

# Constructor, finalize() & Constructor overloading

Unit-1

Q) What is constructor & finalize()

A) Constructor is special fun. sub. runs auto<sup>ly</sup> when an obj is created.

- Const. can be used to initialize an obj.

- finalize() is similar to destructor. There is no destructor in java.

- It is always named as finalize & not as class name.

- Finalize is called when or the obj is destroyed by GC.

- Since GC is unpredictable, so finalize() method also runs unpredictably.

- Declaration of finalize

protected void finalize()

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access specifier    return type    name                      No param.

Eg Create const. & finalize() in box.

```
class box {
```

```
    private int l, w, h;
```

```
    public void set(int x, int y, int z) {
```

```
        l = x;
```

```
        w = y;
```

```
        h = z;
```

```
    }
```

```
    public void get() {
```

```
        println(l);
```

```
        println(w);
```

```
        println(h);
```

```
    }
```

```
    box(int x, int y, int z) { // box constr.
```

```
        l = x;
```

```
        w = y;
```

```
        h = z;
```

```
    }
```

```
    protected void finalize() {
```

```
        println("finalize called");
```

```
        // This will run when obj is destroyed.
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
class demo{
```

```
public static void main(String args[]){
```

```
    box obj = new box(1,2,3); // must
```

```
    obj.set(5,6,7);
```

```
    obj.get();
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

pass  
values  
to const

### Feat. of finalize

1) Declared as  
protected void finalize();

2) Runs when GC releases the m/m of obj.  
So it is unpredictable

3) It is called exactly once for each obj.

4) Used to perform clean up task like  
close file stream, n/w connection etc.

## Feat. of a Const

- 1) Name must be same as class name.
- 2) Return type  $\rightarrow$  no return type.
- 3) Keyword that can be used with const.  
- abstract, static, final, synchronized.
- 4) Access specifier that can be used -  
private, public, protected, void default.
- 5) Can't be inherited, but can be invoked using super().

## Constructor

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use - to initialize an obj</li><li>• No return type</li><li>• Called auto<sup>y</sup> when obj is created.</li><li>• name - same as class name</li><li>• Can be called exactly once</li><li>• Can be called only at the time of obj creation</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>other member fun.</li><li>- Can perform any task.</li><li>- must have</li><li>- must be called by obj<br/>eg obj.set().</li><li>- any name.</li><li>- any no. of times</li><li>- any time.</li></ul> |
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## Types of Const.

### 1) Def. const.

- When no const. is created by user, then java p/v a def. const. It is non parameterized & do not perform any task.

### 2) Non parameterized const

- It is user defined const. wh. has no param. It can perform some task.  
Def const. doesn't perform any task.

### 3) Parameterized const

- User defined const. with param.

### 4) Copy const.

- Const. User defined const. wh. copies one obj to another. It takes obj as parameter.



## Constructor overloading

- Const o/cg means to create mul const with diff parameters.

- Eg Box class can have following const.

box( ); // Non parameterized const.

box(int x); // 1 param.

box(int x, int y, int z) // 3 param.

box(obj); // obj as param.

Copy. const.

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Class box {

private int l, w, h;

public void set (int x, int y, int z) {

l=x;

w=y;

h=z;

}

public void get () {

println(l);

println(w);

println(h);

}

• ~~problem~~ <sup>trick</sup>

```
box() { // Non param const.
```

```
    Soln ("Non param Const called");
```

```
}
```

```
box(int x) { // 1 param const.
```

```
    l=x;
```

```
    w=x;
```

```
    h=x;
```

```
}  
box(int x, int y, int z) { // 3 param.
```

```
    l=x;
```

```
    w=y;
```

```
    h=z;
```

```
}
```

```
box(box obj) { // Copy const.
```

```
    // Copy obj (passed obj) to the calling obj.
```

```
    // var of calling obj is l, w, h.
```

```
    // " " passed obj is obj.l, obj.w, obj.h;
```

```
    l=obj.l;  
    w=obj.w;  
    h=obj.h;
```

← Calling obj

→ passed obj

passed.  
// Calling obj copied  
to passing obj.  
calling obj.

```
}
```

```
} // box class.
```

Class demo {

public static void main (String args []) {

box obj1 = new box (10); // const w/ 1 param

box obj2 = new box (1, 2, 3); // 3 param

box obj3 = new box (); // No param.

box obj4 = new box (obj1); // Copy const.

Obj1 copied to obj4.  
↓  
boxed obj                      ↓  
                                  calling obj.

}

3.

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