

## Section 2.1 C++11

## Lambdas

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auto c4 = []{ return 2; };           // OK, captureless lambda expression
using C4t = decltype(c4);

class C4Derived : public C4t         // OK, inherit from closure type.
{
    int d_auxValue;
public:
    C4Derived(C4t c4, int aux) : C4t(std::move(c4)), d_auxValue(aux) { }
    int aux() const { return d_auxValue; }
};

static_assert(sizeof(C4Derived) == sizeof(int), ""); // OK, EBO applied

int ret = callFunc([i]{ return 2 * i; }); // OK, deduced arg type, Func

c1b = c1; // Error, assignment of closures is not allowed.
}

```

The types of `c1` and `c2`, above, are different, even though they are token-for-token identical. As there is no way to explicitly name a **closure type**, we use **auto** in the case of `c1` and `c2` in `f1` (see Section 2.1. “**auto** Variables” on page 195) or template-argument deduction in the case of `f` in `callFunc` to create variables directly from the **lambda expression**, and we use **decltype** (see Section 1.1. “**decltype**” on page 25) to create aliases to the types of existing closure variables (`C1t` and `C2t`). Note that using **decltype** directly on a **lambda expression** is ill formed, as shown with `C3t`, because there would be no way to construct an object of the resulting unique type.<sup>3</sup> The derived class, `C4Derived`, uses the type alias `C4t` to refer to its base class. Note that its constructor forwards its first argument to the base-class move constructor.

There is no way to specify a **closure type** prior to creating an actual closure object of that type. Consequently, there is no way to declare `callFunc` with a parameter of the actual **closure type** that will be passed; hence, it is declared as a template parameter. As a special case, however, if the **lambda capture** is *empty* (i.e., the **lambda expression** begins with `[]`; see Section 2.2. “**Lambda Captures**” on page 986), then the **closure** is implicitly convertible to an ordinary function pointer having the same signature as its **call operator**:

```

char callFuncPtr(char (*f)(const char*)) { return f("x"); } // not a template

char c = callFuncPtr([](const char* s) { return s ? s[0] : '\0'; });
// OK, closure argument is converted to function-pointer parameter.

char d = callFuncPtr([c](const char* s) { /*...*/ });
// Error, lambda capture is not empty; no conversion to function pointer.

```

<sup>3</sup>Since C++20, **lambda expression** are allowed to appear in unevaluated contexts, including operands of **decltype** and **sizeof**.