

As it happens, **trivial types** themselves are too coarse a category to be sufficiently practicable, and subdividing that category further into two subcategories — namely, **trivially copyable**, which implies **trivially destructible**, and **trivially default constructible** — adds substantial utility and flexibility. **Default construction** or destruction is considered **trivial** if it can be performed without having to execute any code, e.g., to initialize an object’s **members**, its **vtable pointer**, or its **virtual base pointer**, or otherwise manage resources. Similarly, **copy construction** and **copy-assignment** operations are **trivial** if they may be performed using bitwise-copy algorithms, such as but not limited to `std::memcpy`; see *Trivial subcategories* on page 429.

### Standard-layout types

All scalar types are standard-layout types:

```
// Type          Is standard layout?
int    x; // yes, scalar type
double y; // yes, " "
char* z; // Yes, pointers are scalar types.
```

Moreover, arrays and cv-qualified versions of standard-layout types are also standard-layout types:

```
class X;

// Type          Is standard layout?
volatile int a[5]; // yes, array of volatile scalar type
x*          p;    // yes, const pointer to arbitrary type
```

For a **class**, **struct**, or **union** type to be deemed a standard-layout type, each of several independent properties must hold.

1. The type has no **nonstatic data members** that are of **reference type**:

```
// Type          Is standard layout?
struct S0a { }; // yes
struct S0b { int x; }; // yes
struct S0c { int* x; }; // yes
struct S0d { int& x; }; // no, has lvalue reference member
struct S0e { const int x; }; // yes, but must be initialized
struct S0f { const int* x; }; // yes
struct S0g { const int& x; }; // no, has lvalue reference member
struct S0h { int&& x; }; // no, has rvalue reference member
struct S0i { static int&& x; }; // Yes, reference member is static.
```