

C++ Reference Card

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Key

switch – keyword, reserved
"Hello!" – string
// comment – commented code
close() – library function
main – variable, identifier
variable – placeholder in syntax
if (expression) - syntax
statement;

Identifiers

These are ANSI C++ reserved words and cannot be used as variable names.

asm, auto, bool, break, case, catch, char, class, const, const_cast, continue, default, delete, do, double, dynamic_cast, else, enum, explicit, extern, false, float, for, friend, goto, if, inline, int, long, mutable, namespace, new, operator, private, protected, public, register, reinterpret_cast, return, short, signed, sizeof, static, static_cast, struct, switch, template, this, throw, true, try, typedef, typeid, typename, union, unsigned, using, virtual, void, volatile, wchar_t

Data Types

Variable Declaration
special class size sign type name;
special: volatile
class: register, static, extern, auto
size: long, short, double
sign: signed, unsigned
type: int, float, char (required)
name: the variable name (required)
// example of variable declaration
extern short unsigned char Aflag;
TYPE SIZE RANGE
char 1 signed -128 to 127
unsigned 0 to 255
short 2 signed -32,768 to 32,767
unsigned 0 to 65,535
long 4 signed -2,147,483,648 to
2,147,483,647
unsigned 0 - 4,294,967,295
int varies depending on system
float 4 3.4E +/- 38 (7 digits)
double 8 1.7E +/- 308 (15 digits)
long double 10 1.2E +/- 4,932 (19 digits)
bool 1 true or false
wchar_t 2 wide characters
Pointers
type *variable; // pointer to variable
type *func(); // function returns pointer
void * // generic pointer type
NULL; // null pointer
ptr; // object pointed to by pointer
obj // address of object
Arrays
int array[n]; // array of size n
int array2d[n][m]; // 2d n x m array
int array3d[i][j][k]; // 3d i x j x k array
Structures
struct name {
type1 element1;
type2 element2;
...
};
object_name; // instance of name
name variable; // variable of type name
variable.element1; // ref. of element
variable->element1; // reference of
pointed to structure

Initialization of Variables

type id; // declaration
type id, id; // multiple declaration
type *id; // pointer declaration
type id = value; // declare with assign
type *id = value; // pointer with assign
id = value; // assignment
Examples
// single character in single quotes
char c = 'A';
// string in double quotes, ptr to string
char *str = "Hello";
int i = 1022;
float f = 4.0E10; // 4*10
int ary[2] = {1, 2}; // array of ints
const int a = 45; // constant declaration
struct products { // declaration
char name [30];
float price;
};
products apple; // create instance
apple.name = "Macintosh"; // assignment
apple.price = 0.45;
products *pApple; // pointer to struct
pApple->name = "Granny Smith";
pApple->price = 0.35; // assignment

Exceptions

```
try {  
    // code to be tried... if statements  
    statements; // fail, exception is set  
    throw exception;  
}  
catch (type exception) {  
    // code in case of exception  
    statements;  
}
```

#error msg //reports msg on compl. error
#include "file" // inserts file into code
// during compilation
#pragma //passes parameters to compiler

C++ Program Structure

```
// my first program in C++  
#include <iostream.h>  
int main ()  
{  
    cout << "Hello World!";  
    return 0;  
}  
  
// single line comment  
/* multi-line  
comment */
```

Control Structures

Decision (if-else)
if (condition) {
statements;
}
else if (condition) {
statements;
}
else {
statements;
}
if (x == 3) // curly braces not needed
flag = 1; // when if statement is
else // followed by only one
flag = 0; // statement
Repetition (while)
while (expression) { // loop until
statements; // expression is false
}
Repetition (do-while)
do {
statements; // as long as condition
} while (condition); // is true
Repetition (for)
init - initial value for loop control variable
condition - stay in the loop as long as condition
is true
increment - change the loop control variable
for (init; condition; increment) {
statements;
}
Bifurcation (break, continue, goto, exit)
break; // ends a loop
continue; // stops executing statements
// in current iteration of loop cont-
// inues executing on next iteration
Label:
goto label; // execution continues at
// label
exit(retcode); // exits program
Selection (switch)
switch (variable) {
case constant1: // chars, ints
statements;
break; // needed to end flow
case constant2:
statements;
break;
default:
statements; // default statements
}

Functions

In C, functions must be prototyped before the main function, and defined after the main function. In C++, functions may, but do not need to be, prototyped. C++ functions must be defined before the location where they are called from.

```
// function declaration  
type name(arg1, arg2, ...) {  
    statement1;  
    statement2;  
    ...  
}  
  
type - return type of the function  
name - name by which the function is called  
arg1, arg2 - parameters to the function  
statement - statements inside the function  
// example function declaration  
// return type int  
int add(int a, int b) { // params  
    int r; // declaration  
    r = a + b; // add nums  
    return r; // return value  
}  
  
// function call  
num = add(1,2);
```

Passing Parameters

Pass by Value
function(int var); // passed by value
Variable is passed into the function and can be changed, but changes are not passed back.
Pass by Constant Value
function(const int var);
Variable is passed into the function but cannot be changed.
Pass by Reference
function(int &var); // pass by reference
Variable is passed into the function and can be changed, changes are passed back.
Pass by Constant Reference
function(const int &var);
Variable cannot be changed in the function.
Passing an Array by Reference
It's a waste of memory to pass arrays and structures by value, instead pass by reference.
int array[1]; // array declaration
ret = aryfunc(&array); // function call
int aryfunc(int *array[1]) {
 array[0] = 2; // function
 return 2; // declaration
}

Default Parameter Values

```
int add(int a, int b=2) {  
    int r;  
    r=a+b; // b is always 2  
    return (r);  
}
```

Overloading Functions

Functions can have the same name, and same number of parameters as long as the parameters of are different types

```
// takes and returns integers  
int divide (int a, int b)  
{ return (a/b); }  
  
// takes and returns floats  
float divide (float a, float b)  
{ return (a/b); }  
  
divide(10,2); // returns 5  
divide(10,3); // returns 3.33333333  
  
Recursion  
Functions can call themselves  
long factorial (long n) {  
    if (n > 1)  
        return (n * factorial (n-1));  
    else  
        return (1);  
}
```

Prototyping

Functions can be prototyped so they can be used after being declared in any order

```
// prototyped functions can be used  
// anywhere in the program  
#include <iostream.h>  
void odd (int a);  
void even (int a);  
int main () { ... }
```

Namespaces

Namespaces allow global identifiers under a name

```
// simple namespace  
namespace identifier {  
    namespace-body;  
}  
  
// example namespace  
namespace first {int var = 5;}  
namespace second {double var = 3.1416;}  
int main () {  
    cout << first::var << endl;  
    cout << second::var << endl;  
    return 0;  
}  
  
using namespace allows for the current nesting  
level to use the appropriate namespace  
using namespace identifier;  
// example using namespace  
namespace first {int var = 5;}  
namespace second {double var = 3.1416;}  
int main () {  
    using namespace second;  
    cout << var << endl;  
    cout << (var*2) << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Operators

priority/operator/desc/ASSOCIATIVITY

```
1 ++ scope LEFT  
2 () parenthesis LEFT  
[] brackets LEFT  
-> pointer reference LEFT  
. structure member access LEFT  
sizeof returns memory size LEFT  
3 ++ increment RIGHT  
-- decrement RIGHT  
~ complement to one (bitwise) RIGHT  
! unary NOT RIGHT  
& reference (pointers) RIGHT  
* dereference RIGHT  
(type) type casting RIGHT  
+ - unary less sign RIGHT  
4 * multiply LEFT  
/ divide LEFT  
% modulus LEFT  
5 + addition LEFT  
- subtraction LEFT  
6 << bitwise shift left LEFT  
>> bitwise shift right LEFT  
7 < less than LEFT  
<= less than or equal LEFT  
> greater than LEFT  
>= greater than or equal LEFT  
8 == equal LEFT  
!= not equal LEFT  
9 & bitwise AND LEFT  
^ bitwise NOT LEFT  
| bitwise OR LEFT  
10 && logical AND LEFT  
|| logical OR LEFT  
11 ? : conditional RIGHT  
12 = assignment  
+= add/assign  
-= subtract/assign  
*= multiply/assign  
/= divide/assign  
%= modulus/assign  
>>= bitwise shift right/assign  
<<= bitwise shift left/assign  
&= bitwise AND/assign  
^= bitwise NOT/assign  
|= bitwise OR/assign  
13 , comma
```

User Defined DataTypes

```
typedef existingtype newtypename;  
typedef unsigned int WORD;  
enum name{val1, val2, ...} obj_name;  
enum days_t {MON,WED,FRI} days;  
union model_name {  
type1 element1;  
type2 element2; ...  
};  
object_name;  
union mytypes_t {  
char c;  
int i;  
};  
mytypes;  
struct packed { // bit fields  
unsigned int flagA:1; // flagA is 1 bit  
unsigned int flagB:3; // flagB is 3 bit  
}
```

Preprocessor Directives

```
#define ID value // replaces ID with  
//value for each occurrence in the code  
#undef ID // reverse of #define  
#ifdef ID //executes code if ID defined  
#ifndef ID //opposite of #ifdef  
#if expr // executes if expr is true  
#else // else  
#elif // else if  
#endif // ends if block  
#line number "filename"  
// #line controls what line number and  
// filename appear when a compiler error  
// occurs  
#error msg //reports msg on compl. error  
#include "file" // inserts file into code  
// during compilation  
#pragma //passes parameters to compiler
```

Console Input/Output

[See File I/O on reverse for more about streams]

C Style Console I/O

stdin - standard input stream
stdout - standard output stream
stderr - standard error stream
// print to screen with formatting
printf("format", arg1,arg2,...);
printf("nums: %d, %f, %c", 1,5.6,'C');
// print to string s
sprintf(s,"format", arg1, arg2,...);
sprintf(s,"This is string # %i",2);
// read data from keyboard into
// name1,name2,...
scanf("format",&name1,&name2, ...);
scanf("%d,%f",var1,var2); // read nums
// read from string s
sscanf("format",&name1,&name2, ...);
sscanf(s,"%i,%c",var1,var2);

C Style I/O Formatting

%d, %i integer
%c single character
%f double (float)
%o octal
%p pointer
%u unsigned
%s char string
%e, %E exponential
%x, %X hexadecimal
%n number of chars written
%g, %G same as f for e,E
C++ console I/O
cout<< console out printing to screen
cin>> console in, reading from keyboard
cerr<< console error
clog<< console log
cout<<"Please enter an integer: ";
cin>>i;
cout<<"num1: "<<i<<"\n"<<endl;

Control Characters
\\b backspace \\f form feed \\r return
\\' apostrophe \\n newline \\t tab
\\nnn character #nnn (octal) \\\" quote
\\NN character #NN (hexadecimal)

Character Strings

The string "Hello" is actually composed of 6 characters and is stored in memory as follows:
Char H e l l o \0
Index 0 1 2 3 4 5
\\0 (backslash zero) is the null terminator character and determines the end of the string. A string is an array of characters. Arrays in C and C++ start at zero.
str = "Hello";
str[2] = 'e'; // string is now 'Heelo'
common <string.h> functions:
strlen(s1,2) strlen(s1,c) strcmp(s1,s2)
strcpy(s2,s1) strlen(s1) strncpy(s2,s1,n)
strcat(s1,s2)

Class Reference

Class Syntax

```
class classname {
public:
    classname(parms); // constructor
    ~classname(); // destructor
    member1;
    member2;
protected:
    member3;
    ...
private:
    member4;
} objectname;
// constructor (initializes variables)
classname::classname(parms) {
}
// destructor (deletes variables)
classname::~classname() {
}
// public members are accessible from anywhere
// where the class is visible
// protected members are only accessible from
// members of the same class or of a friend class
// private members are accessible from members
// of the same class, members of the derived classes
// and a friend class
// constructors may be overloaded just like any
// other function. define two identical constructors
// with difference parameter lists
// Class Example
class CSquare { // class declaration
public:
    void Init(float h, float w);
    float GetArea(); // functions
    private: // available only to CSquare
        float h,w;
    // implementations of functions
    void CSquare::Init(float hi, float wi){
        h = hi; w = wi;
    }
    float CSquare::GetArea() {
        return (h*w);
    }
}
// example declaration and usage
CSquare theSquare;
theSquare.Init(8,5);
area = theSquare.GetArea();
// or using a pointer to the class
CSquare *theSquare;
theSquare->Init(8,5);
area = theSquare->GetArea();
```

Overloading Operators

Like functions, operators can be overloaded. Imagine you have a class that defines a square and you create two instances of the class. You can add the two objects together.

```
class CSquare { // declare a class
public: // functions
    void Init(float h, float w);
    float GetArea();
    CSquare operator + (CSquare);
private: // overload the '+' operator
    float h,w;
} // function implementations
void CSquare::Init(float hi, float wi){
    h = hi; w = wi;
}
float CSquare::GetArea() {
    return (h*w);
}
// implementation of overloaded operator
CSquare CSquare::operator+ (CSquare cs) {
    CSquare temp; // create CSquare object
    temp.h = h + cs.h; // add h and w to temp
    temp.w = w + cs.w; // temp object
    return (temp);
}
// object declaration and usage
CSquare sqr1, sqr2, sqr3;
sqr1.Init(3,4); // initialize objects
sqr2.Init(2,3);
sqr3 = sqr1 + sqr2; // object sqr3 is now (5,7)
```

Advanced Class Syntax

Static Keyword
Static variables are the same throughout all instances of a class.
static int n; // declaration
CDummy::n; // reference

Virtual Members
Classes may have virtual members. If the function is redefined in an inherited class, the parent must have the word **virtual** in front of the function definition

This keyword
The **this** keyword refers to the memory location of the current object.
int func(this); // passes pointer to current object

Class TypeCasting
reinterpret_cast <newtype>(expression);
dynamic_cast <newtype>(expression);
static_cast <newtype>(expression);
const_cast <newtype>(expression);

Expression Type
The type of an expression can be found using typeid. typeid returns a type.
typeid(expression);

Inheritance

Functions from a class can be inherited and reused in other classes. Multiple inheritance is possible.

```
class CPoly { //create base polygon class
protected:
    int width, height;
public:
    void SetValues(int a, int b)
    { width=a; height=b; }
};
class COutput { // create base output
public: // class
    void Output(int i);
};
// CRect inherits SetValues from CPoly
// and inherits Output from COutput
class CRect: public CPoly, public COutput {
public:
    int area(void)
    { return (width * height); }
};
// CTri inherits SetValues from CPoly
class CTri: public CPoly {
public:
    int area(void)
    { return (width * height / 2); }
};
void main () {
    CRect rect; // declare objects
    CTri tri;
    rect.SetValues (2,9);
    tri.SetValues (2,9);
    rect.Output(rect.area());
    cout<<tri.area()<<endl;
}
```

Templates

Templates allow functions and classes to be reused without overloading them.

```
template <class id> function;
template <typename id> function;
// ----- function example -----
template <class T>
T GetMax (T a, T b) {
    return (a>b?a:b); // return the larger
}
void main () {
    int a=9, b=2, c;
    float x=5.3, y=3.2, z;
    c=GetMax(a,b);
    z=GetMax(x,y);
}
// ----- class example -----
template <class T>
class CPair {
    T x,y;
public:
    Pair(T a, T b){
        x=a; y=b;
    }
    T GetMax();
};
template <class T>
T Pair::T::GetMax()
{ // implementation of GetMax function
    T ret; // return a template
    ret = x>y?x:y; // return larger
    return ret;
}
int main () {
    Pair <int> theMax (80, 45);
    cout << theMax.GetMax();
    return 0;
}
```

Friend Classes/Functions

Friend Class Example

```
class CSquare; // define CSquare
class CRectangle {
    int width, height;
public:
    void convert (CSquare a);
};
// declaration and usage
CSquare sqr;
CRectangle rect; // convert can be
sqr.set_side(4); // used by the
rect.convert(sqr); // rectangle class
```

Friend Functions

A friend function has the keyword **friend** in front of it. If it is declared inside a class, that function can be called without reference from an object. An object may be passed to it.

```
/* change can be used anywhere and can
have a CRect object passed in */
// this example defined inside a class
friend CRect change(CRect);
CRectangle recta, rectb; // declaration
rectb = change(recta); // usage
```

File I/O

```
#include <fstream.h> // read/write file
#include <ofstream.h> // write file
#include <ifstream.h> // read file
File I/O is done from the fstream, ofstream and
ifstream classes.
```

File Handles

A file must have a file handle (pointer to the file) to access the file.

```
ifstream infile; // create handle called
// infile to read from a file
ofstream outfile; // handle for writing
fstream f; // handle for read/write
```

Opening Files

After declaring a file handle, the following syntax can be used to open the file

```
void open(const char *fname, ios::mode);
// fname should be a string, specifying an absolute
// or relative path, including filename. ios::mode
// can be any number of the following and repeat
// in Open file for reading
// Open file for writing
// at Initial position: end of file
// app Every output is appended at the end of file
// trunc If the file already existed it is erased
// binary Binary mode
ifstream f; // open input file example
f.open("input.txt", ios::in);
ofstream f; // open for writing in binary
f.open("out.txt", ios::out | ios::binary
| ios::app);
```

Closing a File

A file can be closed by calling the handle's close function

```
f.close();
```

Writing To a File (Text Mode)

The operator << can be used to write to a file. Like cout, a stream can be opened to a device. For file writing, the device is not the console, it is the file. cout is replaced with the file handle.

```
ofstream f; // create file handle
f.open("output.txt"); // open file
f << "Hello World\n" << endl;
```

Reading From a File (Text Mode)

The operator >> can be used to read from a file. It works similar to cin. Fields are separated in the file by spaces.

```
ifstream f; // create file handle
f.open("input.txt"); // open file
while (!f.eof()) // end of file test
    f >> a>b>c; // read into a,b,c
```

I/O State Flags

Flags are set if errors or other conditions occur. The following functions are members of the file object

- handle.bad() returns true if a failure occurs in reading or writing
- handle.fail() returns true for same cases as bad() plus if formatting errors occur
- handle.eof() returns true if the end of the file reached when reading
- handle.good() returns false if any of the above were true

Stream Pointers

handle.tellg() returns pointer to current location when reading a file
handle.tellp() returns pointer to current location when writing file

// seek a position in reading a file
handle.seekg(position);
handle.seekg(offset, direction);
// seek a position in writing a file
handle.seekp(position);
handle.seekp(offset, direction);
direction can be one of the following
ios::beg beginning of the stream
ios::cur current position of the stream pointer
ios::end end of the stream

Binary Files

buffer is a location to store the characters. numbytes is the number of bytes to written or read.

```
write(char *buffer, numbytes);
read(char *buffer, numbytes);
```

Output Formatting

```
streamclass f; // declare file handle
// set output flags
f.flags(ios_base::flag)
// possible flags
dec fixed hex oct
scientific internal left right
uppercase boolalpha showbase showpoint
showpos skipspace unitbuf
adjustfield left | right | internal
basefield dec | oct | hex
floatfield scientific | fixed
f.fill(ch) set fill character ch
f.precision(numdigits) sets the precision for
floating point numbers to numdigits
f.put(c) put a single char into output stream
f.setf(flag) sets a flag
f.setf(flag, mask) sets a flag w/ value
f.width(n) returns the current number of
characters to be written
f.width(num) sets the number of chars to be
written
```

ASCII Chart

Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char
0	NUL	64	@	128	À	192	À
1	SOH	65	A	129	Á	193	Á
2	STX	66	B	130	Â	194	Â
3	ETX	67	C	131	Ã	195	Ã
4	EOT	68	D	132	Ä	196	Ä
5	ENQ	69	E	133	Å	197	Å
6	ACK	70	F	134	Æ	198	Æ
7	BEL	71	G	135	Ç	199	Ç
8	BS	72	H	136	È	200	È
9	TAB	73	I	137	É	201	É
10	LF	74	J	138	Ê	202	Ê
11	VTB	75	K	139	Ë	203	Ë
12	FF	76	L	140	Ì	204	Ì
13	CR	77	M	141	Í	205	Í
14	SO	78	N	142	Î	206	Î
15	SI	79	O	143	Ï	207	Ï
16	DLE	80	P	144	Ü	208	Ü
17	DC1	81	Q	145	Ý	209	Ý
18	DC2	82	R	146	Þ	210	Þ
19	DC3	83	S	147	ß	211	ß
20	DC4	84	T	148	à	212	à
21	NAK	85	U	149	á	213	á
22	SYN	86	V	150	â	214	â
23	ETB	87	W	151	ã	215	ã
24	CAN	88	X	152	ä	216	ä
25	EM	89	Y	153	å	217	å
26	SUB	90	Z	154	æ	218	æ
27	ESC	91	[	155	ç	219	ç
28	FS	92	\	156	è	220	è
29	GS	93	]	157	é	221	é
30	RS	94	^	158	ê	222	ê
31	US	95	_	159	ë	223	ë
32		96	`	160	ü	224	ü
33	"	97	a	161	í	225	í
34	"	98	b	162	ô	226	ô
35	#	99	c	163	õ	227	õ
36	\$	100	d	164	ö	228	ö
37	%	101	e	165	÷	229	÷
38	&	102	f	166	¸	230	¸
39	'	103	g	167		231	
40	(	104	h	168		232	
41	)	105	i	169		233	
42	*	106	j	170		234	
43	+	107	k	171		235	
44	,	108	l	172		236	
45	-	109	m	173		237	
46	.	110	n	174		238	
47	/	111	o	175	¡	239	¡
48		112	p	176	¢	240	¢
49		113	q	177	£	241	£
50		114	r	178	¤	242	¤
51		115	s	179	¥	243	¥
52		116	t	180	¦	244	¦
53		117	u	181	§	245	§
54		118	v	182	¨	246	¨
55		119	w	183	©	247	©
56		120	x	184	ª	248	ª
57		121	y	185	«	249	«
58		122	z	186	¬	250	¬
59		123	{	187	­	251	­
60		124	|	188	®	252	®
61		125	}	189	¯	253	¯
62		126	~	190	°	254	°
63		127	?	191	±	255	±

Dynamic Memory

Memory can be allocated and deallocated

```
// allocate memory (C++ only)
pointer = new type [ ];
int *ptr; // declare a pointer
ptr = new int; // create a new instance
ptr = new int [5]; // new array of ints
// deallocate memory (C++ only)
delete [ ] pointer;
delete ptr; // delete a single int
delete [ ] ptr; // delete array
// allocate memory (C or C++)
void * malloc (nbytes); // nbytes=size
char *buffer; // declare a buffer
// allocate 10 bytes to the buffer
buffer = (char *)malloc(10);
// allocate memory (C or C++)
// nelements = number elements
// size = size of each element
void * malloc (nelements, size);
int *nums; // declare a buffer
// allocate 5 sets of ints
nums = (char *)calloc(5, sizeof(int));
// reallocate memory (C or C++)
void * realloc (*ptr, size);
// delete memory (C or C++)
void free (*ptr);
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ANSI C++ Library Files

The following files are part of the ANSI C++ standard and should work in most compilers.

- algorithm.h <bitset.h> <deque.h>
- <exception.h> <fstream.h> <functional.h>
- <iomanip.h> <ios.h> <iosfwd.h>
- <iostream.h> <iostream.h> <iterator.h>
- <limits.h> <list.h> <locale.h> <map.h>
- <memory.h> <new.h> <numeric.h>
- <ostream.h> <queue.h> <set.h> <sstream.h>
- <stack.h> <stdexcept.h> <streambuf.h>
- <string.h> <typeinfo.h> <utility.h>
- <valarray.h> <vector.h>

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