

Assignment Operators Overloading in C++

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You can overload the assignment operator (=) just as you can other operators and it can be used to create an object just like the copy constructor.

Following example explains how an assignment operator can be overloaded.

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

class Distance {
private:
    int feet;           // 0 to infinite
    int inches;         // 0 to 12

public:
    // required constructors
    Distance() {
        feet = 0;
        inches = 0;
    }
    Distance(int f, int i) {
        feet = f;
        inches = i;
    }
    void operator = (const Distance &D) {
        feet = D.feet;
        inches = D.inches;
    }

    // method to display distance
    void displayDistance() {
        cout << "F: " << feet << " I:" << inches << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Distance D1(11, 10), D2(5, 11);

    cout << "First Distance : ";
    D1.displayDistance();
    cout << "Second Distance :";
    D2.displayDistance();

    // use assignment operator
    D1 = D2;
    cout << "First Distance :";
    D1.displayDistance();

    return 0;
}
```



When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result –

```
First Distance : F: 11 I:10
Second Distance :F: 5 I:11
First Distance :F: 5 I:11
```

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