

# 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, typedef, 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, 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** arry[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 */
```

## Operators

priority/operator/desc/ASSOCIATIVITY

1	::	scope LEFT
2	()	parenthesis LEFT
	[]	brackets LEFT
	->	pointer reference LEFT
	.	structure member access LEFT
	<b>sizeof</b>	returns memory size LEFT
3	++	increment RIGHT
	--	decrement RIGHT
	~	complement to one (bitwise) RIGHT
	!	unary NOT RIGHT
	&	reference (pointers) RIGHT
	*	dereference RIGHT
	(type)	type casting RIGHT
	+ -	unary less sign RIGHT
4	*	multiply LEFT
	/	divide LEFT
	%	modulus LEFT
5	+	addition LEFT
	-	subtraction LEFT
6	<<	bitwise shift left LEFT
	>>	bitwise shift right LEFT
7	<	less than LEFT
	<=	less than or equal LEFT
	>	greater than LEFT
	>=	greater than or equal LEFT
8	=	equal LEFT
	!=	not equal LEFT
9	&	bitwise AND LEFT
	^	bitwise NOT LEFT
		bitwise OR LEFT
10	&&	logical AND LEFT
		logical OR LEFT
11	?	conditional RIGHT
12	=	assignment
	+=	add/assign
	-=	subtract/assign
	*=	multiply/assign
	/=	divide/assign
	%=	modulus/assign
	>>=	bitwise shift right/assign
	<<=	bitwise shift left/assign
	&=	bitwise AND/assign
	^=	bitwise NOT/assign
	=	bitwise OR/assign
13	,	comma

## User Defined DataTypes

```
typedef existingtype newtypename;  
typedef unsigned int WORD;  
enum name{val1, val2, ...} obj_name;  
enum days_t {MON,WED,FRI} days;  
union model_name {  
    type1 element1;  
    type2 element2; ...  
} object_name;  
union mytypes_t {  
    char c;  
    int i;  
};  
mytypes;  
struct packed { // bit fields  
    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
```

## 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 {  
    statements; // perform the statements  
} 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-  
// inues executing on next iteration  
Label:  
goto label; // execution continues at  
// label  
exit(retcode); // 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 # %i",2);  
// read data from keyboard into  
**scanf**("%d,%f",var1,var2); // returns 5  
**scanf**("%d,%f",var1,var2); // returns 5  
// 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  
%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**<<"numl: "<<i<<"\n"<<endl;  
**Control Characters**  
\\ backspace \\f form feed \\r return  
\\ ' apostrophe \\n newline \\t tab  
\\nnn character #nnn (octal) \\ " quote  
\\NN character #NN (hexadecimal)

## 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 'Heello'  
**common <string.h> functions:**  
**strcat**(s1,s2) **strchr**(s1,c) **strcmp**(s1,s2)  
**strcpy**(s2,s1) **strlen**(s1) **strncpy**(s2,s1,n)  
**strstr**(s1,s2)

## 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 svar): // 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** = aryFunc(array); // function call  
**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);  
}

## Overloading Functions

Functions can have the same name, and same number of parameters as long as the parameters of 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;  
}

