

Section 2.1 C++11

constexpr Functions

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union U1 { bool b = 0; char c; }; // OK, first member initialized
union U2 { bool b; char c = 'A'; }; // OK, second " "
union U3 { bool b = 0; char c = 'A'; }; // Error, multiple initialized

// unions having constexpr constructors
union U4 { bool b; char c; constexpr U4() { } }; // Error, uninit
union U5 { bool b; char c = 'A'; constexpr U5() { } }; // OK
union U6 { bool b; char c; constexpr U6() : c('A') { } }; // OK
union U7 { bool b; char c; constexpr U7(bool v) : b(v) { } }; // OK

struct S // S is a literal type.
{
    U0 u0{}; // value-initialized
    U1 u1; U2 u2; U5 u5; U6 u6; // default-initialized
    U7 u7; // initialized in constructor
    constexpr S() : u7(true) { } // OK, all members are initialized.
};

constexpr int test(S t) { return 0; } // OK, confirms S is a literal type

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The example code above illustrates various ways in which unions, e.g., U0–U2 and U5–U7, can be used that allow them to be initialized by a **constexpr** constructor, e.g., S(). The existence of at least one *noncopy*, *nonmove* **constexpr** constructor implies that the class, e.g., S, comprising these unions is a **literal type**, which we have confirmed using the C++11 interface test idiom; see *Identifying literal types* on page 282.

8. If the constructor *delegates* to another constructor in the same class (see Section 1.1. “Delegating Ctors” on page 46), that target constructor must be **constexpr**:

```

struct C0 // Only the default constructor is constexpr.
{
    C0(int) { } // OK, but not declared constexpr
    constexpr C0() : C0(0) { } // Error, delegating to nonconstexpr ctor
};

struct C1 // Both default and value constructor are constexpr.
{
    constexpr C1(int) { } // OK, declared constexpr
    constexpr C1() : C1(0) { } // OK, delegating to constexpr constructor
};

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9. When initializing data members of a class (e.g., S below), any nonconstructor functions **needed for** implicitly converting the type of the initializing expression (e.g., v in the code snippet below) to that of a data member (e.g., **int** or **double**) must also be **constexpr**: