

Re: Calling the base class constructor

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> > *I was wondering how I could call the base class constructor from a
derived
class constructor. In Java I could do something like
> >
> > `super(parameter);`
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> > *I tried*
> >
> > `base(parameter);`
> >
> > *in C# but it doesn't compile. Any ideas?*
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> *You do base (parameter) but in a different place:*
>
> `public Derived() : base (...)`
> {
> }
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> *See <http://www.pobox.com/~skeet/csharp/constructors.html> for more
information.**

I've never understood why this special syntax is used here. Why not do it like java and allow `base(param);`?

This would give you the freedom to do parameter processing before calling the base ctor or you could do a `try{ }catch` around the `base()`-call in future versions of c#.

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