

Keywords in C++:

Keywords are reserved words in C++ with predefined meanings. These words form the building blocks of the language and cannot be used as identifiers (variable names, function names, etc.). Each keyword has a specific role in the C++ programming language.

Below is a detailed list of C++ keywords with their uses:

1. Control Flow Keywords

These keywords control the flow of the program:

- **if:** Introduces a conditional branch.

- Example:

```
if (x > 0) {  
    cout << "Positive number";  
}
```

- **else:** Provides an alternative branch for an if condition.

- Example:

```
if (x > 0) {  
    cout << "Positive number";  
} else {  
    cout << "Not positive";  
}
```

- **switch, case:** Used for multi-way branching.

- Example:

```
switch (choice) {  
    case 1:  
        cout << "Option 1";  
        break;  
    case 2:  
        cout << "Option 2";  
        break;  
    default:  
        cout << "Default option";  
}
```

}

- **while:** Executes a block of code repeatedly as long as a condition is true.
 - Example:

```
while (x < 10) {  
    cout << x;  
    x++;  
}
```

- **do:** Similar to while but guarantees at least one execution.
 - Example:

```
do {  
    cout << x;  
    x++;  
} while (x < 10);
```

- **for:** Used for looping with initialization, condition, and increment.
 - Example:

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    cout << i;  
}
```

- **break:** Exits a loop or switch statement prematurely.
- **continue:** Skips the rest of the loop iteration and proceeds to the next.

2. Data Handling Keywords

These manage variables and data:

- **const:** Defines a constant value.
 - Example:

```
const int MAX = 100;
```

- **extern:** Declares a variable defined elsewhere.
 - Example:

```
extern int x;
```

- **mutable:** Allows modification of a member variable in const objects.

- **static:** Retains the value of a variable between function calls or makes a class member shared across all objects.
 - Example:

```
static int count = 0;
```

3. Class and Object Keywords

These keywords relate to object-oriented programming:

- **class:** Defines a class.
 - Example:

```
class Car {  
public:  
    string brand;  
};
```

- **private, public, protected:** Define access specifiers for class members.
- **friend:** Allows a function or class to access private/protected members of another class.
- **this:** Refers to the current object instance.
 - Example:

```
class Example {  
    int x;  
public:  
    void setX(int x) {  
        this->x = x;  
    }  
};
```

- **new, delete:** For dynamic memory allocation and deallocation.
 - Example:

```
int* ptr = new int;  
delete ptr;
```

- **virtual:** Enables runtime polymorphism in derived classes.
 - Example:

```
virtual void display();
```

4. Exception Handling Keywords

These manage program exceptions:

- **try, catch, throw:** Handle runtime errors.
 - Example:

```
try {  
    throw "An error occurred!";  
} catch (const char* msg) {  
    cout << msg;  
}
```

5. Namespace and Scope Keywords

These manage scope and avoid name conflicts:

- **namespace:** Groups related classes, functions, etc.
 - Example:

```
namespace MyNamespace {  
    int x = 10;  
}
```

- **using:** Allows usage of a namespace or aliasing.
 - Example:

```
using namespace std;
```

6. Memory Management Keywords

- **sizeof:** Returns the size of a data type or object.
 - Example:

```
cout << sizeof(int);
```

- **typeid:** Retrieves type information of a variable.
 - Example:

```
cout << typeid(x).name();
```

7. Program Structure Keywords

- **typedef**: Creates an alias for a type.

- Example:

```
typedef unsigned int uint;
```

- **enum**: Defines an enumeration.

- Example:

```
enum Days { MON, TUE, WED };
```

- **union**: Defines a union, which shares memory for its members.

- Example:

```
union Data {  
    int i;  
    float f;  
};
```

8. Operator Keywords

- **and, or, not**: Logical operators.
- **bitand, bitor, xor, compl**: Bitwise operators.

9. Special Purpose Keywords

- **goto**: Jumps to a labeled statement (use discouraged).

- Example:

```
goto label;
```

```
label:
```

```
    cout << "Jumped!";
```

- **volatile**: Indicates that a variable can be changed outside the program's scope.

Key Points

1. **Reserved Words**: Keywords cannot be redefined or used for variable names.
2. **Case Sensitivity**: All keywords are case-sensitive.
3. **Evolution**: Some keywords were added in C++11, C++14, and later versions (e.g., constexpr, decltype).

By understanding the use and context of each keyword, you can write more structured and efficient C++ programs.

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