

Functions

Lecture - 4

Destructors

- A destructor is another type of special function which is called implicitly when an object is destroyed
- Name of destructor is the tilde character (~) followed by the class name (negation of constructor)

Destructors

- Destructor itself does not actually release the object's memory – it performs termination housekeeping before system reclaims the object's memory
- Receive no parameter and return none
- Compiler creates an empty destructor if programmer does not specify

Example

```
• class stack {  
    private:  
        int stck[100];  
        int top;  
  
    public:  
        ~stack();  
        void push(int i);  
        int pop();  
};
```

```
stack::~~stack()  
{ top=0;  
  std::cout<<"initialized"; }
```

```
int main()  
{  
    stack s1;  
}
```

When constructors and destructors are called

- Called implicitly by the compiler
- Order or call depends on the order in which execution enters and leaves the scopes where the objects are instantiated

Storage class of variable

- Storage class determines the period during which that identifier exists in memory
 - auto
 - register
 - extern
 - Static
- An identifier's scope is where the identifier can be referenced throughout the program.

Scope rule

- The portion of the program where an identifier can be used is known as its scope
 - Function scope
 - File scope
 - Block scope
 - Class scope
 - Namespace scope

File scope

- Identifier declared outside any function or class has file scope
- It is known in all functions from the point at which it is declared until the end of the file
- Example – global variables, function definitions, function prototypes

Function and block scope

- Identifiers declared inside the block or function (local variables)
- Function parameters

Class scope

- Members of the class – like data members and member functions belong to that class scope.
- Non-member function are defined at file scope
- Within a class's scope class members are accessible by all of that class's member function and can be referenced by name

Class scope

- Outside class scope public class member are referenced through objects
- If a member function defines a variable with the same name as a variable with class scope, the class scope variable is hidden by the block scope variable.
- Use scope resolution in that case

Assignment

- What are various Storage Classes and explain the Class Scope.