

## Copy constructors



```
/*
```

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- . Copy semantics
- . Using the compiler generated default constructor
- . Explicitly defaulting the copy constructor
- . Setting up our own copy constructor
- . Sometimes it's best not to set up a copy constructor AT ALL.
- . Copy constructors when dynamic memory is involved
- . When copy constructors are used

```
*/
```



```
ct8::Pixel p1(0x00FF00FF, 10, 20);  
ct8::Pixel p2 = p1
```

## Copy constructors



```
Pixel(const Pixel& other) = default;  
Pixel(const Pixel& other);
```



```
//Copy constructor. No definition is needed if it's defaulted  
Pixel::Pixel(const Pixel& other)  
    : m_color{other.m_color},  
    m_pos_x{other.m_pos_x},  
    m_pos_y{other.m_pos_y}  
{  
    fmt::print("Pixel copied.\n");  
}
```

## Copy constructors: When dynamic memory is involved

```
/*  
 * Compiler generated copy constructors do blind copies.  
 */  
export struct Position {  
    unsigned int x{0};  
    unsigned int y{0};  
};  
  
export class Pixel {  
public:  
    Pixel() = default;  
    Pixel(uint32_t color, unsigned int x, unsigned int y);  
  
    // Copy constructor for deep copy  
    Pixel(const Pixel& other);  
  
    ~Pixel();  
  
    // Getters and setters for color  
    uint32_t get_color() const;  
    void set_color(uint32_t color);  
  
private:  
    uint32_t m_color{0xFF000000};  
    Position* m_pos{nullptr}; // Raw pointer for position  
    std::unique_ptr<Position> m_smart_pos; // Smart pointer for position  
};
```

## Copy constructors: When dynamic memory is involved

```
// Constructor
Pixel::Pixel(uint32_t color, unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
    : m_color{color},
    m_pos{new Position{x, y}},
    m_smart_pos{std::make_unique<Position>(Position{x, y})}
{
}

// Copy constructor for deep copy with raw pointer and smart pointer
Pixel::Pixel(const Pixel& other)
    : m_color{other.m_color},
    m_pos{new Position{*other.m_pos}},
    m_smart_pos{std::make_unique<Position>(*other.m_smart_pos)} {
    fmt::print("Pixel deep copied (with both raw and smart pointers)\n");
}
```

## Copy constructors: When they are used

```
// Passing by value
void process_pixel(ct9::Pixel p) {
    fmt::print("Processing pixel: color={}, pos({}, {})\n", p.get_color(), p.get_x(), p.get_y());
}

// Return by value
ct9::Pixel create_pixel() {
    ct9::Pixel p{0xFF0000, 30, 40};
    return p; // Copy constructor may be invoked here (but likely optimized out)
}

// Copying an object in a collection (vector)
std::vector<ct9::Pixel> pixels;
pixels.push_back(p1); // Copy constructor is called when adding to the vector

// Explicit copy constructor
ct9::Pixel p5(p1); // Copy constructor is explicitly called
```