

## Explicit constructors



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    . Topics:
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        . Reducing unintended implicit conversions
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## Explicit constructors

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export class Pixel {
public:
    // Default constructor
    Pixel() = default;

    // Constructor with color only, explicit to prevent implicit conversions
    explicit(true) Pixel(uint32_t color) : Pixel(color, 0, 0) {
        fmt::print("Body of the one param constructor\n");
    }

    // Constructor with all arguments
    Pixel(uint32_t color, unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
        : m_color{color}, m_pos_x{x}, m_pos_y{y} {
        fmt::print("Three-argument constructor\n");
    }

    // Copy constructor
    Pixel(const Pixel& other)
        : Pixel(other.m_color, other.m_pos_x, other.m_pos_y) {
        fmt::print("Body of the copy constructor\n");
    }

private:
    uint32_t m_color{0xFF000000};
    unsigned int m_pos_x{0};
    unsigned int m_pos_y{0};
};
```

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uint32_t color = 0xFF00FF00;  
ct11::print_pixel(color); //If the one param constructor is explicit, this will not compile
```

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- . We don't want the compiler to convert a uint32\_t to a Pixel object.
- . You can do that :
  - . using the explicit keyword as shown below
    - . explicit(true) Pixel(uint32\_t color) : Pixel(color, 0, 0) {};
    - . explicit Pixel(uint32\_t color) : Pixel(color, 0, 0) {};
- . explicit(true) is the same as explicit
- . You can explicitly allow implicit conversions by using the explicit(false) keyword.
- . The true/false parameter really becomes useful in generic programming scenarios

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## Constructor and compiler behavior



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1. You have no constructors in your class.

- . The compiler generates:

- . Default constructor. You can do something like Pixel p;

- . Copy constructor. You can do something like Pixel p1 = p2;

- . Things you can do:

```
Pixel a;           // Default constructor
```

```
Pixel b{a};       // Copy constructor
```

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## Constructor and compiler behavior



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2. You have a default constructor only:
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- . The compiler generates:

- . Copy constructor. You can do something like Pixel p1 = p2;

- . Things you can do:

```
Pixel a;           // Default constructor
```

```
Pixel b{a};       // Copy constructor
```

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## Constructor and compiler behavior

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 3. You have a copy constructor only:  
   . The compiler generates:  
     . No other constructors. You can't create other objects without making copies,  
     . But you can't create an object to copy from in the first place, so you can't create anything  
   . Things you can do:  
       Pixel b{a};           // Copy constructor (if 'Pixel a' exists)  
*/
```

## Constructor and compiler behavior



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4. You have a single or multi-argument non-copy constructor:
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- . The compiler generates:
  - . Copy constructor. You can do something like Pixel p1 = p2;
- . Things you can do:

```
Pixel a{0xFF000000}; // Constructor with arguments  
Pixel b{a};
```

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*/
```

## Constructor and compiler behavior



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5. You have a default constructor, and a single or multi-argement non-copy constructor:

- . The compiler generates:

- . Copy constructor. You can do something like Pixel p1 = p2;

- . Things you can do:

```
Pixel a;           // Default constructor  
Pixel b{0xFF000000}; // Constructor with arguments  
Pixel c{a};        // Copy constructor
```

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