

# Unevaluated Operands

## The SFINAE you don't expect

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## Some notes

- Class template: the more specialized, the preferred one.

```
template<typename T, typename = void>
struct S;

template<typename T>
struct S<T, std::enable_if_t<std::is_integral_v<T>>> {
    // ...
};
```

- SFINAE: Substitution Failure Is Not An Error

*If a substitution results in an invalid type or expression, type deduction fails. [...] Only invalid types and expressions in the **immediate context** of the function type and its template parameter types can result in a deduction failure.*

- Immediate context: *soft errors* vs *hard errors*

```
template<typename T>
struct S {
    std::enable_if_t<std::is_integral_v<T>>
    f(T) { /* ... */ }
};
```

# Unevaluated... what?

The beauty of the standard:

*In some contexts, unevaluated operands appear [...].  
An unevaluated operand is not evaluated.*

Waiting for C++20

`typeid`, `sizeof`, `noexcept`, `decltype`

# decltype

Some simple requirements:

- 1 If T has member function f then invoke it.

## Detection idiom and SFINAE

```
template<typename T, typename = void>
struct has_f: std::false_type {};
```

```
template<typename T>
struct has_f<T, std::void_t
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<has_f<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<!has_f<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

## decltype

Some simple requirements:

- 1 If `T` has member function `f` then invoke it.
- 2 If `T` has member function `g` then invoke it, otherwise 1.

## One more detector and ambiguous calls

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<has_g<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<!has_g<T> and has_f<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<!has_f<T> and !has_g<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

## decltype

Some simple requirements:

- 1 If `T` has member function `f` then invoke it.
- 2 If `T` has member function `g` then invoke it, otherwise 1.
- 3 If `T` has member function `h` then invoke it, otherwise 2.

It's obviously getting a mess...

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<has_h<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<has_g<T> and !has_h<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<!has_g<T> and !has_h<T> and has_f<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
std::enable_if_t<!has_f<T> and !has_g<T> and !has_h<T>>
invoke() { /* ... */ }
```

## decltype

Some simple requirements:

- ❶ If `T` has member function `f` then invoke it.
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- ❸ If `T` has member function `h` then invoke it, otherwise 2.

`if constexpr?`

```
template<typename T>
void invoke() {
    if constexpr (has_h<T>) {
        /* ... */
    } else if constexpr (has_g<T> and !has_h<T>) {
        /* ... */
    } else if constexpr (has_f<T> and !has_g<T> and !has_h<T>) {
        /* ... */
    } else {
        /* ... */
    }
}
```



## The *choice trick*

The *choice trick* is nothing more than a way to exploit function overloading and therefore reduce the boilerplate.

Everything starts from a trivial class definition:

```
template<std::size_t N>
struct choice: choice<N-1> {};

template<>
struct choice<0> {};
```

## SFINAE for everyone

```
template<typename T>
auto invoke(choice<3>)
-> decltype(std::declval<T>().h(), void())
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
auto invoke(choice<2>)
-> decltype(std::declval<T>().g(), void())
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
auto invoke(choice<1>)
-> decltype(std::declval<T>().f(), void())
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
void invoke(choice<0>)
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
template<typename T>
void invoke() {
    invoke<T>(choice<100>{});
}
```

All at once:

- Unevaluated operands
- Substitution failure is not an error
- Function overloading
- Detection idiom (sort of)
- Choice trick

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# Questions?



## Yet another example

### To noexcept or not to noexcept

```
template<typename, typename = std::bool_constant<true>>
struct is_noexcept { /* ... */ };

template<typename T>
struct is_noexcept<T, std::bool_constant<noexcept(std::declval<T>().f())>>
{ /* ... */ };
```

### Do you feel like SBO?

```
template<typename, typename = std::bool_constant<true>>
struct can_sbo { /* ... */ };

template<typename T>
struct can_sbo<T, std::bool_constant<sizeof(T) <= sizeof(void *)>>
{ /* ... */ };
```