

Virtual Constructor in C++

The virtual mechanism works only when we have a base class pointer to a derived class object.

In C++, the constructor cannot be virtual, because when a constructor of a class is executed there is no virtual table in the memory, means no virtual pointer defined yet. So, the constructor should always be non-virtual.

But virtual destructor is possible.

Example Code

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
class b {
public:
    b() {
        cout<<"Constructing base \n";
    }
    virtual ~b() {
        cout<<"Destructing base \n";
    }
};
class d: public b {
public:
    d() {
        cout<<"Constructing derived \n";
    }
    ~d() {
        cout<<"Destructing derived \n";
    }
};
int main(void) {
    d *derived = new d();
    b *bptr = derived;
    delete bptr;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Constructing base
Constructing derived
Destructing derived
Destructing base
```