

C++ Programming Language Keywords and Directives

Reserved Word	Category/Description	Stroustrup ARM (1990)						Notes
		C++98	C++03	C++11	C++14	C++17	Microsoft Visual C++	
alignas	Alignment specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
alignof	Data type alignment operator			✓	✓	✓	✓	
asm	Assembler declaration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
auto	Storage-class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
bool	Data type		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
break	Control – jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
case	Control – target	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
catch	Exception handling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
char	Type specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
char16_t	Exact size type specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
char32_t	Exact size type specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
class	Class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
const	Type qualifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
constexpr	Declaration specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
const_cast	Casting operator		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
continue	Control – jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
decltype	Type specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
default	Control – target	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
delete	Dynamic memory management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
do	Control – loop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
double	Type specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
dynamic_cast	Casting operator		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
else	Control – conditional	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
enum	Enumeration declaration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
explicit	Declaration specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
export	Reserved for future use		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
extern	Storage-class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
false	Boolean constant		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
final	Special-meaning identifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
float	Type specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
for	Control – loop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
friend	Access control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
goto	Control – jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
if	Control – conditional	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
inline	Function specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
int	Type specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
long	Type specifier and modifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
mutable	Class member specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
namespace	Declarative region specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
new	Dynamic memory management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
noexcept	Exception specifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
nullptr	Pointer literal			✓	✓	✓	✓	
operator	Operator overloading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
overload	Obsolete - no longer a keyword							
override	Special-meaning identifier			✓	✓	✓	✓	
private	Access control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
protected	Access control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
public	Access control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
register	Storage-class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
reinterpret_cast	Casting operator		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
return	Control - jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
short	Type specifier and modifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
signed	Type specifier and modifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
sizeof	Data type size operator	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
static	Storage-class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
static_assert	Compile-time assertion			✓	✓	✓	✓	
static_cast	Casting operator		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
struct	Aggregate - structure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
switch	Control – conditional	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
template	Template specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
this	Implied Object Pointer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
thread_local	Thread storage duration			✓	✓	✓	✓	
throw	Exception handling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
true	Boolean constant		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
try	Exception handling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
typedef	Storage-class specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
typeid	Data type info at runtime		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
typename	Template specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
union	Aggregate - union	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
unsigned	Type specifier and modifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
using	Declarative region specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
virtual	Member function specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
void	Type specifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
volatile	Type qualifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
wchar_t	Type specifier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
while	Control – loop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

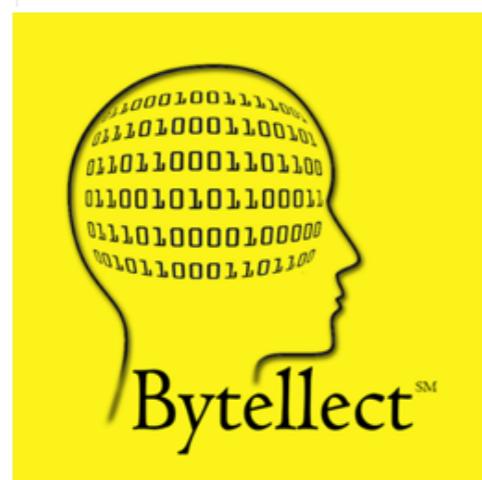
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Reserved Word	Category/Description	Notes
#import	Preprocessor directive	✓
for_each.in	Iteration	✓
__alignof	Data type alignment operator	✓
__asm	Inline assembly language	✓
__assume	Optimizer hint	✓
__based	Base/offset addressing	✓
__cdecl	Function calling convention	✓
__declspec	Extended attribute	✓
__event	Event declaration	✓
__except	Exception handling (SEH)	✓
__fastcall	Function calling convention	✓
__finally	Exception handling (SEH)	✓
__forceinline	Code-class specifier	✓
__hook	Event handling Intrinsic	✓
__identifier	Use keyword as identifier	✓
__if_exists	Identifier existence conditional	✓
__if_not_exists	Identifier existence conditional	✓
__inline	Code-class specifier	✓
__int16	Sized integer type	✓
__int32	Sized integer type	✓
__int64	Sized integer type	✓
__int8	Sized integer type	✓
__interface	Interface declaration	✓
__leave	Exception handling (SEH)	✓
__m128..., __m64	SIMD/MMX extensions	✓
__multiple_inheritance	Pointer to class member	✓
__noop	Ignore function	✓
__raise	Event raising	✓
__restrict	Type qualifier	✓
__stdcall	Function calling convention	✓
__single_inheritance	Pointer to class member	✓
__super	Override specifier	✓
__thiscall	Function calling convention	✓
__try	Exception handling (SEH)	✓
__unaligned	Alignment modifier	✓
__unhook	Event handling	✓
__uuidof	Extended attribute	✓
__virtual_inheritance	Pointer to class member	✓
__w64	<i>Obsolete since VS 2013</i>	✓
__wchar_t	Type specifier	✓

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