



Constexpr details

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constexpr intro

```
constexpr auto arraySize = 10;  
std::array<int, arraySize> data;
```

```
constexpr int pow(int base, int exp) noexcept  
{  
    return (exp == 0 ? 1 : base * pow(base, exp - 1));  
}
```

```
std::array<int, pow(3, arraySize)> results;
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Constexpr preservation

- To preserve constexpr-ness through argument passing, we have to encode the constexpr value into a type, and then pass a not-necessarily-constexpr object of that type to the function. The function, which must be a template, may then access the constexpr value encoded inside that type.

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```
constexpr int sqrt(int i)
{
    if (i < 0)
        throw "i should be non-negative";

    return 1;
}

void main()
{
    constexpr int two = sqrt(4); // ok
    constexpr int error = sqrt(-4); // error
}
```

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```
template <typename T>
constexpr int f(T& n, bool touch_n)
{
    if (touch_n)
        n++;

    return 1;
}

void main()
{
    constexpr int j = f(n, false); // ok
    constexpr int k = f(n, true);  // error
}
```

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constexpr lambda

```
constexpr auto L = [](int i) constexpr { return i; };
```

```
auto L2 = [] { return 0; };  
constexpr int I = L2();
```

Static if

```
template<int I>
auto get(const S& x)
{
    if constexpr(I == 0)
        return int(x);
    else if constexpr (I == 1)
        return double(x);
    else
        return string(x);
}
```



Outro