

# C++ 20

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## Classes

**class** classname: defines a class  
**:public** classname: inherits a class leaving scope of members intact  
**:private** classname: inherits a class making all members private  
**:protected** classname: inherits a class making public members protected  
**:virtual public** classname: inherits a virtual base class. Classes share one copy of the base class  
**{**  
**private:** member access inside class only  
type variable: define private members  
type functionname (arguments){statements;}  
**public:** member access outside the class  
type variable: define public members  
classname(type variable=value,...): constructor  
classname()**=default**: specify default constructor  
classname(**const** classname&): copy constructor  
classname(classname&&): move constructor  
classname(**const** classname&)**=delete**: no default copy constructor  
classname& **operator=** (const classname&): assignment operator for a class  
classname& **operator=** (const classname&)**=delete**: no default assignment constructor  
~classname(): destructor, always to be used when working with dynamic memory  
classname(type variable,...): private variable  
{variable}: constructor assigning value from variable to private member variable  
**explicit** classname(type variable=value,...): constructor where type has to be explicit correct  
**friend class** classname: classname has access to the private members of the class  
**friend** classname **operatoroperator** (arguments)  
{statements; return value;}; friend operator  
friend Stock operator\*(int d,const Stock& s) {  
return Stock(d\*s.small, d\*s.big); } // d \* s  
**operator stdtype() const {return value;}**: converts a class to a standard type  
operator int() const {return s.small; }  
type functionname (arguments){statements;}  
type functionname (arguments) **const**  
{statements;}: function does not change private members of the class  
type functionname (arguments) {statements;}  
**override**: overrides a virtual function in baseclass  
type classname::operatoroperator(arguments)  
{statements; return value;}; operator overload  
**virtual** type functionname (arguments)  
{statements;}: in baseclass for pointers or references, will call appropriate function in derived classes with overridden functions  
Person \*p, \*s, \*e; //pointers to base class  
s = new Student; //Student is a derived class Person  
s -> to\_string(); //call to\_string from Student class  
**protected:** member access for inherited classes  
type variable: define protected members  
type functionname (arguments){statements;}  
**}**  
**module**: the compilation defines a module  
**export module** name: define module with name  
**export class** classname: exports class in module  
**export function**: exports function in the module  
**namespace** name {class definition}: put the class definition in a namespace

**struct** classname: class with default public members, used mainly for small classes

**union** classname {type variable; type variable;...}: a struct where only one member variable is used

## Directives

#define name: conditional compilation name  
#ifdef name statements; #endif: conditional block  
#include <name>: includes header file  
#include "name": includes header file  
// comment: includes single line comment  
/\* comment \*/: includes multi line comment  
assert(condition): break in debug mode when false  
import module: imports a module name  
using namespace::class: default scope resolution

## Exceptions

#include <exception>  
exception.what(): returns a readable error string  
functiondefinition **noexcept**: no exception thrown  
**throw**: re-throws an exception in nested functions  
**throw int**: throws an exception with type int  
**throw** classname(arguments): throws class type  
**try { statements; } catch(exception) {statements; }**  
**catch(exception){statements;}**: try statements, if an exception of any type is raised execute  
**statements**. Common exception examples:  
std::bad\_alloc //memory full  
classname variable //can use variable in statements  
std::string s // with throw std::string("error")  
std::exception& exc //can use exc.what()  
... //catch all other exceptions

## Functions

type functionname (): function that returns a type  
type& functionname (): function that returns a reference to a type, if an lvalue is needed  
type\* functionname (): function that returns an address to a type  
**void** functionname (): function without arguments  
**void** functionname (type variable,...): function with arguments as value (no intention to change the value of the arguments in the function)  
**void** functionname (type variable[[int]]): argument is a 2 dimensional array, needs dimensions after the first dimension since memory is a flat model  
**void** functionname (type& variable,...): function with arguments as reference (use if you want to change the argument in the function)  
**void** functionname (**const** type& variable,...): argument as a const reference acting as a value argument, saves stack memory  
**void** functionname (type variable=value): sets a default value for arguments  
**void** (\*functionname)(type): a pointer to a function with one argument of type type  
int sum(int x,int y);  
int product(int x, int y);  
int calc(int a,int b, int(\*f)(int,int));  
calc(1,2,product); //function pointer as argument

## Initialization

**delete[]** variable: deletes a dynamic array  
**this**: pointer to current object in a class  
**\*this**: current object in a class  
type\* variable=**new** type[int]: makes a dynamic (at runtime) array of int elements  
type\* variable=**nullptr**: pointer to address 0  
type variable {value}: uniform initialization  
**static** type variable=value: the variable initializes once to value and keeps its changing value when

entering the process block it was defined

## Iterators

**class** classIterator { : make a custom iterator class  
**private:** node\* pointer;  
**public:**  
classIterator(node\* init=nullptr):pointer{init}  
**int& operator\*()** {return pointer->element();}  
classIterator& **operator++()** {return nextpointer}  
**bool operator!=**(classIterator iter) {return pointer != iter.pointer; }  
**std::string::iterator** variable: pointer to chars  
std::string s ("abcd");  
std::string::iterator pos;  
for(pos=s.begin();pos!=s.end();++pos) {};  
**std::vector<type>::iterator** variable: vector pointer

## Lambda functions

[capture list]: variables to capture for the function  
[a] //captures variable a by copy  
[&b] //captures variable b by reference  
[=] //captures all variables by copy  
[&] //captures all variables by reference  
[] //don't capture any variable  
[this] //capture this pointer of current object  
(parameter list): parameters for the function  
**mutable**: optional keyword in order to change captured variables by copy in the function  
->return type: define a return type for the function  
{statements;}

[factor] (double x)->double {return x\*factor; }  
[factor] (int&x) mutable {x=factor; factor++; }

## Manipulators

#include <iomanip>  
**std::dec**: sets decimal value of integer  
**std::fixed**: fixed notation of floating point  
**std::hex**: sets hexadecimal value of integer  
**std::left**: aligns the text left  
**std::oct**: sets octal value of integer  
**std::right**: aligns the text right  
**std::scientific**: e-notation of floating point  
**std::setfill(char)**: sets fill character  
**std::setprecision(int)**: sets number of decimals  
**std::setw(int)**: sets width  
**std::showpoint**: shows the decimal point

## Modifiers

type\* **const** variable: the pointer is constant  
**const**: makes a value constant for the compiler  
**const type\* variable**: a const pointer to a constant  
**const type\* const variable**: const pointer to const  
**constexpr**: makes an expression constant

## Operators

&: bitwise AND  
&&: logical AND  
&variable: returns the address of the variable  
|: bitwise OR  
||: logical OR  
!: logical NOT  
!=: does not equal to  
==: is equal to  
=: assignment operator  
^: bitwise XOR  
+: sums the operands  
++: increment by 1  
int i=10;  
int n+=i; //prefix n gets the value 11  
int m++; //postfix m gets the value 10  
int\* j;  
j++; //moves the pointer sizeof(int) bytes  
-: subtracts the operands, bitwise complement  
--: decrements by 1  
->: call member function of a pointer



\*: multiply the operands  
 /: divides the operands  
 %: modulo by division of the operands  
 <: smaller than  
 <=: smaller than or equal  
 <<: sends characters to the stream object  
 >: bigger than  
 >=: bigger than or equal  
 <>: spaceship operator compares all attributes of objects for find or sort algorithms  
 >>: gets characters from the stream object  
 []: collection index operator  
 (): function call operator  
**dynamic\_cast<type>(variable)**: casts at runtime  
**reinterpret\_cast<type>(variable)**: forces conversion to a specific type via binary format  
**sizeof(type)**: returns the size in bytes of the type  
**static\_cast<type>(variable)**: typecasting at compiler time

## Smart pointers

**#include <memory>**: header for smart pointers  
**std::shared\_ptr<type>** variable: reference counted pointer, when pointers that reference a memory block go out of scope memory block is released  
**std::unique\_ptr<type>** variable: defines a unique pointer, when pointer goes out of scope memory block is released  
**std::weak\_ptr<type>** variable: only to be used when you have a circular list of pointers, connect the last pointer with a weak\_ptr to the first one

## Standard library

**#include <algorithm>**: uses algorithms  
**std::find(start, end, value)**: iterator to position  
**std::find\_if(container,predicatefn)**: predicate fn  
`bool pair(const int& n){return n%2==0;}`  
`pos=std::ranges::find_if(v,pair);`  
**std::iota(start, end, value)**: fill container with range  
`std::iota(v.begin(),v.end(),3); //v={3,4,5,6,...}`  
**#include <chrono>**: use processor ticks  
`auto t0=std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();`  
`auto t1=std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();`  
`cout<<std::chrono::duration_cast<milliseconds>(t1-t0).count()<<" ms\n";`  
**#include <cmath>**: mathematical library  
`abs(x);sqrt(x);cos(x);acos(x);sinh(x);log(x);`  
**#include <deque>**: a double ended queue  
**#include <list>**: linked list with two pointers  
`std::list<std::string> animals;`  
`animals.push_back("Cat"); //pop_back`  
`animals.push_front("Dog"); //pop_front`  
`animals.unique(); //preserves unique values`  
`animals.merge(humans); //merges two lists`  
**#include <map>**: associative array of dictionary  
`std::map<string,int> phone_book;`  
`phone_book.insert("David",123456); //inserts entry`  
`int i=phone_book.find("David"); //finds value for key`  
**#include <ranges>**: uses ranges functions  
**std::ranges::copy(range, start)**: copies containers  
`std::ranges::copy(original, destination.begin());`  
**std::ranges::copy(range, inserter)**: uses inserters  
`std::ranges::copy(org, std::back_inserter(dest));`  
`std::ranges::copy(org, std::front_inserter(dest));`  
`std::ranges::copy(org.begin(), org.begin() + 5,`  
`std::inserter(dest, dest.begin()));`  
**std::ranges::for\_each(start,end,function)**: applies function from start to end iterators  
**std::ranges::for\_each(container,function)**  
`std::vector<int> v{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};`  
`void print(int x) {std::cout<<x<<' ';}`  
`std::ranges::for_each(v,print);`  
**std::ranges::for\_each(container, function, projection)**: projection is a object attribute  
`std::ranges::for_each(v,print,&Person::name);`  
**std::ranges::sort(container)**: sorts a collection  
**std::ranges::sort(container, comparator)**: compare

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bool comprn(const Person& p1,const Person& p2)
{return p1.getnr() < p2.getnr();}
std::ranges::sort(v,comprn);
std::ranges::sort(container, comparator,
projection): see comparator and projection
std::views::drop(int): drops first int elements
std::views::iota(start, end): generates int range
std::views::filter(predicatefn): filter using predicate
std::views::take(int): take first int elements
std::views::transform(function): applies function
auto square[](auto x){return x*x;};
auto v_square=std::views::transform(v,square);
auto v2_square=v | std::views::transform(square); use
#include <regex>: regular expression
regex pat(R"((\w{2})s*(d{5}(\-\d{4})?))"); //pattern
smatch matches; // vector of strings of matches
regex_search(text,matches,pat); //search pat in text
#include <stack>: a LIFO stack list
std::stack<int> s;
s.push(123);
std::cout << s.top();
s.pop();
#include <thread>: concurrency library
std::thread t1(f); //starts f() in a new thread
t1.join(); //wait for thread to be finished
mutex m; //mutual exclusion object
scoped_lock lck(m); //locks mutex until end of block
shared_mutex mx; //mutex for readers and a writer
shared_lock lck(mx); //shared access with readers
unique_lock lck(mx); //exclusive writer access
async(f,arg1,arg2); //async execution on threads
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**#include <queue>**: a FIFO stack list

## Statements (structures)

**condition ? truestatement: falsestatement**  
**break**: breaks a loop statement block  
**continue**: exits body, but continuous loop itself  
**do {statements;} while (condition)**  
**for (type variable: container) {statements;}**: a range based for  
**for (type& variable: container) {statements;}**: a range based for for referencing the variable  
**for (initialization; condition; raise) {statements;}**  
**if (condition) {statements;}**  
**if (condition) {statements;} else {statements;}**  
**switch (variable) {case value: statements; break;**  
**default: statements;}**  
**typedef type name**: gives type another name  
**while (condition) {statements;}**

## Streams

**#include <iostream>**: header for standard streams
`std::cin >> c; //standard input`
`std::cout << c; //standard output`
`std::cerr << c; std::clog << c; //error logs`

**#include <fstream>**: header for file streams
`//write to a file`
`std::ofstream out("output.txt");`
`std::ofstream output("output.txt",ios::app); //append`
`std::ofstream output("output.txt",ios::trunc); //clear`
`std::ofstream out("out.txt"),ios::noplace); //newfile`
`//read from a file`
`std::ifstream in("input.txt");`
`std::ifstream input; input.open("input.txt");`
`//read and write to a file`
`std::fstream file("readwrite.txt",ios::in|ios::out);`
`//check for errors`
`if(!in||!out){//error;}`
`//using std::ranges::copy`
`std::vector<int> v{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};`
`std::ranges::copy(v,std::ostream_iterator<int>(out));`
`std::ranges::copy(std::istream_iterator<int>(in),`
`std::istream_iterator<int>{}, back_inserter(v));`
`//using operators`
`out << "string test" + '\n';`
`std::string s;`
`while (in) { // while (!in.eof()) {`
`std::getline(in,s); //getline for strings, not >>!`
`if(in.fail()){ //wrong information in file;}`
`//random access`
`out.seekp(0); //put-pointer to position 0`
`in.seekg(0); //get-pointer to position 0`
`//binary files`
`std::ofstream bin("binary.txt",ios::binary);`
`bin.put("a"); //save one byte`
`bin.write(reinterpret_cast<char*>(&Cclass), sizeof(Cclass)); //writes block, not for dynamic memory`
`std::ifstream bin("binary.txt",ios::binary);`

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bin.get(c); //reads one byte
bin.read(reinterpret_cast<char*>(&Cclass), sizeof(Cclass)); //reads block, not for dynamic memory
std::ofstream os;
os << "test" << i << " integer, double: " << d;
std::string s = os.str();
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## Strings

**#include <string>**: header for std::string class  
**string variable {}**: defines a string variable  
**.find(string)**: returns position of string  
**.length()**: returns the number of chars in a string  
**.replace(int,int,string)**: replaces int chars with string from position int  
**.substr(int,int)**: returns int chars from position int  
**string variable(int,char)**: initializes int times char

## Templates

**template<typename T,...>**: template prefix with template argument T, the yet unknown type  
`template<Sequence S> //type S must support iterators`  
`template<Number N> //type N must be a number`  
`template<Sequence S, Number N> requires Arithmetic <Value_type<S>,N> //type S,N must support calculus`  
**template<typename T, typename ... Tail>**: variadic, use Tail... to get values of types in Tail  
**template<typename T, arguments>**: include args  
**template<typename T=type>**: define a default type T  
**functionname(T arguments)**: function template  
**classname<T>::classname(T arguments)**: a class template of type T with a constructor using T  
**classname<T>::function()**: define class T function

## Types

**type variable[int]**: defines an array of int positions  
**type variable[int][int]**: a int \* int array (2 dim)  
**type\* variable**: defines a pointer to a type  
**auto**: compiler auto defines type when possible  
**bool**: Boolean value  
**char**: one ASCII character  
**decltype(variable) variable**: type variable=variable  
**double**: numeric value from 1.7e-308 to 1.7e+308  
**enum class variable {value, value, ...};**: enumerations class, use with variable::value  
**float**: numeric value from 3.4e-38 to 3.4e+38 (eg 3.14159F)  
**int**: numeric value from -2147483648 to 2147483647 (eg 0x1A, 0b1000)  
**long**: numeric value from -922372036854775808 to 922372036854775807 (eg 32L)  
**long double**: numeric value from 3.4e-4932 to 3.4e+4932  
**long long**: numeric value from -922372036854775808 to 922372036854775807 (eg 32LL)  
**short**: numeric value from -32768 to 32767  
**unsigned type**: only positive numeric values (eg 2U)

## Vector

**#include <vector>**: header for std::vector class  
**std::vector<type> {}** variable: a vector collection  
**.capacity()**: returns the capacity of the vector  
**.insert(int,value)**: inserts value at position int  
**.pop\_back()**: removes last element  
**.push\_back(value)**: add element to the back  
**.reserve(int)**: reserves capacity  
**.resize(int)**: resizes the vector (grow only)  
**.size()**: returns the size of the vector