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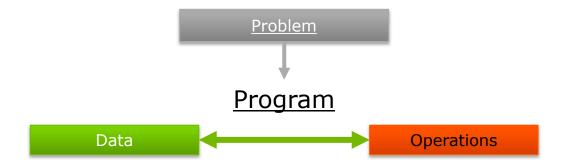
C23-03 - Object orientation

Advanced algorithms and programming



Introduction

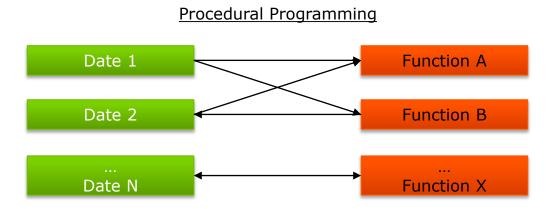
- In software development, concrete problems (mostly from the real world) are modeled in the form of a computer program.
- A program essentially consists of (1) data and (2) operations that operate on the data.



The basic approach can vary greatly in different programming languages. (see programming paradigms)

Introduction - Procedural programming

• In procedural programming, data and functions are handled separately. In principle, all data types can be changed by all functions in the program.



Introduction – Object orientation

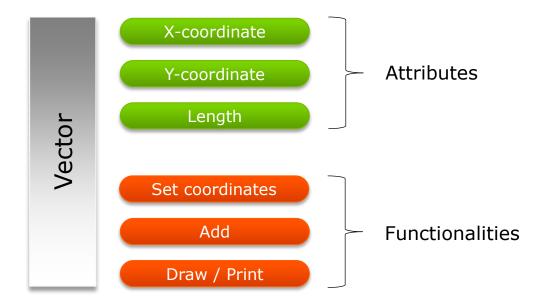
- In real life, there are many things / <u>objects</u>. These are distinguished mainly by:
 - Features
 - Functionalities (what you can do with them)
- Properties and functionalities belong together and define an object
- Often, an object is responsible for its own data and has functionalities to modify this data

| Object | Features | Functionalities |
|--------------|---|--|
| Car | Performance, number of doors, seats, speed, color, consumption, | drive, refuel, open / close door, park, flash, |
| Crayon | Length, color, condition of the tip, thickness, | paint, sharpen, |
| Matrix | Number of rows / columns, values | add, multiply, invert, |
| user account | Name, Password, E-Mail | create, log in, log out, delete, change data, |

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Example - Two-dimensional vector

• The vector is an object with properties (attributes) and functionalities



Classes vs. objects

Classes

- Classes bundle data (attributes) and functions
 - Access to data "from outside" can be restricted (encapsulation)
 - Well defined classes ensure that their data is always valid and consistent (they "take responsibility" for the data)
- Classes help with a clear, modular structure of code
- Classes are extensible (via inheritance)

Objects

- Objects are concretizations (instances) of classes
- Objects have functions and data of the class, but the values of the data / attributes can differ from object to object
- Example: "Human" is the class. "Paul" and "Mary" are objects (instances of the class).

Classes

Structure

- Keyword: class
- Declaration and usage similar to a struct
- Functions within classes are called "method" or "member function
- Data within classes is called "member variables

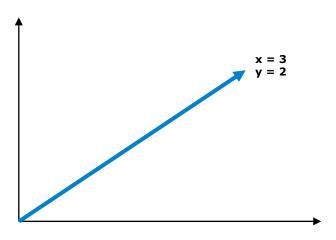
Visibility of member functions and variables

- public visible outside
- private or no keyword visible only within the class

Classes – Example

Task

- Define a class Vector
 - Member variables for the positions x and y
 - Member function to set these values.



Classes – Example

Solution

```
class Vector
{
public: // publicly accessible area
  void setXY( double x, double y)
    {
    m_x = x; m_y = y;
    }
  private: // private area
    double m_x, m_y;
};
```

Classes – Instances

- To use a class, an instance of the class must be declared, in C++ often called "creating an object".
- Any number of objects (instances) of a class can be created. Member variables are created for each object individually in memory ¹.
- Instances of classes are essentially created like instances of basic types:

```
class_id var_id1, var_id2, ... var_idn;
Example:
```

```
int i1, i2;
Vector v1, v2;
```

¹ Exception: Static member variables are created only once per class. Details later in the course.

Classes – Member functions

- Member functions can be defined inside and outside the (Nota: Declaration always within the class).
- For definitions outside the class, the scope operator "::" must be used

```
class Vector
{
public: // publicly accessible area
void setXY( double x, double y)
      {
    m_x = x; m_y = y;
      }

private: // private area
      double m_x, m_y;
};
```

```
class Vector
{
public: // publicly accessible area
  void setXY(double x, double y);

private: // private area
    double m_x, m_y;
};

void Vector::setXY( double x, double y)
{
  m_x = x; m_y = y;
}
```

Design Criteria



Clarify competencies

- Determine "who" is responsible for what
- Select and apply relevant program structures and patterns (Doc - View, Model - View - Controller ...)
- Example: Encapsulate output and menu control in a user interface class

Protect data

- Guarantee consistency and meaningfulness of data at all times
- Prevent unwanted manipulations
- Use visibility mechanisms (private, protected)

Optimize design for changeability

 Implement design in such a way that as little source code as possible has to be changed for future changes

- Within a class, all member functions can access all data of the class.
- Outside of this, only data in the public area can be accessed.
- Within all member functions a **this** pointer is available. It always points to the address of the object that called the function. This pointer is passed (not visible to the programmer) as the first function argument.
- With the this pointer you can access all functions and data of an object within a class.
- The **this** pointer does not have to be specified explicitly (with a few exceptions). It is used implicitly, if it is not specified!

```
class Vector2
public:
    // Compiler Intern: void setXY(Vector2* this, int x, int y);
    void setXY(int x, int y)
        // 'this' pointer to distinguish local variable from member variable
        this-> x = x;
        this-> y = y;
        updateVectorLength(); // Access to private member functions
private:
    void updateVectorLength()
        // if 'this' is not specified, it is used implicitly!
        length = sqrt(x*x + y*y);
    int x, y;
    double length;
};
```

```
int main()
{
    Vector2 vec;
    const int x = 2; // OK. Local variable has no influence on the class
    vec.setXY(x, 3); // COMPILER INTERNAL: setXY(& vec, x, 3)

    vec.length = 2; // COMPILER ERROR! (access to private member variable)
    vec.updateVectorLength() // COMPILER ERROR! (access to private function)
}
```

```
#pragma once
class Vector3
public:
   void setXY(int x, int y);  // Koordinaten setzen
   Vector3 add(const Vector3* p0ther);
                                        // addieren
   void print();
                                          // ausgeben
private:
   // private Helper-Funktion
    void updateVectorLength();
    int
           m x, m y; // Kodierrichtlinie:
    double m_length; // Prefix 'm_', um Membervariablen zu kennzeichnen
};
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
#include "Vector3.h"
                                                                                      #include "Vector3.h"
void Vector3::setXY(int x, int y) {
                                                                                      int main()
    m x = x; m y = y;
    updateVectorLength();
                                                                                          Vector3 v1, v2;
}
                                                                                          v1.setXY(1.0, 1.0);
Vector3 Vector3::add(const Vector3* pOther) {
                                                                                          v2.setXY(.20, -2.0);
    Vector3 result;
    result.m x = m x + pOther \rightarrow m x; // Eine Klasse hat private Zugriffsrechte
                                                                                          Vector3 v3 = v1.add(&v2);
    result.m y = m y + pOther->m y; // auf alle Objekte ihres Typs!
    result.updateVectorLength();
    return result;
void Vector3::print() {
    std::cout << "X-Koord: " << m x << ", Y-Koord: " << m y << ", Laenge: " << m length << std::endl;
}
void Vector3::updateVectorLength() {
    m length = sqrt(m x * m x + m y * m y);
}
```

Klassen

Scope-Operator – Zugriff auf globale Funktionen

- Aufruf globaler Funktionen aus einer Klasse heraus über den Scope-Operator
- Die Klasse ,Vector3' hat eine Member-Funktion mit dem Namen ,add'. Falls eine gleichnamige Funktion außerhalb der Klasse existiert, kann diese nur über den Scope-Operator verwendet werden: ::add()

```
int add(int x, int y) { return x + y; } // globale Funktion

Vector3 Vector3::add(const Vector3* pOther)
{
    Vector3 result;
    // Die lokale Funktion Vector3::add überdeckt die globale Funktion!
    // Der Zugriff auf die globale Funktion muss über den Scope-Operator erfolgen result.m_x = ::add(m_x, pOther->m_x);
    result.m_y = m_y + pOther->m_y;
    result.updateVectorLength();
    return result;
}
```

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Scope-Operator – Implementation of member functions

The implementation of member functions differs slightly in syntax from normal functions.
 The class name is linked with the name of the member function using the scope operator '::'.

```
return_type Class_name::member_function( ... )
{
    // implementation
}
```

The scope operator is necessary because the elements of a class occupy a different namespace than global elements.

struct and class

- struct in C++ are very similar to class
- struct also can contain member functions
- struct can have access control with private, protected und public
- In struct, all elements are public by default

```
#include <iostream>
struct StructExample
    void print()
        m a = 3; m b = 5;
        std::cout<< "A = " << m_a <<", B = " << m_b <<std::endl;
private:
    int m_a, m_b;
};
int main()
    StructExample se;
    se.print();
```

struct and class

 class could be used like struct if all members are made public (bad style – data should always be encapsulated)

```
#include <iostream>

class PublicClassExample
{
public:
    void print() { std::cout<< "A = " << m_a <<", B = " << m_b <<std::endl; }

    int m_a, m_b; // schlechter Stil: keine Datenkapselung!
};

int main()
{
    PublicClassExample pce = { 1, 4 };
    pce.print();
}</pre>
```

Default parameters

- Function parameter may have default values so-called default parameters
 - Default parameters may be omitted when calling a function
 - No regular parameters are allowed behind the first default parameter

```
#include <iostream>
void printValues(int a, int b = 10, int c = 20, int d = 30)
   std::cout<<"a=" <<a <<", b=" <<b <<", c=" <<c <<", d=" <<d <<std::endl;
// Nicht erlaubt! Default-Parameter müssen immer rechts stehen:
// void printValues2(int a = 0, int b) {}
int main()
```

References

- A reference referring to a variable is similar to a second name for this variable
- References are declared with ,&' behind the variable type
- References must be initialized immediately after declaration
- References do not require memory (different to pointers)
- References must be of the same type as the referenced variable (const modifier is allowed)
- References do not extend the lifetime of variables (pay attention to function return values!)

```
int a = 10;
int& rA = a; // 'rA' refers to same content as'a'!
```

References

```
Original-Wert: 2, Adresse: 0x28fec8
Referenz-Wert: 2, Adresse: 0x28fec8
Zeiger-Wert: 0x28fec8, Adresse: 0x28fec4, Inhalt: 2
```

| <u>Adresse</u> | <u>Inhalt</u> | <u>Variablen-Name</u> | |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| 28fec4h | 28fec8h | pValue | _ |
| 28fec8h | 2 | Value, rValue | 4 |

References

```
Output: 0x28fec8: x = 2
0x28fec8: y = 2
```

References

Negative example:

```
int& add(int x, int y)
{
    int z = x + y;
    return z;
}
```

The lifetime of ,z' ends with the end of the function!

- → Return value is invalid
- → Program likely crashes

References – Best practice

- Useful for passing parameters to functions:
 Use "call by reference" for all non-basic data types (no int, double, float ...)
 - Parameter transfer as const reference, if data are not changed
 - Don't use references as function return value! Exception: The data was previously passed into the function via "call by reference".

References

Useful example, considering the "best practices":

Function overloading

- In C++, several functions may have the same name
- Differentiation via list of function parameters
- Return value type not used for differentiation

Function overloading

```
#include <iostream>
void f(int a, double b) { std::cout<<"F1" <<std::endl; }</pre>
void f(int a, int b) { std::cout<<"F2" <<std::endl; }
void f(int a, int b, int c) { std::cout<<"F3" <<std::endl; }</pre>
void f(int a)
                { std::cout<<"F4" <<std::endl; }
void f(unsigned int a) { std::cout<<"F5" <<std::endl; }</pre>
// void f(int a, int b, int c = 0) { std::cout<<"F6" <<std::endl; } Fehler (identisch mit F2 & F3)</pre>
void f(int a, float b) { std::cout<<"F7" <<std::endl; }</pre>
// void f(int& a)
                                 { std::cout<<"F8" <<std::endl; } Fehler (identisch mit F4):
void f(int* a)
                                 { std::cout<<"F9" <<std::endl; }
int main() {
   int var{ 1 };
   // F7 F2 F5 F4 F1 F3 F9
    f(1, 2.0f); f(1, 2); f(1u); f(1); f(1, 2.0); f(1, 2, 3.0); f(&var);
```

Basics

Constructors

- ... are specific member functions of a class
- ... have the same name as the class
- ... have no return type (not even void)
- ... are called automatically when an object is created
- ... can be overloaded (i.e., several different constructors are possible)
- To be able to instantiate a class, at least one constructor must be declared public

Basics

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
    Box(int width, int height, int length)
        m_width = width;
        m_height = height;
        m_length = length;
        std::cout << "Box created: " << width << " x "<< height << " x "<< length << std::endl;</pre>
private:
    int m_width, m_height, m_length;
};
int main()
    Box box{ 10, 20, 30 };
```

Calling constructors

<u>Initialize object via constructor:</u>

```
Box box{ 10, 15, 12 };
Box box(10, 15, 12);

Box box = Box(10, 15, 12);

explicit notation
```

With dynamic memory allocation:

```
Box* box_ptr = new Box(1,2,3); // do not forget to delete!
```

For arrays:

```
Box boxes[] = { \{1,2,3\}, \{10,2,10\}, \{20,4,10\} };
Box boxes[] = { Box(1,2,3), Box(10,2,10), Box(20,4,10) };
```

<u>For constructors without parameters</u> (standard constructor):

```
Box box1;
Box kiste2 = Box();
```

Standard constructor

- A standard constructor is a constructor that expects no parameters
- Implicitly created by compiler if no other constructor defined by the programmer

```
Class_name()
{
}
```

Standard constructor

```
class Box
{
public:

    Box(int width, int height, int length) { }
};
int main()
{
    Box package; // ERROR: no default constructor defined!
    return 0;
}
```

Error: No standard constructor created automatically, because another constructor defined by programmer

Standard constructor

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
    Box()
        m width = 1; m height = 1; m length = 1;
        std::cout << "Standard constructor called!\n";</pre>
    Box(int width, int height, int length)
        m width = width;
        m_height = height;
        m length = length;
        std::cout << "Constructor called!\n";</pre>
private:
    int m width, m height, m length;
};
```

```
int main()
{
    Box box1;
    Box box2(1, 2, 3);
}
```

Standard constructor called! Constructor called!

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Standard constructor

```
#include <iostream>
class Box
public:
    Box(int width = 1, int height = 1, int length = 1)
        m_width = width; m_height = height; m_length = length;
        std::cout << "Box created: " << width << "x" << height << "x" << length << std::endl;</pre>
private:
    int m_width, m_height, m_length;
};
int main()
    Box box1 = Box(10, 3, 5);
    Box box2; // OK. (Own standard constructor available)
    Box box3(10, 3);
```

Box created: 10x3x5 Box created: 1x1x1 Box created: 10x3x1

Copy constructor

Copy constructors are used to initialize an object by another object

```
Class_name(const Class_name& other) { /* ... */ }
```

- Copy constructors are implicitly created by the compiler, if the programmer does not define a specific copy constructor
- Compiler-created standard copy constructors copy the value of all member variables to the new destination
 - Custom-defined copy constructor are required when using pointers or references as member variables

Copy constructor

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
   // own standard constructor
    Box()
        m_width = 1; m_length = 1; m_height = 1;
        std::cout << "standard constructur called: " << m_width << " x " << m_length;</pre>
        std::cout << " x " << m height << "\n";
private:
    int m width, m length, m height;
};
int main()
    Box box1; // standard constructor
    Box box2{ box1 }; // call to compiler-generated copy constructor
```

Copy constructor

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
 // own standard constructor
                                                                                     int main()
    Box()
                                                                                         Box box1 = Box(); // standard constructor
       m_width = 1; m_length = 1; m_height = 1;
                                                                                         Box box2{ box1 }; // copy constructor
        std::cout << "standard constructur called: " << m width << " x " << m length;</pre>
                                                                                         Box box3( box1 ); // copy constructor
        std::cout << " x " << m height << "\n";</pre>
                                                                                         Box box4 = box1; // copy constructor
    // own copy constructor, comment-out to demonstrate built-in copy constructor
    Box(const Box& otherBox) {
        m width = otherBox.m width;
        m length = otherBox.m length;
        m height = otherBox.m height;
        std::cout << "copy constructor called: " << m width << " x " << m length;</pre>
        std::cout << " x " << m height << "\n";</pre>
                                                                             standard constructur called: 1 x 1
};
                                                                             copy constructor called: 1 \times 1 \times 1
                                                                             copy constructor called: 1 x 1 x 1
                                                                             copy constructor called: 1 x 1 x 1
```

Copy constructor – pointer problems

```
#include < iostream>
class PointerExampleClass
public:
    PointerExampleClass(int val) { m pPointer = new int(val);
    void print() { std::cout << "Value: " << *m pPointer</pre>
            << std::endl; }
    void setValue(int val) { *m pPointer = val; }
    void destroy()
        std::cout << "memory in address " << std::hex</pre>
            << m pPointer
            << " is released..." << std::dec << std::endl;</pre>
        delete m pPointer;
private:
    int* m pPointer;
```

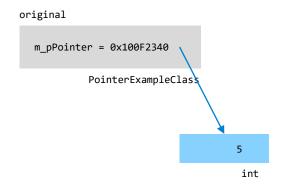
```
int main()
{
    PointerExampleClass original(5);
    PointerExampleClass copy(original);
    original.print();
    copy.setValue(2); // also changes the original!
    original.print();
    copy.destroy();
    original.setValue(10); // -> probable crash!
    original.print();
    original.destroy(); // -> sure crash!
}
```

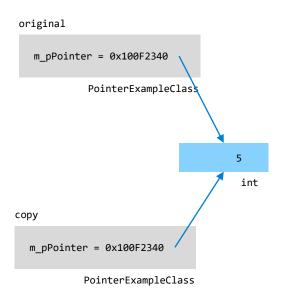
```
Value: 5
Value: 2
memory in address 00CF80B0 is released...
Value: 10
memory in address 00CF80B0 is released...
```

Both objects operate on the same memory area! Must be avoided if not explicitly required!!!

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Copy constructor – pointer problems





Instance of PointerExampleClass with int variable allocated in heap

Copy of PointerExampleClass instance created with built-in copy constructor, using same int variable as original → problem!

Copy constructor

#include < iostream>

By implementing the copy constructor, separate memory areas are used!

```
class PointerExampleClass
public:
    PointerExampleClass(int val) { m pPointer = new int(val); }
// This copy constructor creates a separate memory for pointers:
PointerExampleClass(const PointerExampleClass& rOther)
    m pPointer = new int(*rOther.m pPointer);
void print() { std::cout << "Value: " << *m pPointer << std::endl; }</pre>
void setValue(int val) { *m_pPointer = val; }
void destroy()
    std::cout << "memory in address " << std::hex << m_pPointer</pre>
        << " is released..." << std::dec << std::endl;</pre>
    delete m pPointer;
private:
    int* m pPointer;
};
```

Initializer lists

- Initializer lists are used in constructors and initialize member variables!
- Initializer lists are required to initialize the following member variable types:
 - Constants
 - References
 - Member objects
 - Initialization of base classes

```
Class_name() :
    m_element1{init_expression}, m_element2{init_expression} [, ... ]
{
        // ...
}
```

Attention: The order in the initialization list is irrelevant.

The execution order depends on the order of declaration of the member variables!

Initializer lists

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
    Box() { std::cout << "Box created!" << std::endl; }</pre>
private:
                                                          Attention:
                                                                           Constants and references must be initialized
    const int m width, m height;
                                                                           in the constructor!
    int m length;
    int& m rLength;
int main()
    Box box; // ERROR: Constants and refs must be initialized!
```

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Initializer lists

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
    // ERROR: Constants and refs must be initialized!
    Box()
        m_width = 1; m_height = 1; m_length = 1;
        m_rLength = m_length;
        std::cout << "Box created!" << std::endl;</pre>
private:
    const int m_width, m_height;
    int m_length;
    int& m_rLength;
};
int main()
    Box box;
```

Initializer lists

```
#include < iostream>
class Box
public:
    // This one works
    Box() : m_width{ 1 }, m_height{ 1 }, m_length{ 1 }, m_rLength{ m_length }
        std::cout << "Box created!" << std::endl;</pre>
private:
    const int m width, m height;
    int m_length;
    int& m_rLength;
};
int main()
    Box box;
```

Initializer lists – member objects

```
#include < iostream>
class ClassA
public:
    ClassA(int a, int b) : m_1{ a }, m_2{ b }
        std::cout << "constructor classA: " << a << ","</pre>
            << b << std::endl;
private:
    int m_1, m_2;
};
class ClassB
public:
    ClassB(int a, int b) : m a2{ a, b }, m a1{ 1, 1 }
        std::cout << "constructor classB" << std::endl;</pre>
private:
    ClassA m a1; // Member object
    ClassA m a2; // Member object
};
```

```
int main()
{
    ClassB b(2, 2);
}
```

```
constructor classA: 1,1
constructor classA: 2,2
constructor classB
```

Note: See the order in which the constructors are processed!

Conversion constructors

Conversion constructors

- ... convert another type into the type of the class
- ... have exactly one argument
- ... allow an implicit constructor call using the '=' operator (the keyword explicit can switch off this behavior)
- ... allow the compiler to perform conversions to the class type (the keyword explicit can switch off this behavior)

Beware of unwanted conversions!

Conversion constructors

Example (part 1)

```
#include < iostream>
class C
public:
    C(int a, int b) : m_a{ a }, m_b{ b }
private:
    int m_a, m_b;
};
class ConvertExample
public:
    // rudimentary conversion constructors, just for illustration
    ConvertExample(int a) { std::cout << "Int-Constructor" << std::endl; };</pre>
    ConvertExample(double a) { std::cout << "Double-Constructor" << std::endl; };</pre>
    ConvertExample(const C& rC) { std::cout << "ClassC-Constructor" << std::endl; };</pre>
    explicit ConvertExample(const char* text)
        std::cout << "String-Constructor" << std::endl;</pre>
    void doSomething(const ConvertExample& e)
        std::cout << "doSomething with 'ConvertExample'" << std::endl;</pre>
};
```

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Conversion constructors

Example (part 2)

```
Conversions:
                                                     Int-Constructor
int main()
                                                     doSomething with 'ConvertExample'
                                                     Double-Constructor
   ConvertExample a1 = 1;
                                                     doSomething with 'ConvertExample'
   ConvertExample a2{ 1 };
                                                     ClassC-Constructor
                                                     doSomething with 'ConvertExample'
   ConvertExample b1 = 2.0;
   ConvertExample b2{ 2.0 };
   ConvertExample c2 = C(1, 2);
   ConvertExample c1{ C(1, 2) };
   // ConvertExample d2 = "Hello World!"; // does not work, because of 'explicit':
   ConvertExample d1("Hello World!");
   std::cout << "\nConversions: " << std::endl;</pre>
   a1.doSomething(1); // implicit conversion (int -> ConvertExample)
   a1.doSomething(1.0); // implicit conversion (double -> ConvertExample)
   a1.doSomething(C(2, 2)); // implicit conversion (double -> ConvertExample)
   //a1.doSomething("Hello"); // does not work (because of 'explicit')
```

Int-Constructor Int-Constructor

Double-Constructor Double-Constructor ClassC-Constructor

ClassC-Constructor String-Constructor

- Destructors
 - ... are called as soon as the lifetime of an object ends (the object is destroyed or released)
 - ... to clean up within the class (e.g. release dynamically allocated memory)
- Only one destructor per class is allowed

```
~Class_name()
{
    /* clean up */
}
```

Example (part 1)

```
#pragma once
class DestructorExample
public:
    // Standard constructor with initializer list
    DestructorExample() : m_pPointer{ new int(0) } { }
    // Constructor with initializer list
    DestructorExample(int val) : m pPointer{ new int(val) } { }
    // copy constructor
    DestructorExample(const DestructorExample& rOther);
    // destructor
    ~DestructorExample();
    int getValue();
    void setValue(int val);
private:
    int* m_pPointer;
};
```

Example (part 2)

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Destructor1.h"
DestructorExample::DestructorExample(const DestructorExample& r0ther)
    : m pPointer{ new int(*rOther.m pPointer) }
{ }
DestructorExample::~DestructorExample()
    std::cout << "memory in address " << std::hex << m_pPointer</pre>
        << " is released..." << std::dec << std::endl;</pre>
    delete m pPointer;
int DestructorExample::getValue()
    return *m pPointer;
void DestructorExample::setValue(int val)
    *m pPointer = val;
```

Example (part 3)

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Destructor1.h"
int main()
    DestructorExample original(5);
    std::cout << "Value: " << original.getValue() << std::endl;</pre>
        DestructorExample copy(original);
        copy.setValue(2);
        std::cout << "Lifetime of 'copy' ends here!" << std::endl;</pre>
    std::cout << "Value: " << original.getValue() << std::endl;</pre>
    original.setValue(10); // OK.
    std::cout << "Value: " << original.getValue() << std::endl;</pre>
```

```
Value: 5
Lifetime of 'copy' ends here!
memory in address 01335BBO is released...
Value: 5
Value: 10
memory in address 01335B80 is released...
```



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