

## Section 2.1 C++11

## Generalized PODs '11

During the development of C++17, there was an attempt to address these concerns. The revised definition is that a trivially copyable class has a nondeleted trivial destructor, that each of its declared copy and move operations is trivial, and that at least one copy or move operation is both trivial and nondeleted (note that a deleted function is still trivial). Hence, there's now at least one potentially (e.g., it could be private or ambiguous) callable copy/move operation to better justify the validity of bitwise copying indicated by the std::is\_trivially\_copyable trait; see Potential Pitfalls — Using the wrong type trait on page 482. A similar contemporaneous change also required the destructor of both a trivially copyable class and, hence, a trivial class also be nondeleted. Applying these changes to the classes above, S11 is no longer trivially copyable but C11 remains so. Note, however, that an object of trivially copyable class type having private copy operations can be copied only by member and friend functions, unless exploiting the special permission to perform bitwise copies (e.g., using std::memcpy) granted for trivially copyable types:

```
C11 c1;  // OK, invokes public default constructor
C11 c2(c1);  // Error, invokes inaccessible private copy constructor

void f11()  // friend of C11
{
    C11 c3(c1);  // OK, invokes private copy constructor as a friend
    // ...
}

void g11()  // nonfriend of C11
{
    C11 c4;
    std::memcpy(&c4, &c1, sizeof c1);  // OK, C11 is still trivially copyable.
}
```

Another issue that evolved over multiple C++ versions was a concern that **volatile** data members may not have trivial semantics and therefore might require special copying semantics on certain platforms. This concern was addressed in C++14 by modifying the definitions of trivial copy/move constructors and assignment operators, in turn adding a further restriction to trivially copyable types that they do not have a **volatile**-qualified *nonstatic* data member. This change, however, was found to break compatibility with important platform ABIs, so the change was reverted via a defect report against C++14.

```
class V // trivially copyable in C++11, but might not be in C++14
{
    volatile int i; // volatile-qualified nonstatic data member
};
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup>See **izvekov14**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup>See CWG issue 1734; widman13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup>See CWG issue 496; maddock04.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup>See CWG issue 2094; vandevoorde15.