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## [Ch17] Specialized Library Facilities

### 17.1 The tuple Type

A tuple is a template that is similar to a pair.

A <u>tuple</u> can have <u>any number of members</u>. Each distinct <u>tuple</u> type has a fixed number of members, but the number of members in one tuple type can <u>differ from</u> the number of members in another.

A tuple is most useful when we want to combine some data into a single object but do not want to bother to define a data structure to represent those data.

The following operations can be found in the tuple header.

```
tuple<T1, T2, ..., Tn> t;
             t is a tuple with as many members as there are types T1...Tn. The members
             are value initialized (§ 3.3.1, p. 98).
tuple<T1, T2, ..., Tn> t(v1, v2, ..., vn);
             t is a tuple with types T1...Tn in which each member is initialized from the
             corresponding initializer, v<sub>i</sub>. This constructor is explicit (§ 7.5.4, p. 296).
make tuple(v1, v2, ..., vn)
             Returns a tuple initialized from the given initializers. The type of the tuple
             is inferred from the types of the initializers.
t1 == t2 Two tuples are equal if they have the same number of members and if each
t1 != t2 pair of members are equal. Uses each member's underlying == operator. Once
             a member is found to be unequal, subsequent members are not tested.
t1 relop t2 Relational operations on tuples using dictionary ordering (§ 9.2.7, p. 340). The
             tuples must have the same number of members. Members of t1 are
             compared with the corresponding members from t2 using the < operator
get<i>>(t) Returns a reference to the ith data member of t; if t is an Ivalue, the result is
             an Ivalue reference; otherwise, it is an rvalue reference. All members of a
             tuple are public.
tuple size<tupleType>::value
             A class template that can be instantiated by a tuple type and has a public
             constexpr static data member named value of type size t that is
             number of members in the specified tuple type.
tuple element<i, tupleType>::type
             A class template that can be instantiated by an integral constant and a tuple
             type and has a public member named type that is the type of the specified
             members in the specified tuple type.
```

Note: A tuple can be thought of as a "quick and dirty" data structure.

#### 17.1.1 Defining and Initializing tuples

When we define a tuple, we name the types of each of its members:

```
tuple<size_t, size_t, size_t> threeD; // All three members set to 0
tuple<string, vector<double> int, list<int>> someVal("constants", {3.14, 2.718}, 42, {0, 1, 2});
```

When we create a tuple object, we can use the default tuple constructor, which value initialize each member.

This tuple constructor is explicit, so we must use the direct initialization syntax.

```
tuple<size_t, size_t, size_t> threeD = {1, 2, 3}; // Error
```

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The library defines a make\_tuple function that generates a tuple object:

```
// tuple that represents a bookstore transaction: ISBN, count, price per book
auto item = make_tuple("0-999-8", 3, 20.00);
```

#### Accessing the Members of a tuple

We access the members of a tuple through a library function template named get.

We pass a tuple object to get, which returns a reference to the specified member.

```
auto book_price = get<2>(item); // Returns the first member of item
book_price -= 5.0; // The book price is now 15.0
```

If we have a tuple whose precise type details we don't know, we can use two auxilliary class templates to find the number and types of the tuple's members:

```
typedef decltype(item) trans; // trans is the type of item
// Return the number of members in object's of type trans
size_t sz = tuple_size<trans>::value; // Returns 3
// cnt has the same type as the second member in item
tuple_element<1, trans>::type cnt = get<1>(item); // cnt is an int
```

#### Relational and Equality Operator

We can compare two tuples only if they have the same number of members.

Moreoever, it must be legal to compare each pair of members using the == operator; to use the relational operators, it must be legal to use <. For example:

```
tuple<size_t, size_t> one(1, 2);
tuple<size_t, size_t> two;
bool ret = one < two; // OK: ret is false</pre>
```

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