

MODERN C++

C++11, C++14, C++17 FEATURES

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default KEYWORD

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2 public:  
3     AwesomeClass(const AwesomeClass&);  
4     AwesomeClass& operator=(const AwesomeClass&);  
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6     // of default c-tor and move operations  
7  
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default KEYWORD

- `default` declaration enforces a compiler to generate default implicit implementation for marked functions
- 6 special functions can be marked as `default`: default c-tor, copy c-tor, copy assignment operator, move c-tor, move assignment operator, destructor
- Operations declared as `default` are treated as user-declared (not implicitly-declared)
- The default implementation of default c-tor is calling default c-tor for every member
- The default implementation of d-tor is calling d-tor for every member
- The default implementation of copy operations is calling copy operation for every member
- The default implementation of move operations is calling move operation for every member

delete KEYWORD

```
1 class NoCopyable { // NoCopyable idiom
2 public:
3     NoCopyable() = default;
4     NoCopyable(const NoCopyable&) = delete;
5     NoCopyable& operator=(const NoCopyable&) = delete;
6 };
7
8 class NoMoveable { // NoMoveable idiom
9     NoMoveable(NoMoveable&&) = delete;
10    NoMoveable& operator=(NoMoveable&&) = delete;
11 };
```

delete KEYWORD

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2 public:
3     NoCopyable() = default;
4     NoCopyable(const NoCopyable&) = delete;
5     NoCopyable& operator=(const NoCopyable&) = delete;
6 };
7
8 class NoMoveable { // NoMoveable idiom
9     NoMoveable(NoMoveable&&) = delete;
10    NoMoveable& operator=(NoMoveable&&) = delete;
11 };
```

`delete` KEYWORD

- `delete` declaration removes marked function
- Calling a deleted function or taking an address causes a compilation error
- No code is generated for deleted function
- Deleted function are treated as user-declared
- `delete` declaration can be used on any function, not only special class member functions
- `delete` can be used to avoid unwanted implicit conversion of function arguments

delete KEYWORD

```
1 void integral_only(int a) {  
2     // ...  
3 }  
4 void integral_only(double d) = delete;  
5  
6 integral_only(10); // OK  
7 short s = 3;  
8 integral_only(s); // OK - implicit conversion to int  
9 integral_only(3.0); // error - use of deleted function
```


final KEYWORD

```
1 struct A final {};  
2  
3 struct B : A {};    // compilation error  
4                      // cannot derive from class marked as final
```

`final` keyword used after a class/struct declaration blocks inheritance from this class.

final KEYWORD

```
1 struct A {  
2     virtual void foo() const final {}  
3     void bar() const final {}    // compilation error, only virtual  
4                                   // functions can be marked as final  
5 };  
6  
7 struct B : A {  
8     void foo() const {}          // compilation error, cannot override  
9                                   // function marked as final  
10 };
```

`final` used after a virtual function declaration blocks overriding the implementation in derived classes.

override KEYWORD

```
1 struct Base {  
2     virtual void a();  
3     virtual void b() const;  
4     virtual void c();  
5     void d();  
6 };
```

```
1 struct WithoutOverride : Base {  
2     void a(); // overrides Base::a()  
3     void b(); // doesn't override B::b() const  
4     virtual void c(); // overrides B::c()  
5     void d(); // doesn't override B::d()  
6 };
```

```
1 struct WithOverride : Base {  
2     void a() override; // OK - overrides Base::a()  
3     void b() override; // error - doesn't override B::b() const  
4     virtual void c() override; // OK - overrides B::c(char)  
5     void d() override; // error - B::d() is not virtual  
6 };
```

override declaration enforces a compiler to check, if given virtual function is declared in the same way in a base class.

constexpr KEYWORD

Rationale: faster runtime binary by moving some computations at compile-time.

`constexpr` is an expression that can be evaluated at compile time and can appear in **constant expressions**. We can have:

- `constexpr` variable
- `constexpr` function
- `constexpr` constructor
- `constexpr` lambda (default from C++17)
- `constexpr if` (until C++17)

constexpr VARIABLES

```
int a = 10;           // variable
const int b = 20;     // constant
const double c = 20;  // constant
constexpr int d = 30; // constant at compile-time

constexpr auto e = a; // error: initializer is not a constant expression
constexpr auto f = b; // OK for integral, C++03 compatibility exception
constexpr auto g = c; // error: initializer is not a constant expression
constexpr auto h = d; // OK
```

- `constexpr` variable must be initialized immediately with constant expression. `const` does not need to be initialized with constant expression.
- `constexpr` variable must be a **LiteralType**

constexpr FUNCTIONS

```
constexpr int factorial11(int n) { // C++11 compatible
{
    return (n == 0) ? 1 : n * factorial11(n-1);
}

constexpr int factorial14(int n) { // C++14
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return n * factorial14(n-1);
    }
}
```

constexpr function can be evaluated in both compile time and runtime. Evaluation at compile time can occur when the result is assigned to constexpr variable and arguments can be evaluated at compile time.

`constexpr` FUNCTIONS RESTRICTIONS

In C++11 `constexpr` functions were very restricted - only 1 return instruction (not returning void). From C++14 the only restrictions are, that function must not:

- contain `static` or `thread_local` variables
- contain uninitialized variables
- call non `constexpr` function
- use non-literal types
- be virtual (until C++20)
- use asm code blocks (until C++20)
- have try-catch block or throw exceptions (until C++20)

constexpr CONSTRUCTOR

```
struct Point
{
    constexpr Point(int x, int y)
        : x_(x), y_(y)
    {}

    int x_;
    int y_;
};

constexpr Point a = { 1, 2 };
```

class `Point` can be used in `constexpr` computations, eg in `constexpr` functions. It is a literal type. `constexpr` constructor has the same restrictions as a `constexpr` function and a class cannot have a virtual base class.

constexpr LAMBDA

From C++17 all lambda functions are by default implicitly marked as constexpr, if possible.
constexpr keyword can also be used explicitly.

```
auto squared = [](auto x) {                // implicitly constexpr
    return x * x;
};

std::array<int, squared(8)> a;                // OK - array<int, 64>

auto squared = [](auto x) constexpr {      // OK
    return x * x;
};
```

constexpr if

```
if constexpr (a < 0)
    doThis();
else if constexpr (a > 0)
    doThat();
else
    doSomethingElse();
```

`constexpr if` selects only one block of instructions, depending on which condition is met. The condition and other blocks are not compiled in the binary. The condition must be a constant expression.

constexpr if IN SFINAE

constexpr if allows a simplification of template code used by SFINAE idiom.

```
1  template<class T>    // C++17
2  auto compute(T x) {
3      if constexpr(std::is_scalar_v<T>) {
4          return singleComputation(x);
5      } else {
6          return multipleComputation(x);
7      }
8  }
```

```
1  template<class T>    // C++11
2  auto compute(T x) -> enable_if<std::is_scalar<T>::value, int>::type {
3      return singleComputation(x);
4  }
5  template<class T>
6  auto compute(T x) -> enable_if<!std::is_scalar<T>::value, int>::type {
7      return multipleComputation(x);
8  }
```

UNIFORM INITIALIZATION

C++98 INITIALIZATION

```
1  int a;           // undefined value
2  int b(5);        // direct initialization, b = 5
3  int c = 10;      // copy initialization, c = 10
4  int d = int();   // default initialization, d = 0
5  int e();         // function declaration - "most vexing parse"
6
7  int values[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4 }; // brace initialization of aggregate
8  int array[] = { 1, 2, 3.5 };  // C++98 - ok, implicit type narrowing
9
10 struct P { int a, b; };
11 P p = { 20, 40 }; // brace initialization of POD
12
13 std::complex<double> c(4.0, 2.0); // initialization of classes
14
15 std::vector<std::string> names; // no initialization for list of values
16 names.push_back("John");
17 names.push_back("Jane");
```

UNIFORM INITIALIZATION

C++11 INITIALIZATION WITH {}

Rationale: eliminate problematic initialization cases from C++98, initialization of STL containers, have only one universal way of initialization.

```
1  int a;           // still undefined value
2  int b{5};        // brace initialization, b = 5
3  int c{};         // brace initialization, c = 0
4
5  int values[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4 }; // brace initialization of aggregate
6  int array[] = { 1, 2, 3.5 };   // C++11: error - implicit type narrow
7
8  struct P { int a, b; };
9  P p = { 20, 40 }; // brace initialization of POD
10
11 std::complex<double> c{4.0, 2.0}; // brace initialization calls adequate
12
13 std::vector<std::string> names = { "John", "Jane" }; // brace initialis
```

IN-CLASS INITIALIZATION OF NON-STATIC VARIABLES

```
1 struct Foo {
2     Foo() {}
3     Foo(std::string a) : a_(a) {}
4
5     void print() {
6         std::cout << a_ << std::endl;
7     }
8
9 private:
10     std::string a_ = "Foo";           // C++98: error, C++11: OK
11     static const unsigned VALUE = 20u; // C++98: OK, C++11: OK
12 };
13
14 Foo().print();           // Foo
15 Foo("Bar").print();     // Bar
```

`std::initializer_list<T>`

```
1 auto values = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};    // values : std::initializer_list<int>
2 std::vector<int> v = {1, 2, -3}; // creates vector from
3                                // std::initializer_list<int>
```

- Defined in `<initializer_list>` header
- Elements are kept in an array
- Elements are immutable
- Elements must be copyable
- Have limited interface and access via iterators - `begin()`, `end()`, `size()`
- Should be passed to functions by value

std::initializer_list<T>

```
1  template<class Type>
2  class Bar {
3      std::vector<Type> values_;
4  public:
5      Bar(std::initializer_list<Type> values) : values_(values) {}
6      Bar(Type a, Type b) : values_{a, b} {}
7  };
8
9  Bar<int> c = {1, 2, 5, 51};    // calls std::initializer_list c-tor
10 Bar<int> d{1, 2, 5, 51};      // calls std::initializer_list c-tor
11 Bar<int> e = {1, 2};          // calls std::initializer_list c-tor
12 Bar<int> f{1, 2};             // calls std::initializer_list c-tor
13 Bar<int> g(1, 2);             // calls Bar(Type a, Type b) c-tor
14 Bar<int> h = {};              // calls std::initializer_list c-tor
15                               // or default c-tor if exists
16 Bar<std::unique_ptr<int>> c = {new int{1}, new int{2}};
17 // error - std::unique_ptr is non-copyable
```

C-tor with `std::initializer_list` has greater priority if other c-tors match.



MODERN C++

- `default` keyword
- `delete` keyword
- `final` keyword
- `override` keyword
- `constexpr` keyword
- Uniform initialization
- `std::initializer_list<T>`