

constexpr

Static code generation with constexpr

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 constexpr int factorial(int n) {
3     // Compute this at compile time
4     return n <= 1 ? 1 : (n * factorial(n - 1));
5 }
6
7 int main() {
8     // Guaranteed to be computed at compile time
9     return factorial(10);
10 }
```

- **constexpr** specifies that the value of a variable or function can appear in constant expressions

It only works if the variable or function **can** be defined at **compile-time**:

```
1 #include <array>
2 #include <vector>
3
4 int main() {
5     std::vector<int> vec;
6     constexpr size_t size = vec.size(); // error
7
8     std::array<int, 10> arr;
9     constexpr size_t size = arr.size(); // works!
10 }
```

error: constexpr variable 'size' must be initialized by a constant expression