

Section 2.1 C++11

Default Member Init

For any member `m` that has a **default member initializer**, constructors that don’t initialize `m` in their **member initializer list** will implicitly initialize `m` by using the **default member initializer** value:

```
struct S2
{
    int d_i = 1;
    int d_j = 1;

    S2() { } // Initialize d_i with 1, d_j with 1.
    S2(int) : d_i(2) { } // Initialize d_i with 2, d_j with 1.
    S2(int, int) : d_i(2), d_j(3) { } // Initialize d_i with 2, d_j with 3.
};
```

Note that initialization of all **data members** including those using the **default member initializers** happen in the order in which they are **declared** in the class **definition**. Accordingly, previously initialized **nonstatic data members** can be used in subsequent initializer **expressions**:

```
struct S4 {
    const char* d_s{"hello"};
    int d_i{2};
    char d_c{d_s[1]}; // OK, d_c initialized to d_s's second character

    S4() { }
    S4(const char* s) : d_s(s) { }
};

S4 s4d; // OK, s4d.d_c initialized to 'e'
S4 s4v("goodbye"); // OK, s4v.d_c initialized to 'o'
```

The **default member initializer**, just like **member function** bodies and **member initialization lists**, **executes** in a **complete-class context**. Since the initializer sees its enclosing class as a **complete type**, it can therefore reference the size of the enclosing type and invoke **member functions** that have not yet been seen:

```
struct S5
{
    int d_a[4];
    int d_i = sizeof(S5) + seenBelow(); // OK
    int seenBelow();
};
```

Name lookup in **default member initializers** will find **members** of the enclosing class and its bases before looking in namespace scope: