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C++ reflection via C++ code generation in C++


```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};  
struct Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    virtual void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};  
struct Diagnostic_Report {  
    report_level severity; // severity  
    Diag_Unused_Var diag; // message  
};  
void reporter(Diagnostic_Report &reporter) override {  
    std::printf("{}: warning: unused variable",  
               reporter.diag.variable);  
}
```

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struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};  
struct Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    virtual void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;  
};
```

```
struct JSON_Reporters : Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
```

location
(file and line #)

```
        "[{{":json},  
         "severity": "warning",  
         "message": "unused variable"  
       }}]", diag.variable);  
}
```

severity

message

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struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};  
struct Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    disabled_categories.contains(  
        Diagnostic_Category::dead_code)  
  
    virtual void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;  
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;  
};
```

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struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};

struct Diagnostic_Reportert {
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Category::dead_code))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;
};
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struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};

struct Diagnostic_Report {
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Cat::dead_code))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag)=0;
    std::set<Diagnostic_Cat> disabled_categories;
};
```

```
struct CLI_Diagnostic_Report : Diagnostic_Report {
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Variable diag) override {
        std::println("{}: warning: unused variable",
                    diag.variable);
    }
};

struct JSON_Report : Diagnostic_Report {
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
        std::println(R"({{ {{ :json},
                            "severity": "warning",
                            "message": "unused variable"
                        }})", diag.variable);
    }
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    Source_Location token;  
};
```

```
struct Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {  
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(  
            Diagnostic_Category::dead_code))  
            report_impl(diag);  
    }
```

```
    void report(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) {  
        if (disabled_categories.contains(  
            Diagnostic_Category::parse_error))  
            report_impl(diag);  
    }
```

```
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag)=0;  
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token)=0;  
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;  
};
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struct CLI_Diagnostic_Reporters : Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Variable diag) override {  
        std::println("{}: warning: unused variable",  
                    diag.variable);  
    }
```

```
    void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override {  
        std::println("{}: error: unexpected token",  
                    diag.token);  
    };
```

```
struct JSON_Reporters : Diagnostic_Reporters {  
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
        std::println(R"({{":json},  
                    "severity": "warning",  
                    "message": "unused variable"  
                }})", diag.variable);  
    };
```

```
    void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Var diag) override {  
        std::println(R"({{":json},  
                    "severity": "error",  
                    "message": "unexpected token"  
                }})", diag.token);  
    };
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};

struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    Source_Location token;
};

struct Diagnostic_Report {
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Cat::dead_code))
            report_impl(diag);
    }

    void report(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) {
        if (disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Cat::parse_error))
            report_impl(diag);
    }

    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag)=0;
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token)=0;
    std::set<Diagnostic_Cat> disabled_categories;
};
```

```
struct CLI_Diagnostic_Report : Diagnostic_Report {
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Variable diag) override {
        std::println("{}: warning: unused variable",
                    diag.variable);
    }

    void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override {
        std::println("{}: error: unexpected token",
                    diag.token);
    }
};

struct JSON_Report : Diagnostic_Report {
    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
        std::println(R"({{":json},
                     "severity": "warning",
                     "message": "unused variable"
                  })", diag.variable);
    }

    void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
        std::println(R"({{":json},
                     "severity": "error",
                     "message": "unexpected token"
                  })", diag.token);
    }
};
```

```
[[demo::severity(warning)]]
[[demo::category(dead_code)]]
[[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};
```

```
[[demo::severity(error)]]
[[demo::category(parse_error)]]
[[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    Source_Location token;
};
```

```
[[demo::severity(warning)]]
[[demo::category(dead_code)]]
[[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};
```

```
[[demo::severity(error)]]
[[demo::category(parse_error)]]
[[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    Source_Location token;
};
```

SFINAE & concepts (same thing)

templates & macros (same thing)

AST & regex (same thing)

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
};  
  
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    Source_Location token;  
};  
  
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
    std::println("{}: warning: unused variable",  
                diag.variable);  
}  
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override  
std::println("{}: error: unexpected token",  
            diag.token);  
}
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
};  
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    Source_Location token;  
    string message() { return "unexpected token"; }  
};  
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
    std::println("{}: warning: {}",
                 diag.variable, diag.message());  
}  
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override  
std::println("{}: error: {}",
                 diag.token, diag.message());  
}
```

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struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
};
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void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
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}
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struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
    string severity() { return "warning"; }  
};
```

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void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                 diag.variable,  
                 diag.severity(), diag.message());  
}
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    Source_Location variable;  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
    string severity() { return "warning"; }  
};
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                 diag.variable,
                 diag.severity(), diag.message());  
}
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
    string severity() { return "warning"; }  
    Source_Location location() { return variable; }  
};
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {  
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                 diag.location(),
                 diag.severity(), diag.message());  
}
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    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}
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```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override
std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}
```

virtual functions can't be templates!

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template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) override {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
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}
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template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
    report_impl(diag);
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    report_impl(diag);
}
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```
struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {  
    Source_Location lhs, rhs;  
    std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;  
};
```

The diagram illustrates the flow of type information from the code structure to the resulting error message. Three yellow arrows originate from the highlighted parts of the code:

- A vertical arrow points from the `lhs` and `rhs` members of the struct down to the `lhs` and `rhs` tokens in the first line of the error message.
- A curved arrow originates from the `lhs_type` and `rhs_type` members and curves around to point to the `string` token in the error message.
- A curved arrow originates from the `lhs` and `rhs` tokens in the code and curves around to point to the `integer` token in the error message.

```
example.lol:3:29: error: type mismatch; this has type string  
example.lol:3:12: note: but this expects type integer
```

```
struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {
    Source_Location lhs, rhs;
    std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;
};

void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    std::println("{}: error: type mismatch; this has type {}",
                diag.rhs, diag.rhs_type);
    std::println("{}: note: but this expects type {}",
                diag.lhs, diag.lhs_type);
}
```

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example.lol:3:29: error: type mismatch; this has type string
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struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {
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void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
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                diag.rhs, diag.rhs_type);
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                diag.lhs, diag.lhs_type);
}
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void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {  
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                diag.rhs, diag.rhs_type);  
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    std::println("{}: note: but this expects type {}",  
                diag.lhs, diag.lhs_type);  
}
```

```
struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {
    Source_Location lhs, rhs;
    std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;
    string message() {
        return format("type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type);
    }
    string severity() { return "error"; }
    Source_Location location() { return rhs; }
};
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                diag.location(), diag.severity(), diag.message())
    std::println("{}: note: but this expects type {}",
                diag.lhs, diag.lhs_type);
```

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struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {
    Source_Location lhs, rhs;
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    string message() {
        return format("type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type);
    }
    string severity() { return "error"; }
    Source_Location location() { return rhs; }
};
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                diag.location(), diag.severity(), diag.message())
    std::println("{}: note: but this expects type {}",
                diag.lhs, diag.lhs_type);
```

```
struct Diag_Type_Mismatch {
    Source_Location lhs, rhs;
    std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;
    string message() {
        return format("type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type);
    }
    string severity() { return "error"; }
    Source_Location location() { return rhs; }
    string message_2() {
        return format("but this expects type {}", lhs_type);
    }
    Source_Location location_2() { return lhs; }
};

void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}",
                diag.location(), diag.severity(), diag.message())
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}
```

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template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

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template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

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template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
}

std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    report_impl_impl_2(diag);
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    report_impl_impl_2(diag);
}
```

```
template <class Diag,
          class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    report_impl_impl_2(diag);
}

template <class Diag,
           class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}

template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag) {}
```

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template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    report_impl_impl_2(diag);
}
```

```
template <class Diag,
          class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: note: {}",
                diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
```

```
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl_2(Diag) const {}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());

    std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}

}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if (__magic__)
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if constexpr (__magic__) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if constexpr (__magic__) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <class Diag,
          class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
constexpr bool has_location_2() { return true; }
```

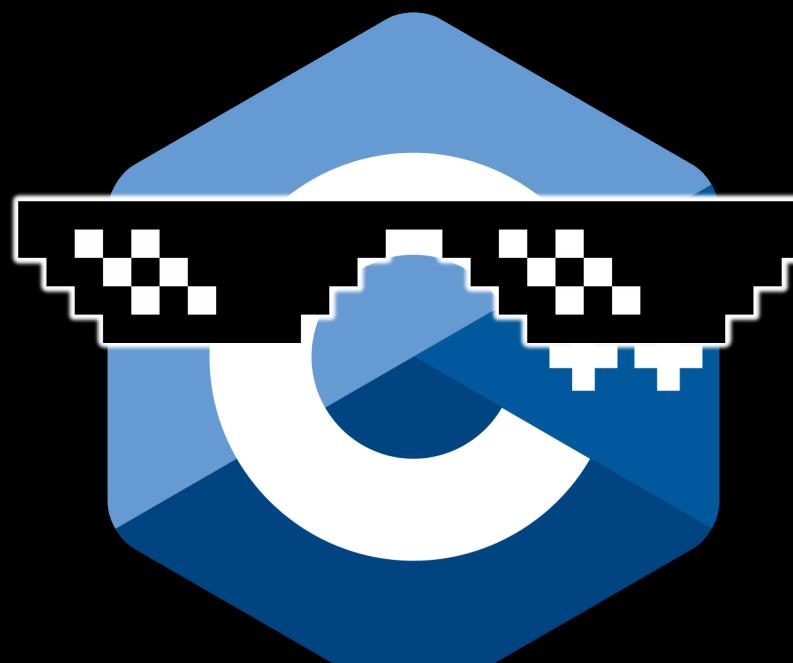
```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if constexpr (__magic__) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <class Diag,
          class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
constexpr bool has_location_2() { return true; }
template <class Diag>
constexpr bool has_location_2() const {return false;}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if constexpr (has_location_2<Diag>()) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <class Diag,
          class = decltype(declval<Diag>().location_2())>
constexpr bool has_location_2() { return true; }
template <class Diag>
constexpr bool has_location_2() const {return false;}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity(), diag.message());
    if constexpr (requires { diag.location_2(); }) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(), diag.message_2());
    }
}
```



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```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", /* ... */);
    if constexpr (requires { diag.location_2(); }) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", /* ... */));
    }
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
    report_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override
    report_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    report_impl(diag);
}
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
```

```
void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) override {
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) override
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
void report_impl(Diag_Type_Mismatch diag) override {
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
```

```
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override { \
    report_impl_impl(diag); \
}
```

```
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
```

```
struct Diagnostic_Report {
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Category::dead_code))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    void report(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            Diagnostic_Category::parse_error))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token) = 0;
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;
};
```

```
struct Diagnostic_Report {
    void report(Diag_Unused_Var diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            diag.category))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    void report(Diag_Unexpected_Token diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            diag.category))
            report_impl(diag);
    }
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unused_Var diag) = 0;
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token) = 0;
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;
};
```

```
struct Diagnostic_Report {
    template <class Diag>
    void report(Diag diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            diag.category))
        report_impl(diag);
    }
}
```

```
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virtual void report_impl(Diag_Unexpected_Token) = 0;
std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;
};
```

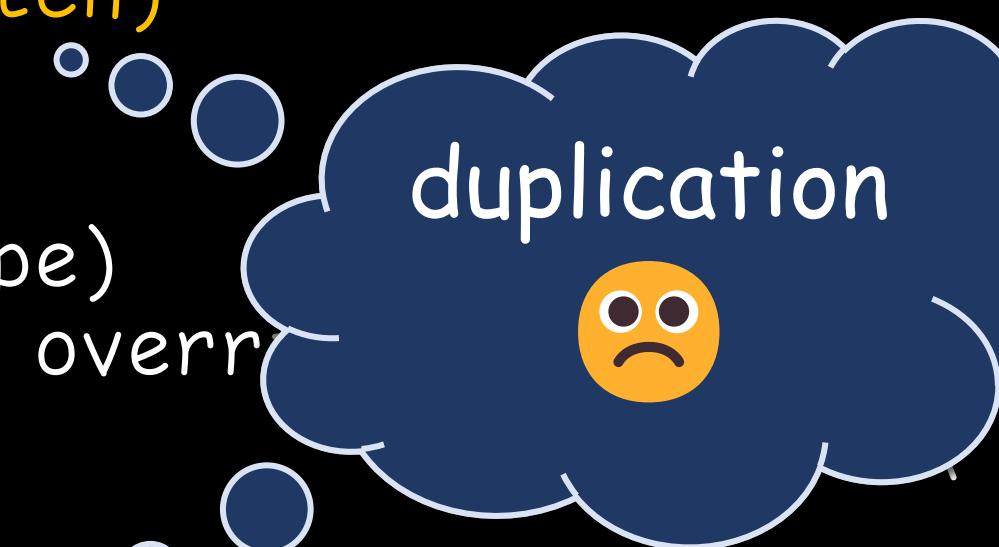
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struct Diagnostic_Report {
    template <class Diag>
    void report(Diag diag) {
        if (!disabled_categories.contains(
            diag.category))
        report_impl(diag);
    }
}
```

```
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
    std::set<Diagnostic_Category> disabled_categories;
};
```

```
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
```

```
// Diag_Report (base class)
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
// CLI_Report/JSON_Report
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override { \
    report_impl_impl(diag); \
}
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
```

```
// Diag_Report (base class)
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
// CLI_Report/JSON_Report
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override \
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var) \
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token) \
MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch) \
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
```



```
// Diag_Reportter (base class)
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
```

DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X

```
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
// CLI_Reportter/JSON_Reportter
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override { \
    report_impl_impl(diag); \
}
```

DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X

```
#undef MAKE_REPORT_TMPL
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)
// Diag_Reportter (base class)
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type)
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0;
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
// CLI_Reportter/JSON_Reportter
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type)
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override {
    report_impl_impl(diag);
}
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
```

~~SFINAE~~ & concepts (same thing)

~~templates~~ & macros (same thing)

AST & regex (same thing)

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {  
    Source_Location variable;  
  
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Category category =  
        Diagnostic_Category::dead_code;  
  
    string severity() { return "warning"; }  
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
    Source_Location location() { return variable; }  
};
```

```
template <class Diag>
struct Info;

struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};

template <>
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catogory category =
        Diagnostic_Catogory::dead_code;

    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }
    Source_Location location() { return variable; }
};
```

```
template <class Diag>
```

```
struct Info;
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
```

```
    Source_Location variable;
```

```
};
```

```
template <>
```

```
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
```

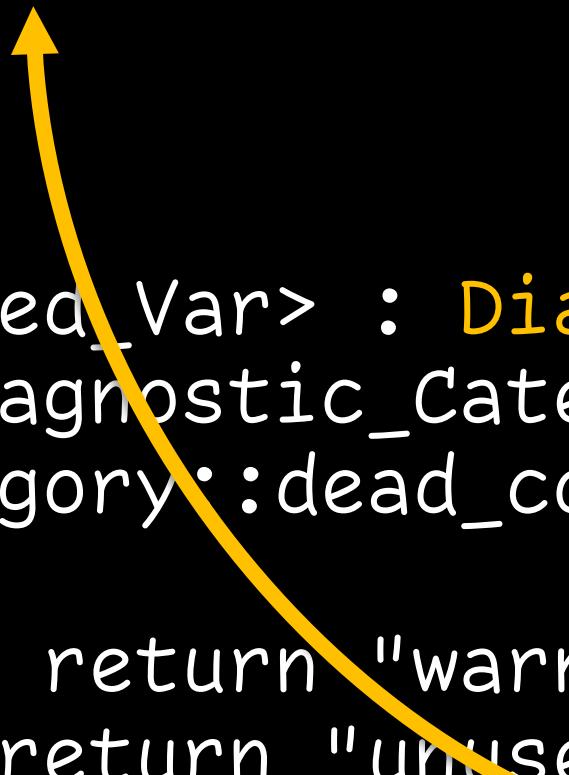
```
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catogory category =  
        Diagnostic_Catogory::dead_code;
```

```
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
```

```
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }
```

```
    Source_Location location() { return variable; }
```

```
};
```



```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl(Diag diag) {
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", diag.location(),
                diag.severity, diag.message());
    if constexpr (requires { diag.location_2(); }) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", diag.location_2(),
                    diag.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <class Diag>
void report_impl_impl(Diag diag) {
    // Undefined behavior! (don't tell anyone 😊)
    const auto& info = (const Info<Diag>&)diag;
    std::println("{}: {}: {}", info.location(),
                info.severity, info.message());
    if constexpr (requires { info.location_2(); }) {
        std::println("{}: note: {}", info.location_2(),
                    info.message_2());
    }
}
```

```
template <>
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Category category =
        Diagnostic_Category::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    string message() { return "unused variable"; }
    Source_Location location() { return variable; }
};
```

```
string message() { return "unused variable"; }  
Source_Location location() { return variable; }
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, msg)
    string message() { return msg; }
    Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, msg)
    string message() { return msg; }
    Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")

```
string message() {
    return format("this has type {}", rhs_type);
}
Source_Location location() { return rhs; }
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, ...) \
string message() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
```

```
string message() {
    return format("this has type {}", rhs_type);
}
Source_Location location() { return rhs; }
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, ...) \
string message() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(
    rhs, "this has type {}", rhs_type)
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, ...) \
    string message() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
    Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(
    rhs, "this has type {}", rhs_type)
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, ...) \
    string message() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
    Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE( \
    rhs, "this has type {}", rhs_type)
```

```
string message_2() { \
    return format("but this expects type {}", lhs_type) \
} \
Source_Location location_2() { return lhs; }
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(loc, ...) \
    string message() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
    Source_Location location() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE( \
    rhs, "this has type {}", rhs_type)
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2(loc, ...) \
    string message_2() { return format(__VA_ARGS__); } \
    Source_Location location_2() { loc; }
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2( \
    lhs, "but this expects type {}", lhs_type)
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};

template <>
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Category category =
        Diagnostic_Category::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC()
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};
template <>
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Cat
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC()
struct Diag_Unused_Var {
    Source_Location variable;
};
template <>
struct Info<Diag_Unused_Var> : Diag_Unused_Var {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Cat
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type)
struct Type {
    Source_Location variable;
};
template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var)
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type)
struct Type {
    Source_Location variable;
};
template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var)
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};

MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var, {
        Source_Location variable;
    })
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::dead_code;
    string severity() { return "warning"; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};

MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var, {
        Source_Location variable;
    })
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body, sev)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Cat
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body, sev)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Cat
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body, sev, cat)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::cat;
    string severity() { return #sev; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};

MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var, {
        Source_Location variable;
    },
    warning,
    dead_code)
```

```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body, sev, cat)
struct Type body

template <>
struct Info<Type> : Type {
    static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
        Diagnostic_Catagory::cat;
    string severity() { return #sev; }
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable")
};

MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var, {
        Source_Location variable;
    },
    warning,
    dead_code)
```

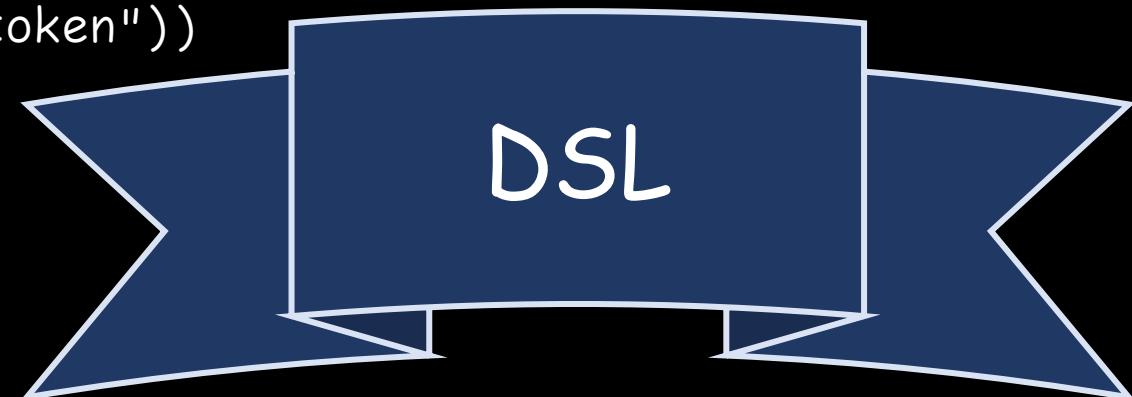
```
#define MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(Type, body, sev, cat, msgs)
struct Type body
{
    template <>
    struct Info<Type> : Type {
        static constexpr Diagnostic_Catagory category =
            Diagnostic_Catagory::cat;
        string severity() { return #sev; }
        msgs
    };
    MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(
        Diag_Unused_Var, {
            Source_Location variable;
        },
        warning,
        dead_code,
        DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))
};
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unused_Var, {  
        Source_Location variable;  
    },  
    warning,  
    dead_code,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unused_Var, {  
        Source_Location variable;  
    },  
    warning,  
    dead_code,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unexpected_Token, {  
        Source_Location token;  
    },  
    error,  
    parse_error,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(token, "unexpected token"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Type_Mismatch, {  
        Source_Location lhs, rhs;  
        std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;  
    },  
    error,  
    type_error,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(rhs, "type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type)  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2(lhs, "but this expects type {}", lhs_type))
```



```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unused_Var, {  
        Source_Location variable;  
    },  
    warning,  
    dead_code,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unexpected_Token, {  
        Source_Location token;  
    },  
    error,  
    parse_error,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(token, "unexpected token"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Type_Mismatch, {  
        Source_Location lhs, rhs;  
        std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;  
    },  
    error,  
    type_error,  
    #define DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X  
    #define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)  
    #define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)  
    #define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(rhs, "type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type)  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2(lhs, "but this expects type {}", lhs_type))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unused_Var, {  
        Source_Location variable;  
    },  
    warning,  
    dead_code,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Unexpected_Token, {  
        Source_Location token;  
    },  
    error,  
    parse_error,  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(token, "unexpected token"))
```

```
MAKE_DIAGNOSTIC(  
    Diag_Type_Mismatch, {  
        Source_Location lhs, rhs;  
        std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;  
    },  
    error,  
    type_error,  
    #define DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X  
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unused_Var)  
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Unexpected_Token)  
    MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type_Mismatch)  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(rhs, "type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type)  
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2(lhs, "but this expects type {}", lhs_type))
```

```
#define DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X

DO_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unused_Var, {
        Source_Location variable;
    },
    warning,
    dead_code,
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(variable, "unused variable"))

DO_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Unexpected_Token, {
        Source_Location token;
    },
    error,
    parse_error,
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(token, "unexpected token"))

DO_DIAGNOSTIC(
    Diag_Type_Mismatch, {
        Source_Location lhs, rhs;
        std::string_view lhs_type, rhs_type;
    },
    error,
    type_error,
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE(rhs, "type mismatch; this has type {}", rhs_type)
    DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE_2(lhs, "but this expects type {}", lhs_type))
```

```
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override { \
    report_impl_impl(diag); \
} \
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X \
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
```

```
#define MAKE_REPORT_IMPL(Diag_Type) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0; \
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X \
#undef MAKE_REPORT_IMPL
```

```
#define DO_DIAGNOSTIC(Diag_Type, ...) \
void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) override { \
    report_impl_impl(diag); \
} \
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X \
#undef DO_DIAGNOSTIC
```

```
#define DO_DIAGNOSTIC(Diag_Type, ...) \
    virtual void report_impl(Diag_Type diag) = 0; \
DIAGNOSTIC_TYPES_X \
#undef DO_DIAGNOSTIC
```

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~~templates~~ & ~~macros~~ (same thing)

AST & regex (same thing)

```
[[demo::severity(warning)]]
[[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]]
[[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {
    Source_Location variable;
};
```

```
[[demo::severity(error)]]
[[demo::category(parse_error)]]
[[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    Source_Location token;
};
```

```
struct
[[demo::severity(warning)]]
[[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]]
[[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]
    Diag_Unused_Variable {
        Source_Location variable;
};
```

```
struct
[[demo::severity(error)]]
[[demo::category(parse_error)]]
[[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]
    Diag_Unexpected_Token {
        Source_Location token;
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]]  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]]  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    [[demo::severity(error)]]  
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]]  
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]  
    Source_Location token;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {
    [[demo::severity(warning)]]
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]]
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]
};

struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    [[demo::severity(error)]]
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]]
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]] S
};


```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]]  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]]  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]]  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    [[demo::severity(error)]]  
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]]  
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]]  
    Source_Location token;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    [[demo::severity(error)]];  
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]];  
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]];  
    Source_Location token;  
};
```

```
#pragma clang diagnostic push
#pragma clang diagnostic ignored "-Wmissing-declarations"
#pragma clang diagnostic ignored "-Wunknown-attributes"

struct Diag_Unused_Variable {
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];
    Source_Location variable;
};

struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {
    [[demo::severity(error)]];
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]];
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]];
    Source_Location token;
};

#pragma clang diagnostic pop
```



LibClang does not
expose attributes

LibClang's cursors API

inside each class

inside each statement

LibClang's cursors API

5. generate C++ source code

(Info<> template specializations)

Do not use LibClang when you...:

- want full control over the Clang AST

LibClang documentation

libclang features are implemented on-demand.
Need to get more information about XXX for
your project? Implement that yourself.

Jonathan "foonathan" Müller

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    [[demo::severity(error)]];  
    [[demo::category(parse_error)]];  
    [[demo::message(token, "unexpected token")]];  
    Source_Location token;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [ [ demo :: severity( warning ) ] ] ;  
    [ [ demo :: category( dead_code_warning ) ] ] ;  
    [ [ demo :: message( variable, "..." ) ] ] ;  
    Source_Location variable ;  
};
```



```
struct Diag_Unexpected_Token {  
    [ [ demo :: severity( error ) ] ] ;  
    [ [ demo :: category( parse_error ) ] ] ;  
    [ [ demo :: message( token, "..." ) ] ] ;  
    Source_Location token ;  
} ;
```

LibClang problems

- manually parsing C++ tokens
- installing LibClang
 - did you install the right version?
- using LibClang in your build system
- using your code generator in your build system
 - what about cross compilation?

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~~templates~~ & macros (same thing)

AST & regex (same thing)

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

\[\[demo::severity\\(\s*(\w+)\s*\)\]\]

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

\[\[demo::severity\((\s*(\w+)\s*)\)\]\]

\[\[demo::category\((\s*(\w+)\s*)\)\]\]

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
\[\[[demo::severity](\s*(\w+)\s*)\]\]  
\[\[[demo::category](\s*(\w+)\s*)\]\]  
\[\[[demo::message](\s*(\w+)\s*,\s*([^\n]*?)\s*)\]\]
```

```
struct Diag_Unused_Variable {  
    [[demo::severity(warning)]];  
    [[demo::category(dead_code_warning)]];  
    [[demo::message(variable, "unused variable")]];  
    Source_Location variable;  
};
```

```
\bstruct (Diag_\w+)  
  \[ [[demo::severity](\s*(\w+)\s*) ] ]  
  \[ [[demo::category](\s*(\w+)\s*) ] ]  
  \[ [[demo::message](\s*(\w+)\s*, \s*([^\n]*?)\s*) ] ]
```

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reflection & code gen

- struct metadata
 - this talk
 - Qt Meta-Object Compiler
- pretty-printing structs and enums
 - Rust #[derive(Debug)]
- [de]serialization (JSON, binary, ...)
- language bindings (Python, Rust, ...)
- documentation (--help)