

Generalized PODs '11

Chapter 2 Conditionally Safe Features

- The type has no **nonstatic data members** employing a **default member initializer** (see Section 2.1. “Default Member Init” on page 318):

```
// Type                                Is trivial?
struct S2a { int i; };                  // yes
struct S2b { int i = 0; };              // no, default member initializer
struct S2c { int i = {}; };            // no, default member initializer
struct S2d { static const int i = 0; }; // yes, static const data member
struct S2e { static const int i{}; };  // yes, " " " "
```

- The type has no user-provided default constructors:

```
struct S3a { int i; };                  // yes
struct S3b { int i; S3b(); };          // no, user-provided default constructor
```

- The type has at least one nondeleted **trivial default constructor**. A trivial constructor is one that is not user-provided and invokes a trivial default constructor for each base class and **nonstatic data member**. Additionally, the presence of **virtual** functions, **virtual** base classes, or **default member initializers** (items 1–3 above) prevents the **default constructor** from being trivial, with the **virtual entities** necessitating the constructor to properly initialize the **vtbl pointer** or the **virtual base pointer**:

```
// Type                                Is trivial?
struct S4a { };                          // yes
struct S4b { S4b(); };                  // no, user-provided default constructor
struct S4c { S4c() = default; };        // yes, defaulted default constructor
struct S4d { S4d() = delete; };        // no, deleted default constructor
struct S4e { S4e() = default; S4e(int = 0) = delete; }; // yes, but ambiguous
struct S4f { S4f() = delete; S4f(int = 0) = default; }; // Error, bad syntax
```

```
// Type                                Is trivial?
struct S4g : S4a { };                  // Yes, S4a base class has trivial default constructor.
struct S4h : S4b { };                  // No, S4b base class has non-trivial default ctor.
struct S4i { S4c c; };                // Yes, S4c member has trivial default constructor.
struct S4j { S4d d; };                // No, S4d missing nondeleted default ctor.
struct S4k : S4e { };                  // No, S4e default constructor is ambiguous, so S4k
//                                     default constructor is implicitly deleted.
```

Note that S4e above is trivial, but the **default constructor** is ambiguous and therefore cannot be used. This unusable **default constructor** prevents S4k from being trivial because the compiler cannot synthesize a **default constructor** for S4k. Also note that S4f(**int** = 0) cannot be **defaulted** and is thus ill formed; see Section 1.1. “Defaulted Functions” on page 33.

- The class has a **trivial destructor** — i.e., a **destructor** that is not user-provided, is not **virtual**, and for which each base class and **nonstatic member** **destructor** is trivial.