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1.1 C++11

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1.1.1 auto

Small amount of intro text here. The auto keyword was repurposed¹ in C++11 to act as a placeholder type. When used instead of a type as part of a variable declaration, the compiler will use the same rules as template argument deduction to deduce the type of the variable.

Description

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Listing 1.1: example caption for recordcount

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auto recordCount; // Compile-time error.
while (cursor.next()) { ++recordCount; }
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Use Cases

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²The relative position of decltype(range.sort()) in the signature of sortRangeImpl is not significant, as long as it is visible to the compiler during template substitution. This particular example (shown in the main text) makes use of a function parameter that is defaulted to nullptr. Alternatives involving a trailing return type or a default template argument are also viable:

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Listing 1.3: missing caption

```
int x = 10;
auto y = x;
```

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Potential Pitfalls

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In the example above, localhost will be initialized in the following manner⁵:

- 1. Constructor (0) will be invoked;
- 2. On line (1), execution will be delegated to constructor (2);
- 3. The body of constructor (2) will be executed;
- 4. The body of constructor (1) will be executed.

This feature, when used in conjunction with *explicit instantiation definitions*, can significantly improve compilation times for a set of translation units that often instantiate common templates:

³For more information on foobar, see lakos20, section 1.2.3, pp 208-234, especially Figure 1-35, p. 215.
4lakos20, section 0.5, pp 34-42

template <typename Range>
auto sortRangeImpl(Range& range, int) -> decltype(range.sort(), void());
 // The comma operator is used to force the return type to `void`,
 // regardless of the return type of `range.sort()`.

template <typename Range, typename = decltype(std::declval<Range&>().sort()>
auto sortRangeImpl(Range& range, int);
 // `std::declval` is used to generate a reference to `Range` that can be
 // used in an unevaluated expression

5Footnote. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Block code in footnote:
abcdef
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```
Listing 1.4: code 1

void code()
{

Listing 1.5: code 2

void code()
{

}
```

Attempting to compile main.cpp on its own will produce a linker error along the lines of:

Listing 1.6: missing caption

```
undefined reference to `Vector2D<float>::normalize()'
```

The linker error is expected as the inclusion of vector2d.h suppresses implicit instantiation of Vector2D<float>. Note that iVec is not affected, as the Vector2D<int> instantiation does take place.

Readability concerns Using auto can hide all information regarding a variable's type, increasing cognitive overhead for the readers. In conjunction with unclear variable naming, disproportionate usage of auto can make code unreadable. E.g.

Listing 1.7: missing caption

```
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    const auto args0 = parseArgs(argc, argv);
        // The behavior of `parseArgs` is unclear.

    const std::vector<std::string> args1 = parseArgs(argc, argv);
        // It is obvious what `parseArgs` does.
}
```

While it may be necessary to read parseArgs's contract at least once to fully understand its behavior, an explicit type in the usage site helps readers understand its purpose CWG1655.

Listing 1.8: missing caption

testing column width **for** code 123456789A123456789B123456789C123456789D123456789E123456789F123456789G123456789H **this** is 80 characters

C++11 introduces three new types of string literal, which provide strong guarantees on the encoding of character sequences:

Encoding	Example	Character Type
UTF-8	u8"Hello"	char
UTF-16	u"Hello"	char16_t
UTF-32	U"Hello"	char32_t

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Raw string literals enable developers to embed strings in a program's source code without requiring to escape special character sequences and preserving whitespace, with the goal of enhancing readability. The syntax of the feature is easily understood through an example showing a regular expression embedded in source code:

Listing 1.9: missing caption

Lack of interface restrictions In generic code, even if concrete types are dependent on template arguments, auto is needlessly lax. It is always possible to identify a $concept^6$ which provides information regarding operations allowed on a type to the reader [see @AGE86, pp. 33-35], albeit specifying it in code is cumbersome.⁷

In some particular cases, concepts also carry important semantic meaning that could be lost by using auto. E.g.

Listing 1.10: missing caption

List initialization The meaning of auto completely changes when using *list initialization*: std::initializer_list is always deduced.

Listing 1.11: missing caption

```
auto example0 = 0; // Copy initialiation, deduced as `int`.
auto example1(0); // Direct initialiation, deduced as `int`.
auto example2{0}; // List initialiation, deduced as `std::initializer_list<int>`.
```

This surprising behavior contradicts the idea of "uniform initialization" and has been widely regarded as a mistake and rectified in C++14.

⁶Authors' Note: We will have some footnotes that are authors' notes.

 $^{^{7}}$ Unless explicitly specified, the *underlying type* of non-strongly typed enumerations is [implementation-defined].



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The decltype keyword allows inspecting the declared type of an entity or the type and value category of an expression. What decltype yields as the result depends on the provided argument:

- With an unparenthesized *id-expression*⁸ or unparenthesized *class member access expression*⁹, decltype yields the "declared type"¹⁰ of the given expression.
- With any other expression of type T, decltype yields:
 - T&& if the value category of the expression is xvalue;
 - T& if the value category of the expression is *lvalue*;
 - T if the value category of the expression is prvalue.

Similarly to ${\tt sizeof},$ the provided expression is not evaluated.

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