

References and const

int

var

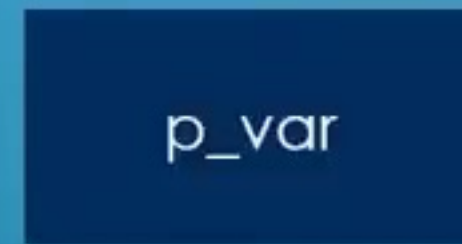
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var_ref

p_var



Non const reference

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//Non const reference
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Non const reference : " << std::endl;
int age {27};
int& ref_age{age};

std::cout << "age : " << age << std::endl;
std::cout << "ref_age : " << ref_age << std::endl;

//Can modify original variable through reference

std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Modify original variable through reference : " << std::endl;

ref_age++; //Mofify through reference

std::cout << "age : " << age << std::endl;
std::cout << "ref_age : " << ref_age << std::endl;
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const reference

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//const reference
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std::cout << std::endl;
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std::cout << "Const references : " << std::endl;
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age = 30;
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const int& const_ref_age{age};
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std::cout << "age : " << age << std::endl;
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std::cout << "const_ref_age : " << const_ref_age << std::endl;
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//Try to modify throug const reference
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const_ref_age = 31; // Error
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Duplicate const reference behavior with pointers

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//Can achieve the same thing as const ref with pointer : const pointer to const data  
//Remember that a reference by default is just like a const pointer. All we need  
//to do is make the const pointer point to const data
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const int* const const_ptr_to_const_age{&age};
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*const_ptr_to_const_age = 32; // Error
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No such thing

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const int& const weird_ref_age{age}; // Error
```


const applies to reference variable name. Not to original variable

```
//const reference

std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Const references : " << std::endl;
age = 30;
const int& const_ref_age{age};

std::cout << "age : " << age << std::endl;
std::cout << "const_ref_age : " << const_ref_age << std::endl;

//Try to modify throug const reference
const_ref_age = 31; // Error
```