

Introducing the `-Wall`, `-Wefc++`, and `-Wextra`.

- `-Wall`: This enables all construction warnings, which are questionable for some users. These warnings are easy to avoid or modify, even in conjunction with macros. It also enables some language-specific warnings described in C++ Dialect Options and Objective-C/C++ Dialect Options.
- `-Wextra`: As its name implies, it examines certain extra warning flags that are not checked by `-Wall`. Warning messages for any of the following cases will be printed:
 - A pointer is compared against integer zero with the `<`, `<=`, `>`, or `>=` operands.
 - A non-enumerator and an enumerator show up in a conditional expression.
 - Ambiguous virtual bases.
 - Subscripting a `register` type array.
 - Using the address of a `register` type variable.
 - A derived class' copy constructor does not initialize its base class.

Note that points from 2 to 6 are C++ only.

- `-Wefc++`: It checks the violations of some guidelines suggested in *Effective and More Effective C++*, written by Scott Meyers. These guidelines include the following:
 - Define a copy constructor and an assignment operator for classes with dynamically allocated memory.
 - Prefer initialization over assignment in constructors.
 - Make destructors virtual in base classes.
 - Have the `=` operator return a reference to `*this`.
 - Don't try to return a reference when you must return an object.
 - Distinguish between prefix and postfix forms of increment and decrement operators.
 - Never overload `&&`, `||`, or `,`.

To explore these three options, let's look at the following example at

https://github.com/PacktPublishing/Expert-C-2nd-edition/blob/main/Chapter14/ch14_static_analysis.cpp.

First, let's build this without any options:

```
g++ -o ch14_static.out ch14_static_analysis.cpp
```

This can be built successfully, but if we run it, as expected, it will crash with a **segmentation fault (core dumped)** message.

Next, let's add the `-Wall`, `-Wefc++`, and `-Wextra` options and rebuild it:

```
g++ -Wall -o ch14_static.out ch14_static_analysis.cpp
g++ -Wefc++ -o ch14_static.out ch14_static_analysis.cpp
g++ -Wextra -o ch14_static.out ch14_static_analysis.cpp
```

Both `-Wall` and `-Wefc++` give us the following message:

```
ch14_static_analysis.cpp: In function 'int& getVal()':
ch14_static_analysis.cpp:9:6: warning: reference to local variable
'x'
returned [-Wreturn-local-addr]
int x = 5;
^
```

Here, it's complaining that, in the `int & getVal()` function (**line 9** of the `ch14_static_analysis.cpp` file), a reference to a local variable is returned. This will not work because once the program goes out of the function, `x` is garbage (The lifetime of `x` is only limited in the scope of the function). It does not make any sense to reference a dead variable.

`-Wextra` gives us the following message:

```
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```

```

    'x'
    returned [-Wreturn-local-addr]
    int x = 5;
    ^
ch14_static_analysis.cpp: In function 'int main()':
ch14_static_analysis.cpp:16:10: warning: ordered comparison of
pointer
with integer zero [-Wextra]
if( x> 0 ){
^

```

The preceding output shows that `-Wextra` not only gives us the warning from `-Wall` but also checks the six things we mentioned earlier. In this example, it warns us that there is a comparison between a pointer and integer zero in file `ch14_static_analysis.cpp`, **line 16** of the code. Now that we know about how to use the static analysis options during compile time, we'll take a look at dynamic analysis by executing a program.