

C++ Syntax (Cheat Sheet)

Terms in <> are tokens which describe generically what goes in there. All other terms are literally themselves.

EXAMPLE: <name> = <expression> represents
 x = 5 or
 name = "John" + "Stewman"

Also, a <statement> can be a function call, an assignment statement, an if or if-else statement, a while or do-while loop, a switch statement, a for loop, etc.

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// comment
```

```
/* another comment */
```

```
bool int float char long short string        // types  
'a' 124 -25.0 1.33e5 "hello" true        // literal constants (values)
```

```
+ - / * %                                    // arithmetic operations
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< <= > >= == !=                           // comparison operations
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```
&& || !                                    // boolean operations
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```
<statement>; <statement>; ...            // statements
```

```
#include < <library_name> >               // include file directive
```

```
#include "stuff.h"                        // include header file directive
```

```
using namespace <name>                   // namespace directive
```

```
enum <name> { <value_name_list> };       // enumeration definition
```

```
<name>, <name>, <name>, ...               // value name list
```

```
#define <name> <value>                  // defined constant compiler directive
```

```
const <type> <name> = <value>;          // constant definition
```

```
<type> <name>, <name>, ... ;              // object definition(s)
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```
<type> <name> = <value>;                  // object definition and initialization
```

```
<type> <name> ( <value> );                // another object defn & initialization
```

```
<element_type> <name> [ <number_of_elements> ];    // array declaration
```

```
<type> <name> ( <formal_parameter_list> );       // function prototype
```

```
<type> <name>, <type> <name>, ...        // formal parameter list
```

```
<type> <name> ( <formal_parameter_list> )       // function definition
```

```
{  
  <definitions>  
  <statements>  
}
```

```
<function_name> ( <actual_parameters> );       // call to void function
```

```
// call to (or use of) function which returns a value
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```
<name> = <function_name> ( <actual_parameters> );
```

```
<name>, <name>, ...                      // actual parameters
```

```
{                                        // block -- can replace ANY statement  
  <definitions>                        // has its own LOCAL SCOPE  
  <statements>  
}
```

```

<name> = <expression>; // assignment statement

cout << fixed setprecision(2) endl // output stream related terms

cin >> // input stream related terms

ifstream <name>("filename"); // declare and open input file stream
ofstream <name>("filename"); // declare and open output file stream

<stream_name>.open( char *<fname> ) // open file with name in char array <fname>
<stream_name>.close() // close a stream

<string_name>.c_str() // convert string object to char array

if ( <boolean_expression> ) // if statement
    <statement>;

if ( <boolean_expression> ) // if-else statement
    <statement>;
else
    <statement>;

switch ( <expression> ) // switch statement
{
    case <constant> :
        <statements>
        break;
    case <constant> :
        <statements>
        break;
    default :
        <statements>
}

while ( <boolean_expression> ) // while loop
    <statement>;

do { // do-while loop
    <statements>
} while ( <boolean_expression> );

for ( <initialization>; <continuation_expression>; <increment_statement> )
    <statement>;

class <class_name> // class header (prototype)
{
public:
    <function_prototypes>
protected:
    <function_prototypes>
private:
    <function_prototypes>
    <data_attributes>
};

<class_name>::<function_name> ( <parameter_list> ) // member function
{ // implementation
    <declarations>
    <statements>
}

<object_name>.<function_name>(<actual_parameters>); // member function call

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struct <structure_name> {           // structure definition
    <type> <name>, <name>, ... ;     // field definition(s)
    <type> <name>, <name>, ... ;
}

typedef <type> <name>;             // definition of new type name
typedef <element_type> name <dimensions>; // definition of new array type
<dimensions> = [ <int_value> ] [ <int_value> ] ...

template < typename T >           // template header

<type> *<name>;                    // pointer declaration
&<name>                             // address of <name>
*<ptr>                               // data <ptr> points to
<ptr>-><member>                     // access to member through pointer
(*<ptr>).<member>                   // access to member of object
<object_name>.<member>              // ditto

new <type> or new <type>[ <size> ] // operator to dynamically allocate memory
delete <ptr> or delete [] <ptr> // return memory to dynamic memory store

```