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Documentation  
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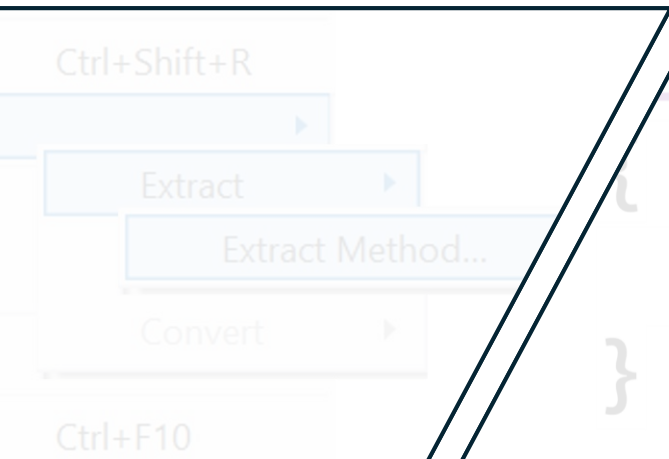
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## P.1: Express ideas

**Reason** Compilers  
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Write a reply...

# Introduction

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## In.sec: Major sections

- In: Introduction
- P: Philosophy
- I: Interfaces
- F: Functions
- C: Classes and class hierarchies
- Enum: Enumerations
- R: Resource management
- ES: Expressions and statements
- Per: Performance
- CP: Concurrency and parallelism
- E: Error handling
- Con: Constants and immutability
- T: Templates and generic programming
- CPL: C-style programming
- SF: Source files
- SL: The Standard Library

## Supporting sections:

- A: Architectural ideas
- NR: Non-Rules and myths
- RF: References
- Pro: Profiles
- GSL: Guidelines support library
- NL: Naming and layout suggestions
- FAQ: Answers to frequently asked questions
- Appendix A: Libraries
- Appendix B: Modernizing code
- Appendix C: Discussion
- Appendix D: Supporting tools
- Glossary
- To-do: Unclassified proto-rules

Source: <https://isocpp.github.io/CppCoreGuidelines/>

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## P.1: Express ideas directly in code

### Reason

Compilers don't read comments (or design documents) and neither do many programmers (consistently). What is expressed in code has defined semantics and can (in principle) be checked by compilers and other tools.

### Example

```
class Date {  
public:  
    Month month() const;    // do  
    int month();            // don't  
    // ...  
};
```

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P.2: Write in ISO Standard C++

P.3: Express intent

P.4: Ideally, a program should be statically type safe

P.5: Prefer compile-time checking to run-time checking

P.6: What cannot be checked at compile time should be checkable at run time

P.7: Catch run-time errors early

P.8: Don't leak any resources

P.9: Don't waste time or space

P.10: Prefer immutable data to mutable data

P.11: Encapsulate messy constructs, rather than spreading through the code

P.12: Use supporting tools as appropriate

P.13: Use support libraries as appropriate

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double calc(const std::vector<double>& a, const std::vector<double>& b)
{
    auto s1 = 0.0;
    auto s2 = 0.0;
    for (size_t i = 0; i < a.size(); ++i)
    {
        s1 += a[i] * b[i];
        s2 += b[i];
    }

    return s1 / s2;
}
```

# // Variables

```
double weighted_average(  
    const std::vector<double>& values,  
    const std::vector<double>& weights)  
{  
    auto sum_product = 0.0;  
    auto sum_weights = 0.0;  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < values.size(); ++i)  
    {  
        sum_product += values[i] * weights[i];  
        sum_weights += weights[i];  
    }  
  
    return sum_product / sum_weights;  
}
```

# // Variables

```
double weighted_average(  
    const std::vector<double>& values,  
    const std::vector<double>& weights)  
{  
    return std::ranges::fold_left(  
        std::views::zip_transform(std::multiplies{}, values, weights),  
        0.0, std::plus{}) /  
        std::ranges::fold_left(weights, 0.0, std::plus{});  
}
```

# // Variables

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double weighted_average(  
    const std::vector<double>& values,  
    const std::vector<double>& weights)  
{  
    const auto product_of_values_and_weights =  
        std::views::zip_transform(std::multiplies{}, values, weights);  
  
    const auto sum_product =  
        std::ranges::fold_left(product_of_values_and_weights, 0.0, std::plus{});  
  
    const auto sum_weights = std::ranges::fold_left(weights, 0.0, std::plus{});  
  
    return sum_product / sum_weights;  
}
```

# // Variables

```
const auto result = std::views::zip(values, weights)
    | std::views::transform([](const auto& elem)
        {
            return std::get<0>(elem) * std::get<1>(elem);
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    | std::views::transform(std::multiplies{});
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# // Variables

Use words instead of abbreviations

`w` → `weights`

Consistent language and style

`snake_case`, `camelCase`,  
`PascalCase`

Clear context

`name` within `User` context

`user_name` outside of `User` context

Be specific

`data` → `customer_records`

No redundancies

`user.user_name` → `user.name`

As long as needed, as short as possible

`number_of_users_in_the_database`  
→ `user_count`

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class Account
{
public:
    explicit Account(const std::string_view account_holder_name)
        : m_account_holder_name(account_holder_name)
    {}

    [[nodiscard]] long balance() const;
    void balance(const long balance);
    void balance(const Transaction& transaction);
    [[nodiscard]] bool valid() const;

private:
    std::string m_account_holder_name;
    long m_balance = 0;
    std::vector<Transaction> m_transactions;
};
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# // Functions

Use verb + object

`calculate_user_id`, `get_user_name`

Boolean functions with prefixes like

`is_`, `has_`, `can_`, `should_`

Name side effects

`update_` → changing something

Consistent wording

E.g. always use `get_` to get something

Consistent language and style

`snake_case`, `camelCase`,  
`PascalCase`

As long as needed, as short as possible

`do_calculate_function` → `calculate`

Use domain language

`adjust_total_price_by_factor` →  
`apply_discount`

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double x = 0.0;
auto y = 1.0;
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```

```
auto calc(int i, int point1, int point2) {
    int a, b;
    units::meter m;
    auto distance = ...
}
```

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```
TEST(func, test) {
    ...
}

std::find(v.begin(), v.end(), value);
std::accumulate(v.begin(), v.end(), 0);
std::count_if(v.begin(), v.end(), predicate);
std::rotate(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1, v.end());
```

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```
units::meter calc(...) {
    ...
    return diam;
}
```

# Strong Types

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```
double calculate_speed(const double distance, const double time)
{
    return distance / time;
}
```

```
const double speed = calculate_speed(200.0, 10.0);
```

# // Strong Types

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{
    return distance / time;
}
```

```
const double speed_in_metre_per_second = calculate_speed(200.0, 10.0);
```

# // Strong Types

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double calculate_speed(const double distance, const double time)
{
    return distance / time;
}
```

```
const double speed_in_metre_per_second = calculate_speed(10.0, 200.0);
```

# // Strong Types

```
struct DistanceAndTime
{
    double distance = 0.0;
    double time = 0.0;
};

double calculate_speed(const DistanceAndTime& distance_and_time)
{
    return distance_and_time.distance / distance_and_time.time;
}
```

# // Strong Types

```
struct DistanceAndTime
{
    double distance = 0.0;
    double time = 0.0;
};

double calculate_speed(const DistanceAndTime& distance_and_time)
{
    const auto [distance, time] = distance_and_time;
    return distance / time;
}
```

```
const double speed = calculate_speed({ .distance = 100.0, .time = 10.0 });
```

# // Strong Types

```
using metre = double;  
using second = double;  
using metres_per_second = double;  
  
metres_per_second calculate_speed(const metre distance, const second time)  
{  
    return distance / time;  
}
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```

```
const auto speed = calculate_speed(100.0, 10.0);
```

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metres_per_second calculate_speed(const metre distance, const second time)  
{  
    return distance / time;  
}
```

```
const metres_per_second speed = calculate_speed(metre{ 100.0 }, second{ 10.0 });
```

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{  
    return distance / time;  
}
```

```
const metre speed = calculate_speed(second{ 100.0 }, metres_per_second{ 10.0 });
```

# // Strong Types

```
struct metre { double value = 0.0; };  
struct second { double value = 0.0; };  
struct metres_per_second { double value = 0.0; };  
  
metres_per_second calculate_speed(const metre distance, const second time)  
{  
    return distance / time;  
}
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const metres_per_second speed = calculate_speed(metre{ 100.0 }, second{ 10.0 });
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struct second { double value = 0.0; };  
struct metres_per_second { double value = 0.0; };
```

```
metres_per_second operator/(const metre distance, const second time)  
{  
    return metres_per_second{ distance.value / time.value };  
}
```

```
metres_per_second calculate_speed(const metre distance, const second time)  
{  
    return distance / time;  
}
```

```
const metres_per_second speed = calculate_speed(metre{ 100.0 }, second{ 10.0 });
```

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```
#include <mp-units/systems/si/si.h>

using namespace mp_units;
using namespace mp_units::si::unit_symbols;

constexpr auto metres_per_second = si::metre / si::second;

quantity<metres_per_second> calculate_speed(
    const quantity<si::metre> distance, const quantity<si::second> time)
{
    return distance / time;
}
```

```
const quantity<metres_per_second> speed = calculate_speed(100.0 * m, 10.0 * s);
```

# // Strong Types

strong types:

[boost strong typedef](#)

[type\\_safe](#) by Jonathan Müller

[NamedType](#) by Jonathan Boccara

[PSsst](#) by Peter Sommerlad

[strong\\_type](#) by Björn Fahler

[strong\\_typedef](#) by Anthony Williams

units:

[mp\\_units](#) by Mateusz Pusz

[boost units](#)

[Au units](#) by Aurora

# // Strong Types

Prevent mix up of parameters

Self documenting interfaces

Checks at the type itself

Less implicit conversions

Libraries support available

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```
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auto calc(int point1, int point2) {
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EST(func, test::find(v.begin(), v.end)::accumulate // no comment
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std::rotate(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1, v.end()); // */
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# Organising

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```
void analyze(const std::span<const double> nums)
{
    if (nums.empty()) return;

    double sum = 0;
    double min_val = nums[0];
    double max_val = nums[0];
    for (size_t i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++)
    {
        // calculate sum
        sum += nums[i];

        // calculate min
        if (nums[i] < min_val) min_val = nums[i];

        // calculate max
        if (nums[i] > max_val) max_val = nums[i];
    }

    // calculate mean
    const double mean = sum / nums.size();
    ...
}
```

```
...
// calculate variance
const auto variance_sum =
    std::ranges::fold_left(nums, 0.0,
        [mean](const double acc, const double x) {
            return acc + (x - mean) * (x - mean);
        });

const double variance = variance_sum /
    (nums.size() - 1);

// calculate stddev
const double stddev = std::sqrt(variance);

// print statistics
std::print("Count: {}\n", nums.size());
std::print("Sum: {}\n", sum);
std::print("Mean: {}\n", mean);
std::print("Variance: {}\n", variance);
std::print("Stddev: {}\n", stddev);
std::print("Min: {}\n", min_val);
std::print("Max: {}\n", max_val);
}
```

# // Organising

```
double calculate_sum(  
    const std::span<const double> nums) {  
    return std::ranges::fold_left(  
        nums, 0.0, std::plus{});  
}  
  
double calculate_mean(  
    const std::span<const double> nums) {  
    return calculate_sum(nums) / nums.size();  
}  
  
double calculate_variance(  
    const std::span<const double> nums) {  
    const double mean = calculate_mean(nums);  
    const auto variance_sum =  
        std::ranges::fold_left(nums, 0.0,  
            [mean](const double acc, const double x) {  
                return acc + (x - mean) * (x - mean);  
            });  
    return variance_sum / (nums.size() - 1);  
}
```

```
double calculate_stddev(  
    const std::span<const double> nums) {  
    return std::sqrt(calculate_variance(nums));  
}  
  
void print_statistics(  
    const std::span<const double> nums) {  
    std::print("Count: {}\n", nums.size());  
    std::print("Sum: {}\n", calculate_sum(nums));  
    std::print("Mean: {}\n", calculate_mean(nums));  
    std::print("Variance: {}\n",  
        calculate_variance(nums));  
    std::print("Stddev: {}\n",  
        calculate_stddev(nums));  
    std::print("Min: {}\n", std::ranges::min(nums));  
    std::print("Max: {}\n", std::ranges::max(nums));  
}
```

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```
const double mean = calculate_mean(nums);

const double variance_sum = std::ranges::fold_left(nums, 0.0,
    [mean](const double acc, const double x) {
        return acc + (x - mean) * (x - mean);
    });

const double variance = variance_sum / (nums.size() - 1);

const double stddev = std::sqrt(variance);
```

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```
const double mean = calculate_mean(nums);  
const double variance = calculate_variance(mean, nums);  
const double stddev = std::sqrt(variance);
```

# // Organising

```
void draw_line(const double x1, const double y1, const double x2, const double y2)
{
    ...
}

struct Point
{
    double x;
    double y;
};

void draw_line(const Point& point1, const Point& point2)
{
    ...
}
```

# // Organising

```
start_game(true, true, false);
```

```
start_game(Mode::debug, Logging::enable, GodMode::disable);
```

# // Organising

```
void process(const int x) {  
    if (x > 0) {  
        if (x < 100) {  
            if (x % 2 == 0) {  
                std::cout << "valid\n";  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
void process(const int x) {  
    if (x <= 0) return;  
    if (x >= 100) return;  
    if (x % 2 != 0) return;  
  
    std::cout << "valid\n";  
}
```

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Limit the number of lines in functions

Limit number of parameters to  $\sim 3$

Keep nesting depth to max 3

Keep one layer of abstraction

Use refactoring tools

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Unit Tests

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# // Unit Tests

- MethodName\_StateUnderTest\_ExpectedBehavior  
`CalculateMean_EmptyInput_ThrowsException`
- Given\_When\_Then  
`GivenEmptyInput_WhenCalculatingMean_ThenThrowsException`
- Should\_ExpectedBehavior\_When\_State  
`ShouldThrowException_WhenInputIsEmpty`
- Descriptive Sentence  
`test_calculate_mean_throws_exception_for_empty_input`

# // Unit Tests

```
TEST(calculate_mean, returns_mean_when_input_is_not_empty)
{
    EXPECT_DOUBLE_EQ(calculate_mean({ 1., 2., 3., 4., 5. }), 3.);
}
```

# // Unit Tests

```
TEST(calculate_mean, throws_exception_when_input_is_empty)
{
    EXPECT_THROW(calculate_mean({}), std::runtime_error);
}
```

```
TEST(calculate_mean, returns_the_unexpected_value_when_input_is_empty)
{
    EXPECT_EQ(calculate_mean({}).error().what(), "Input must not be empty");
}
```

```
TEST(calculate_mean, returns_zero_when_input_is_empty)
{
    EXPECT_EQ(calculate_mean({}), 0.0);
}
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# Language Features

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## C++ reference

C++11, C++14, C++17, C++20, C++23, C++26 | Compiler support C++11, C++14, C++17, C++20, C++23, C++26

### Language

- Preprocessor – Comments
- ASCII chart
- Basic concepts
  - Keywords
  - Names (lookup)
  - Types (fundamental types)
  - The main function
  - Modules (C++20)
  - Contracts (C++26)
- Expressions
  - Value categories
  - Evaluation order
  - Operators (precedence)
  - Conversions – Literals
  - Constant expressions
- Statements
  - if – switch
  - for – range-for (C++11)
  - while – do-while
- Declarations – Initialization
- Functions – Overloading
- Coroutines (C++20)
- Classes (unions)
- Templates – Exceptions
- Freestanding implementations

### Standard library (headers)

#### Named requirements

#### Language support library

- Program utilities
  - Signals – Non-local jumps
- Basic memory management
- Variadic functions
- source\_location (C++20)
- Comparison utilities (C++20)
- Type support – type\_info
- numeric\_limits – exception
- initializer\_list (C++11)
- Coroutine support (C++20)
- Contract support (C++26)

#### Concepts library (C++20)

### Diagnostics library

- Assertions – System error (C++11)
- Exception types – Error numbers
- basic\_stacktrace (C++23)
- Debugging support (C++26)

### Memory management library

- Allocators – Smart pointers
- Memory resources (C++17)

### Metaprogramming library (C++11)

- Type traits – ratio
- integer\_sequence (C++14)

### General utilities library

- Function objects – hash (C++11)
- Swap – Type operations (C++11)
- Integer comparison (C++20)
- pair – tuple (C++11)
- optional (C++17)
- expected (C++23)
- variant (C++17) – any (C++17)
- bitset – Bit manipulation (C++20)

### Containers library

- vector – deque – array (C++11)
- list – forward\_list (C++11)
- inplace\_vector (C++26)
- hive (C++26)
- map – multimap – set – multiset
- unordered\_map (C++11)
- unordered\_multimap (C++11)
- unordered\_set (C++11)
- unordered\_multiset (C++11)
- Container adaptors
- span (C++20) – mdspan (C++23)

### Iterators library

### Ranges library (C++20)

- Range factories – Range adaptors
- generator (C++23)

### Algorithms library

- Numeric algorithms
- Execution policies (C++17)
- Constrained algorithms (C++20)

### Strings library

- basic\_string – char\_traits
- basic\_string\_view (C++17)

### Text processing library

- Primitive numeric conversions (C++17)
- Formatting (C++20) – Localization
- text\_encoding (C++26)
- Regular expressions (C++11)
  - basic\_regex – Algorithms
  - Default regular expression grammar
- Null-terminated sequence utilities:
  - byte – multibyte – wide

### Numerics library

- Common math functions
- Mathematical special functions (C++17)
- Mathematical constants (C++20)
- Basic linear algebra algorithms (C++26)
- Data-parallel types (SIMD) (C++26)
- Pseudo-random number generation
- Floating-point environment (C++11)
- complex – valarray

### Date and time library

- Calendar (C++20) – Time zone (C++20)

### Input/output library

- Print functions (C++23)
- Stream-based I/O – I/O manipulators
- basic\_istream – basic\_ostream
- Synchronized output (C++20)
- File systems (C++17)

### Concurrency support library (C++11)

- thread – jthread (C++20)
- atomic – atomic\_flag
- atomic\_ref (C++20) – memory\_order
- Mutual exclusion – Condition variables
- Futures – Semaphores (C++20)
- latch (C++20) – barrier (C++20)
- Safe Reclamation (C++26)

### Execution support library (C++26)

### Feature test macros (C++20)

- Language – Standard library – Headers

Source: <https://www.cppreference.com/>

# // Language Features

```
double calculate_variance(const std::span<const double> nums)
{
    const double mean = calculate_mean(nums);
    const double variance_sum =
        std::ranges::fold_left(nums, 0.0, [mean](const double acc, const double x) {
            return acc + (x - mean) * (x - mean);
        });

    return variance_sum / (nums.size() - 1);
}
```

# // Language Features

```
template <typename T> requires std::ranges::random_access_range<T>
auto median(T& range)
{
    ...
}

template <std::ranges::random_access_range T>
auto median(T& range)
{
    ...
}

auto median(std::ranges::random_access_range auto& range)
{
    ...
}
```

# // Language Features

```
double calculate_mean(const std::span<const double> nums)
{
    if (nums.empty()) throw std::invalid_argument("Input must not be empty");

    const auto mean = calculate_sum(nums) / nums.size();

    if (mean >= std::ranges::min(nums)) std::terminate();

    return mean;
}
```

# // Language Features

```
double calculate_mean(const std::span<const double> nums)
{
    Expects(!nums.empty());

    const auto mean = calculate_sum(nums) / nums.size();

    Ensures(mean >= std::ranges::min(nums));

    return mean;
}
```

# // Language Features

```
double calculate_mean(const std::span<const double> nums)
    pre (!nums.empty());
    post (mean: mean >= std::ranges::min(nums))
```



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# Contracts for C++

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# // Language Features

Standard libraries are part of the language

(almost) always const

Concepts for compile time validations of template parameters

Contracts for pre and post conditions

P.1: Express ideas

Reason Compilers  
programmers (c

```
int a, b, c;
double x = 0.0;
auto y = 1.0;
const auto t }
```

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auto calc(int point1
int point2
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auto distanc
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Ctrl+Shift+R

Extract

Extract Method...

Convert

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```

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Tina Ulbrich Just now

**Suggestion:** Use a more descriptiv

Write a reply...

```
s::meter calc
return diam
}
```

# Comments

# // Comments

```
// increment i by 1  
++i;
```

Redundant documentation

```
// calculate the mean of the input  
const auto median = calculate_median(input);
```

Outdated documentation

```
// TODO: fix later  
workaround();
```

TODOs in code are often forgotten

```
// Here be dragons  
calculate();
```

Jokes or insider comments

# // Comments

```
// stable_sort to preserve the sorting of width for equal length  
ranges::stable_sort(rectangles, less{}, &rectangle::length);
```

“Why” comment

```
// Workaround for GCC bug #12345: use explicit cast  
const auto value = static_cast<int>(input);
```

Documentation of workarounds

```
// Premium customers get a discount  
const auto new_price = is_premium ? price * 0.9 : price;
```

Non-obvious internal logic

```
// ReSharper disable once CppLocalVariableMaybeConst  
auto short_generator = std::uniform_int_distribution<short>('a', 'z');
```

Disable static analysis warning

# // Comments

```
def hankel(c, r=None):
```

```
    """
```

```
    Construct a Hankel matrix.
```

```
    The Hankel matrix has constant anti-diagonals, with `c` as its ...
```

Explain complex calculations

```
// Specialised for 3x3 matrix
```

```
auto solve(const auto a, const auto b);
```

Specialised code

```
def round(a, decimals=0, out=None):
```

```
    """
```

```
    Evenly round to the given number of decimals.
```

```
    Parameters
```

```
    -----
```

```
    a : array_like
```

```
        Input data. ...
```

Document external APIs

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# // Enforcement



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          int point2,
          int a, b, units::meter) {
    auto distance
```

Ctrl+Shift+R

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```
TEST(func, test) {
    auto v = find(v.begin(), v.end(), 1);
    EXPECT_EQ(v, 1);
    std::accumulate(v.begin(), v.end(), 0,
                    std::count_if(v.begin(), v.end(), 1));
    std::rotate(v.begin(), v.begin(), v.end());
}
```

```
std::find(v.begin(), v.end(), 1);
std::accumulate(v.begin(), v.end(), 0,
                std::count_if(v.begin(), v.end(), 1));
std::rotate(v.begin(), v.begin(), v.end());
```

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Summary

# // Summary

- Good and descriptive names for variables and functions
- Strong types for improved readability and safety
- Consistent code structure, supported by tools
- Unit tests are documentation too
- Language features and standard library improve readability
- Comment when clarification is needed
- Code reviews to ensure readability
- Be consistent but not too dogmatic

/\* Thank you!  
Questions? \*/

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#include <C++>

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