

Customization Points that Suck Less

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What is a customization point?

A customization point is a well-defined way to specify the behavior of a feature for own types and such.

Is the problem even important?

Yes, as proven by the amount of threads about this topic on std-proposals *and* on the reflectors.

Is this a rant?

Somewhat.

Do you like macros?

Not particularly.

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std::hash, structured bindings: template specializations

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    int value;  
};  
  
namespace std {  
    template<>  
    struct hash<foo> {  
        std::size_t operator()(const foo & f) const {  
            return std::hash(f.value);  
        }  
    };  
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namespace foo {  
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    };  
  
    template<>  
    struct ::std::hash<foo> {  
        std::size_t operator()(const foo & f) const {  
            return std::hash(f.value);  
        }  
    };  
}
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- makes it impossible to include a header containing a specialization like that inside a namespace

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- and also you need to escape all your namespaces in this case too

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- arguments to a function call can pull additional overloads into the overload set

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void iter_swap(ForwardIt1 a, ForwardIt2 b)
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void iter_swap(ForwardIt1 a, ForwardIt2 b)
{
    using std::swap;
    swap(*a, *b);
}
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struct expr_thing {  
    // ...  
};  
expr_thing eval_plus(expr_thing lhs, expr_thing rhs) {  
    // ...  
}
```

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- no way to make the type have different evaluation functions for different contexts

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- this differs from normal calls by being *only* ADL, without normal overload resolution

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- it turned out I called it on `std::vector`

N4381

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Suggested Design for Customization Points

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```
namespace __detail {  
    template<class T, size_t N>  
    constexpr T* begin(T (&a)[N]) noexcept {  
        return a;  
    }  
    struct __begin_fn {  
        template<class R>  
        constexpr auto operator()(R && rng) const ->  
            decltype(begin(forward<R>(rng))) {  
            return begin(forward<R>(rng));  
        }  
    };  
}
```

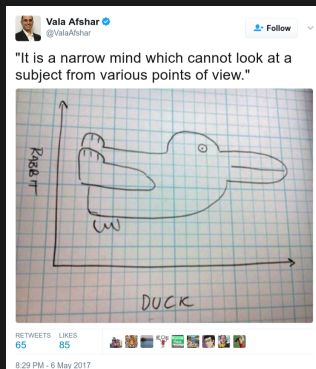
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```
// To avoid ODR violations:
template<class T>
struct __static_const {
    static constexpr T value{};
};
template<class T>
constexpr T __static_const<T>::value;
// std::begin is a global function object!
namespace {
    constexpr auto const & begin =
        __static_const<__detail::__begin_fn>::value;
}
```

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<https://twitter.com/ValaAfshar/status/860924553844969473/photo/1>

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const_12 "abc" -- this "returns" 12
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class Num a where
    (+), (-), (*) :: a -> a -> a
    negate :: a -> a
    abs :: a -> a

fromInteger :: Integer -> a

x - y = x + negate y
negate x = 0 - x
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auto concept LessThanComparable<typename T> {  
    bool operator<(T, T);  
}  
  
template<typename T>  
    requires LessThanComparable<T>  
const T & min(const T & x, const T & y) {  
    return (y < x) ? y : x;  
}
```

The C++0x Interlude: Concept Maps

```
auto concept Numeric<typename T> {  
    T operator+(const T &, const T &);  
    T operator-(const T &, const T &);  
    T operator*(const T &, const T &);  
  
    T negate(const T &);  
    T abs(const T &);  
};
```

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```
template<typename T>
struct complex {
    T real, comp;
};
```

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```
template<typename T>
struct complex {
    T real, comp;
};

template<typename T>
concept_map Numeric<complex<T>> {
    complex<T> operator+(const complex<T> & lhs, const complex<T> & rhs) {
        return { lhs.real + rhs.real, lhs.comp + rhs.comp };
    }

    // ...
};
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- A type we are defining *is* in the current namespace.

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namespace foo {
    template<typename T>
    struct tuple_size {
        static constexpr const std::size_t value = T::tuple_size_instance::value;
    };
}

namespace bar {
    struct baz {
        struct tuple_size_instance {
            static constexpr const std::size_t value = 17;
        };
    };
}
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namespace foo {  
    struct tuple_size_tc {};  
    template<typename T>  
    struct tuple_size {  
        static constexpr const std::size_t value = T::template instance<tuple_size_tc>::value;  
    };  
}  
  
namespace bar {  
    struct baz {  
        template<typename T>  
        struct instance;  
    };  
    template<>  
    struct baz::instance<foo::tuple_size_tc> {  
        static constexpr const std::size_t value = 17;  
    };  
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        struct instance;  
    };  
    template<>  
    struct baz::instance<foo::tuple_size_tc> {  
        static constexpr const std::size_t value = 17;  
    };  
}
```

Basic idea

```
namespace bar {  
    INSTANCE(foo::tuple_size_tc, baz) {  
        static constexpr const std::size_t value = 17;  
    };  
}
```

Default instances

```
struct tuple_size_tc {  
    template<typename Typeclass, typename T>  
    struct instance;  
};  
  
template<typename T>  
struct tuple_size {  
    static constexpr const std::size_t value  
        = T::template instance<tuple_size_tc, T>::value;  
};  
  
template<typename T>  
struct tuple_size_tc::instance<tuple_size_tc, T> {  
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = 0;  
};
```

Default instances

```
template<typename Typeclass, typename T, typename = void>
struct typeclass_trait {
    using type = typename Typeclass::template instance<Typeclass, T>;
};

template<typename Typeclass, typename T>
struct typeclass_trait<Typeclass, T,
    void_t<typename T::template instance<Typeclass, T>>> {
    using type = typename T::template instance<Typeclass, T>;
};

template<typename Typeclass, typename T>
using tc_instance = typename typeclass_trait<Typeclass, T>::type;
```

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struct tuple_size_tc {  
    template<typename Typeclass, typename T>  
    struct instance;  
};  
template<typename T>  
struct tuple_size {  
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = tc_instance<tuple_size_tc, T>::value;  
};
```


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struct tuple_size_tc {
    template<typename Typeclass, typename T>
    struct instance;
};

template<typename T>
struct tuple_size {
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = tc_instance<tuple_size_tc, T>::value;
};

template<typename T>
struct tuple_size_tc::instance<tuple_size_tc, T> {
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = 0;
};

template<typename T>
struct tuple_size_tc::instance<tuple_size_tc, std::vector<T>> {
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = 17;
};
```

Default instances

```
DEFAULT_INSTANCE(tuple_size_tc, T) {  
    static constexpr const std::size_t value = 0;  
};
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template<typename T>
auto swap(T & lhs, T & rhs) -> decltype(tc_instance<swappable, T>::swap(lhs,
    noexcept(noexcept(tc_instance<swappable, T>::swap(lhs, rhs))))
{
    tc_instance<swappable, T>::swap(lhs, rhs);
};
```

Default instances

```
struct swappable
{
    TYPECLASS_INSTANCE(typename T);
};

template<typename T>
auto swap(T & lhs, T & rhs) SFINAE_FUNCTION(
    tc_instance<swappable, T>::swap(lhs, rhs)
)
```

Default instances

```
DEFAULT_INSTANCE(swappable, T)
{
    // simplified *a lot* for the purpose of the talk
    template<typename T>
    static void swap(T & lhs, T & rhs)
    {
        auto tmp = std::move(lhs);
        lhs = std::move(rhs);
        rhs = std::move(tmp);
    }
};
```

Enter templates: everything is terrible

```
template<typename T>
struct counter_definition {
    void set_value(T);
    T get_value() const;
    T increment();
};
```

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```
template<typename T>
struct counter {
    template<typename Typeclass, typename T>
    struct instance;

    template<typename Counter>
    static void set_value(Counter c, T t) SFINAE_FUNCTION(
        tc_instance<counter_tc, T>::set_value(c, t);
    )
};
```


Enter templates: everything is terrible

```
template<typename T>
DEFAULT_INSTANCE(counter<T>, U)
{
    static void set_value(U & u, T val) { u.set_value(std::move(val)); }
    static T get_value(const U & u) { return u.get_value(); }
    static T increment(U & u) { return ++u; }
};
```

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```
template<typename T>
struct atomic_counter
{
    TYPECLASS_INSTANCE(typename U);

    void set_value(T val) { _value = std::move(val); }
    T get_value() const { return _value; }
    T add(T v) { return _value += std::move(v); }
private:
    std::atomic<T> _value;
};
```

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```
template<typename T>
INSTANCE(counter<T>, atomic_counter<T>)
{
    static T increment(atomic_counter<T> & c) { return c.add(1); }
};
```

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```
template<typename T>  
INSTANCE(counter<T>, atomic_counter<T>)  
{  
    static T increment(atomic_counter<T> & c) { return c.add(1); }  
};
```

error: cannot specialize (with 'template<>') a member of an unspecialized template

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```
template<typename T>
struct counter {
    template<typename Typeclass, typename U>
    struct instance;
};

template<typename T>
struct atomic_counter {
    template<typename Typeclass, typename U>
    struct instance;
};

template<typename T> template<>
struct atomic_counter<T>::instance<counter<T>, atomic_counter<T>>
    : counter<T>::template instance<counter<T>, atomic_counter<T>> {};
```

Enter templates: everything is terrible

```
INSTANCE_TEMPLATE_HELPER;
```

```
template<typename T>
struct atomic_counter
{
    TYPECLASS_INSTANCE_TEMPLATE((typename U), (atomic_counter), counter);
    void set_value(T val) { _value = std::move(val); }
    T get_value() const { return _value; }
    T add(T v) { return _value += std::move(v); }
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    std::atomic<T> _value;
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INSTANCE_TEMPLATE((typename T), (atomic_counter), counter,  
    atomic_counter<T>)  
{  
    static T increment(atomic_counter<T> & c) { return c.add(1); }  
};
```

Enter templates: everything is terrible

```
#define INSTANCE_TEMPLATE_HELPER  
    template<typename Typeclass, typename Class>  
    struct typeclass_instance_helper
```

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hash(erased);  
  
int foo = 456;
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erased.hash();  
  
hash(erased);  
  
int foo = 456;  
  
hashable::erased_ref ref = foo;
```

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hashable::erased erased = 123;
erased.hash();

hash(erased);

int foo = 456;

hashable::erased_ref ref = foo;
ref.hash();
```

```
hashable::erased erased = 123;
erased.hash();

hash(erased);

int foo = 456;

hashable::erased_ref ref = foo;
ref.hash();

foo = 789;
hash(erased);
```

Type erasure

```
#define TYPECLASS_PREPARE_MIXINS(x, typeclass_name, memfn_name) \
    template<typename ReturnType, typename... Args> \
    struct CONCAT3(typeclass_name, _typeclass_base_provide_, memfn_name) \
        : protected ::virtual_dtor<class typeclass_base_provide_> \
    { \
        virtual ReturnType memfn_name(Args...) = 0; \
    };
```

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```
#define TYPECLASS_BASE_BASE_CLASS(x, typeclass_info, memfn_name) \
    TYPECLASS_BASE_BASE_CLASS_IMPL(FIRST typeclass_info, SECOND typeclass_info, memfn_name) \
#define TYPECLASS_BASE_BASE_CLASS_IMPL(typeclass_name, template_args, memfn_name) \
public \
    virtual ::explode<typename CONCAT(typeclass_name, _definition) template_args::memfn_name, \
        CONCAT3(typeclass_name, _typeclass_base_provide_, memfn_name)>,
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        CONCAT3(typeclass_name, _typeclass_base_provide_, memfn_name)>, \
\
#define DEFINE_TYPECLASS_SEQ(template_decl, template_args, typeclass_name, member_list) \
    BOOST_PP_SEQ_FOR_EACH(TYPECLASS_PREPARE_MIXINS, typeclass_name, member_list) \
\
... \
struct _base : BOOST_PP_SEQ_FOR_EACH(TYPECLASS_BASE_BASE_CLASS, \
    (typeclass_name)(template_args), \
    member_list) ::virtual_dtor<_base> \
\
{ \
    virtual ~_base() = default; \
    virtual std::unique_ptr<_base> clone() const = 0; \
};
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struct typeclass_base_provide_member
{
    virtual ~typeclass_base_provide_member() {}

    virtual ReturnType idreflexpr(MetaObject::name)(Args...) = 0;
};
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template<typename... Ts>
using has_foo_wrapped = std::bool_constant<HasFunctionFoo<Ts...>>;

template<typename T>
bool concept Fooable = std::conjunction_v<has_foo_wrapped, ...>;
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