Exploring Deducing this

(and what else I learned at CppCon 2022)



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- The 4 big new things C++23:
 - deducing this
 - std::expected
 - std::mdspan
 - std::print

Functions Argument Deduction

```
void foo(Type <Value Category> arg);
```

```
foo(<expr>);
```

- A function argument specifies two things: the Type of the argument, and the Value Category (ref-qualifiers and CV-qualifiers).
- When calling a function, the resolution of the Expression determines which function, what type, and what Value Categories to use.

Vocab lesson

- L-Value: generally things you can take the address of
 - Named objects
- R-Value: generally things you can't take the address of.
 - Unnamed temporary objects
- Historical naming from their locations in an assignment:

```
VALUE = FUNCTION();
```

L-Value R-Value

Lvalue References

Foo&

- A reference to an "named" variable. Like an "alias" to another value.
- Can be non-const (mutable) or const.
- Must reference a value, cannot be reassigned to a different value.

Rvalue References

- A reference to an "unnamed" value.
- Like a Ivalue reference, must reference a value, cannot be reassigned to a different value.
- Rarely const.
- Rvalue references identify objects that may be moved from.

Overload Functions by Value Category

```
// by lvalue reference
// argument must be an lvalue
void foo(std::string& arg);

// by lvalue reference to const
// argument can be lvalue or rvalue
void foo(std::string const& arg);

// by rvalue reference
// argument must be rvalue
void foo(std::string&& arg);
```

- Overload functions to change which one gets called depending on the argument expression.
- We use Value Categories to express how the argument is used.

lvalue expr

preferred

otherwise

Foo&

Foo const&

lvalue expr

const lvalue *expr* preferred

otherwise

Foo&

Foo const&

lvalue expr

const lvalue *expr*

rvalue expr

preferred

otherwise

otherwise

preferred

Foo&

Foo const&



lvalue expr

const lvalue *expr*

rvalue expr

preferred

otherwise

otherwise

preferred

second choice

Foo&

Foo const&

F00&&

Foo const&&



lvalue expr

const lvalue *expr*

rvalue expr

const rvalue *expr* preferred

otherwise

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otherwise

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Foo&

Foo const&

F00&&

Foo const&&

lvalue expr

const lvalue *expr*

rvalue expr

preferred

otherwise

otherwise

preferred

Foo&

Foo const&

```
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string hi = "hi";
   foo(hi);
                         // A
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                         // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
   foo(getString());
                         // E
```

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std::string getString();
int main()
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                         // A
   foo(hi);
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                         // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
   foo(getString());
                         // E
```

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                         // A
   foo(hi);
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                          // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
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```
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std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string hi = "hi";
                         // A
   foo(hi);
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                          // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
   foo(getString());
                          // E
```

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```
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string hi = "hi";
   foo(hi);
                         // A
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                          // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
   foo(getString());
                          // E
```

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```
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string hi = "hi";
   foo(hi);
                         // A
   foo(hi + "bye");
                         // B
   std::string const bye = "bye";
                         // C
   foo(bye);
   foo(bye + "bye");
   foo(getString());
                         // E
```

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```
void foo(std::string& arg);
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string&& tmp = getString();
   foo(tmp);
                            // F
   char hello[] { "hello" };
                            // G
   foo(hello);
```

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```
void foo(std::string& arg);
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
void foo(std::string&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string&& tmp = getString();
                                  // F
    foo(tmp);
    char hello[] { "hello" };
                                  // G
    foo(hello);
```

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Remember: rvalues are unnamed temporary values. tmp has a name

- Ivalueness/rvalueness orthogonal to type
- rvalue: unnamed temporary objects
- Ivalue: not rvalue
- An rvalue reference variable has a name; the variable itself is NOT an rvalue.

```
int main()
{
    std::string&& tmp = getString();
    foo(tmp);
}
```

```
void foo(std::string& arg);
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string&& tmp = getString();
   foo(tmp);
                            // F
   char hello[] { "hello" };
                            // G
   foo(hello);
```

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```
void foo(std::string& arg);
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
std::string getString();
int main()
   std::string&& tmp = getString();
                            // F
   foo(tmp);
   char hello[] { "hello" };
                            // G
   foo(hello);
```

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```
void foo(std::string& arg);
void foo(std::string const& arg); // 2
void foo(std::string&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string&& tmp = getString();
                                   // F
    foo(tmp);
    char hello[] { "hello" };
                                   // G
    foo(hello);
```

Overload member functions

• What you can do with an argument, you can also do with this.

```
struct Foo {
    // this is lvalue
    void func() &;

    // this is const lvalue
    void func() const&;

    // this is rvalue
    void func() &&;
};
```

```
struct Foo {
   void func() const&; // 2
   };
Foo getFoo() { return Foo{}; }
int main()
   Foo f = Foo\{\};
                       // A
   f.func();
   Foo const b = Foo{};
                       // B
   b.func();
   getFoo().func(); // C
   Foo&& d = getFoo();
   d.func();
```

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```
struct Foo {
   void func() const&; // 2
   };
Foo getFoo() { return Foo{}; }
int main()
  Foo f = Foo\{\};
                       // A
   f.func();
   Foo const b = Foo{};
                       // B
   b.func();
   getFoo().func(); // C
   Foo&& d = getFoo();
   d.func();
```

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```
struct Foo {
   void func() const&; // 2
   };
Foo getFoo() { return Foo{}; }
int main()
  Foo f = Foo\{\};
                       // A
   f.func();
   Foo const b = Foo{};
                       // B
   b.func();
   getFoo().func();
                      // C
   Foo&& d = getFoo();
   d.func();
```

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```
struct Foo {
   void func() const&; // 2
   };
Foo getFoo() { return Foo{}; }
int main()
   Foo f = Foo\{\};
                       // A
   f.func();
   Foo const b = Foo{};
                       // B
   b.func();
   getFoo().func(); // C
   Foo&& d = getFoo();
   d.func();
```

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```
struct Foo {
   void func() const&; // 2
   };
Foo getFoo() { return Foo{}; }
int main()
   Foo f = Foo\{\};
                       // A
   f.func();
   Foo const b = Foo{};
                       // B
   b.func();
   getFoo().func(); // C
   Foo&& d = getFoo();
   d.func();
```

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Member functions without Ref

```
struct Foo {
    // this is lvalue or rvalue
    void func();

    // this is const lvalue or const rvalue
    void func() const;
};
```

- Rules are slightly modified if you do not supply a ref-qualifier.
- Good practice to supply one.

Forwarding References

```
template <typename T>
void func(T&& t);
```

- A reference intended to "forward" along. For writing "passthrough" functions.
- T&& is either an rvalue reference or an Ivalue reference.

```
template <typename T>
void func(ParamType t);
func(expr);
```

- If *expr* is an Ivalue, both **T** and **ParamType** are deduced to be Ivalue references.
- If *expr* is an rvalue, ignore the reference (&&) part and patternmatch *expr*'s type against **ParamType** to determine **T**.

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

ParamType

Line A

Line B

Line C

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
                                   // A
    foo(hi);
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

T ParamType

Line A string&

Line B

Line C

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

T ParamType
Line A string& string&

Line B

Line C

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
    foo(getString());
                                   // E
```

T ParamType
Line A string& string&
Line B string

Line C

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
                                   // C
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

T ParamType
Line A string& string&
Line B string string&&

Line C

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
    foo(hi + "bye");
                                   // B
    std::string const bye = "bye";
                                   // C
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

T ParamType
Line A string& string&
Line B string string&&
Line C string const&

Line D

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
                                   // C
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

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template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
    foo(hi + "bye");
                                   // B
    std::string const bye = "bye";
                                   // C
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

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template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
    foo(hi + "bye");
                                   // B
    std::string const bye = "bye";
                                   // C
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

ParamType Line A string& string& string&& Line B string string const& string const& Line C string&& Line D string Line E

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
                                   // C
    foo(bye);
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

ParamType string& Line A string& string&& Line B string string const& string const& Line C string&& Line D string string Line E

```
template <typename T>
void foo(T&& arg);
std::string getString();
int main()
    std::string hi = "hi";
    foo(hi);
                                   // A
                                   // B
    foo(hi + "bye");
    std::string const bye = "bye";
    foo(bye);
                                   // C
    foo(bye + "bye");
                                   // E
    foo(getString());
```

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ParamType

Line F

T ParamType

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T ParamType
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Putting it all together!

- You've been tasked with making sure that when certain object in your code base are access, an Authentication check needs to be run first.
- You decide that this could be done with a generic Gate class.

```
struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}
    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
    std::string s;
};
```

```
int main() {
    auto a = DataEngine("hello");
    std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.doCalculation()<<"\n";
    a.updateEngine(" world");
    std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.doCalculation()<<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
a value = 5
a value = 11
```

```
struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}
    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
    std::string s;
};
```

```
int main() {
   auto a = make_gated<DataEngine>("hello");
   std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";
   a.access().updateEngine(" world");
   std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";
}</pre>
```

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a value = 5
a value = 11
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
private:
    T thing;
};
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    template < typename... Args >
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward < Args > (args)...) {}

private:
    T thing;
};
```

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template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move<T>(t)) {}

    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}

private:
    T thing;
};

template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
}
```

```
struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    }

    auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
    }

    std::string s;
};
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    template < typename... Args >
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward < Args > (args)...) {}

private:
    T thing;
};

template < typename T, typename... Args >
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated < T > (std::forward < Args > (args)...);
}
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    T access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    T access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    }

private:
    T thing;
};
```

```
struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    }

    auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
    }

    std::string s;
};
```

```
a value = 5
a value = 5
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```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    T access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    [%] access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    }

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struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    }

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    }

    std::string s;
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```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
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    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    }

private:
    T thing;
};
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```
struct DataEngine {
   DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

   DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
   }

   auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
   }

   std::string s;
};
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    }

private:
    T thing;
};
```

```
struct DataEngine {
   DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

   DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
   }

   auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
   }

   std::string s;
};
```

```
int main() {
   auto b = make_gated<DataEngine>("constant");
   std::cout<<"b value = "<<b.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}

    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    }

private:
    T thing;
};
```

```
struct DataEngine {
   DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

   DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
   }

   auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
   }

   std::string s;
};
```

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template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
    T const& access() const& {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
private:
    T thing;
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class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
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    T thing;
};
```

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struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}

    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    }

    auto doCalculation() const& {
        return s.size();
    }

    std::string s;
};
```

```
b value = 8
```

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THIS IS A GOOD THING!!!



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struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}
    DataEngine& updateEngine(std::string_view newS) & {
        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
    auto doCalculation() const& {
        std::cout<<"slow\n";</pre>
        return s.size();
    auto doCalculation() && {
        std::cout<<"fast\n";</pre>
        return s.size();
    std::string s;
};
```

```
auto CreateDataEngine() { return DataEngine("Create"); }
int main() {
   auto c = CreateDataEngine().doCalculation();
   std::cout<<"c value = "<<c<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
fast
c value = 6
```

```
struct DataEngine {
    DataEngine(std::string_view s) : s(s) {}
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        s = s.append(newS);
        return *this;
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        std::cout<<"slow\n";</pre>
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        return s.size();
    std::string s;
};
```

```
auto CreateDataEngine() { return make_gated<DataEngine>("Create"); }
int main() {
   auto c = CreateDataEngine().access().doCalculation();
   std::cout<<"c value = "<<c<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
slow
c value = 6
```



```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
public:
    Gated(T&& t) : thing(std::move(t)) {}
    template<typename... Args>
    Gated(Args&&... args)
        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    T& access() & {
        // Do access check
        return thing;
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private:
    T thing;
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static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
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```
auto CreateDataEngine() { return make_gated<DataEngine>("Create"); }
int main() {
   auto c = CreateDataEngine().access().doCalculation();
   std::cout<<"c value = "<<c<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
fast
c value = 6
```



```
template <typename T>
class Gated {
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Introducing Deducing this!

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        : thing(std::forward<Args>(args)...) {}
    template <typename Self>
    auto&& access(this Self&& self) {
        // Do access check
        return std::forward<Self>(self).thing;
private:
    T thing;
};
template<typename T, typename... Args>
static auto make_gated(Args&&... args) {
    return Gated<T>(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
```

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```

- Explicit Object Parameters
- Make Explicit the Implicit this parameter.
- Opens all the existing rules of Type deduction!

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template <typename Self>
auto&& access(this Self&& self) {
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    return std::forward<Self>(self).thing;
}
```

- If *expr* is an Ivalue, both **Self** and **self** are deduced to be Ivalue references.
- If expr is an rvalue, ignore the reference (&&) part and patternmatch expr's type against self to determine Self.

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        std::cout<<"fast\n";
        return s.size();
    }

    std::string s;
};</pre>
```

```
auto CreateDataEngine() { return make_gated<DataEngine>("Create"); }
int main() {
   auto a = make_gated<DataEngine>("hello");
   std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";
   a.access().updateEngine(" world");
   std::cout<<"a value = "<<a.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";

   auto const b = make_gated<DataEngine>("constant");
   std::cout<<"b value = "<<b.access().doCalculation()<<"\n";

   auto c = CreateDataEngine().access().doCalculation();
   std::cout<<"c value = "<<c<"\n";
}</pre>
```

```
a value = 5
a value = 11
b value = 8
fast
c value = 6
```

```
template <typename Self>
auto&& access(this Self&& self) {
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    return std::forward<Self>(self).thing;
}
```

- Additional Feature enabled:
 - Recursive lambdas
 - A new approach to mixins, a CRTP without the CRT
 - Move-or-copy-into-parameter support for member functions
 - Efficiency by avoiding double indirection with invocation
 - Perfect, sfinae-friendly call wrappers

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    return std::forward<Self>(self).thing;
}
```

• This will change the way we program in C++23.

Questions?

- Timur Doumler: https://cppcon.digital-medium.co.uk/session/2022/how-c23-changes-the-way-we-write-code/
- "Effective Modern C++", Scott Meyer
- Deducing this paper: https://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/2021/p0847r6.html
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