

Integer Literals

Explicit values like **235** or **-75** are called **literals**. An integer literal is a sequence of decimal digits, with no spaces or commas allowed, preceded by an optional (+/-) sign. It is stored as a **signed int**.

- Change the representation from **signed** to **unsigned** by add a **U** to the end.
- Change the storage from **int** to **long**, or to **long long** by adding an **L** or an **LL**.

Here are some examples:

```
auto a = 15;      // a is stored as a signed decimal int
auto b = 15L;     // b is stored as a signed decimal long
auto c = 15LL;    // c is stored as a signed decimal long long
auto d = 15UL;    // d is an unsigned decimal long
```

Using **auto** instead of an explicit type to create the variables **a**, **b**, **c**, and **d**, allows the compiler to **infer** or **deduce** their types from their initializers. This **type inference** is a new feature of C++11.

You can also write literals in base 8 (**octal**), base 16 (**hexadecimal**) and base 2 (**binary**).

```
auto oct32 = 040;      // 4 8s and no 0s
auto hex32 = 0x20;     // 2 16s and no 0s
auto bin32 = 0b10'0000; // 1 32 and no 16s, 8s, 4s, 2s or 1s
```

Starting in C++14 you can use the apostrophe as a visual separator, as I've done here to separate the digits in **bin32** into groups of 4.



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