

Section 2.1 C++11

constexpr Functions

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    constexpr D1() { } // Error, B has nonconstexpr default constructor
};

struct D2 : B // public derivation
{
    int d_i; // nonstatic, scalar data member
    constexpr D2(int i) : B(i) { } // Error, doesn't initialize d_i
};

    int f1() { return 5; } // nonconstexpr function
constexpr int f2() { return 5; } // constexpr function

struct D3 : C // public derivation
{
    int d_i = f1(); // initialization using nonconstexpr function
    int d_j = f2(); // initialization using constexpr function

    constexpr D3() { } // Error, d_i not constant initialized

    constexpr D3(int i) : d_i(i) { } // OK, d_i set from init list
};

```

The example code above illustrates various ways in which a base class or **nonstatic data member** might fail to be initialized by a constructor that is explicitly declared **constexpr**. In the final derived class, D3, we note that there are two data members, `d_i` and `d_j`, having member initializers that use a non**constexpr** function, `f1`, and a **constexpr** function, `f2`, respectively. The implementation of the **constexpr default constructor**, `D3()`, is erroneous because data member `d_i` would be initialized by the non**constexpr** function `f1` at run time. On the other hand, the implementation of the **value constructor**, `D3(int)`, is fine because the data member `d_i` is set in the member-initializer list, thereby enabling compile-time evaluation.

3. Defining a constructor to be **constexpr** requires that the class have no **virtual** base classes⁵:

```

    struct B { constexpr B(); /*...*/ }; // some arbitrary base class

    struct D : virtual B
    {
        constexpr D(int) { } // Error, class D has virtual base class B.
    };

```

4. A constructor that is explicitly declared to be **constexpr** can always be suppressed using `=delete` (see Section 1.1. “Deleted Functions” on page 53). Deleting a function

⁵C++20 removes the restriction that a constructor cannot be **constexpr** if the class has any virtual base classes.