

C++ Training

Move Semantics

Olivier Parcollet

Center for Computational Quantum Physics (CCQ)

Flatiron Institute, Simons Foundation

New York



Temporaries

- Another kind of references...
- Mostly a library details, but you need to understand the basic since they appear in documentations.

```
struct A {  
    A(std::vector<int> && v);  
};
```

```
template<typename T>  
void f(T && x);
```

- What is the meaning of && ? From user's point of view only

Rvalue reference

- A reference to a temporary

```
class A {  
public:  
    A(std::vector<int> const & v); // 1  
    A(std::vector<int> && v);      // 2  
};
```

- The class **can take ownership** of the data of v

```
auto v = std::vector<int>{1,2,3};  
  
auto a = A(v); // 1 : copy data  
  
auto a = A(std::vector<int>{1,2,3}); // 2 : steal data  
  
auto a = A(std::move(v)); // 2 : steal data  
  
// DO NOT USE v afterwards (sanitizers)
```

Forwarding reference

- Special case when using template.
- User's point of view :
bind to anything. Reference, temporary, const, not const ...

```
template<typename T>  
void f(T && x);
```