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A function is a block of code with a name.

6.1 Function Basics

- *define*: **return-type**, a **name**, a list of zero or more **parameters**, and a **body**.
- *execute*: **call operator**(**()**)

Writing a Function

```
/*
 * factorial
 */
int fac(int val)
{
    int ret = 1;
    while(val > 1)
        ret *= val--;
    return ret;
}
```

Calling a Function

```
int main()
{
    int j = fact(5);
    cout << "5! is " << j << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- *doing*: initializes the function's parameters, transfers control to that function¹

Parameters and Arguments

- *define*: arguments are the initializers for a function's parameters.
- *warning*: which argument initializes which parameter
 - we have no guarantees about the order in which arguments in whatever order it prefers.²

Function Parameter List

- *warning*: can be **empty but cannot be omitted**.
 - *code-look*:

```
void f1(){/*...*/}
void f2(void){/*兼容C...*/}
```

Function Return Type

- *warning*: return type cannot be an **array** type or a **function** type, but can be a **pointer to an array or a function**.

6.1.1 Local Objects

name

- *wraning*: have **scope**、 have **lifetimes**
 - The scope of a name is the part of the program's text in which that name is visible.
 - The lifetime of an objects is the time **during the proogram's execution that the object exists**.

local variables

- *define*: **Parameters** and **variables defined inside a function body**
- *wraning*: The lifetime of a local variable depends on how it is defined.

Automatic Objects

- *such that*: Parameters

Local [static](#) Objects

- *wraning*: **built-int-type** is default initialized to zero, be initialized just once

6.1.2 Function Declarations

```
void print(vector<int>::const_iterator beg,
          vector<int>::const_iterator end);

// or
void print(vector<int>::const_iterator,
          vector<int>::const_iterator);
```

Function Declarations Go in Header Files

6.1.3 Separate Compilation

we can store the various parts of the program in sepatate files.

6.2 Argument Passing

Parameter initialization works the same way as variable initialization.

- *wraning*: when the argument value is copied,the parameter and argument are independent objects.

6.2.1 Passing Arguments by Value

```

void func(int var)
{
    //...
}
int main()
{
    int var2 = 0;
    func(var2);    // parameter object:var    argument object:var2
    return 0;
}

```

6.2.2 Passing Arguments by Reference

- *parameter*: **const reference** or **reference**

```

void f(const int &rci){}
void f(int &rci){}

```

6.2.3 **const** parameters and Arguments

- *wrning*: like the initialization.

```

void f(const int ci);
void f(const int *pci);
void f(int *const cpi);

```

6.2.4 Array Parameter

- *pass an array*: argument is automatically converted to a pointer to the element in the array.

```

void f(int *array){}
int main()
{
    int arr[10]{0};
    f(arr);    // converted to "&arr[0]"
    return 0x0;
}

```

```

void f(const int *beg, const int *end){}
int main()
{
    int arr[10]{};
    f(&arr[0], &arr[10]);
    return 0x0;
}

```

```

void f(const int *array, size_t size){}
int main()
{
    int arr[10]{};
    f(arr, 10);
    return 0x0;
}

```

Array Reference Parameters

```

void print(int (&arr)[10])
{
    for(auto elem : arr)
        cout << elem << endl;
}

```

Passing a Multidimensional Array

```

void f(int (*p)[10][10]){}
int main()
{
    int arrr[5][10][10]{};
    f(arr);
    return 0x0;
}

```

6.2.6 Function with Varying Parameters

- *two ways: initializer_list, variadic template*
 - *initializer_list*: use for all the arguments have the same type
 - *all the element is const*: Unlike vector, the elements in an `initializer_list` are always **const values**;

Ellipsis Parameters

- `void f(param_list, ...);`
- `void f(...);`

6.3 Return Type and the [return](#) Statement

- *two forms:*
 - [return](#);
 - [return](#) expression;

6.3.1 Function with No Return Value

```
void swap(int &v1,int &v2)
{
    if(v1 == v2)
        return;
    // ...
}
```

6.3.2 Functions That Return a Value

How Values Are Returned

- *define:* The return value is used to initialize a temporary at the call site.

Never Return a Reference or Pointer to a Local Object

```
const string &manip()
{
    return "Empty"; // error
}
```

Reference Returns Are Lvalues

- *return type is reference:* return value is lvalue, other return type return Rvalue.

List Initializing the Return Value

```
vector<string> f()
{
    return {"asfa","asfas"}; // initialize the temporary
}
```

Return from main

- EXIT_SUCCESS
- EXIT_FAILURE

6.3.3 Returning a Pointer to an Array

- *use-wranning:*
 - *some-ways:*
 - *use type alias:* `using arrT = int[10];`
 - use trailing return
 - use decltype

Declaring a Function That Returns a Pointer to an Array

- *define:* **Type** (* function (*paramter_list*))[dimension]
- *code-look:* `int (*func(int i))[10];`

Using a Trailing Return Type

- *standard:* **C++11**
- *wranning:* To signal that the return follows the parameter list, we use [auto](#) where the return type ordinarily appears: `auto func(int i)->int(*)[10];`

Using [decltype](#)

```
int odd[] = {1,3};
decltype(odd) *arrptr(int i)
{
    return odd;
}
```

6.4 Overloaded Functions

```
void print(const char *p);
void print(const int *beg, const int *end);
void print(const int ia[], size_t size);

int j[2] = {0,1};
print("Hello World");           // calls print(const char*);
print(j, end(j)-begin(j));      // calls print(const int*, size_t);
print(begin(j), end(j));        // calls print(const int*, const int*);
```

- *wranning:* The main function may not be overload.

Defining Overloaded Functions

```
Record lookup(const Account&);
Record lookup(const Phone&);
Record lookup(const Name&);
```

- *difference:* the **number** or the **type(s)** of their parameters.
- *error:*

```
Record lookup(const Account&);
bool lookup(const Account&);
// error: only the return type is different

typedef Phone Telno;
Record lookup(const Phone&);
Record lookup(const Telno&);
// error: nothing different, just alias
```

Overloading and `const` Parameters

- *top-level pointer*: **indistinguishable**
- *low-level pointer*: **distinguishable**

`const_cast` and Overload

```
const string &shorterString(const string &s1, const string &s2)
{
    return s1.size() <= s2.size() ? s1 : s2;
}
string &shorterString(string &s1, string &s2)
{
    auto &r = shorterString(const_cast<const string&>(s1),
                           const_cast<const string&>(s2));
    return const_cast<string&>(r);
}
```

Calling an Overloaded Function

- *function matching*: **overload resolution**
- *three result*:
 - best match
 - no match
 - ambiguous call³

6.4.1 Overloading and Scope

- *wrapping*: the name hides uses of that name declared in an outer scope.⁴
- *wrapping*: names do not **overload** across scopes, they **should be in the same scope**.

6.5 Features for Specialized Used

default arguments、inline、constexpr function

6.5.1 Default Arguments

- *wraning*: if a parameter has a default argument, all parameters that follow it must also have default arguments.^{[5](#)}

Calling Functions with Default Arguments

```
using sz = string::size_type;
string screen(sz ht = 24, sz wid = 80, char background = ' ');
//...
string window;
window = screen();           // screen(24,80,' ');
window = screen(66);         // screen(66,80,' ');
window = screen(66,256)      // screen(66,256,' ');
window = screen(66,256,'#') // screen(66,256,'#');
// The default arguments are used for the trailing arguments of a call.
```

6.5.2 Inline and [constexpr](#) Functions

inline Functions Avoid Function Call Overhead

```
inline const string&
shortString(const string &s1, const string &s2)
{
    return s1.size() <= s2.size() > s1 : s2;
}
```

- *wraning*: less than **75-lines** function, must **not be recursive function**^{[6](#)}

[constexpr](#) Functions

- *wraning*: **return type** and **the type of each parameter** must be a **literal type**, only **one return statement**.

```
constexpr int new_sz(){return 42;}
constexpr int foo = new_sz(); // compiler will call new_sz(), use the return to replace
```

- *wraning*: [constexpr](#) functions are **implicitly inline**.
- *wraning*: statements in function body that **cannot have actions at run time**.
 - *statements-such as*: **null statement**, **type aliases**, **using declarations**
- *wraning*: A [constexpr](#) function is not required to return a constant expression.^{[7](#)}

Put inline and [constexpr](#) Functions in Header Files

Compiler needs the definition, not just the declaration, in order to expand the code.

As a result, **inline** and **constexpr** function normally are defined in headers.

6.5.3 Aids for Debugging

- *debugging code*: **excuted** only while the program is beging **developed**.when the application is **completed** and ready to ship,the debugging code is **tuened off**.⁸
- *two preprocessor facilities*: **assert** and **NDEBUG**

The [assert](#) Preprocessor Macro

- *define*: a preprocessor macro.
- *use*: `assert(expr);`
 - *header file*: **<cassert>**
 - *wraning*: preprocessor is not compiler,so we use **assert** but not **std::assert**
 - *expr is false*: writes a **message** and **terminates** the program.
 - *expr is true*: do **nothing**.
 - *wraning*: like the inline function

```
assert(word.size() > threshold);
```

The NDEBUG Preprocessor Variable

- *wraning*: the behavior of assert depends on the status of NDEBUG.
 - *if **NDEBUG** is defined*: assert does **nothing**
- *static local variable and defined by compiler*:
 - `__func__` // :holds the function's name
 - `__FILE__` // :string literal containing the current line number
 - `__LINE__` // :integer literal containing the current line number
 - `__TIME__` // :string literal containing the time the file was compiled
 - `__DATA__` // :string literal containing the data the file was compiled

6.6 Function Matching

```
void f();  
void f(int);  
void f(int,int);  
void f(double,double = 3.14);  
f(5.6);    // calls void f(double,double)  
f(42,2,56); // error
```

Determining the Candidate and Viable Functions

1. **candidate function**: the same name
2. **viable function**: can be called with the arguments int the given call.
3. **finding the best match**,if any

6.6.1 Argument Type Conversion

Conversions are ranked as follows

1. An exact match
 - argument and parameter types are identical.
 - array、pointer can converted
 - top-level const is added to or discarded from the arguments
2. Match through a const conversion
3. Match through a promotion
4. Match through a arithmetic or pointer conversion
5. Match through a class-type conversion

6.7 Pointers to Functions

```
bool lengthCompare(const string&,const string&);
bool (*pf)(const string&,const string&);
//...
pf = lengthCompare; // the same to &lengthCompare
bool b1 = pf("hello","world"); // the same to (*pf)("hello","world")
```

- `decltype(function)`: get the **function type** but not pointer to function.

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1. 初始化参数，主调函数执行中断，被调函数开始执行。[↗](#)
 2. 尽管实参和形参一一对应，但是我们不能保证实参的求值顺序，这是依赖于编译器的。[↗](#)
 3. 二义性调用[↗](#)
 4. 内层作用域中的名字将隐藏外层作用域中的同名[↗](#)
 5. 一旦某个形式参数有了默认的实参值，则它后面的所有形式参数都需要有默认的实参值[↗](#)
 6. 递归函数(recursive function)[↗](#)
 7. constexpr函数不一定返回常量表达式[↗](#)
 8. 这些代码只在开发程序时使用。当应用程序编写完成准备发布时，要先屏蔽掉调试代码。[↗](#)