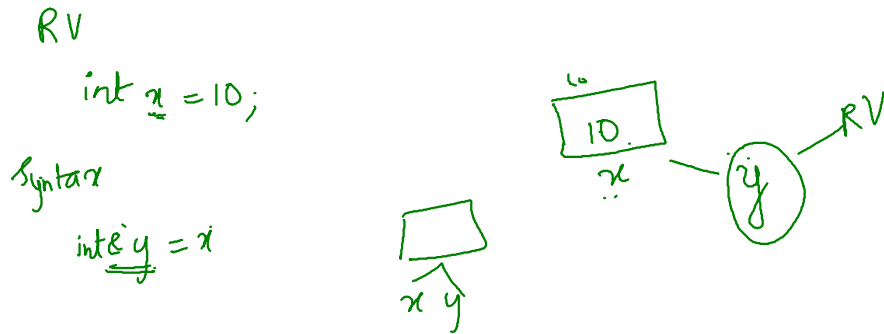


C++ Reference Variable | Pass by Reference



int* ptr = &x;

int a = 10;

int &ref = a;

ref is a reference to 'a'

Same location a ref

int &ref
int &ref

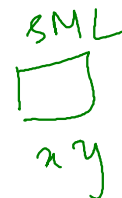
a++
a = 11
ref = 11

ref++
a = 12
ref = 12

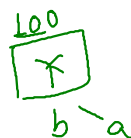
int &y; X

int &y = x;

valid variable;

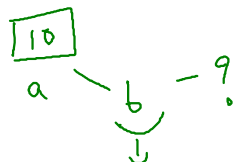


```
int b = 1;
int &a = b;
cout << &b // 100
cout << &a // 100
```



&b == &a

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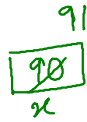


function parameter by reference.

→ Pass by reference.

```

void print(int x){
    x=x+1;
}
int main(){
    int x=90;
    cout<<"Before: "<<x<<endl;
    ✓ print(x);
    ✓ cout<<"After: "<<x<<endl;
}
    
```



Pass by value



Before : 90
After: 90 //

→ Pass by pointer.

→ Pass by reference

```

print(int&x){
    x=x+1;
}
    
```

Pass by reference

```

int main() {
    
```

```

    int b = 9;
    
```

```

    Before << b ;
    
```

```

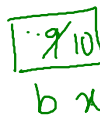
    print(b);
    
```

```

    After << b;
    
```

```

}
    
```



9
10

→ Return by reference

```

int& print(int&x) {
    return x;
}
    
```

int i=5;
int &y=i;

```
int main() {
    int a = 5;
    print(a);
}
```

b is
reference of a

b is
referring to original variable a.

```
int& print(int& b) {
    return b;
}
```

Example

```
int main() {
    int x = 5;
    update(x);
    cout << x; // 15
}
```

```
int& update(int& y) {
    y = y + 10; // 5 + 10
    return y;
}
```

&y = x

15
[5]
x y

int& y = x

Types of scope

-> global scope.

global variables X

RV

Pass by value

fun → RV
fun

```
void swap(int x, int y) {
    int temp = x;
    x = y;
    y = temp;
}

int main() {
    int a = 10, b = 11;
    cout << "Before: " << a << " " << b << endl;
    swap(a, b);
    cout << "After: " << a << " " << b;
}
```

11
[10]
x

10
[11]
y

10
[10]
temp

10
[10]
a

11
[11]
b

Before
10 11

After
10 11

```
void swap(int &x, int &y){
    int temp=x;
    x=y;
    y=temp;
}
```

```
int main(){
    int a=10, b=11;
    cout<<"Before: "<<a<<" "<<b<<endl;
    swap(a,b);
    cout<<"After: "<<a<<" "<<b;
}
```

Reference

10
temp

~~10~~ 11
a x

~~10~~ 11
b y

Before

10 11

After

11 10 //

RV, Pass by Reference.

Q1.

```
int x = 10;
int &y = x;
y = 20;
cout << x;
```

A) 10 B) 20 C) 0 D) Error

20
x y

Q2.

```
int x = 5;
int* p = &x;
*p = *p + 5;
cout << x;
```

A) 0 B) 5 C) 10 D) Garbage

100
x p

Q3.

```
int& fun() {
    int a = 10;
    return a;
}
```

A) Safe B) Efficient C) Undefined D) Error

Hlw

{ local variable Hlw
return a; }

Q4.

```
int a = 5;
int &ref = a;
int b = 10;
ref = b;
cout << a;
```

A) 5 B) 10 C) Error D) Garbage

10
a ref b

Q5.

```
int val = 30;
int& getVal() {
    return val;
}
int main() {
    getVal() = 50;
    cout << val;
}
```

A) 30 B) 50 C) Error D) Garbage

val => 30
=> 50

Q6.

```
void update(int &x) {
    x += 10;
}
int main() {
    int a = 5;
    update(a);
    cout << a;
}
```

A) 5 B) 10 C) 15 D) Error

15
a x

Q7.

```
int x = 100;
int *ptr = &x;
*ptr = 200;
cout << x;
```

A) 100 B) 200 C) 0 D) Error

50
x ptr

Q8.

```
int x = 10;
int &y = x;
int z = 20;
y = z;
```

```
cout << x;
```

A) 10 ☒ B) 20 C) Error D) 30

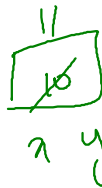


Q9.

```
int x = 10;
int &y = x;
y++;
```

```
cout << x;
```

A) 10 ☒ B) 11 C) 0 D) Error

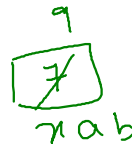


Q10.

```
int x = 7;
int &a = x;
int &b = a;
b = 9;
```

```
cout << x;
```

A) 7 ☒ B) 9 C) Error D) Garbage



Q11.

```
int &ref; // Assume outside function
```

A) Valid ☒ B) Needs initialization C) Will hold garbage D) Compiles fine

Q12.

```
int x = 10;
int *p = &x;
int **q = &p;
cout << **q;
```

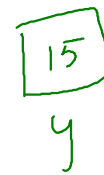
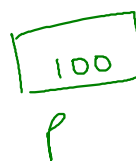
☒ A) 10 B) Address C) Error D) Garbage



Q13.

```
int x = 10;
int *p = &x;
int y = *p + 5;
cout << y;
```

A) 10 ☒ B) 15 C) Error D) Garbage



Q14.

```
int x = 5;
int *ptr = &x;
*ptr += 3;
cout << *ptr;
```

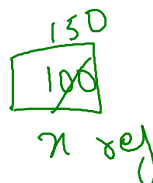
A) 5 ☒ B) 8 C) 3 D) Error



Q15.

```
int x = 100;
int &ref = x;
ref = ref + 50;
cout << x;
```

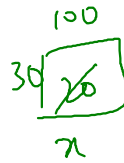
A) 100 ☒ B) 150 C) 50 D) Error



Q16.
 int val = 1;
 int& refFunc() { return val; }
 int main() { refFunc()++; cout << val; }
 A) 1 B) 2 C) Error D) Undefined



Q17.
 int x = 20;
 int *p = &x;
 *p = 30;
 cout << *p;
 A) 20 B) 30 C) Error D) Undefined



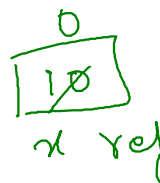
Q18.
 int a = 1, b = 2;
 void swap(int &x, int &y) {
 int temp = x; x = y; y = temp;
 }
 int main() {
 swap(a, b);
 cout << a << " " << b;
 }
 A) 1 2 B) 2 1 C) Error D) Garbage



Q19.
 int x = 10;
 int &ref = x;
 ref *= 2;
 cout << x;
 A) 10 B) 20 C) 5 D) Error



Q20.
 int x = 10;
 int &ref = x;
 ref = 0;
 cout << x;
 A) 10 B) 0 C) Error D) Undefined



Homework

Q1. What does a reference variable store?
 A) Value only
 B) Address of another variable
 C) Nothing
 D) A copy of the variable

Q2. Choose the correct way to declare a reference variable:
 A) int *ref = x;
 B) int &ref = x;
 C) int ref = &x;
 D) ref int = x;

Q3. What is the output?

```
int x = 10;  
int &y = x;  
y = 20;  
cout << x;
```

- A) 10
- B) 20
- C) 0
- D) Error

Q4. Which of the following is a valid reason to use references in function arguments?

- A) To increase execution time
- B) To reduce memory usage and modify original value
- C) To hide variables
- D) To convert types

Q5. What is the output?

```
int x = 5;  
int* p = &x;  
*p = *p + 5;  
cout << x;
```

- A) 0
- B) 5
- C) 10
- D) Garbage

Q6. What is wrong in this code?

```
int& fun() {  
    int a = 10;  
    return a;  
}
```

- A) Nothing
- B) Return type mismatch
- C) Returning local reference
- D) Syntax error

Q7. What is the result of returning a reference to a local variable?

- A) Safe and efficient
- B) Undefined behavior
- C) Compilation error
- D) Nothing happens

Q8. Choose correct usage of pass by reference in function:

- A) void fun(int x)
- B) void fun(int *x)
- C) void fun(int &x)
- D) Both B and C

Q9. What does ::x access?

- A) Local variable
- B) Reference variable
- C) Global variable
- D) Static variable

Q10. Global variables are initialized by default to:

- A) Garbage value
- B) 0
- C) 1
- D) NULL

Q11. Can you reassign a reference to another variable?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Only once
- D) Depends on scope

Q12. What happens if reference is not initialized?

- A) Reference gets default value
- B) Compiler error
- C) It is NULL
- D) It behaves like pointer

Q13. What is the output?

```
int a = 5;
int& ref = a;
int b = 10;
ref = b;
cout << a;
```

- A) 5
- B) 10
- C) Error
- D) Garbage

Q14. Which memory section stores global variables?

- A) Stack
- B) Heap
- C) Data segment
- D) Code segment

Q15. What does this function do?

```
void fun(int &a) {
    a = a + 5;
}
```

- A) Adds 5 to a copy of variable
- B) Adds 5 to original variable
- C) Does nothing
- D) Error in syntax

Q16. What is the output?

```
int val = 30;
int& getVal() {
    return val;
}
int main() {
    getVal() = 50;
    cout << val;
}
```

- A) 30
- B) 50
- C) Error
- D) Garbage

Q17. What is the output?

```
int x = 5;  
int *p = &x;  
cout << *p;
```

- A) 5
- B) Address
- C) Error
- D) Garbage

Q18. Which is correct way to define a function that modifies the actual variable?

- A) void change(int x)
- B) void change(int *x)
- C) void change(int &x)
- D) Both B and C

Q19. Can a function return a reference?

- A) Yes, always
- B) No
- C) Only if reference is to global or static variable
- D) Only if returning pointer

Q20. What is the output?

```
int val = 100;  
int& fun() {  
    return val;  
}  
int main() {  
    int x = fun();  
    x = x + 50;  
    cout << val;  
}
```

- A) 100
- B) 150
- C) 50
- D) Error