

# Calling between C/C++ and XC

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In certain cases, it is possible to pass arguments of one type in XC to function parameters that have different types in C/C++, and vice versa.

To help simplify the task of declaring common functions between C/C++ and XC, the system header file `xccompat.h` contains various type definitions and macro defines. See the header file for documentation.

## 1 Passing arguments from XC to C/C++

A function defined in C/C++ with a parameter of type `unsigned int` can be declared in XC as taking a parameter of type `port`, `chanend` or `timer`.

A function defined in C/C++ with a parameter of type “pointer to T” can be declared in XC as taking a parameter of type “reference to T” or “nullable reference to T.”

A function defined in C/C++ with a parameter of type “pointer to T” can be declared in XC as taking a parameter of type “array of T.”

## 2 Passing arguments from C/C++ to XC

A function defined in XC with a parameter of type `port`, `chanend` or `timer` can be declared in C/C++ as taking a parameter of type `unsigned int`.

A function defined in XC with a parameter of type “reference to T” or “nullable reference to T” can be declared in C/C++ as taking a parameter of type “pointer to T.”

A function defined in XC with a parameter of type “array of T” can be declared in C/C++ as taking a parameter of type “pointer to type T.” In this case, the xCORE linker inserts code to add an implicit array bound parameter equal to the maximum value of the `unsigned int` type.