually transferred from one object (the source) to the other (the destination):
 - **The source loses that content**, which is taken over by the destination.
 - This moving only happens when the source of the value is an *unnamed* object.

Notes on the "reference" &

Example

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main () {
     int i, j;
     int &ref1 {i};
     int &ref2 {ref1};
     cin >> i;
     cout << "i = " << i << endl;
     cout << "&i = " << &i << endl;
     cout << "&j = " << &j << endl;
     cout << "ref1 = " << ref1 << endl;</pre>
     cout << "&ref1 = " << &ref1 << endl;</pre>
     cout << "ref2 = " << ref2 << endl;</pre>
     cout << "&ref2 = " << &ref2 << endl;
     ref1 = 8;
     cout << "i = " << i << endl;
     i = ref2 + 3;
     cout << "j = " << j << endl;
     return 0;
```

```
5
i = 5
&i = 0x7ffff9ff72c0
&j = 0x7ffff9ff72c4
ref1 = 5
&ref1 = 0x7ffff9ff72c0
ref2 = 5
&ref2 = 0x7ffff9ff72c0
i = 8
j = 11
```

https://onlinegdb.com/I3PeEt-0jT

Example (Loop)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#define N 5
int main () {
    int nums[N];
    int sum{0}; //initialization
    for (int &v: nums)
        cin >> v;
    for (int &v: nums)
         sum += v;
    cout << "sum = " << sum << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

 $1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5$ sum = 15

Example (Loop)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                                              sum = 15
#define N 5
int main () {
    int nums[N];
    int sum{0}; //initialization
    for (int (&v) nums)
         cin >> v;
    for (int (v:) nums)
         sum += v
                                                      Do we need the '&' here?
    cout << "sum =
                    " << sum << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
                                      Do we need the '&' here?
```

Pass by Reference

https://github.com/pangfengliu/Cplusplus-refactor/blob/main/structure/rational-ref.cc

```
struct Rational {
  int q, p; // q/p
};
int gcd(int a, int b) {
  if (a % b == 0)
   return b;
  else
    return qcd(b, a % b);
void simplify(Rational &a) {
  int factor {
    gcd(abs(a.p), abs(a.q))
 a.p /= factor;
  a.q /= factor;
  if (a.p < 0) {
    a.p = -a.p;
    a.q = -a.q;
```

```
Rational add(Rational &a, Rational &b) {
  Rational sum {b.p * a.q + b.q * a.p, b.p * a.p};
  simplify(sum);
  return sum;
}

void print(Rational &a) {
  cout << a.q << '/' << a.p << endl;
}</pre>
```

```
int main() {
   Rational a, b;
   cin >> a.q >> a.p >> b.q >> b.p;
   Rational c {add(a,b)};
   print(c);
   return 0;
}
```

2 3 1 6 5/6