

Aggregates Having Default Member Initializers

C++14 enables the use of **aggregate initialization** with classes employing default member initializers.

Description

Prior to C++14, classes that used default member initializers, i.e., initializers that appear directly within the scope of the class (see Section 2.1. “Default Member Init” on page 318), were not considered **aggregate** types:

```

struct S                // aggregate type in C++14 but not C++11
{
    int i;
    bool b = false;    // uses default member initializer
};

struct A                // aggregate type in C++11 and C++14
{
    int i;
    bool b;            // does not use default member initializer
};

```

Because A but not S is considered an **aggregate** in C++11, instances of A can be created via **aggregate initialization**, whereas instances of S cannot:

```

A a={100, true}; // OK, in both C++11 and C++14
S s={100, true}; // Error, in C++11; OK, in C++14

```

Note that since C++11, direct list initialization can be used to perform aggregate initialization; see Section 2.1. “Braced Init” on page 215:

```

A a{100, true}; // OK in both C++11 and C++14 but not in C++03

```

As of C++14, the requirements for a type to be categorized as an **aggregate** are relaxed, allowing classes employing default member initializers to be considered as such; hence, both A and S are considered **aggregates** in C++14 and eligible for **aggregate initialization**:

```

void f()
{
    S s0{100, true}; // OK in C++14 but not in C++11
    assert(s0.i == 100); // set via explicit aggregate initialization
    assert(s0.b == true); // set via explicit aggregate initialization

    S s1{456}; // OK in C++14 but not in C++11
    assert(s1.i == 456); // set via explicit aggregate initialization
    assert(s1.b == false); // set via default member initializer
}

```