

C++ Reference Card

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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 {  
    type1 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; // 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  
papple->name = "Granny Smith";  
papple->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  
    // 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 cont-

// ines 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

}

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 I/O Formatting

%d, %i integer

%c single character

%f double (float)

%o octal

%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 << endl; // << << "\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)

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) { // parms
```

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

ret = arrayfunc(array); // function call

int arrayfunc(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);

Overloading Functions

Functions can have the same name, and same number of parameters as long as the parameters are different types

// takes and returns integers

int divide (int a, int b) {

return (a/b);

// takes and returns floats

float divide (float a, float b) {

return (a/b);

divide(10,2); // returns 5

divide(10,3); // returns 3.33333333

Recursion

Functions can call themselves

long factorial (long n) {

if (n > 1)

return (n * factorial (n-1));

else

return (1);

Prototyping

Functions can be prototyped so they can be used after being declared in any order

// prototyped functions can be used

// anywhere in the program

#include <iostream.h>

void odd (int a);

void even (int a);

int main () { ... }

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;

}

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:

strcmp(s1,s2) strchr(s1,c) strcmp(s1,s2)

strcpy(s2,s1) strlen(s1) strcpy(s2,s1,n)

strncpy(s2,s1,n) strrev(s1)

Class Reference

Class Syntax

```
class classname {
public:
    classname(parms); // constructor
    ~classname(); // destructor
    member1;
    member2;
protected:
    member3;
...
private:
    member4;
} objectname;
// constructor (initializes variables)
classname::classname(parms) {
}
// destructor (deletes variables)
classname::~classname() {
}

public members are accessible from anywhere
where the class is visible
protected members are only accessible from
members of the same class or of a friend class
private members are accessible from members
of the same class, members of the derived classes
and a friend class
constructors may be overloaded just like any
other function. define two identical constructors
with difference parameter lists
Class Example
class CSquare { // class declaration
public:
    void Init(float h, float w);
    float GetArea(); // functions
private: // available only to CSquare
    float h,w;
} // implementations of functions
void CSquare::Init(float hi, float wi){
    h = hi; w = wi;
}
float CSquare::GetArea() {
    return (h*w);
}
// example declaration and usage
CSquare theSquare;
theSquare.Init(8,5);
area = theSquare.GetArea();
// or using a pointer to the class
CSquare *theSquare;
theSquare->Init(8,5);
area = theSquare->GetArea();
```

Overloading Operators

Like functions, operators can be overloaded. Imagine you have a class that defines a square and you create two instances of the class. You can add the two objects together.

```
class CSquare { // declare a class
public: // functions
    void Init(float h, float w);
    float GetArea();
    CSquare operator + (CSquare);
private: // overload the '+' operator
    float h,w;
} // function implementations
void CSquare::Init(float hi, float wi){
    h = hi; w = wi;
}
float CSquare::GetArea() {
    return (h*w);
}
// implementation of overloaded operator
CSquare CSquare::operator+ (CSquare cs) {
    CSquare temp; // create CSquare object
    temp.h = h + cs.h; // add h and w to
    temp.w = w + cs.w; // temp object
    return (temp);
}
```

// object declaration and usage

```
CSquare sqr1, sqr2, sqr3;
sqr1.Init(3,4); // initialize objects
sqr2.Init(2,3);
sqr3 = sqr1 + sqr2; // object sqr3 is now
(5,7)
```

Advanced Class Syntax

Static Keyword

static variables are the same throughout all instances of a class.

```
static int n; // declaration
```

```
CDummy::n; // reference
```

Virtual Members

Classes may have virtual members. If the function is redefined in an inherited class, the parent must have the word **virtual** in front of the function definition

This Keyword

The **this** keyword refers to the memory location of the current object.

```
int func(this); // passes pointer to
// current object
```

Class TypeCasting

```
reinterpret_cast <newtype>(expression);
dynamic_cast <newtype>(expression);
static_cast <newtype>(expression);
const_cast <newtype>(expression);
```

Expression Type

The type of an expression can be found using

```
typeid.typeid returns a type.
typeid(expression);
```

Inheritance

Functions from a class can be inherited and reused in other classes. **Multiple inheritance** is possible.

```
class CPoly { // create base polygon class
protected:
    int width, height;
public:
    void SetValues(int a, int b)
    { width=a; height=b; }
}
class COutput { // create base output
public:
    void Output(int i);
}
void COutput::Output (int i) {
cout << i << endl;
}
// CRect inherits SetValues from CPoly
// and inherits Output from COutput
class CRect: public CPoly, public COutput
{
public:
    int area(void)
    { return (width * height); }
};
// CTri inherits SetValues from CPoly
// and CTri inherits Output from COutput
class CTri: public CPoly {
public:
    int area(void)
    { return (width * height / 2); }
};
```

Templates

Templates allow functions and classes to be reused without overloading them

```
template <class id> function;
template <typename id> function;
// ----- function example -----
template <class T>
T GetMax(T a, T b) {
    return (a>b?a:b); // return the larger
}
void main () {
    int a=9, b=2, c;
    float x=5.3, y=3.2, z;
    c=GetMax(a,b);
    z=GetMax(x,y);
}
// ----- class example -----
template <class T>
class CPair {
    T x,y;
public:
    Pair(T a, T b){
        x=a; y=b;
    }
    T GetMax();
};
template <class T>
T Pair<T>::GetMax()
{ // implementation of GetMax function
T ret; // return a template
ret = xy?xy?z: // return larger
return ret;
}
int main () {
    Pair <int> theMax (80, 45);
    cout << theMax.GetMax();
    return 0;
}
```

Friend Classes/Functions

Friend Class Example

```
class CSquare; // define CSquare
class CRectangle {
    int width, height;
public:
    void convert (CSquare a);
}
class CSquare { // we want to use the
private: // convert function in
    int side; // the CSquare class, so
public: // use the friend keyword
    void set_side (int a) { side=a; }
    friend class CRectangle;
}
void CRectangle::convert (CSquare a) {
    width = a.side;
    height = a.side;
}
// declaration and usage
CSquare sqr;
CRectangle rect; // convert can be
sqr.set_side(4); // used by the
rect.convert(sqr); // rectangle class
```

Friend Functions

A friend function has the keyword **friend** in front of it. If it is declared inside a class, that function can be called without reference from an object. An object may be passed to it.

```
/* change can be used anywhere and can
have a CRect object passed in */
// this example defined inside a class
friend CRect change(CRect);
CRect recta, rectb; // declaration
rectb = change(recta); // usage
```

File I/O

```
#include <fstream.h> // read/write file
#include <fstream.h> // write file
#include <ifstream.h> // read file
File I/O is done from the fstream, ofstream, and
ifstream classes.
```

File Handles

A file must have a file handle (pointer to the file) to access the file.

```
ifstream infile; // create handle called
// infile to read from a file
ofstream outfile; // handle for writing
fstream f; // handle for read/write
```

Opening Files

After declaring a file handle, the following syntax can be used to open the file.

```
void open(const char *fname, ios::mode);
fname should be a string, specifying an absolute
or relative path, including filename. ios::mode
can be any number of the following and repeat:
in Open for reading
out Open for writing
ate Initial position: end of file
app Every output is appended at the end of file
trunc If the file already existed it is erased
binary Binary mode
ifstream fi; // open input file example
f.open("input.txt", ios::in);
ofstream fo; // open for writing in binary
f.open("out.txt", ios::out | ios::binary
| ios::app);
```

Closing a File

A file can be closed by calling the handle's close function

```
f.close();
```

Writing To a File (Text Mode)

The operator **<<** can be used to write to a file. Like **cout**, a stream can be opened to a device. For file writing, the device is not the console, it is the file. **cout** is replaced with the file handle.

```
ofstream f; // create file handle
f.open("output.txt"); // open file
f <<"Hello World\n" << b << endl;
```

Reading From a File (Text Mode)

The operator **>>** can be used to read from a file. It works similar to **cin**. Fields are separated in the file by spaces.

```
ifstream f; // create file handle
f.open("input.txt"); // open file
while (!f.eof()) // end of file test
    f >>a>>b>>c; // read into a,b,c
```

IO State Flags

Flags are set if errors or other conditions occur.

The following functions are members of the file object

```
handle.bad() returns true if a failure occurs in
reading or writing
handle.fail() returns true for same cases as
bad() plus if formating errors occur
handle.eof() returns true if the end of the file
reached when reading
handle.good() returns false if any of the above
were true
```

Stream Pointers

handle.tellg() returns pointer to current location
when reading a file

handle.tellp() returns pointer to current location
when writing a file

// seek a position in reading a file
handle.seekg(position);

handle.seekg(offset, direction);

// seek a position in writing a file
handle.seekp(position);

handle.seekp(offset, direction);

direction can be one of the following

ios::beg beginning of the stream

ios::cur current position of the stream pointer

ios::end end of the stream

Binary Files

buffer is a location to store the characters.

numbytes is the number of bytes to written or read.

```
write(char *buffer, numbytes);
```

```
read(char *buffer, numbytes);
```

Output Formatting

streamclass f; // declare file handle

// set output flags

```
f.flags(ios_base::flag)
```

possible flags

dec fixed hex oct

scientific internal left right

uppercase boolaipa showbase showpoint

showpos skipws unitbuf

adjustfield left | right | internal

basefield dec | oct | hex

floatfield scientific | fixed

f.fill() get fill character

f.fill(ch) set fill character ch

f.precision(numdigits) sets the precision for

floating point numbers to numdigits

f.put(c) put a single char into output stream

f.setf(flag, mask) sets a flag w/value

f.width() returns the current number of

characters to be written

f.width(num) sets the number of chars to be

written

ACSII Chart

Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char
0	NUL	64	@	128	ç	192	l
1	SOH	65	A	129	ú	193	ł
2	STX	66	B	130	é	194	ń
3	ETX	67	C	131	á	195	ő
4	EOT	68	D	132	à	196	ö
5	ENQ	69	E	133	à	197	+
6	ACK	70	F	134	à	198	-
7	BEL	71	G	135	ç	199	ł
8	BS	72	H	136	é	200	ń
9	TAB	73	I	137	á	201	ő
10	LF	74	J	138	à	202	ö
11	VTB	75	K	139	í	203	+
12	FF	76	L	140	í	204	-
13	CR	77	M	141	i	205	
14	SO	78	N	142	À	206	+
15	SI	79	O	143	Á	207	Ł
16	DLE	80	P	144	É	208	Ń
17	DC1	81	Q	145	à	209	+
18	DC2	82	R	146	æ	210	-
19	DC3	83	S	147	ð	211	
20	DC4	84	T	148	ð	212	-
21	NAK	85	U	149	ô	213	Ր
22	SYN	86	V	150	ú	214	Ր
23	ETB	87	W	151	ù	215	+
24	CAN	88	X	152	ý	216	-
25	EM	89	Y	153	ò	217	-
26	SUB	90	Z	154	û	218	Ր
27	ESC	91	[	155	¢	219	■
28	FS	92	\	156	£	220	■
29	GS	93	]	157	¥	221	■
30	RS	94	^	158	?	222	?
31	US	95	_	159	f	223	
32	!	96	á	160	â	224	ã
33	"	97	ä	161	î	225	ë
34	#	98	ö	162	ô	226	ݢ
35	\$	99	ç	163	ú	227	ݢ
36	%	100	d	164	ñ	228	ݢ
37	%	101	e	165	ñ	229	ݢ
38	&	102	f	166	µ	230	ݢ
39	*	103	g	167	°	231	ݢ
40	(	104	h	168	ܵ	232	ܵ
41	)	105	i	169	ܵ	233	ܵ
42	*	106	j	170	ܵ	234	ܵ
43	+	107	k	171	ܵ	235	ܵ
44	,	108	l	172	ܵ	236	ܵ
45	-	109	m	173	ܵ	237	ܵ
46	.	110	n	174	ܵ	238	ܵ
47	/	111	o	175	ܵ	239	ܵ
48	0	112	p	176	ܵ	240	ܵ
49	1	113	q	177	ܵ	241	ܵ
50	2	114	r	178	ܵ	242	ܵ
51	3	115	s	179	ܵ	243	ܵ
52	4	116	t	180	ܵ	244	ܵ
53	5	117	u	181	ܵ	245	ܵ
54	6	118	v	182	ܵ	246	ܵ
55	7	119	w	183	ܵ	247	ܵ
56	8	120	x	184	ܵ	248	ܵ
57	9	121	y	185	ܵ	249	ܵ
58	:	122	z	186	ܵ	250	ܵ
59	<	123	{	187	ܵ	251	ܵ
60	<	124	|	188	ܵ	252	ܵ
61	=	125	}	189	ܵ	253	ܵ
62	>	126	~	190	ܵ	254	ܵ
63	?	127	?	191	ܵ	255	ܵ

Dynamic Memory

Memory can be allocated and deallocated

```
// allocate memory (C++ only)
pointer = new type [];
int *ptr; // declare a pointer
ptr = new int; // create a new instance
ptr = new int [5]; // new array of ints
// deallocate memory (C++ only)
delete [] pointer;
delete ptr; // delete a single int
delete [] ptr // delete array
// allocate memory (C or C++)
void * malloc (nbytes); // nbytes=size
char *buffer; // declare a buffer
// allocate 10 bytes to the buffer
buffer = (char *)malloc(10);
// allocate memory (C or C++)
// nelements = number elements
// size = size of each element
void * malloc (nelements, size);
int *nums; // declare a buffer
int nums = (char *)calloc(5,sizeof(int));
// realloc memory (C or C++)
void * realloc (*ptr, size);
// delete memory (C or C++)
void free (*ptr);
```

ANSI C++ Library Files

The following files are part of the ANSI C++ standard and should work in most compilers.

```
<algorithm.h> <bitset.h> <deque.h>
<exception.h> <fstream.h> <functional.h>
<iomanip.h> <iostream.h> <iostewd.h>
<iostream.h> <istream.h> <iterator.h>
<limits.h> <list.h> <locale.h> <map.h>
<memory.h> <new.h> <numeric.h>
<ostream.h> <queue.h> <set.h> <sstream.h>
<stack.h> <stdexcept.h> <streambuf.h>
<string.h> <typeinfo.h> <utility.h>
<valarray.h> <vector.h>
```

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