

Section 3.1 C++11

final

```

    {
        // Allocate memory using malloc and return address.
    }
};

static_assert(sizeof(ObjectCreator<int,OpNewCreator>) == sizeof(std::size_t), "");
static_assert(sizeof(ObjectCreator<int,MallocCreator>)== sizeof(std::size_t), "");

```

Since `OpNewCreator` and `MallocCreator` do not have any data members, inheriting from either of them does not increase the size of `ObjectCreator` on any compiler that implements the `empty base` optimization. If someone later decides to declare them as **final**, inheriting becomes impossible, even if just privately as an optimization:

```

template <typename T>
class OpNewCreator final { /*...*/ }; // subsequently declared final

template <typename T>
class MallocCreator final { /*...*/ }; // " " "

template <typename T, template<typename> class CreationPolicy>
class ObjectCreator : CreationPolicy<T> // Error, derivation is disallowed.
{ /*...*/ };

```

By declaring the empty bases class **final**, a valid use case is needlessly prohibited. Using composition instead of **private inheritance** consumes at least one extra byte in the footprint of `ObjectCreator`,¹⁵ which will inevitably also come at the cost of additional padding imposed by alignment requirements:

```

template <typename T, template<typename> class CreationPolicy>
class LargeObjectCreator
{
    CreationPolicy<T> policy; // now consumes an extra byte &
    std::size_t objectCount = 0; // with padding 8 extra bytes

public:
    T* create()
    {
        ++objectCount;
    }
};

```

¹⁵C++20 adds a new attribute, `[[no_unique_address]]`, that allows the compiler to avoid consuming additional storage for data objects of empty classes:

```

struct A final { /* no data members */ };
struct S {
    [[no_unique_address]] A a; static_assert(sizeof(a) >= 1, "");
    int x; static_assert(sizeof(x) == 4, "");
}; static_assert(sizeof(S) == 4, "");

```