

Syntax and restrictions

A ref-qualifier is an optional part of a nonstatic member function declaration. If present, it must come after any cv-qualifiers and before any **exception specification**. A constructor or **destructor** may not have a ref-qualifier:

```
void f1() &; // Error, ref-qualifier on a nonmember function

class Class1
{
    // ...
public:
    Class1() &&; // Error, ref-qualifier on constructor
    ~Class1() &; // Error, ref-qualifier on destructor
    void mf() & const; // Error, ref-qualifier before cv-qualification
    void mf() noexcept&; // Error, ref-qualifier after exception specification
    void mf() & &&; // Error, two ref-qualifiers
    static void smf() &; // Error, ref-qualifier on static member function

    void mf(int) const && noexcept; // OK, ref-qualifier correctly placed
};
```

A member function that does not have a ref-qualifier can be called for *either* an *lvalue* or an *rvalue*. Thus, C++03 code continues to compile and work as before:

```
class Class2 {
    // ...
public:
    void mf();
    void mf() const;
};

const Class2 makeConstClass2();

void f2()
{
    Class2 uobj;
    const Class2 cobj;

    uobj.mf(); // calls mf()
    cobj.mf(); // calls mf() const
    Class2().mf(); // calls mf()
    makeConstClass2().mf(); // calls mf() const
}
```