

C++ Reference Card

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, typeid, 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 arry[n]; // array of size n
int arry2d[n][m]; // 2d n x m array
int arry3d[i][j][k]; // 3d i x j x k array
Structures
struct name {
    type 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,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
apple->name = "Granny Smith";
apple->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;
}
```

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 {
    // perform the statements
    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
// goes executing on next iteration
label:
goto label; // execution continues at
// label
exit(retval); // 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

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);
}

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 # \$%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 IO 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<< "#num: <<i<<\n<<endl;
 Control Characters
 \b backspace \f form feed \r return
 \v apostrophe \n newline \t tab
 \nnn character #nn (octal) \\" quote
 \NN character #NN (hexadecimal)

User Defined DataTypes

typedef existingtype newtypename;
typedef unsigned int WORD;
enum name(val, val2, ...) obj name;
enum days t(MON,WED,FRI) days;
union modal_name {
 type1 element1;
 type2 element2;
 ...
} object_name;
union mytypes_t {
 char c;
 int i;
 mytypes;
 struct packed {
 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

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:
 strcat(s1,s2) strchr(s1,c) strcmp(s1,s2)
 strcpy(s2,s1) strlen(s1) strncpy(s2,s1,n)
 strrev(s1,s2)

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;
 }

