

## Section 2.1 C++11

## noexcept Operator

```

static_assert(!noexcept(f0()), ""); // doesn't say it doesn't throw
static_assert(!noexcept(f1()), ""); // " " " " " "

static_assert(!noexcept(f2()), ""); // f2 may throw an int.
static_assert(!noexcept(f3()), ""); // f3 " " " "

static_assert(!noexcept(f4()), ""); // f4 may throw a double.
static_assert(!noexcept(f5()), ""); // f5 " " " "

static_assert(!noexcept(f6()), ""); // f6 may throw int or double.
static_assert(!noexcept(f7()), ""); // f7 " " " " "

static_assert( noexcept(f8()), ""); // f8 may not throw.
static_assert( noexcept(f9()), ""); // f9 " " "

```

There are, however, practical drawbacks to **dynamic exception specifications**.

1. **Brittle** — These classic, fine-grained exception specifications attempt to provide excessively detailed information that is not programmatically useful and is subject to frequent changes due to otherwise inconsequential updates to the implementation.
2. **Expensive** — When an exception is thrown, a *dynamic*-exception list must be searched at run time to determine if that specific exception type is allowed.
3. **Disruptive** — When an exception reaches a *dynamic*-exception specification, the stack must be unwound, whether or not the exception is permitted by that specification, losing useful stack-trace information if the program is about to terminate.

These deficiencies proved, over time, to be insurmountable, and **dynamic-exception specifications** other than **throw()** were largely unused in practice.

As of C++11, **dynamic-exception specifications** are officially deprecated<sup>3</sup> in favor of the more streamlined **noexcept** specifier (see Section 3.1. “**noexcept** Specifier” on page 1085), which we introduce briefly in the next section.

### Introducing **noexcept** exception specifications for functions

C++11 introduces an alternative exception-specification mechanism for arbitrary free functions, member functions, and lambda expressions (see Section 2.1. “Lambdas” on page 573):

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void f() noexcept(expr); // expr is a Boolean constant expression.
void f() noexcept;      // same as void f() noexcept(true)

```

Instead of specifying a *list* of exceptions that may be thrown, whether *any* exception may be thrown is specified. As with C++03, the lack of any annotation is the equivalent of saying anything might be thrown (except for destructors, which are **noexcept** by default):

<sup>3</sup>C++17 removes `std::unexpected` and all **dynamic exception specifications** other than **throw()**, which becomes a synonym for **noexcept** before **throw()** too is removed by C++20.