

Informatik - Exercise Session

An overview on some syntactic sugars

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If we have an additional (default) constructor without any arguments, there is a fifth way to initialize an object, beside removing the integer from all the ones mentioned above:

- 1 `Test t5;`

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Whenever possible, use the infix notation, where you don't have to know where and how the operator was overloaded.