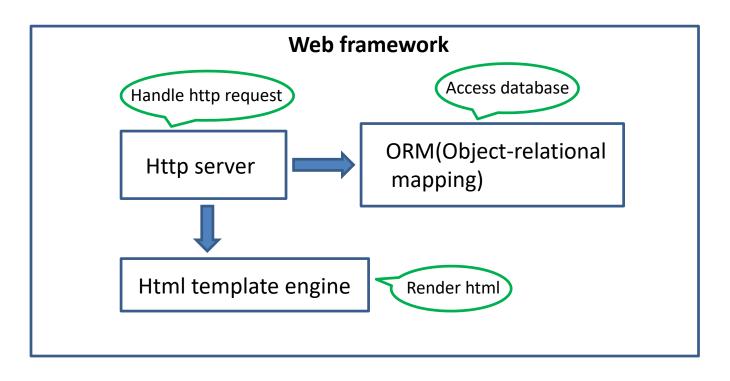
# Feather: A Modern C++ Web Development Framework

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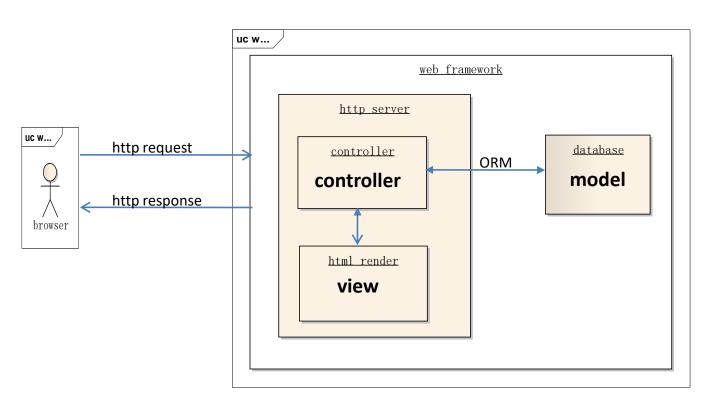
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# Basic concepts



# Basic concepts



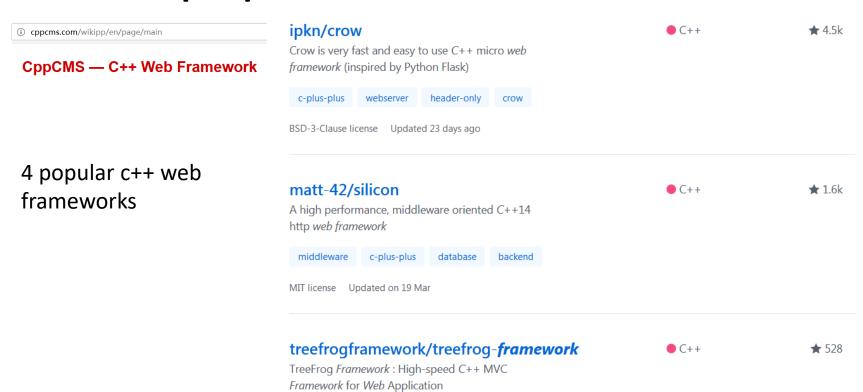
## Some web frameworks

```
Laravel (PHP):
Route::match(array('GET', 'POST'), '/', function()
    return 'Hello World';
});
Django (python):
def hello(request):
    return HttpResponse("Hello world ! ")
urlpatterns = [
    url(r'^$', view.hello),
```

## Some web frameworks

```
<web-app id = "WebApp ID" version = "2.4"</pre>
java spr
             xmlns = "http://iava.sun.com/xml/ns/i2ee"
             xmlns: <beans xmlns = "http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"</pre>
@Control
             xsi:sc
                       xmlns:context = "http://www.springframework.org/schema/context"
                       xmlns:xsi = "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
@Request
             http:/
                       xsi:schemaLocation = "http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
public (
             <displ
                       http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-3.0.xsd
    @Requ
                                                                                                           del) {
                       http://www.springframework.org/schema/context
       mc
                       http://www.springframework.org/schema/context/spring-context-3.0.xsd">
             <serv1
       r\epsilon
                <se
                       <context:component-scan base-package = "com.tutorialspoint" />
                <se
                       <bean class = "org.springframework.web.servlet.view.InternalResourceViewResolver"</pre>
                </s
                          cproperty name = "prefix" value = "/WEB-INF/jsp/" />
                <10
                          cproperty name = "suffix" value = ".jsp" />
             </serv
                       </bean>
             <serv1</pre>
                <se </beans>
                <url-pattern>/</url-pattern>
             </servlet-mapping>
          </web-app>
```

# Some popular c++ web frameworks



#### cppcms

```
class hello : public cppcms::application {
  public:
    hello(cppcms::service &srv) :
        cppcms::application(srv)
    {
     }
     virtual void main(std::string url) {
        response().out() << Hello World\n"
    }
};

srv.applications_pool().mount(
    cppcms::applications_factory<hello>()
);
```

You have to know many details of the framework

Need a special compiler to build html templates

- Tree-frog
  - based on qt, too heavy
- Crow
  - Just a http server, not a real web framework

### silicon

```
auto my api = http api(GET / hello / world = [] () { return "hello world";});
mhd json serve(my api, 8080);
post = sql crud<post orm>(
    validate = [] (post& p) {
    return p.title.size() > 0 and p.body.size() > 0;
    before create = [] (post& p, session& s, restricted area) {
   p.user id = s.user id;
    write access = [] (post& p, session& s, restricted area) {
    return p.user id == s.user id;
             A little bit complicated
```

Lacks of html template engine



#### We need a better c++ web framework

- Perfect infrastructures
  - http server, ORM, html template engine, AOP,......
- Easy to use
- Focus on business only, low learning cost
- High performance, cross platform

#### We need a better c++ web framework

Feather: a rapidly application framework of web development

you can use feather to develop a web application rapidly

#### What is feather?

A web application with 5 lines code

```
http server server (4);
server. listen("0. 0. 0. 0", "http");
server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/", [](request& req, response& res) {
    res. set status and content(status type::ok, "hello world");
server.run();
127.0.0.1/
                                   127.0.0.1
```

hello world

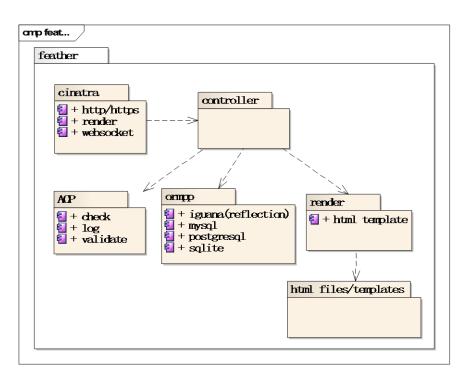
```
Feather(c++):
server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/", [](request& req, response& res) {
    res.render_string("hello world");
});
```

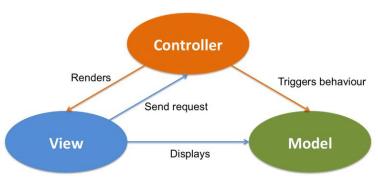
Very simple, no need to know many details about the framework

Just focus on business, as simple as possible

Become the master of the framework not the slave!

# What is feather?





#### What is feather?

This website was developed in feather <a href="http://purecpp.org/">http://purecpp.org/</a>

https://github.com/qicosmos/feather

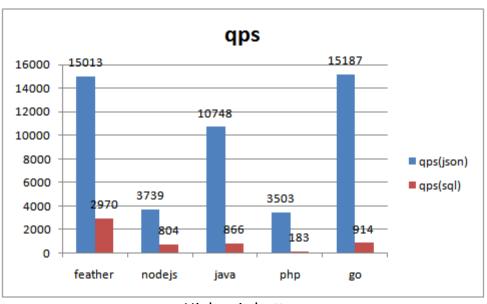
# Development efficiency

- How many business functions of <a href="http://purecpp.org">http://purecpp.org</a>?
  - 1. add, edit, remove, query posts;
  - 2. add, edit, remove, query users;
  - 3. member login/quit, member registration
  - 4. upload/download files
  - 5. search posts/classify posts
  - 6. ...... More than **15** business functions

All the core business code is about **500** lines

**30** lines code per business function

# Performance



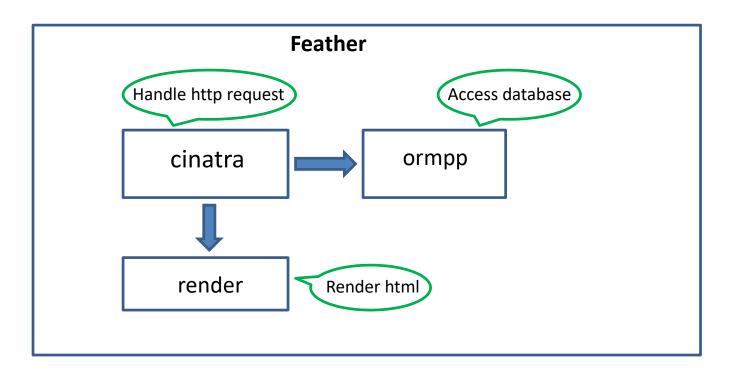
Higher is better

#### Why we need a c++ web framework feather?

- High development efficiency
- High performance



# Components



#### Cinatra

- Cinatra is a http server based on asio developed in c++17
  - Http1.1/https, websocket
  - Functional high level easy to use interface
  - Header-only
  - Support AOP(Aspect Oriented Programming)
  - Support upload/download files, session/cookie

- Differences between cinatra and beast
  - cinatra is an application library, provide high level interface, lead to very few code to finish a web application
  - cinatra do much work for users
  - beast is a fundamental library, provide low level interface
  - beast users have to write lots of code to finish a business function

The goal is different

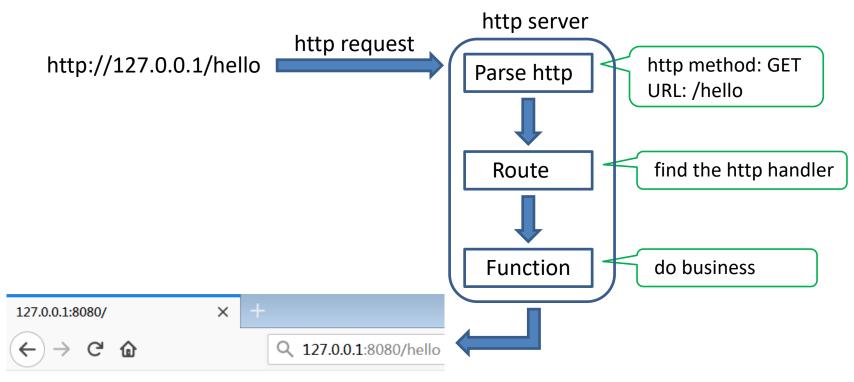
# http upload/download

- Beast lead to more than 100 lines code
  - https://codereview.stackexchange.com/questions/148596/http-downloader-usingbeast
- Cinatra just need less than 6 lines code

```
server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/upload_multipart", [] (request& req, response& res) {
    assert(req.get_content_type() == content_type::multipart);

    auto& files = req.get_upload_files();
    for (auto& file : files) {
        std::cout << file.get_file_path() << " " << file.get_file_size() << std::endl;
    }
    res.render_string("multipart finished");
});</pre>
```

http download in cinatra: http://127.0.0.1/assets/show.jpg



hello world

# http parser

- Parse http request: method, url, version, headers,......
- std::string\_view is very suitable for parsing http protocol

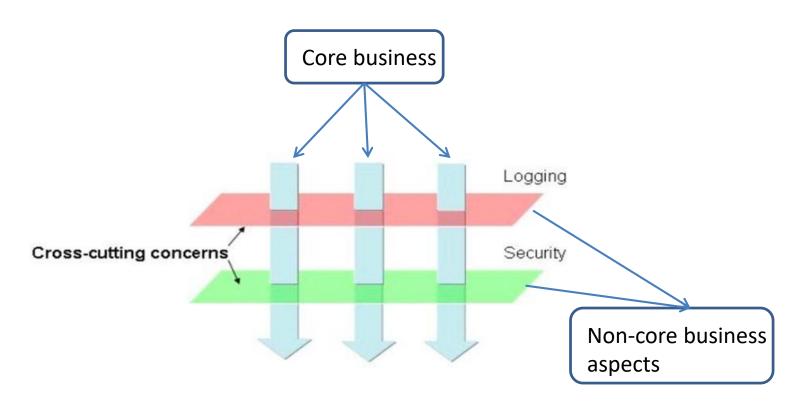
```
std::string_view get_header_value(std::string_view key) const {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < num_headers_; i++) {
        if (iequal(headers_[i].name, headers_[i].name_len, key.data()))
            return std::string_view(headers_[i].value, headers_[i].value_len);
    }
    return {};
}</pre>
```

# http router

```
×
                                                                         ×
127.0.0.1/
                                                  127.0.0.1/
                             Q http://127.0.0.1/
                                                                                Q http://127.0.0.1/test
                                             route
                                                                             route
server. set http handler GET, POST ("/", [] (request& req, response
    res. set status and content(status type::ok, "hello world"
});
                 server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/test", [] (request& req, response& res) {
                     std::string_view id = req.get_query_value("id");
                     if (id. emptv()) {
                         res. render 404():
                         return;
                     res.render_string("hello world");
```

```
// Make sure we can handle the method
if( req.method() != http::verb::get &&
    req.method() != http::verb::head)
   return send(bad request("Unknown HTTP-method"));
// Request path must be absolute and not contain "...".
                                                                     should avoid long code
if( req.target().empty() ||
    req.target()[0] != '/' ||
    req.target().find("..") != boost::beast::string view::npos)
   return send(bad request("Illegal request-target"));
// Build the path to the requested file
std::string path = path_cat(doc_root, req.target());
if(req.target().back() == '/')
    path.append("index.html");
// Attempt to open the file
boost::beast::error code ec;
                                                                      should focus on what we want
http::file_body::value_type body;
body.open(path.c str(), boost::beast::file mode::scan, ec);
```

## AOP(Aspect Oriented Programming)



```
server. set http handler GET, POST ("/aspect", [] (request& req, response& res) {
    std::cout << "in business function" << std::endl;</pre>
   res.render_string("hello world");
}, check{}, log_t{});
                                                          struct check {
                                                              bool before (request& req, response& res) {
                                                                  if (req. get_query_value("id").empty()) {
                                                                      res. render 404();
struct log t{
                                                                      return false;
    bool before (request& req, response& res) {
        std::cout << "before log" << std::endl;</pre>
                                                                  std::cout << "check passed" << std::endl;</pre>
        return true;
                                                                  return true;
    bool after (request& req, response& res) {
                                                              bool after (request& req, response& res) {
        std::cout << "after log" << std::endl;
                                                                  std::cout << "after check" << std::endl;
        return true;
                                                                  return true;
```

Separate non-core business from core business Easy to add new aspect, make the framework more flexible

```
server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/aspect", [] (request& req, response& res) {
    std::cout << "in business function" << std::endl;</pre>
    res.render_string("hello world");
}, check{}, log_t{});
                                                               check passed
                         X
127.0.0.1:8080/aspect?id=1
                                                               before log
                                                               in business function
                                    127.0.0.1:8080/aspect?id=1
                                                               after log
                                                               after check
hello world
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             check
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                                                 function
                                                                                        aspect
```

```
template < typename Function, typename... AP>
void invoke (request& req, response& res, Function f, AP... ap) {
    using result type = std::result of t<Function(request&, response&)>;
    std::tuple < AP... > tp(std::move(ap)...);
    //before
    bool r = do_ap_before (req, res, tp); Execute before function in all aspects
    if (!r)
        return:
    if constexpr(std::is_void_v<result_type>) {
        //business
        f (req, res); Execute core business function
         //after
       do_void_after(req, res, tp); Execute after function in all aspects
```

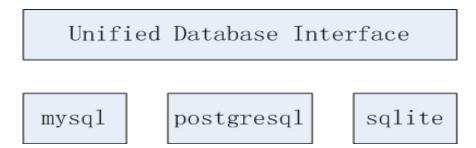
```
template < typename Tuple >
bool do ap before (request& req, response& res, Tuple& tp) {
    bool r = true:
    for_each_l(tp, [&r, &req, &res](auto& item) {
        if (!r)
            return;
        constexpr bool has_befor_mtd = has_before<decltype(item), request&, response&>::value;
        if constexpr (has befor mtd)
            r = item. before (req, res);
    }, std::make_index_sequence<std::tuple_size_v<Tuple>>{});
    return r:
```

#### cinatra

- std::string\_view helps to parse http protocol efficiently
- The http router and AOP make the user focus on core business function
- The framework does much work and then provides simple interface for the user

 ormpp: an easy to use ORM library based on compile-time reflection developed in c++17

You can use ormpp to operate different kinds of databases in the same code



https://github.com/qicosmos/ormpp

```
dbng<mvsql> dao;
                                            struct person
dao. create_datatable person > ();
                                               int id;
person p = \{ 1, "tom", 20 \} ;
                                               std::string name;
dao.insert(p);
                                               int age;
dao. update (p);
                                            REFLECTION(person, id, name, age)
auto result = dao. query (person) ();
for (auto& person : result) {
    std::cout << person. name << " "
                                             How to change the database?
        << person.age << std::endl;</pre>
                                             dbng<postgresql> dao;
                                             dbng<sqlite> dao;
```

Ormpp make database programming simple Ormpp hides databases differences Accessing different databases with the same code

- Unify interfaces
- Generate sql automatically
- Mapping table data to objects

```
template<typename DB>
class dbng{
public:
    template <typename... Args>
    bool connect(Args&&... args){
        return db_.template connect(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
    }

dbng<mysql> mysql;
dbng<sqlite> sqlite;
dbng<postgresql> postgres;

TEST_REQUIRE(mysql.connect("127.0.0.1", "root", "12345", "testdb"));
TEST_REQUIRE(postgres.connect("127.0.0.1", "root", "12345", "testdb"));
TEST_REQUIRE(sqlite.connect("test.db"));
```

Unified interface with variadic templates
Policy based design make it easy to change database

 implement static polymorphism with constexpr if and variadic templates

```
template<typename... Args>
auto get_tp(int& timeout, Args&&... args) {
    auto tp = std::make_tuple(con_, std::forward<Args>(args)...);
    if constexpr (sizeof...(Args) == 5) {
        auto[c, s1, s2, s3, s4, i] = tp;
        timeout = i;
        return std::make_tuple(c, s1, s2, s3, s4);
    }
    else
        return tp;
}
```

#### ormpp-- Automatically generate sql

```
mysql.create_datatable<person>();

" CREATE TABLE person ( id INT, name TEXT, age INT) "

struct person {
   int id;
   std::string name;
   int age;
   };
   REFLECTION(person, id, name, age)
```

```
<< <u>Compile-time Reflection, Serialization and ORM Examples</u>>> https://github.com/CppCon/CppCon2017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlhoWjrR41A
```

## generate sql

- generate sql by compile-time reflection
  - Get the table name
  - Get the fields name of a table
  - Get the fields type

```
constexpr auto table_name = iguana::get_name<T>(); \rightarrow "person" constexpr auto arr = iguana::get_array<T>(); \rightarrow {"id", "name", "age" } How to get the fields type name? \rightarrow {"INTEGER", "TEXT", "INTEGER" }
```

# Type mapping

```
template <class T> struct identity{};
namespace ormpp mysql {
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<char>) noexcept { return "TINYINT"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<short>) noexcept { return "SMALLINT"sy: }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int>) noexcept { return "INTEGER"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<float>) noexcept { return "FLOAT"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<double>) noexcept { return "DOUBLE"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int64 t>) noexcept { return "BIGINT"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<std::string>) noexcept { return "TEXT"sy: }
namespace ormpp sqlite {
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<char>) noexcept { return "INTEGER"sy; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<short>) noexcept { return "INTEGER"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int>) noexcept { return "INTEGER"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<float>) noexcept { return "FLOAT"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<double>) noexcept { return "DOUBLE"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int64 t>) noexcept { return "INTEGER"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<std::string>) noexcept { return "TEXT"sv; }
namespace ormpp postgresql {
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<char>) noexcept { return "char"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<short>) noexcept { return "smallint"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int>) noexcept { return "integer"sy; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<float>) noexcept { return "real"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<double>) noexcept { return "double precision"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<int64 t>) noexcept { return "bigint"sv; }
   constexpr auto type to name(identity<std::string>) noexcept { return "text"sv; }
```

# Get mapped type name

```
template <typename T>
inline constexpr auto get type names(DBType type){
   constexpr auto SIZE = iguana::get value<T>();
    std::array<std::string view, SIZE> arr = {};
    iguana::for each(T{}, [&](auto& item, auto i){
        constexpr auto Idx = decltype(i)::value;
        using U = std::remove reference t<decltype(iguana::get<Idx>(std::declval<T>()))>;
        std::string view s;
        switch (type){
            case DBType::mysql : s = ormpp mysql::type to name(identity<U>{});
                break:
            case DBType::sqlite : s = ormpp sqlite::type to name(identity<U>{});
                break:
            case DBType::postgresql : s = ormpp postgresql::type to name(identity<U>{});
                break:
       arr[Idx] = s;
    });
    return arr:
```

# generate sql automatically

```
struct person {
  int id;
  std::string name;
  int age;
  int age;
};
REFLECTION(person, id, name, age)

template<typename T, typename... Args>
constexpr auto create_datatable(Args&&... args){
  return db_.template create_datatable<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
}
```

use an object to do everything what you want

## entity mapping

```
dbnq<mysql> mysql;
    dbng<sqlite> sqlite;
    dbng<postaresal> postares:
    std::vector<person> v = mysql.query<person>();
    std::vector<person> v1 = sqlite.query<person>();
    std::vector<person> v2 = postgres.query<person>();
    mysql.query<person>("id=1", "limit 10");
    sqlite.query<person>("id>1", "limit 10");
    postgres.query<person>("id=2", "limit 10");
template<typename T, typename... Args>
constexpr auto query(Args&&... args){
    return db .template query<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

## entity mapping

Data table to object

```
std::vector<T> v;
auto ntuples = PQntuples(res_);

for(auto i = 0; i < ntuples; i++){
    T t = {};
    iguana::for_each(t, [this, i, &t](auto item, auto I)
    {
        assign(t.*item, i, decltype(I)::value);
    });
    v.push_back(std::move(t));
}</pre>
```

# entity mapping

```
template<typename T>
constexpr void assign(T&& value, int row, size t i){
    using U = std::remove const t<std::remove reference t<T>>;
    if constexpr(std::is integral v<U>&&!is int64 v<U>){
        value = std::atoi(PQgetvalue(res , row, i));
   else if constexpr (is int64 v<U>){
        value = std::atoll(POgetvalue(res , row, i));
    else if constexpr (std::is floating point v<U>){
        value = std::atof(PQgetvalue(res , row, i));
   else if constexpr(std::is same v<std::string, U>){
        value = PQgetvalue(res , row, i);
   else {
        std::cout<<"this type has not supported yet"<<std::endl;</pre>
```

- Unified interface with variadic temlates and constexpr if
- Generate sql with compile-time reflection
- Mapping entity with compile-time reflection

#### Render

- Html template engine
  - Fill html pages with dynamic data
  - Control UI display
  - Reuse html code

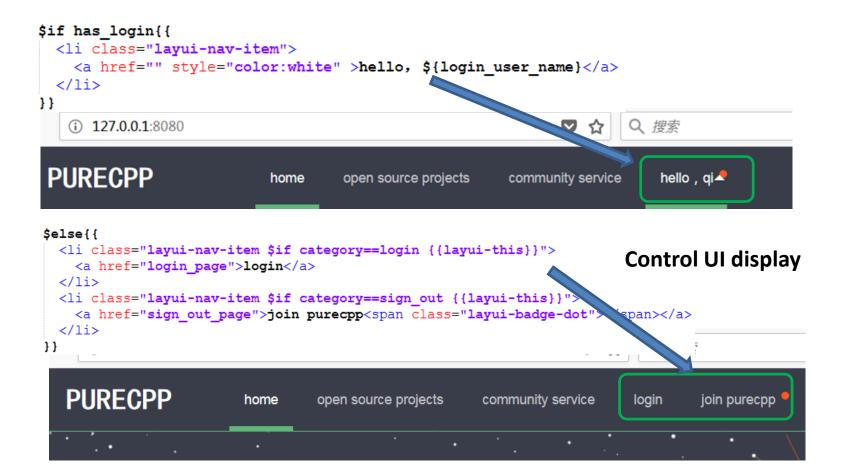
#### Render

```
t["value"] = 100;
t["map"] = std::map<std::string, int>{ { "hoge", 1 }, { "fuga", 2 } };
TEST EQ T("${value}", "100", t);
                                                                             Custom script in html pages
TEST_EQ_T("${map.hoge}, ${map.fuga}", "1, 2", t);
                                                                             Custom script parser
TEST EO T("$if true{{hoge}}$elseif true{{fuga}}", "hoge", t);
TEST EO T("$if true{{hoge}}$elseif undefined{{${undefined}}}", "hoge", t);
TEST EQ T("$for x in xs{{$for x in xs{{test}}}}", "testtesttest", t);
TEST EQ T("$for y in ys.hoge{{${y}}}", "123", t);
<$for> = $for <var-name> in <var> {{ <block> }}
<$if> = $if <var> {{ <block> }} ($elseif <var> {{ <block> }})? ($else {{ <block> }})?
<$variable> = ${<var>}
```

https://github.com/qicosmos/render https://github.com/melpon/ginger

#### Render

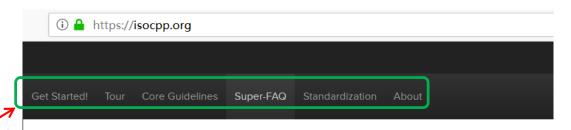
```
auto login user name = get user name from session(req);
nlohmann::json result;
result["has_login"] = !login_user_name.empty();
result["login user name"] = login user name
                                             Fill html pages with dynamic data
res. add_header("Content-Type", "text\html; charset=utf-8");
res. set_status_and_content(status_type::ok, render::render_file("./purecpp/html/login.html", result));
$if has login{{
  <a href="" style="color:white" >hello, ${login user name}</a>
  } }
 $else{{
  <a href="login page">login</a>
  <a href="sign out page">join purecpp<span class="layui-badge-dot"></span></a>
```



#### render

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1993/xhtm
$inline {{
./purecpp/html/header.html
}}
<body>
 <!-- 导航 -->
  $include {{
  ./purecpp/html/navigator.html
  <div class="blog-body">
 <!-- 底部 -->
$inline {{
    ./purecpp/html/footer.html
</body>
</html>
```

Reuse html code



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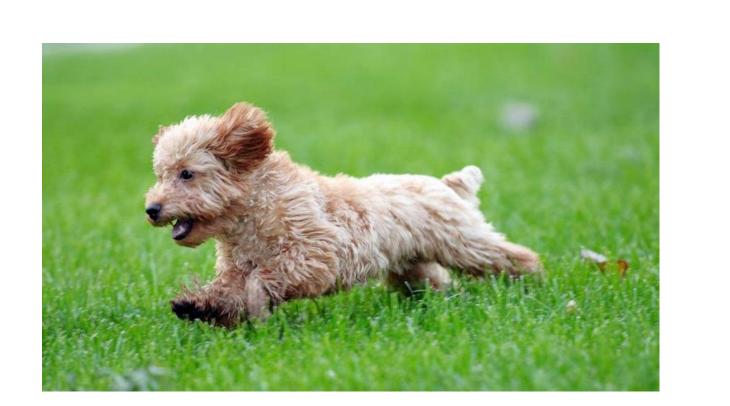
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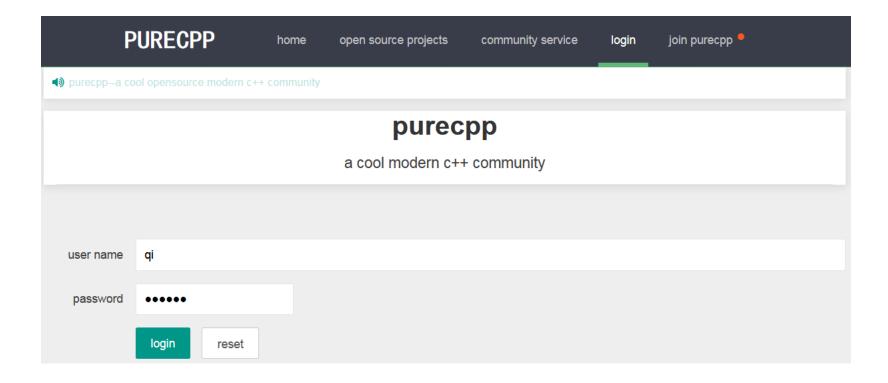
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```
while (p) {
    auto r = p. read_while_or_eof([](char c) { return c != '}' && c != '$'; });
   if (not skip)
       out.put(r.first, r.second);
   if (!p)
       break;
   char c = p. peek();
                                                     // $for x in xs {{ <block> }}
    if (c == '}') { ...
    else if (c == '\$')
       p. read();
                                                     // $if x {{ <block> }}
       c = p. peek();
                                                     // $elseif y {{ <block> }}
       if (c == '$')
                                                     // $elseif z {{ <block> }}
       else if (c == '#')
                                                     // $else {{ <block> }}
       else if (c == '{')
       else if (c == '}')
        else {
            auto command = p.read_ident();
            if (p. equal (command, "for"))
           else if (p. equal (command, "if"))
           else if (p. equal (command, "inline")
            else if (p. equal (command, "include"
```



# Example—login



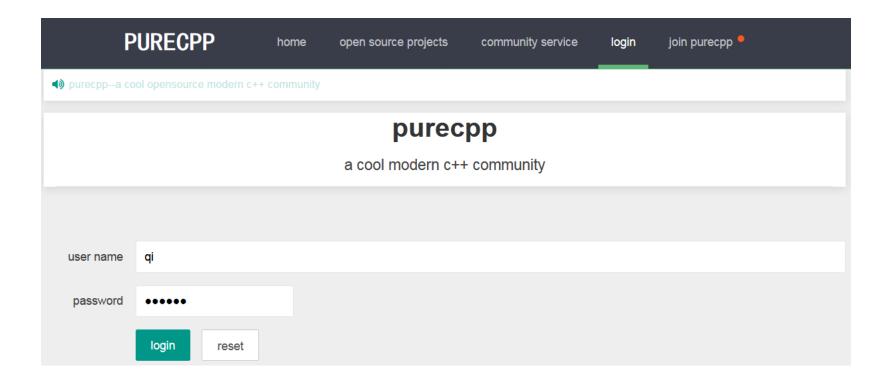
# Login html code

```
<div class="blogerinfo shadow">
   <a href="/">purecpp</a>
   a cool modern c++ community
   <hr />
 </div>
<div class="blog-body">
 <form class="layui-form" method="post" action="/login">
     <div class="layui-form-item">
       <label class="lavui-form-label">user name</label>
       <div class="layui-input-block">
         <input type="text" name="user name" required lay-verify="required" autocomplete="off" class="layui-input">
       </div>
     </div>
     <div class="layui-form-item">
       <label class="lavui-form-label">password</label>
       <div class="layui-input-inline layui-input-password">
         <input type="password" name="password" required lay-verify="required" autocomplete="off" class="layui-input">
       </div>
     </div>
     <div class="layui-form-item">
       <div class="lavui-input-block">
         <button class="layui-btn" lay-submit="login" lay-filter="login">login/button>
         <button type="reset" class="lavui-btn lavui-btn-primary">reset</button>
       </div>
     </div>
   </form>
</div>
```

#### Controller function

http://127.0.0.1/login\_page

# Example—login



```
purecpp controller purecpp ctl;
server.set_http_handler<GET, POST>("/login", &purecpp_controller::login,
    &purecpp_ctl, check_login_input{} Separate non-core business
struct check_login_input {
   bool before (request& reg, response& res) {
       auto user_name = req.get_query_value("user_name");
       auto password = req.get_query_value("password");
       if (len more than <255> (user name, password)) {
           res. set status and content(status type::bad request, "the input parameter is too long");
           return false;
       if (!check_input(res, user_name, password)) {
           return false:
       req. set_aspect_data(sv2s(user_name), sv2s(password));
       return true;
```

#### Simple and direct core business code

```
void login(request& req, response& res) {
    const auto& params = req. get aspect data();
    const auto& user name = params[0];
    const auto& password = params[1];
    std::string sql = "select ID, user_role from pp_user where user_login='" + user_name +
        "' and user pass=md5('" + password+"')":
   Dao dao:
    auto r = dao.query<std::tuple<std::string, std::string>>(sql);
   if (r.emptv()) {
        res. set_status_and_content(status_type::ok, "user name or password is not right");
        return;
    std::string user id = std::get<0>(r[0]);
    std::string user role = std::get\langle 1 \rangle (r[0]);
    init_session(req, res, user_id, user_role, user_name);
   res. redirect ("/home");
```

# How to develop web rapidly

- Focus on business function
- Separate core business and non-core business
- Utilize the framework to help you to solve trivial details
  - Use cinatra to solve http details, just need focus on the parsed results
  - Use ormpp to solve the database details, just need focus on objects mapped from the database
  - Use render to solve html details, just need focus on how to fill the html templates

# **FAQ**

# Thank you