

# Mini Project - Generic Numeric Data Type in C++

# **Project Overview:**

To create a base class Numeric that can represent all numeric data types (e.g., int, short, long, double, float, std::complex, char, and unsigned types) and design its derived classes to enable operations like storing these types in a std::vector<Numeric>.

## **Key Requirements:**

# 1. Base Class (Numeric):

- o Create an abstract base class Numeric to serve as the parent of all numeric types.
- Include pure virtual functions for basic arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /) and comparison operators (<, >, ==).

## 2. Derived Classes:

- Implement derived classes for int, double, float, std::complex<double>, char, and other numeric types as required.
- o Override the functions for arithmetic and comparison.

## 3. **Polymorphism:**

• Use pointers or references to Numeric for runtime polymorphism.

## 4. Memory Management:

- Ensure proper handling of dynamic memory (e.g., using smart pointers).
- o Avoid memory leaks in the implementation.

## 5. Additional Features:

- o Implement a method to convert Numeric objects to strings (e.g., std::string toString()).
- Provide functionality to read and write numeric values through std::istream and std::ostream.

## 6. Main Function:

- Demonstrate the usage of std::vector<Numeric> by:
  - Pushing different numeric types into the vector.
  - Performing operations (e.g., addition, sorting based on comparison).

## **Constraints:**

- Use only features compatible with the course syllabus.
- Avoid templates for the Numeric base class but allow templates in derived classes if required.

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