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Practical Reflection

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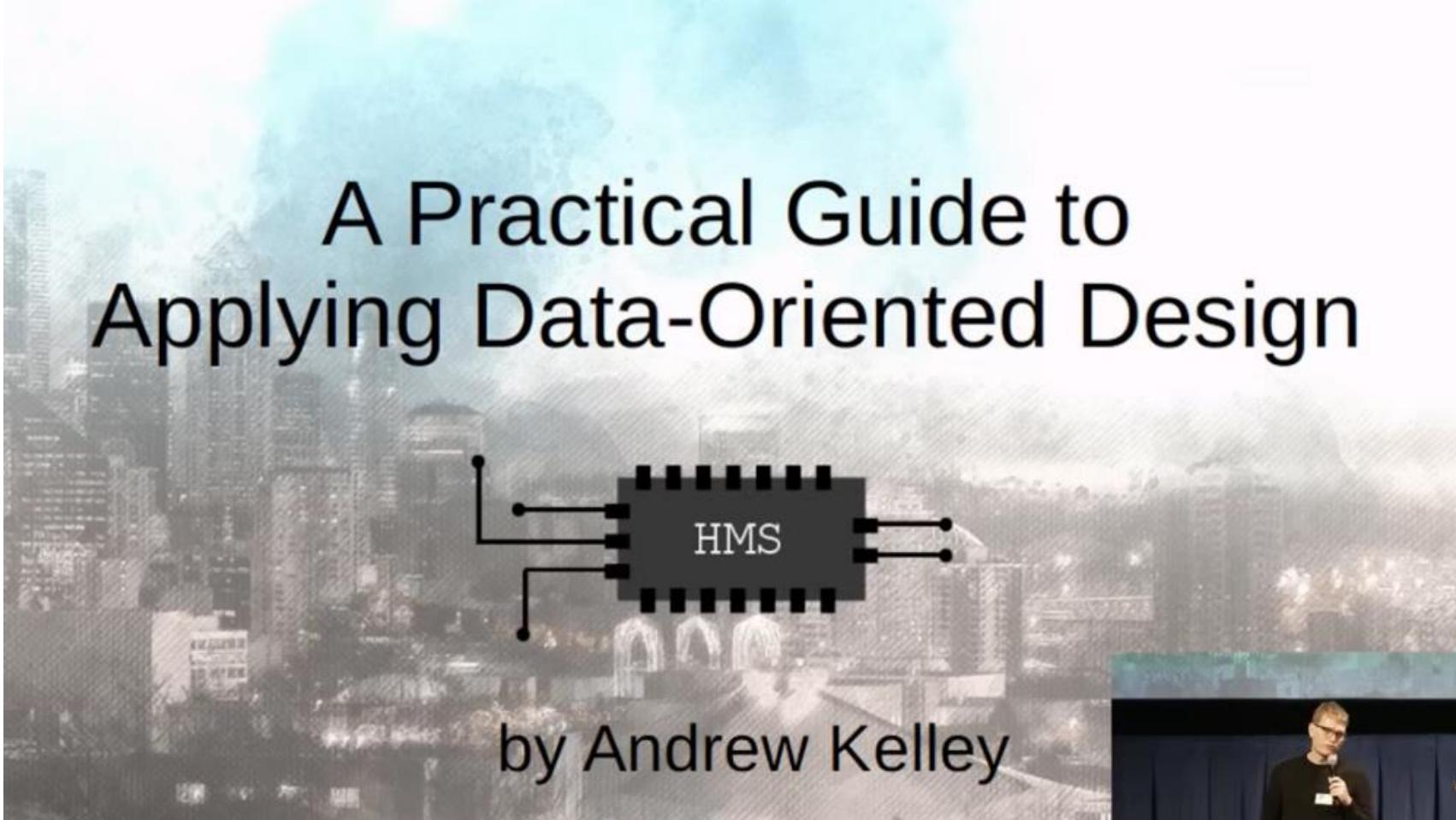
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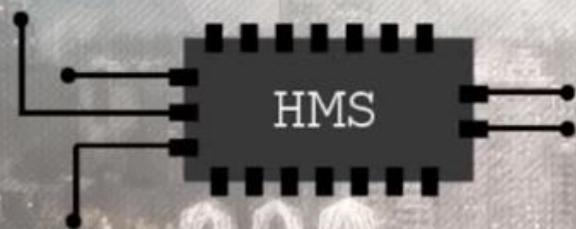
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Origin Story



A Practical Guide to
Applying Data-Oriented Design



by Andrew Kelley



Origin Story

Memory Footprint Reduction Strategies

```
const Monster = struct {
    anim: *Animation,
    kind: Kind,
};

const Kind = enum { snake, bat, wolf, dingo, human };

var monsters: ArrayList(Monster) = .{};

+var monsters: MultiArrayList(Monster) = .{};

var i: usize = 0;
while (i < 10_000) : (i += 1) {
    try monsters.append(.{
        .anim = getAnimation(),
        .kind = rng.enumValue(Monster.Kind),
    });
}
```

160 KB on 64-bit CPUs
91 KB on 64-bit CPUs



Goals for this Talk



Implement `SoaVector<T>`



Socialize `reflection` techniques

Storage

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
    long y;  
};
```

Storage

```
struct std::vector<Square> {
    Square* data_;
    size_t size_;
    size_t capacity_;
};
```

Storage

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```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
    std::vector<char> x;  
    std::vector<long> y;  
};
```

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```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
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};
```

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
    std::vector<char> x;  
    std::vector<long> y;  
  
    auto push_back(Square const& s)  
        -> void  
    {  
    }  
};
```

Storage

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struct Square {  
    char x;  
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```

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
    std::vector<char> x;  
    std::vector<long> y;  
  
    auto push_back(Square const& s)  
        -> void  
    {  
        x.push_back(s.x);  
  
    }  
};
```

Storage

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
    long y;  
};
```

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
    std::vector<char> x;  
    std::vector<long> y;  
  
    auto push_back(Square const& s)  
        -> void  
    {  
        x.push_back(s.x);  
        y.push_back(s.y);  
    }  
};
```

Same `size()`
Same `capacity()`

Storage

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
    long y;  
};
```



```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
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};
```

Storage

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
    long y;  
};
```



```
struct SoaVector<Square> {  
    char* x;  
    long* y;  
    size_t size_;  
    size_t capacity_;  
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {  
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage; ←
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        // ...
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        ...
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        ...
        std::meta::define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        // ...
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(
                ^^T,
                std::meta::access_context::unchecked()))
        {
            // ...
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(
                ^^T,
                ctx))
    {
        // ...
    }
    define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
}
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            // ...
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                type_of(m), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="size_"}));
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="capacity_"}));
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
};
```

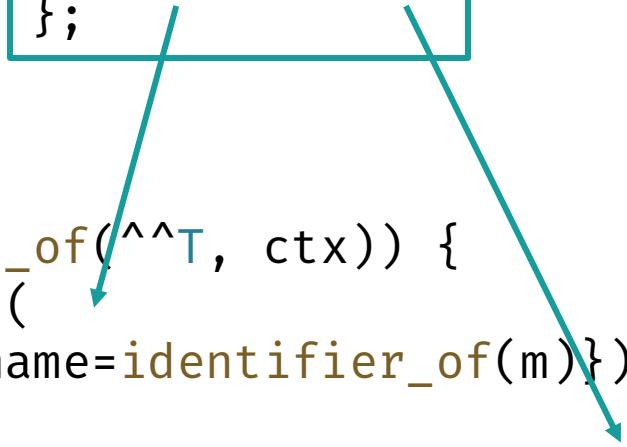
Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    1 struct Storage;
    2 consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="size_"}));
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="capacity_"}));
    3     define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
    4 Storage storage_ = {};
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="size_"}));
        specs.push_back(data_member_spec(^^size_t, {.name="capacity_"}));
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
    Storage storage_ = {};
};
```

```
struct C {
    int size_;
};
```



Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
    Storage storage_ = {};
};
```

Storage

```
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class SoaVector {
    struct Storage;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Storage, specs);
    }
    Storage storage_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    struct Pointers;
    consteval {
        std::vector<std::meta::info> specs;
        for (auto m : nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)) {
            specs.push_back(data_member_spec(
                add_pointer(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
        }
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, specs);
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) {
        return nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)
            | std::views::transform([](auto m){
                return data_member_spec(f(type_of(m)),
                    {.name=identifier_of(m)}));
            });
    }

    struct Pointers;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

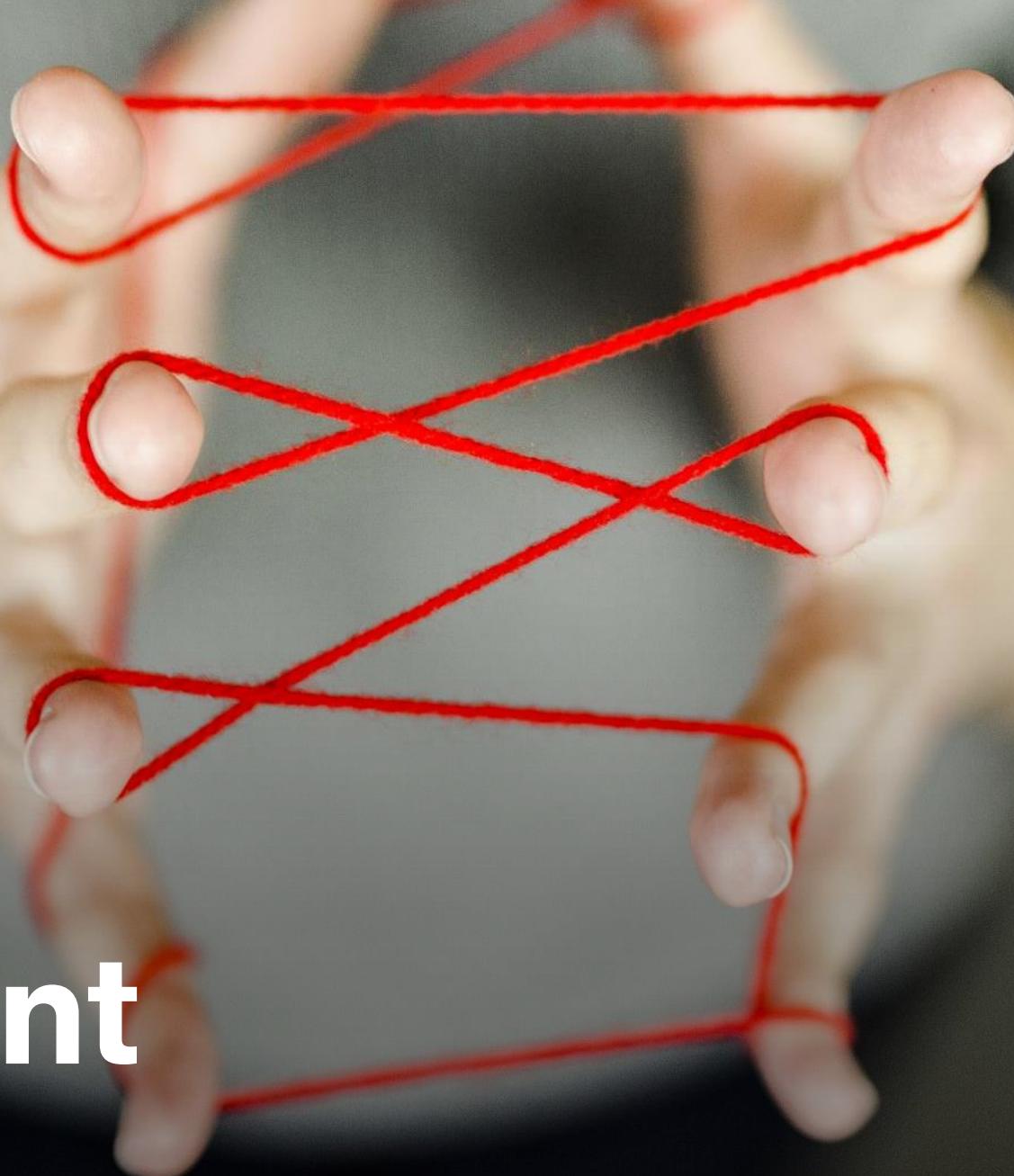
A diagram illustrating a flow of control or data. A blue rounded rectangle surrounds the entire code block. Inside this rectangle, a green box highlights the expression `f(type_of(m))`. A green arrow points from this box to another green box containing the expression `{.name=identifier_of(m)}`. A curved green arrow originates from the top right of the green box and points back towards the top left of the original code block, specifically targeting the opening brace of the inner lambda function.

Storage

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) {
        auto v = nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)
        for (std::meta::info& m : v) {
            m = data_member_spec(f(type_of(m)), {.name=identifier_of(m)} );
        }
        return v;
    }

    struct Pointers;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

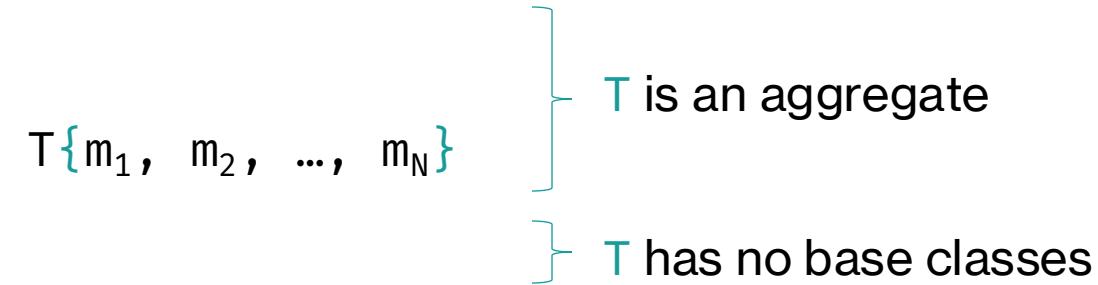
Constraint



Constraint

1. De-structure values
2. Re-structure values
3. Put names to storage

$T\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N\}$



The diagram consists of a set of curly braces grouped together. One large brace on the right spans from the first element to the last, with the text "T is an aggregate" positioned to its right. Another smaller brace is located below the first one, with the text "T has no base classes" positioned to its right.

Constraint

```
template <class T>
concept CanSoa =
    std::is_aggregate_v<T>
    and bases_of(^^T, ctx).empty();
```

- } T is an aggregate
- } T has no base classes

Constraint

```
consteval auto can_soa(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    return is_aggregate_type(type)
        and bases_of(type, ctx).empty();
}

template <class T>
concept CanSoa = can_soa(^^T);
```

Constraint

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}

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```

Constraint

```
namespace std {
    template <class T>
    inline constexpr bool is_aggregate_v = /* ... */;
}

constexpr auto is_aggregate_type(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    // ???
}

constexpr auto can_soa(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    return is_aggregate_type(type)
        and bases_of(type, ctx).empty();
}

template <class T>
concept CanSoa = can_soa(^^T);
```

Constraint

```
namespace std {
    template <class T>
    inline constexpr bool is_aggregate_v = /* ... */;
}

constexpr auto is_aggregate_type(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    return std::is_aggregate_v<[{:type:}]>; X
}

constexpr auto can_soa(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    return is_aggregate_type(type)
        and bases_of(type, ctx).empty();
}

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```

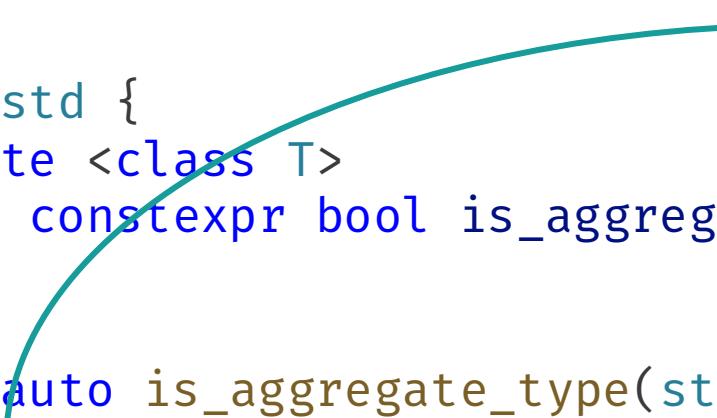
Constraint

```
namespace std {
    template <class T>
    inline constexpr bool is_aggregate_v = /* ... */;
}

constexpr auto is_aggregate_type(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    auto r = substitute(^^std::is_aggregate_v, {type});
}

constexpr auto can_soa(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    return is_aggregate_type(type)
        and bases_of(type, ctx).empty();
}

template <class T>
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    template <class T>
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    2 return extract<bool>(r);
}

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}

template <class T>
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```

Constraint

```
namespace std {
    template <class T>
    inline constexpr bool is_aggregate_v = /* ... */;
}

inline constexpr auto pred = [](std::meta::info templ){
    return [=](auto... args){
        return extract<bool>(substitute(templ, {args...}));
    };
};           ②           ①

constexpr auto is_aggregate_type(std::meta::info type) -> bool {
    auto r = substitute(`^`std::is_aggregate_v, {type});
    return extract<bool>(r);
}
```

Constraint

```
namespace std {
    template <class T>
    inline constexpr bool is_aggregate_v = /* ... */;
}

inline constexpr auto pred = [](std::meta::info templ) {
    return [=](auto... args){
        return extract<bool>(substitute(templ, {args...}));
    };
}; ② ①

inline constexpr auto is_aggregate_type = pred(^^std::is_aggregate_v);
```

Adding Elements



Adding Elements

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {
    struct Pointers { char* x; long* y; };
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        // ...
    }
};
```

Adding Elements

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {
    struct Pointers { char* x; long* y; };
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        if (size_ == capacity_) {
            grow(new_capacity());
        }
    }
};
```

Adding Elements

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {
    struct Pointers { char* x; long* y; };
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        if (size_ == capacity_) {
            grow(new_capacity());
        }
        ::new (pointers_.x + size_) char(s.x);
    }
};
```

Adding Elements

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {
    struct Pointers { char* x; long* y; };
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        if (size_ == capacity_) {
            grow(new_capacity());
        }

        ::new (pointers_.x + size_) char(s.x);
        ::new (pointers_.y + size_) long(s.y);
    }
};
```

Adding Elements

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struct SoaVector<Square> {
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    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        if (size_ == capacity_) {
            grow(new_capacity());
        }

        ::new (pointers_.x + size_) char(s.x);
        ::new (pointers_.y + size_) long(s.y);
        ++size_;
    }
};
```

members of Pointers

members of Square

Adding Elements

```
struct SoaVector<Square> {
    struct Pointers { char* x; long* y; };
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;

    auto push_back(Square const& s) -> void {
        if (size_ == capacity_) {
            grow(new_capacity());
        }

        std::construct_at(pointers_.x + size_, s.x);
        std::construct_at(pointers_.y + size_, s.y);
        ++size_;
    }
};
```

members of Pointers

members of Square

Adding Elements

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    // copy each member into its own slot

    ++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #1

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    // copy each member into its own slot

    ++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #1

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    auto& [...mems] = value; } } Packs in structured bindings (P1061)

    ++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #1

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    auto& [...mems] = value;
    (std::construct_at(ptrs + size_, mems), ...);

    ++size_;
}
```

Packs in structured bindings (P1061)

Adding Elements: Option #2

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    auto& [...mems] = value;
    template for (constexpr int I : /* ... */) {
        std::construct_at(ptrs...[I] + size_, mems...[I]);
    }
    ++size_;
}
```

Expansion Statement
(P1306)

Pack indexing (P2662)

Adding Elements: Option #2

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    auto& [...mems] = value;
    template for (constexpr int I : std::views::iota(
                    0zu, sizeof...(ptrs))) {
        std::construct_at(ptrs...[I] + size_, mems...[I]);
    }
    ++size_;
}
```

Expansion Statement
(P1306)

Pack indexing (P2662)

Adding Elements: Option #2

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    auto& [...mems] = value;
    template for (constexpr int I : std::views::indices(
                    sizeof...(ptrs))) {
        std::construct_at(ptrs...[I] + size_, mems...[I]);
    }
    ++size_;
}
```

Expansion Statement (P1306)

(P3060)

Pack indexing (P2662)

Adding Elements: Option #3

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    template for (auto [ptr, mem] : tuple_zip(pointers_,
                                                value)) {
        std::construct_at(ptr + size_, mem);
    }

    ++size_;
}

template <class T, class U>
constexpr auto tuple_zip(T&& t, U&& u) {
    auto& [...mt] = t;
    auto& [...mu] = u;
    return std::make_tuple(std::tie(mt, mu)...);
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #4

constexpr
structured bindings
(P2686)

Non-transient
constexpr
allocation
(PXXXXX)

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    template for (constexpr auto [ptr, mem] : std::views::zip(
        nonstatic_data_members_of(^^Pointers, ctx),
        nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx))) {
        std::construct_at(pointers_.[:ptr:] + size_, value.[:mem:]);
    }

    ++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #4

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    template for (constexpr auto [ptr, mem] : std::views::zip(
        define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^Pointers, ctx),
        define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)))) {
        std::construct_at(pointers_.[:ptr:] + size_, value.[:mem:]);
    }
    ++size_
}

// [meta.define.static], promoting to static storage strings
template<ranges::input_range R>
    consteval const ranges::range_value_t<R>* define_static_string(R&& r);
template<ranges::input_range R>
    consteval span<const ranges::range_value_t<R>> define_static_array(R&& r);
template<class T>
    consteval const remove_cvref_t<T>* define_static_object(T&& r);
```

(P3491)

Implementing std::define_static_array

```
template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
constexpr auto define_static_array(R&& r) -> span<T const> {
}
```

Implementing std::define_static_array

```
template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
constexpr auto define_static_array(R&& r) -> span<T const> {
    // 1. produce the array (of type T[N])
    meta::info array = meta::reflect_constant_array(r);
}
```

Implementing std::define_static_array

```
template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
constexpr auto define_static_array(R&& r) -> span<T const> {
    // 1. produce the array (of type T[N])
    meta::info array = meta::reflect_constant_array(r);

    // 2. extract the contents
    return span(extract<T const*>(array), extent(type_of(array)));
}
```

Implementing std::define_static_array

```
namespace meta {
    template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
    consteval auto reflect_constant_array(R&& r) -> info {
    }
}

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namespace meta {
    template <class T, T... Vs>
    inline constexpr T the_array[] {Vs...};

    template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
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        auto args = vector<info>{^&T};
    }

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    consteval auto reflect_constant_array(R&& r) -> info {
        auto args = vector<info>{^&T};
        for (auto&& elem : r) {
            args.push_back(reflect_constant(elem));
        }
    }

    template <ranges::input_range R, class T = ranges::range_value_t<R>>
    consteval auto define_static_array(R&& r) -> span<T const> {
        // 1. produce the array (of type T[N])
        meta::info array = meta::reflect_constant_array(r);
        // 2. extract the contents
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    }
}
```

Implementing std::define_static_array

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namespace meta {
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    inline constexpr T the_array[] {Vs...};

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    consteval auto reflect_constant_array(R&& r) -> info {
        auto args = vector<info>{^&T};
        for (auto&& elem : r) {
            args.push_back(reflect_constant(elem));
        }
    ①     return substitute(^^the_array, args);
    }
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            args.push_back(reflect_constant(elem));
        }
        1 return substitute(^&the_array, args);
    }
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```

Adding Elements: Option #4

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    template for (constexpr auto [ptr, mem] : std::views::zip(
        define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^Pointers, ctx),
        define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx)))) {
        std::construct_at(pointers_.[:ptr:] + size_, value.[:mem:]);
    }

    ++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: Option #4

```
static constexpr auto ptr_members =
    define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^Pointers, ctx));
static constexpr auto members =
    define_static_array(nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx));

template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
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    template for (constexpr auto [ptr, mem] :
                  std::views::zip(ptr_members, members)) {
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    }

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}
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Adding Elements: Option #4

```
static constexpr auto ptr_members = nsdms_of(^^Pointers);
static constexpr auto members      = nsdms_of(^^T);

template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
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    template for (constexpr auto [ptr, mem] :
                  std::views::zip(ptr_members, members)) {
        std::construct_at(pointers_.[:ptr:] + size_, value.[:mem:]);
    }

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}
```

Adding Elements: Option #5

```
static constexpr auto ptr_members = nsdms_of(^^Pointers);
static constexpr auto members     = nsdms_of(^^T);

template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::push_back(T const& value) -> void {
    if (size_ == capacity_) { grow(new_capacity()); }

    template for (constexpr int I :
                std::views::indices(members.size())) {
        std::construct_at(pointers_.[: ptr_members[I] :] + size_,
                         value.[: members[I] :]);
    }
}

++size_;
}
```

Adding Elements: growing

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::grow(size_t new_capacity) -> void {  
}
```

Adding Elements: growing

```
template <class T>
auto SoaVector<T>::grow(size_t new_capacity) -> void {
    template for (auto*& p : pointers_) {
        p = grow(p, new_capacity);
    }
    capacity_ = new_capacity;
}
```

Adding Elements: growing

```
template <class T>
template <class U>
auto SoaVector<T>::grow(U* src, size_t new_capacity) -> void {
    auto alloc = std::allocator<U>();
    U* dst = alloc.allocate(new_capacity);
    std::uninitialized_copy_n(src, size_, dst);
    std::destroy(src, src + size_);
    alloc.deallocate(src, capacity_);
    return dst;
}

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auto SoaVector<T>::grow(U* src, size_t new_capacity) -> void {
    auto alloc = std::allocator<U>();
    U* dst = alloc.allocate(new_capacity);
    std::uninitialized_move_n(src, size_, dst);
    std::destroy(src, src + size_);
    alloc.deallocate(src, capacity_);
    return dst;
}

template <class T>
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    auto alloc = std::allocator<U>();
    U* dst = alloc.allocate(new_capacity);
    std::uninitialized_relocate_n(src, size_, dst);
    alloc.deallocate(src, capacity_);
    return dst;
}

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    template for (auto*& p : pointers_) {
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Printing

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```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Pointers;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Printing

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    struct Spans;
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        define_aggregate(^^Spans, transformed([](std::meta::info ty){
            return substitute(^^std::span, {add_const(ty)}));
        }));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

```
struct Spans {
    std::span<char const> x;
    std::span<long const> y;
};
```

Printing

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto spans() const -> Spans {
        // ...
    }
};
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    auto spans() const -> Spans {
        // ...
    }
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    std::println("x={}", v.spans().x);
    std::println("y={}", v.spans().y);
}
```

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    std::println("y={}", v.spans().y); // [4, 6]
}
```

Printing

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto spans() const -> Spans {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        return Spans{std::span(ptrs, size_)...};
    }
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    std::println("x={}", v.spans().x); // ['e', 'c']
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    std::println("y={}", v.spans().y); // [4, 6]
    std::println("v[0]={}", v[0]);    // Square{x='e', .y=4}
}
```

Printing

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto spans() const -> Spans {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        return Spans{std::span(ptrs, size_)...};
    }

    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        return T{ptrs[idx]...};
    }
};
```

Formatting

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
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};  
  
template <>  
struct std::formatter<Square> {  
    // ...  
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    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }

    auto format(Square const& s, auto& ctx) const {
        return std::format_to(ctx.out(),
            "Square{{.x={{:?}}, .y={}}}", 
            s.x,
            s.y
        );
    }
};
```

Formatting

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#[derive(Debug)] struct Square {
    char x;
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struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
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template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>)) {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }

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}
```

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template <typename T>
constexpr auto has_annotation(std::meta::info r, T const& value) -> bool {
    for (std::meta::info a : annotations_of(r)) {
    }
}
```

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template <typename T>
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    for (std::meta::info a : annotations_of(r)) {
        if (type_of(a) == ^^T and extract<T>(a) == value) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

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template <typename T>
constexpr auto has_annotation(std::meta::info r, T const& value) -> bool {
    for (std::meta::info a : annotations_of_with_type(r, ^T)) {
        if (extract<T>(a) == value) {
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    for (std::meta::info a : annotations_of_with_type(r, ^T)) {
        if (constant_of(a) == std::meta::reflect_constant(value)) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
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template <typename T>
constexpr auto has_annotation(std::meta::info r, T const& value) -> bool {
    auto expected = std::meta::reflect_constant(value);
    return std::ranges::any_of(
        annotations_of_with_type(r, ^^T),
        [=](std::meta::info a){
            return constant_of(a) == expected;
        }
    );
}
```

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template <typename T>
constexpr auto has_annotation(std::meta::info r, T const& value) -> bool {
    auto expected = std::meta::reflect_constant(value);
    return std::ranges::contains(
        annotations_of_with_type(r, ^^T),
        expected,
        std::meta::constant_of
    );
}
```

Formatting

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Formatting

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    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }

    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
        // do the right thing
    }
};
```

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    // do the right thing
}
```

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{}

Formatting

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template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    template for (constexpr auto base : define_static_array(
        bases_of(^^T, ctx))) {
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[::base::]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));

    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }

    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));

    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable {
        if (not first) { *out++ = ','; *out++ = ' ';}
        first = false;
    };

    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }

    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
} // Square{}
```

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : define_static_array(
                    nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx))) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : define_static_array(
        nonstatic_data_members_of(^^T, ctx))) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{e, 4}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
// Square{e, 4}
```

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, ".{}={}{}", identifier_of(nsdm), value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{e, 4}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, ".{}={}{}", identifier_of(nsdm), value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{.x=e, .y=4}

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, ".{}={:?}", identifier_of(nsdm), value.[:nsdm:]);
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
```

// Square{.x='e' , .y=4}

Formatting

```
template <class T> struct FmtDebug { T& value; };

template <class T>
struct std::formatter<FmtDebug<T>> {
    std::formatter<std::remove_cvref_t<T>> underlying;

    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) {
        auto init = std::string_view(ctx.begin(), ctx.end()).substr(0, 2);
        if (init != "?}") { throw std::format_error("context must be ?"); }

        if constexpr (not requires { underlying.set_debug_format(); }) {
            ctx.advance_to(ctx.begin() + 1); // skip the ?
        }

        return underlying.parse(ctx);
    }

    auto format(FmtDebug<T> f, auto& ctx) const {
        return underlying.format(f.value, ctx);
    }
};
```

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, ".{}={{:?}}", identifier_of(nsdm),
            FmtDebug{value.[:nsdm:]});
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
// Square{.x='e' , .y=4 }
```

Formatting

```
template <class T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
auto std::formatter<T>::format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
    auto out = std::format_to(ctx.out(), "{}{{", display_string_of(^^T));
    auto delim = [first=true, &out]() mutable /* ... */ {};
    template for (constexpr auto base : bases_of2(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, "{}", value.[:base:]);
    }
    template for (constexpr auto nsdm : nsdms_of(^^T)) {
        delim();
        out = std::format_to(out, ".{}={:?}", identifier_of(nsdm),
                             FmtDebug{value.[:nsdm:]});
    }
    *out++ = '}';
    return out;
}
// Square{.x='e' , .y=4 }
```

Formatting

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    std::println("{ }", v.spans().x); // ['e', 'c']
    std::println("{ }", v.spans().y); // [4, 6]
    std::println("{ }", v[0]);       // Square{.x='e', .y=4}
}
```



Proxy References

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['e', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [4, 6]
    std::println("{}\n", v[0]); // Square{.x='e', .y=4}
}
```

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}",
                 v[0]);
} // Square{.x='f', .y=3}
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> T& {
    }

    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> T& {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
    }
    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> T& {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        auto value = T{ptrs[idx]...};

    }
    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> T& {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        auto value = T{ptrs[idx]...};

        yield value; // give control back to caller
    }

    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> T& {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        auto value = T{ptrs[idx]...};

yield value; // give control back to caller ✘

        auto& [...elems] = value;
        (ptrs[idx] = elems, ...);
    }

    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
public:
    auto operator[](size_t idx) -> Proxy {
        auto& [...ptrs] = pointers_;
        return Proxy{ptrs[idx]...};
    }

    auto operator[](size_t idx) const -> T;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Pointers;
    struct Spans;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
        define_aggregate(^^Spans, transformed([](std::meta::info ty){
            return substitute(^^std::span, {add_const(ty)}));
        }));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Pointers;
    struct Spans;
    struct Proxy;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
        define_aggregate(^^Spans, transformed([](std::meta::info ty){
            return substitute(^^std::span, {add_const(ty)}));
        }));
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```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Pointers;
    struct Spans;
    struct Proxy;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
        define_aggregate(^^Spans, transformed([](std::meta::info ty){
            return substitute(^^std::span, {add_const(ty)}));
        }));
        define_aggregate(^^Proxy, transformed(std::meta::add_lvalue_reference));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Square {  
    char x;  
    long y;  
};
```

```
struct Proxy {  
    char& x;  
    long& y;  
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

struct Proxy {
    char& x;
    long& y;

    auto operator=(Square const& v) -> void {
        x = v.x;
        y = v.y;
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

struct Proxy {
    char& x;
    long& y;

    auto operator=(Square const& v) -> void {
        x = v.x;
        y = v.y;
    }

    operator Square() const {
        return Square{x, y};
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Pointers;
    struct Spans;
    struct Proxy;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Pointers, transformed(std::meta::add_pointer));
        define_aggregate(^^Spans, transformed([](std::meta::info ty){
            return substitute(^^std::span, {add_const(ty)}));
        }));
        define_aggregate(^^Proxy, transformed(std::meta::add_lvalue_reference));
    }
    Pointers pointers_ = {};
    size_t size_ = 0;
    size_t capacity_ = 0;
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct Proxy;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^Proxy, transformed(std::meta::add_lvalue_reference));
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct ProxyBase;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^^ProxyBase,
                          transformed(std::meta::add_lvalue_reference));
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
template <class T>
class SoaVector {
    static consteval auto transformed(auto f) { /* ... */ }

    struct ProxyBase;
    consteval {
        define_aggregate(^ProxyBase,
                        transformed(std::meta::add_lvalue_reference));
    }

    struct Proxy : ProxyBase {
        auto operator=(T const& value) -> void;

        operator T() const;
    };
};

};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Proxy : ProxyBase {  
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void;  
  
    operator T() const;  
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = (ProxyBase&)*this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }
    operator T() const;
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }
    operator T() const;
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
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Proxy References

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struct Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }

    operator T() const {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        return T{refs...};
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }

    operator T() const {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        return T{refs...};
    }
};
```

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}, v[0]); // Square{.x='f', .y=3}
}
```

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}, v[0]); // Proxy{ProxyBase{.x='f', .y=3}}
}
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }

    operator T() const {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        return T{refs...};
    }
};
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>, =format_as(^^T)]] Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }

    operator T() const {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        return T{refs...};
    }
};
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
struct format_as { std::meta::info type; };

struct [[=derive<Debug>, =format_as(^^T)]] Proxy : ProxyBase {
    auto operator=(T const& value) -> void {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        auto& [...mems] = value;
        ((refs=mems), ...);
    }

    operator T() const {
        auto& [...refs] = *this;
        return T{refs...};
    }
};
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>)) {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }

    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
        // do the right thing
    }
};
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
template <class T>
struct derive_formatter {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }

    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const {
        // do the right thing
    }
};

template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^^T, derive<Debug>))
    : derive_formatter<T>
{ };
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
template <class T>
struct derive_formatter {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }
    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const;
};

consteval auto format_as_type(std::meta::info ty) -> std::meta::info {
    auto as = annotations_of_with_type(ty, ^format_as);
    return as.empty() ? ty : extract<format_as>(as[0]).type;
}

template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^T, derive<Debug>))
    : derive_formatter<T>
{ };
```

Formatting Proxy References

```
template <class T>
struct derive_formatter {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }
    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const;
};

consteval auto format_as_type(std::meta::info ty) -> std::meta::info {
    auto as = annotations_of_with_type(ty, ^format_as);
    return as.empty() ? ty : extract<format_as>(as[0]).type;
}

template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^T, derive<Debug>))
    : derive_formatter<typename [< : format_as_type(^T) :>]
{ };
```

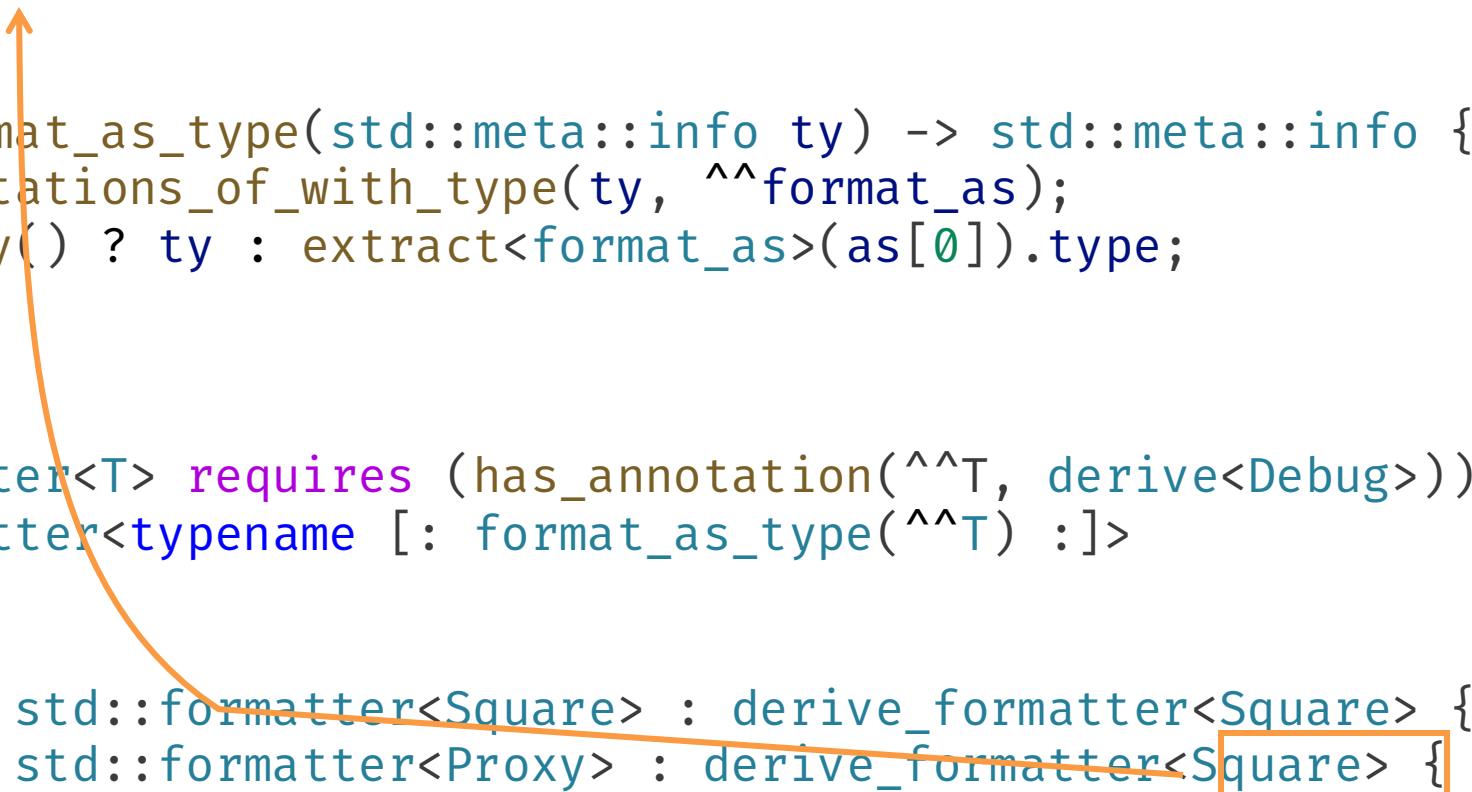
Formatting Proxy References

```
template <class T>
struct derive_formatter {
    constexpr auto parse(auto& ctx) { return ctx.begin(); }
    auto format(T const& value, auto& ctx) const;
};

consteval auto format_as_type(std::meta::info ty) -> std::meta::info {
    auto as = annotations_of_with_type(ty, ^format_as);
    return as.empty() ? ty : extract<format_as>(as[0]).type;
}

template <class T>
struct std::formatter<T> requires (has_annotation(^T, derive<Debug>))
    : derive_formatter<typename [<: format_as_type(^T) :]>
{ };

template <> struct std::formatter<Square> : derive_formatter<Square> { };
template <> struct std::formatter<Proxy> : derive_formatter<Square> { };
```



Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}\n", v[0]);           // Proxy{ProxyBase{.x='f', .y=3}}
}
```

Proxy References

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
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    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}\n", v[0]); // Square{.x='f', .y=3}
}
```



A perspective view looking up at several modern skyscrapers with glass facades against a blue sky with white clouds.

Practical Reflection

Practical Reflection

Implemented `SoaVector<T>`

`consteval / define_aggregate()`

Formatting an arbitrary type

`substitute() / extract<T>()`

Custom type traits and
`std::define_static_array()`

Many new `C++26` features

Possibilities are `endless`

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```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};

    std::println("{}, v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}, v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}\n", v[0]); // Square{.x='f', .y=3}
}
```

Possibilities are *endless*

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};
    v.with([](char& x){ x += 1; });

    std::println("{}", v.spans().x); // ['g', 'd']
    std::println("{}", v.spans().y); // [3, 6]
    std::println("{}", v[0]);       // Square{.x='g', .y=3}
}
```

Possibilities are *endless*

```
struct [[=derive<Debug>]] Square {
    char x;
    long y;
};

auto main() -> int {
    SoaVector<Square> v;
    v.push_back({.x='e', .y=4});
    v.push_back({.x='c', .y=6});

    v[0] = Square{.x='f', .y=3};
    v.with([](long& y){ y += 1; });

    std::println("{}", v.spans().x); // ['f', 'c']
    std::println("{}", v.spans().y); // [4, 7]
    std::println("{}", v[0]);       // Square{.x='f', .y=4}
}
```

Possibilities are *endless*

```
consteval auto selected(std::meta::info fn, std::meta::info ty)
    -> std::meta::info
{
    auto nsdms = nonstatic_data_members_of(ty, ctx);

    auto subset = parameters_of(fn)
        | std::views::transform([&](std::meta::info p){
            auto it = std::ranges::find_if(nsdms, [=](std::meta::info m){
                return identifier_of(m) == identifier_of(p);
            });
            if (it == nsdms.end()) {
                throw std::meta::exception(/* ... */);
            }
            return *it;
        });
    return std::meta::reflect_constant_array(subset);
}
```

Possibilities are *endless*

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struct SoaVector {
    template <class F>
    auto with(F f) {
        constexpr auto [...nsdms] =
            [: selected(^^F::operator(), ^^Pointers) :];
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        for (size_t i = 0; i < size_; ++i) {

        }
    }
};
```

Possibilities are *endless*

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struct SoaVector {
    template <class F>
    auto with(F f) {
        constexpr auto [...nsdms] =
            [: selected(^^F::operator(), ^^Pointers) :];

        for (size_t i = 0; i < size_; ++i) {
            f(pointers_.[nsdms:][i]...);
        }
    }
};
```