

# Lecture 19: Classes – Part II

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# Review: Time Class

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```
1 // Time class.
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <iomanip>
4 using namespace std;
5
6
7 // Time class definition
8 class Time
9 {
10 public:
11     Time(); // constructor
12     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute and second
13     void printUniversal(); // print time in universal-time format
14     void printStandard(); // print time in standard-time format
15 private:
16     int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
17     int minute; // 0 - 59
18     int second; // 0 - 59
19 }; // end class Time
20
```

# Review: Time Class

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```
21 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero.  
22 // Ensures all Time objects start in a consistent state.  
23 Time::Time()  
24 {  
25     hour = minute = second = 0;  
26 } // end Time constructor  
27  
28 // set new Time value using universal time; ensure that  
29 // the data remains consistent by setting invalid values to zero  
30 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )  
31 {  
32     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour  
33     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute  
34     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second  
35 } // end function setTime  
36  
37 // print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)  
38 void Time::printUniversal()  
39 {  
40     cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << hour << ":"  
41         << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 ) << second;  
42 } // end function printUniversal  
43
```

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# Review: Time Class

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```
44 // print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
45 void Time::printStandard()
46 {
47     cout << ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 ) << ":"
48         << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << minute << ":" << setw( 2 )
49         << second << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
50 } // end function printStandard
51
52 int main()
53 {
54     Time t; // instantiate object t of class Time
55
56     // output Time object t's initial values
57     cout << "The initial universal time is ";
58     t.printUniversal(); // 00:00:00
59     cout << "\nThe initial standard time is ";
60     t.printStandard(); // 12:00:00 AM
61
62     t.setTime( 13, 27, 6 ); // change time
63
64     // output Time object t's new values
65     cout << "\n\nUniversal time after setTime is ";
66     t.printUniversal(); // 13:27:06
```

# Review: Time Class

```
67     cout << "\nStandard time after setTime is ";
68     t.printStandard(); // 1:27:06 PM
69
70     t.setTime( 99, 99, 99 ); // attempt invalid settings
71
72     // output t's values after specifying invalid values
73     cout << "\n\nAfter attempting invalid settings:"
74         << "\nUniversal time: ";
75     t.printUniversal(); // 00:00:00
76     cout << "\nStandard time: ";
77     t.printStandard(); // 12:00:00 AM
78     cout << endl;
79 } // end main
```

```
The initial universal time is 00:00:00
The initial standard time is 12:00:00 AM
```

```
Universal time after setTime is 13:27:06
Standard time after setTime is 1:27:06 PM
```

```
After attempting invalid settings:
Universal time: 00:00:00
Standard time: 12:00:00 AM
```

# Constructor with Default Arguments

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- This example enhances class **Time** to demonstrate how arguments are implicitly passed to a constructor.
- Like other functions, constructors can specify default arguments.
- Line 11 declares the **Time** constructor to include default arguments (zero for each argument).
- The constructor calls member function **setTime** with the values passed to the constructor (or the default values).
- If a value is out of range, that value is set to zero (to ensure that each data member remains in a consistent state).

# Constructor with Arguments

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```
1 // Time class containing a constructor with default arguments.  
2 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp.  
3  
4 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file  
5 #ifndef TIME_H  
6 #define TIME_H  
7  
8 // Time abstract data type definition  
9 class Time  
10 {  
11     public:  
12         Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor  
13         void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second  
14         void printUniversal(); // output time in universal-time format  
15         void printStandard(); // output time in standard-time format  
16     private:  
17         int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)  
18         int minute; // 0 - 59  
19         int second; // 0 - 59  
20     }; // end class Time  
21  
22  
23 #endif
```

# Constructors with Arguments

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```
1 // Demonstrating a default constructor for class Time.
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time from Time.h
4 using namespace std;
5
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     Time t1; // all arguments defaulted
10    Time t2( 2 ); // hour specified; minute and second defaulted
11    Time t3( 21, 34 ); // hour and minute specified; second defaulted
12    Time t4( 12, 25, 42 ); // hour, minute and second specified
13    Time t5( 27, 74, 99 ); // all bad values specified
14
15    cout << "Constructed with:\n\tt1: all arguments defaulted\n\t";
16    t1.printUniversal(); // 00:00:00
17    cout << "\n\t";
18    t1.printStandard(); // 12:00:00 AM
19
20    cout << "\n\tt2: hour specified; minute and second defaulted\n\t";
21    t2.printUniversal(); // 02:00:00
22    cout << "\n\t";
23    t2.printStandard(); // 2:00:00 AM
```

**Fig. 9.12** | Constructor with default arguments. (Part I of 3.)

# Constructor with Default Arguments

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- ❑ Any constructor that takes no arguments is called a default constructor.
- ❑ A class gets a default constructor in one of two ways:
- ❑ The compiler implicitly creates a default constructor in a class that does not define a constructor.
  - ❑ Such a constructor does not initialize the class's data members, but does call the default constructor for each data member that's an object of another class.
- ❑ You explicitly define a constructor that takes no arguments.
  - ❑ Such a default constructor will call the default constructor for each data member that's an object of another class and will perform additional initialization specified by you.
- ❑ If you define a constructor with arguments, C++ will not implicitly create a default constructor for that class.

# Destructor

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- **The name of the destructor for a class is the **tilde character (~)** followed by the class name.**
  - Another type of special member function.
- **The destructor is called implicitly when an object is destroyed.**
  - For example, an automatic object is destroyed when program execution leaves its scope in which that object was instantiated.
- **A destructor receives no parameters and returns no value.**
  - May not specify a return type—not even **void**.
- **A class may have only one destructor.**
- **A destructor must be **public**.**
- **If you do not explicitly provide a destructor, the compiler creates an “empty” destructor.**

# When Constructor and Destructor called?

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- Constructors and destructors are called implicitly by the compiler.
- The order in which these function calls occur depends on the order in which execution enters and leaves the scopes where the objects are instantiated.
- Generally, destructor calls are made in the reverse order of the corresponding constructor calls
- The storage classes of objects can alter the order in which destructors are called.

# Example

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```
1 // CreateAndDestroy class definition.  
2 // Member functions defined in CreateAndDestroy.cpp.  
3 #include <string>  
4 using namespace std;  
5  
6 #ifndef CREATE_H  
7 #define CREATE_H  
8  
9  
10 class CreateAndDestroy  
11 {  
12 public:  
13     CreateAndDestroy( int, string ); // constructor  
14     ~CreateAndDestroy(); // destructor  
15 private:  
16     int objectID; // ID number for object  
17     string message; // message describing object  
18 }; // end class CreateAndDestroy  
19  
20 #endif
```

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# Example

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```
1 // Fig. 9.14: CreateAndDestroy.cpp
2 // CreateAndDestroy class member-function definitions.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "CreateAndDestroy.h" // include CreateAndDestroy class definition
5 using namespace std;
6
7 // constructor
8 CreateAndDestroy::CreateAndDestroy( int ID, string messageString )
9 {
10     objectID = ID; // set object's ID number
11     message = messageString; // set object's descriptive message
12
13     cout << "Object " << objectID << "    constructor runs    "
14         << message << endl;
15 } // end CreateAndDestroy constructor
16
17 // destructor
18 CreateAndDestroy::~CreateAndDestroy()
19 {
20     // output newline for certain objects; helps readability
21     cout << ( objectID == 1 || objectID == 6 ? "\n" : "" );
22
23     cout << "Object " << objectID << "    destructor runs    "
24         << message << endl;
25 } // end ~CreateAndDestroy destructor
```

# Example

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```
1
2 // Demonstrating the order in which constructors and
3 // destructors are called.
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include "CreateAndDestroy.h" // include CreateAndDestroy class definition
6 using namespace std;
7
8 void create( void ); // prototype
9
10 CreateAndDestroy first( 1, "(global before main)" ); // global object
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
15     CreateAndDestroy second( 2, "(local automatic in main)" );
16     static CreateAndDestroy third( 3, "(local static in main)" );
17
18     create(); // call function to create objects
19
20     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES" << endl;
21     CreateAndDestroy fourth( 4, "(local automatic in main)" );
22     cout << "\nMAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
23 } // end main
```

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# Example

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```
24
25 // function to create objects
26 void create( void )
27 {
28     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS" << endl;
29     CreateAndDestroy fifth( 5, "(local automatic in create)" );
30     static CreateAndDestroy sixth( 6, "(local static in create)" );
31     CreateAndDestroy seventh( 7, "(local automatic in create)" );
32     cout << "\nCREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS" << endl;
33 } // end function create
```

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# Example

```
Object 1 constructor runs (global before main)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS
Object 2 constructor runs (local automatic in main)
Object 3 constructor runs (local static in main)

CREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION BEGINS
Object 5 constructor runs (local automatic in create)
Object 6 constructor runs (local static in create)
Object 7 constructor runs (local automatic in create)

CREATE FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS
Object 7 destructor runs (local automatic in create)
Object 5 destructor runs (local automatic in create)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION RESUMES
Object 4 constructor runs (local automatic in main)

MAIN FUNCTION: EXECUTION ENDS
Object 4 destructor runs (local automatic in main)
Object 2 destructor runs (local automatic in main)

Object 6 destructor runs (local static in create)
Object 3 destructor runs (local static in main)

Object 1 destructor runs (global before main)
```

# Accessors and Modifiers

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- Classes often provide **public** member functions to allow clients of the class to *set* (i.e., assign values to) or *get* (i.e., obtain the values of) **private** data members.
  - These member function names need not begin with *set* or *get*, but this naming convention is common.
- This example enhances class **Time** to include public functions that allow the client code to *set* and *get* the values of the **private** data members **hour**, **minute** and **second**.
- The *set* functions strictly control the setting of the data members.
- Each *get* function simply returns the appropriate data member's value.

# Example

---

```
1 // Time class containing a constructor with default arguments.  
2 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp.  
3  
4 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file  
5 #ifndef TIME_H  
6 #define TIME_H  
7  
8  
9 // Time abstract data type definition  
10 class Time  
11 {  
12 public:  
13     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 ); // default constructor  
14  
15     // set functions  
16     void setTime( int, int, int ); // set hour, minute, second  
17     void setHour( int ); // set hour (after validation)  
18     void setMinute( int ); // set minute (after validation)  
19     void setSecond( int ); // set second (after validation)  
20
```

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# Example

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```
21 // get functions
22 int getHour(); // return hour
23 int getMinute(); // return minute
24 int getSecond(); // return second
25
26 void printUniversal(); // output time in universal-time format
27 void printStandard(); // output time in standard-time format
28 private:
29     int hour; // 0 - 23 (24-hour clock format)
30     int minute; // 0 - 59
31     int second; // 0 - 59
32 }; // end class Time
33
34 #endif
```

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# Example

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```
1 // Fig. 9.17: Time.cpp
2 // Member-function definitions for class Time.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <iomanip>
5 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time from Time.h
6 using namespace std;
7
8 // Time constructor initializes each data member to zero;
9 // ensures that Time objects start in a consistent state
10 Time::Time( int hr, int min, int sec )
11 {
12     setTime( hr, min, sec ); // validate and set time
13 } // end Time constructor
14
15 // set new Time value using universal time; ensure that
16 // the data remains consistent by setting invalid values to zero
17 void Time::setTime( int h, int m, int s )
18 {
19     setHour( h ); // set private field hour
20     setMinute( m ); // set private field minute
21     setSecond( s ); // set private field second
22 } // end function setTime
```

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# Example

---

```
23
24 // set hour value
25 void Time::setHour( int h )
26 {
27     hour = ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) ? h : 0; // validate hour
28 } // end function setHour
29
30 // set minute value
31 void Time::setMinute( int m )
32 {
33     minute = ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) ? m : 0; // validate minute
34 } // end function setMinute
35
36 // set second value
37 void Time::setSecond( int s )
38 {
39     second = ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) ? s : 0; // validate second
40 } // end function setSecond
41
```

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# Example

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```
42 // return hour value
43 int Time::getHour()
44 {
45     return hour;
46 } // end function getHour
47
48 // return minute value
49 int Time::getMinute()
50 {
51     return minute;
52 } // end function getMinute
53
54 // return second value
55 int Time::getSecond()
56 {
57     return second;
58 } // end function getSecond
59
```

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# Example

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```
60 // print Time in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
61 void Time::printUniversal()
62 {
63     cout << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << getHour() << ":"
64     << setw( 2 ) << getMinute() << ":" << setw( 2 ) << getSecond();
65 } // end function printUniversal
66
67 // print Time in standard-time format (HH:MM:SS AM or PM)
68 void Time::printStandard()
69 {
70     cout << ( ( getHour() == 0 || getHour() == 12 ) ? 12 : getHour() % 12 )
71     << ":" << setfill( '0' ) << setw( 2 ) << getMinute()
72     << ":" << setw( 2 ) << getSecond() << ( hour < 12 ? " AM" : " PM" );
73 } // end function printStandard
```

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# Example

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```
1 // Fig. 9.18: fig09_18.cpp
2 // Demonstrating the Time class set and get functions
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "time.h"
5 using namespace std;
6
7 void incrementMinutes( Time &, const int ); // prototype
8
9 int main()
10 {
11     Time t; // create Time object
12
13     // set time using individual set functions
14     t.setHour( 17 ); // set hour to valid value
15     t.setMinute( 34 ); // set minute to valid value
16     t.setSecond( 25 ); // set second to valid value
17
18     // use get functions to obtain hour, minute and second
19     cout << "Result of setting all valid values:\n"
20         << " Hour: " << t.getHour()
21         << " Minute: " << t.getMinute()
22         << " Second: " << t.getSecond();
```

# Example

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```
23
24     // set time using individual set functions
25     t.setHour( 234 ); // invalid hour set to 0
26     t.setMinute( 43 ); // set minute to valid value
27     t.setSecond( 6373 ); // invalid second set to 0
28
29     // display hour, minute and second after setting
30     // invalid hour and second values
31     cout << "\n\nResult of attempting to set invalid hour and"
32         << " second:\n    Hour: " << t.getHour()
33         << "    Minute: " << t.getMinute()
34         << "    Second: " << t.getSecond() << "\n\n";
35
36     t.setTime( 11, 58, 0 ); // set time
37     incrementMinutes( t, 3 ); // increment t's minute by 3
38 } // end main
39
```

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# Example

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```
40 // add specified number of minutes to a Time object
41 void incrementMinutes( Time &tt, const int count )
42 {
43     cout << "Incrementing minute " << count
44         << " times:\nStart time: ";
45     tt.printStandard();
46
47     for ( int i = 0; i < count; i++ ) {
48         tt.setMinute( ( tt.getMinute() + 1 ) % 60 );
49
50         if ( tt.getMinute() == 0 )
51             tt.setHour( ( tt.getHour() + 1 ) % 24 );
52
53         cout << "\nminute + 1: ";
54         tt.printStandard();
55     } // end for
56
57     cout << endl;
58 } // end function incrementMinutes
```

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# Example

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```
Result of setting all valid values:
```

```
Hour: 17 Minute: 34 Second: 25
```

```
Result of attempting to set invalid hour and second:
```

```
Hour: 0 Minute: 43 Second: 0
```

```
Incrementing minute 3 times:
```

```
Start time: 11:58:00 AM
```

```
minute + 1: 11:59:00 AM
```

```
minute + 1: 12:00:00 PM
```

```
minute + 1: 12:01:00 PM
```

# Member Scope

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- ❑ Declaring data members with access specifier **private** enforces data hiding.
- ❑ Providing **public** *set* and *get* functions allows clients of a class to access the hidden data, but only indirectly.
- ❑ The client knows that it's attempting to modify or obtain an object's data, but the client does not know how the object performs these operations.
- ❑ In some cases, a class may internally represent a piece of data one way, but expose that data to clients in a different way.
- ❑ The *set* and *get* functions allow a client to interact with an object, but the object's **private** data remains safely encapsulated (i.e., hidden) in the object itself.

# Member Scope

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- Time's *set* and *get* functions are called throughout the class's body.
- Consider changing the representation of the time from three `int` values to a single `int` value
  - Represent the total number of seconds elapsed since midnight.
- Only the bodies of the functions that access the private data directly would need to change.
  - Those *set* and *get* functions for the hour, minute and second.
- There would be no need to modify the bodies of functions `setTime`, `printUniversal` or `printStandard`.

# Member Scope

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- ❑ Designing the class in this manner reduces the likelihood of programming errors when altering the class's implementation.
- ❑ Similarly, the `Time` constructor could be written to include a copy of the appropriate statements from function `setTime`.
- ❑ Doing so may be slightly more efficient, because the extra constructor call and call to `setTime` are eliminated.
- ❑ However, duplicating statements in multiple functions or constructors makes changing the class's internal data representation more difficult.
- ❑ Having the `Time` constructor call function `setTime` directly requires any changes to the implementation of `setTime` to be made only once.

# Access Private Data Member?

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- A reference to an object is an alias for the name of the object and, hence, may be used on the left side of an assignment statement.
  - In this context, the reference makes a perfectly acceptable *lvalue* that can receive a value.
- One way to use this capability (unfortunately!) is to have a **public** member function of a class return a reference to a **private** data member of that class.
- If a function returns a **const** reference, that reference cannot be used as a modifiable *lvalue*.

# Example

---

```
1 // Time class declaration.  
2 // Member functions defined in Time.cpp  
3  
4 // prevent multiple inclusions of header file  
5 #ifndef TIME_H  
6 #define TIME_H  
7  
8 class Time  
9 {  
10 public:  
11     Time( int = 0, int = 0, int = 0 );  
12     void setTime( int, int, int );  
13     int getHour();  
14     int &badSetHour( int ); // DANGEROUS reference return  
15 private:  
16     int hour;  
17     int minute;  
18     int second;  
19 }; // end class Time  
20  
21  
22 #endif
```

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# Example

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```
25
26 // POOR PRACTICE: Returning a reference to a private data member.
27 int &Time::badSetHour( int hh )
28 {
29     hour = ( hh >= 0 && hh < 24 ) ? hh : 0;
30     return hour; // DANGEROUS reference return
31 } // end function badSetHour
```

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# Example

---

```
1 // Demonstrating a public member function that
2 // returns a reference to a private data member.
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include "Time.h" // include definition of class Time
5 using namespace std;
6
7 int main()
8 {
9     Time t; // create Time object
10
11    // initialize hourRef with the reference returned by badSetHour
12    int &hourRef = t.badSetHour( 20 ); // 20 is a valid hour
13
14    cout << "Valid hour before modification: " << hourRef;
15    hourRef = 30; // use hourRef to set invalid value in Time object t
16    cout << "\nInvalid hour after modification: " << t.getHour();
17
18    // Dangerous: Function call that returns
19    // a reference can be used as an lvalue!
20    t.badSetHour( 12 ) = 74; // assign another invalid value to hour
21
22
```

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# Example

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```
23     cout << "\n\n*****\n"
24     << "POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!\n"
25     << "t.badSetHour( 12 ) as an lvalue, invalid hour: "
26     << t.getHour()
27     << "\n*****" << endl;
28 } // end main
```

```
Valid hour before modification: 20
Invalid hour after modification: 30

*****
POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICE!!!!!!
t.badSetHour( 12 ) as an lvalue, invalid hour: 74
*****
```

# Summary

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- ❑ Constructor vs Destructor
- ❑ Member scope
  - ❑ Public
  - ❑ Private
  - ❑ Protected
- ❑ Access member data