**Note**The **readonly** keyword is different from the [const](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/e6w8fe1b%28v=vs.71%29.aspx) keyword. A **const** field can only be initialized at the declaration of the field. A **readonly** field can be initialized either at the declaration or in a constructor. Therefore, **readonly** fields can have different values depending on the constructor used. Also, while a **const** field is a compile-time constant, the **readonly** field can be used for runtime constants as in the following example: