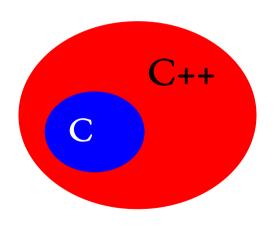
$$C \not\subset C++$$

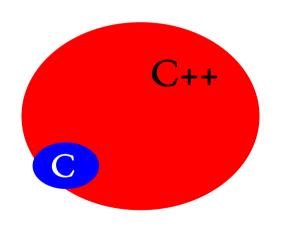
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 $C \subset C++$ — Right!?







In Reality: C ⊄ C++

Code

```
%:include <stdio.h>
%:include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, const char *argv<::>) <%
    while (argc-- > 1) <%
        printf("%s\n", argv<:argc:>);
    %>
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
%>
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
%:include <stdio.h>
%:include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, const char *argv<::>) <%
    while (argc-- > 1) <%
        printf("%s\n", argv<:argc:>);
    %>
        return EXIT_SUCCESS;
%>
```

Valid C and C++! — Digraphs and Trigraphs.

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
int class = 2;
int new = 3;
bool mutable = false;
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
int class = 2;
int new = 3;
bool mutable = false;
```

All valid, and likely good names too.

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
int class = 2;
int new = 3;
bool mutable = false;
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

```
test.cpp:8:5: error: expected primary-expression before 'int'
test.cpp:9:9: error: expected unqualified-id before 'new'
test.cpp:10:18: error: expected unqualified-id before '=' token
```

Code

```
/* File level */
const unsigned int n = 32u;
char buffer[n];
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
/* File level */
const unsigned int n = 32u;
char buffer[n];
```

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Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

test.c:6:6: error: variably modified 'buffer' at file scope

Code

```
/* File level */
const unsigned int n = 32u;
char buffer[n];
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

Valid C++.

Code

```
struct FooBar {
    int a;
    int b;
};
/* ... */
Foobar fb;
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
struct FooBar {
    int a;
    int b;
};
/* ... */
Foobar fb;
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
main(void)
{
    /* ... */
}
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
Code
                                          Questions
                                            • Valid C?
main(void)
                                            • Valid C++?
   /* ... */
                                            • Both?
                                            • Neither!?
test.c:1:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
"Implicit int" should be an error since C99: -Werror-implicit-int
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
C++
```

Code

```
int
main(void)
{
}
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
int
main(void)
{
}
```

Valid since C99 (to match C++ sadly). Before:

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

test.c:4:1: warning: control reaches end of non-void function

Code

```
int
main(void)
{
}
```

C++

Valid C++. Returns 0. Only applies to main().

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

auto x = 2.25;

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

auto x = 2.25;

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

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test.c:4:14: warning: implicit conversion from 'double' to 'int' changes value from 2.25 to 2 [-Wliteral-conversion]

Code

auto x = 2.25;

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

From C++11 x will be a double via type inference.

Code

auto int y = 5;

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

auto int y = 5;

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Valid C.

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

auto int y = 5;

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

test.cpp:4:14: error: two or more data types in declaration of 'y'

test.cpp:4:5: warning: 'auto' storage class specifier is not permitted in C++11, and will not be supported in future releases [-Wauto-storage-class]

Code

```
register int z = 5;
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

register int z = 5;

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Valid C.

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
register int z = 5;
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

test.cpp:4:5: error: ISO C++17 does not allow 'register' storage class specifier [-Wregister]

Code

```
void foo(void) {
  int x = 8;
  int a[x];
  /* ... */
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
void foo(void) {
  int x = 8;
  int a[x];
  /* ... */
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

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- Valid C (since C99): Variable Length Arrays.
- Optional since C11.
- Also: "USING VLAs IS ACTIVELY STUPID!" Linus T.

```
void foo(void) {
  int x = 8;
  int a[x];
  /* ... */
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

test.cpp:5:10: warning: variable length arrays are a C99 feature [-Wvla-extension]

Code

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

Valid C (since C99): Designated Initialisers

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

```
test.cpp:6:41: error: designator order for field 'FooBar::a' does not match declaration order in 'FooBar'
```

Code

```
_Atomic char f = 'f';
_Bool g = true;
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
_Atomic char f = 'f';
_Bool g = true;
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

```
test.cpp:4:5: error: '_Atomic' was not declared in this scope test.cpp:5:5: error: '_Bool' was not declared in this scope
```

Code

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

Code

```
int *ii;
ii = malloc(sizeof(*ii));
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
Questions
Code
                                          • Valid C?
                                          • Valid C++?
  int *ii;
 ii = malloc(sizeof(*ii));
                                          • Both?
                                          • Neither!?
C++
test.cpp:6:21: error: invalid conversion from 'void*' to 'int*'
                [-fpermissive]
```

Code

```
size_t = sizeof('%');
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
size_t = sizeof(',',');
```

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In C, a character literal is an int.

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

Code

```
size_t chlitsize = sizeof('%');
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

In C++, a character literal is a char.

Code

```
int
main(void)
{
    /* No previous decl! */
    quux();
}
```

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

```
int
main(void)
{
    /* No previous decl! */
    quux();
}
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

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```
test.c:4:5: warning: implicit declaration of function 'quux'
Should be an error since C99: -Werror-implicit-function-declaration
```

```
int
main(void)
{
    /* No previous decl! */
    quux();
}
```

Questions

- Valid C?
- Valid C++?
- Both?
- Neither!?

C++

test.cpp:4:5: error: 'quux' was not declared in this scope

Closing Thoughts

- These are not all differences!
- Almost everything is language version dependent.
- Almost everything is toolchain dependent.
- Idiomatic C is not idiomatic C++.
- Idiomatic C++ is probably not valid C.
- Interfaces are the solution for interoperation.
 - Using C from C++ is very easy.
 - Using C++ from C is probably not.
- Compiling C with a C++ compiler is not.

