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Even Simpler C++ with C++14

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A Quick Reality Check - please raise

- I use C++ regularly (ISO 1998/2003/2011/2014).
- I write "MyClass *x=new MyClass();" regularly.
- I know how to use std::vector<std::string>.
- I prefer using STL algorithms over loops.
- I am familiar with the Boost library collection.
- I've read Bjarne Stroustrup's "The C++ Programming Language 1st/ 2nd/3rd/4th ed"
- I've read Scott Meyers' "Effective C++. 3rd ed."
- I've read and understood Andrej Alexandrescu's "Modern C++ Design"
- I've read the ISO C++11 standard
- I wrote parts of the ISO C++ standard

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 for (int i=1; i <=20; ++i){
   cout << '\n';
   for (int j=1; j <=20; ++j)
     cout << setw(4) << j*i;
 cout << '\n';
```

What's bad?

Just a running gag... aka example a multiplication table

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The output

Why is C++ "in" again?

- more computing per Watt!
 - mobile battery powered
 - servers cloud computing
 - high-performance computing & GPUs
- better abstractions than C
 - without performance price (e.g. of a VM)
 - embedded (higher-level type safety)
 - security (buffer overruns, pointers)

C++11 - What was new? (partial)

- "It feels like a new language" Bjarne Stroustrup
- auto for variable type deduction
- {} (almost) uniform initialization
 - λ Lamdas anonymous functions/functors
- && Move-semantic, move-only types
- enums strongly typed and scoped, constexpr
- <T> better template meta programming support
- <--> variadic templates, type traits
 - several library additions: function, tuple, regex
 - smart pointers for memory management

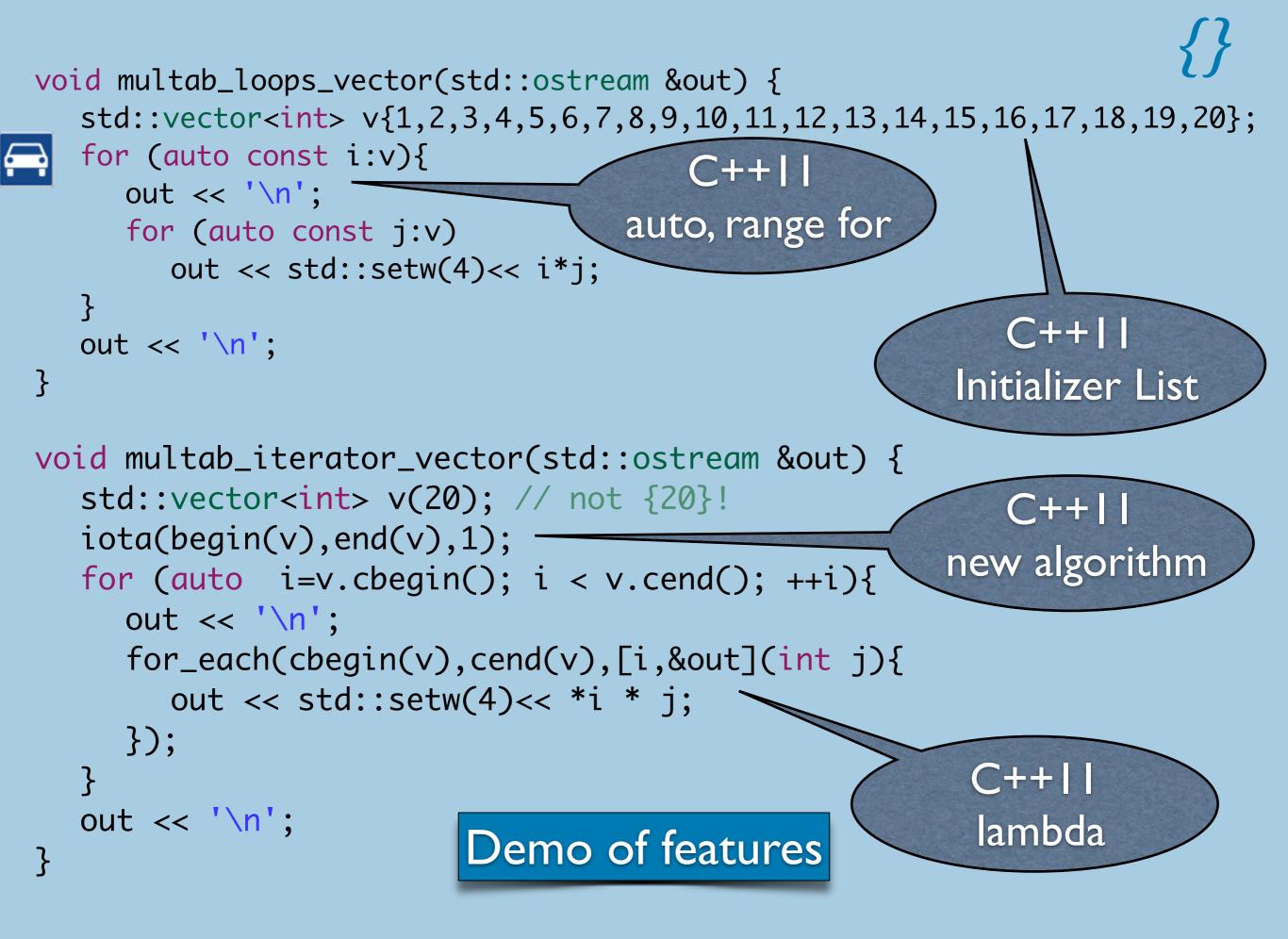
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void multab_loops(std::ostream& out) {
    for (auto_i=1; i <=20; ++i){
        out << '\n';
        for (auto j=1; j <=20; ++j)
        out << std::setw(4) << j*i;
    }
    out << '\n';
}</pre>
```

A testable multiplication table!

```
void testMultabLoopsDirect(){
   std::string const expected=R"(
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)";
   std::ostringstream out;
                                                                     C++11
   multab_loops(out);
   ASSERT_EQUAL(expected,out.str());
                                                             Raw String Literal
}
```

C++11 - What was new? (more)

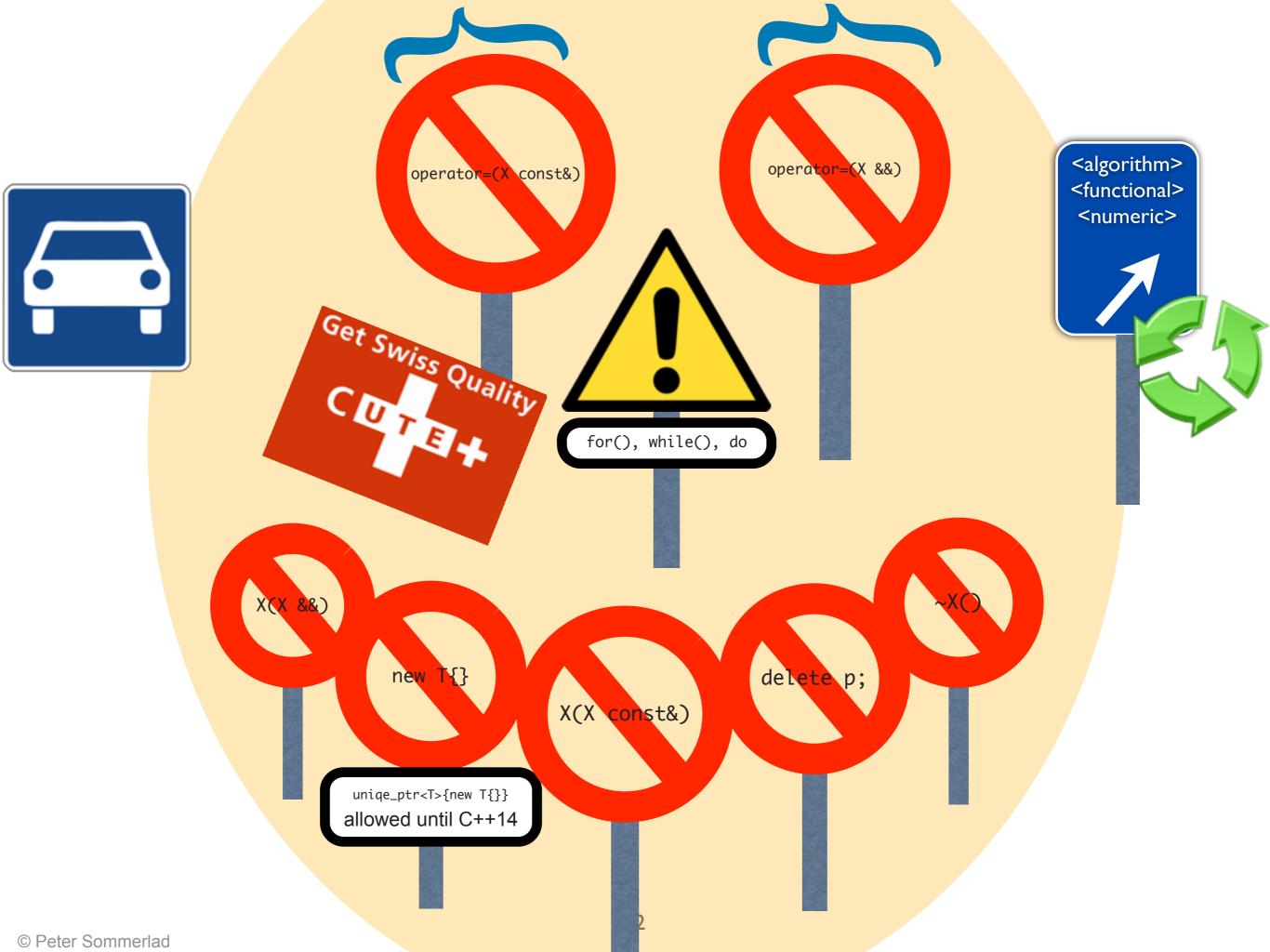
- "It feels like a new language" Bjarne Stroustrup
- multi-threading, memory model, thread_local
 - library: thread, mutex, timed_mutex, condition_variable
- range-for + easier algorithm use with lambdas
 inheriting/delegating ctors, =delete, =default,
 non-static member initializers (NSDMI)
 - constexpr functions and literal types
 - noexcept Spec instead of throw()
 - decltype(expr) for type specification
 - User-defined Literals suffixes: 42 km, 4 min



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C++11 What does this imply?

- Many classic coding rules no longer applicable
 - "Rule of Three Canonical Class"
 - virtual Destructor with virtual Members
 - manual memory management
- Many "complicated" things become easier or obsolete
 - complicated types in favor of auto
 - iterator usage vs. range-for loop
 - lambdas instead of functor classes



C++14 - What is new? (partial)

- "Bug fix release" Herb Sutter
- auto for function return type deduction
- && Move-ability removes Copy-ability
 - λ Lamdas generic and variadic
 - relaxed constexpr requirements (near full C++)
 - make_unique<T>
 - even better template meta programming
 - more convenient type_traits, tuples,
 - variable templates

C++14 - What is new? (partial)

- UDL operators for std::string, duration and complex
 - "hello"s, 10s, 100ms, 3+5i
- binary literals and digit separators
 - 0b1010, 0b0'1000'1111, 1'234'567.890'123
- shared_timed_mutex (untimed to come)
- heterogeneous lookup in associative containers
 - set<string> can efficiently find "literals"
- heterogeneous standard functors, i.e., plus<>

```
C++14
void multab_loops_binary(std::ostream& out) {
                                                           binary literals
  for (int i=0b1; i <=0b10100; ++i){}
     out << '\n';
     for (int j=0b0'0000'0001; j <=0b0'0001'0100; ++j)
        out << std::setw(0b100) << j*i;
  out << '\n';
                                                           C + + 14
}
                                                       digit separators
template<typename MULTABFUNC>
void testMultab(MULTABFUNC multab) {
  using namespace std::string_literals;
  auto const expected=R"(
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                                    C++14
  std::ostringstream out,
  multab(out);
                                     UDL
  ASSERT_EQUAL(expected,out.str());
```

Demo of C++14 features

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C++1y - what's next?

- Library Fundamentals TS
 - optional<T> optional values
 - boyer_moore_searcher efficient search!
 - any represent a value of arbitrary type
 - string_view low-overhead wrapper for character sequences (no memory management)
 - polymorphic allocators pooling, etc.
 - sample() algorithm random sampling
 - apply() call function with args from a tuple

C++1y more nexts?

- File System TS standardized file access
- Dynamic arrays (in C VLAs, but not the same)
- Feature test macros TS version portability
- Parallel TS vector(gpu?) and multi-core
- Concurrency TS tasks, thread pools, continuations, executors
- Transactional memory TS STM for C++
- Concepts-lite TS categories for template Args

C++11/14 Examples

and some of my guidelines

auto



- deduction like template typename argument
- type deduced from initializer, use =
- use for local variables where value defines type

```
auto var= 42;
auto a = func(3,5.2);
auto res= add(3,5.2);
```

 use for late function return types (not really useful, except for templates)

```
auto func(int x, int y) -> int {
   return x+y;
}
```

```
template <typename T, typename U>
auto add(T x, U y)->decltype(x+y){
  return x+y;
}
```

C++14: auto



 type deduction even for function return types (not only lambdas)

```
auto func(int x, int y) {
  return x+y;
}
```

 can even use decltype(auto) to retain references

```
template <typename T, typename U>
decltype(auto) add(T &&x, U &&y){
   return x+y;// may be overloaded
}
```

useful auto

 Use auto for variables with a lengthy to spell or unknown type, e.g., container iterators

- Also for for() loop variables
 - especially in range-based for()
 - can use &, or const if applicable

```
std::vector<int> v{1,2,3,4,5};

auto it=v.cbegin();
std::cout << *it++<<'\n';

auto const fin=v.cend();
while(it!=fin)
    std::cout << *it++ << '\n';

for (auto i=v.begin(); i!=v.end();++i)
    *i *=2;</pre>
```

```
for (auto &x:v)
    x += 2;
for (auto const x:v)
    std::cout << x << ", ";</pre>
```

C++ 03 - Problem: Initialization

- Plain Old Data POD can be initialized like in C
 - But that doesn't work with non-POD types
 - except boost::array<T, n> all STL-conforming containers are NON-POD types.
- Using Constructors can have interesting compiler messages when omitting parameters
 - instead of initializing a variable, you declare a function with no arguments
 - who has not fallen into that trap?

```
struct B {};
B b();
```

 declares a function called b returning a B and doesn't default-initialize a variable b

universal initializer



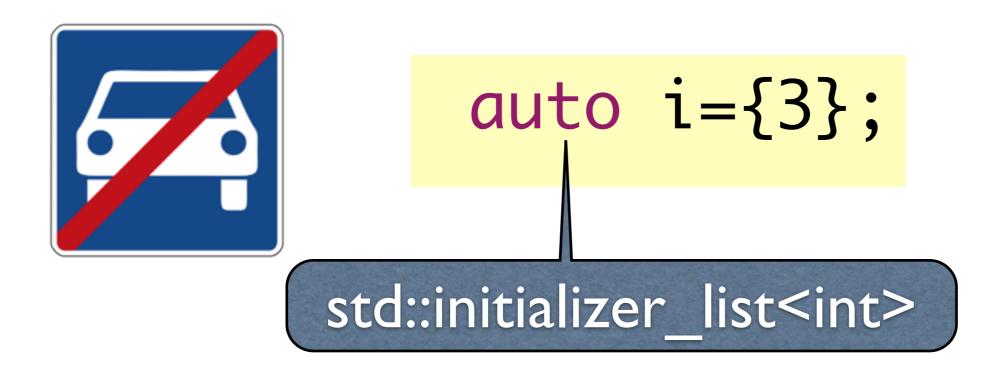
 C-struct and arrays allow initializers for elements for ages, C++ allows constructor call

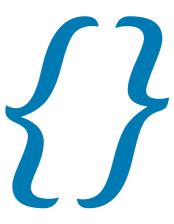
```
struct point{
   int x;
   int y;
   int z;
};
point origin={0,0,0};
point line[2]={{1,1,1},{3,4,5}};
int j(42);
std::string s("hello");
what's wrong here?
std::string t();
```

C++11 uses {} for "universal" initialization:

```
int i{3};
int g{};
std::vector<double> v{3,1,4,1,5,5,2,6};
std::vector<int> v2{10,0};
std::vector<int> v10(10,0);
```

caveat: auto and initializer





caveat: constructor overloads with initializer_list

std::initializer_list<int>

 initializer_list constructors have precedence over other ctors with matching parameters

C++14: decltype(auto) retains "referencyness" (©J.Wakely)



```
int i=3; // int
int &j=i;//int&
auto k=j; //int
decltype(auto) l=j;//int&
auto &&m=j; //int&
auto &&n=i; //int&
```

```
C++||
 template <size_t...I>
                                                variadic template
 constexpr
 auto make_compile_time_sequence(size_t const row,std::index_sequence<I...>)
    return std::array<size_t,sizeof...(I)>{{row*(1+I)...}};
 void testIndexSequenceArray(std::ostream &out){
   auto const v=
 make_compile_time_sequence(1,std::make_index_sequence<20>{});
    for (auto i=v.cbegin(); i < v.cend(); ++i){</pre>
      out << '\n';
      std::for_each(cbegin(v),cend(v),[i,&out](auto j){
         out << std::setw(4)<< \i * j;
      });
                                                          C++14
   out << '\n';
                                                     index sequence
Demo of more features
                                   C++14
```

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cbegin/cend

Algorithms & λ

Re-Cycle instead of Re-Invent the Wheel







Like many "functional" programming languages C++11 allows to define functions in "lambda" expressions

```
auto hello=[] { cout << "hello world" << endl;}; // store function</pre>
```

- [] -- lambda introducer/capture list
- (params) -- parameters optional,
- -> return type -- optional
- { . . . } -- function body
- "lambda magic" -> return type can be deduced if only a single return statement

```
#include <iostream>
int main(){
  using std::cout;
  using std::endl;
  auto hello=[]{
    cout << "Hello Lambda" << endl;
  };
  hello(); // call it
}</pre>
```

```
auto even=[](int i){ return i%2==0;};—
```

or explicitly specified

```
auto odd=[](int i)->bool{ return i%2;};
```

C++14 allows arbitrary body with type-consistent return statements and the use of auto for lambda parameters -> generic lambdas

```
void multab_lambda_bind_vector(std::ostream &out) {
   std::vector<int> v(20); // not {20}
                                               C++||
   iota(begin(v),end(v),1);
                                              iota() algo
     using oi=std::ostream_iterator<int>;
     using std::placeholders::_1;
                                               C++14
  out << '\n';
                                           generic lambda
     std::for_each(v.begin(),v.end(),[&out,v](auto y){
         transform(v.begin(), v.end(), oi{out, "\t"},
                 bind(std::multiplies<>{},y,_1));
                 out \<< '\n':
    });
                                          C++14
                                      generic functors
Demo of more features
                            C++11
                        function binder
```

- easy to use loop construct for iterating over containers, including arrays
 - every container/object c where c.begin() or (std::)begin(c) and c.end() or (std::)end(c) are defined in a useful way
 - all standard containers
- preferable to use auto for the iteration element variable
 - references can be used to modify elements, if container allows to do so
 - for (auto &x:v) { ... }
 - in contrast to std::for_each() algorithm with lambda, where only value access is possible
- initializer lists are also possible (all elements must have same type)
 - for (int i:{2,3,5,8,13}) { cout << i << endl;}</pre>
- my guideline: prefer algorithms over loops, even for range-based for.
 - unless your code stays simpler and more obvious instead! (see outputting std::map)



uniqe_ptr<T>{new T{}}
allowed until C++14

Prefer unique_ptr/shared_ptr for heap-allocated objects over T*.

Use std::vector and std::string instead of heap-allocated arrays.

NULL (void*)0

use nullptr

std::unique_ptr<T> for C pointers

- some C functions return pointers that must be deallocated with the function ::free(ptr)
- We can use unique_ptr to ensure that
 - __cxa_demangle() is such a function

```
std::string demangle(char const *name){
    std::unique_ptr<char,decltype(&::free)>
        toBeFreed{ __cxxabiv1::_cxa_demangle(name,0,0,0),&::free};
    std::string result(toBeFreed.get());
    return result;
}
```

 Even when there would be an exception, free will be called on the returned pointer, no leak!

Use shared_ptr<Base> for heap-allocated polymorphic Objects

- use make_shared<Derived>(...) to create them
- Works like Java/C# garbage collected references
- Sidesteps the need to define ~Base() destructor
 - shared_ptr will memorize the required derived class destructor
- Overhead for reference counting is there
 - plain unique_ptr<Base> doesn't work without virtual destructor...

unique_ptr<Base,Special>

- A custom polymorphic destructor can solve the efficiency overhead of shared_ptr, when only one reference to a heap-allocated polymorphic object can exist. Requires a little more overhead than plain unique_ptr
- Won't go into details here, similar to a unique_ptr<Base,std::function<void(Base*)>>
- Might be proposed for a future version of the standard

Rule for Resource Management

 Do not use raw Pointers or self-allocated buffers from the heap!

Prefer unique_ptr/shared_ptr for heap-allocated objects over T*.

Use std::vector and std::string instead of heap-allocated arrays.

 use smart pointers & standard library classes for managing resources. X(X const&)

X(X &&)

~X()

operator=(X const&)

operator=(X &&)

RULE OF ZERO

Sommerlad's rule of zero

- As opposed to the "rule of three" of C++03
 - aka "canonical class"

Write your classes in a way that you do not need to declare/define neither a destructor, nor a copy/move constructor or copy/move assignment operator

 use smart pointers & standard library classes for managing resources

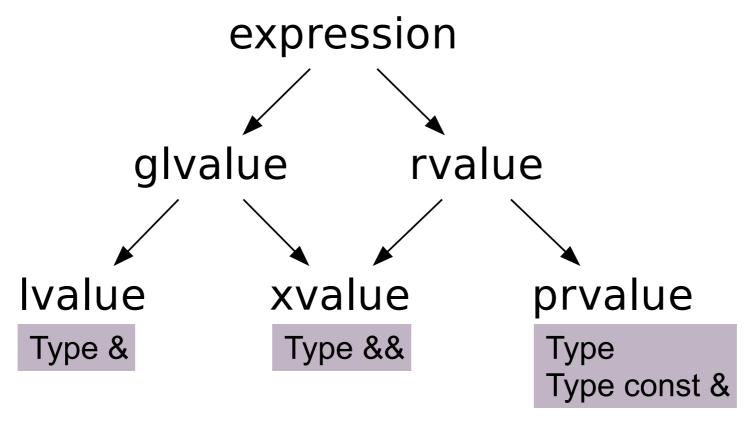
- Inspired a bit by Java
 - but much less needed, because of default arguments
- Example: Date class with overloaded constructors
 - supports different cultural contexts in specifying dates

Inheriting constructors

```
template<typename T,typename CMP=std::less<T>>
struct indexableSet : std::set<T,CMP>{
   using SetType=std::set<T,CMP>;
   using size_type=typename SetType::size_type;
   using std::set<T,CMP>::set; // inherit constructors of std::set
                                                           obtain all of std::set's ctors
   T const & operator[](size_type index) const {
       return this->at(index);
   }
   T const & at(size_type index) const {
      if (index >= SetType::size())
     throw std::out_of_range{"indexableSet::operator[] out of range"};
      auto iter=SetType::begin();
      std::advance(iter,index);
       return *iter;
};
```

- A std::set adapter providing indexed access
 - just don't add data members!
 and don't expect dynamic polymorphism

- In non-library code you might not need to care at all, things just work!
 - often you do not need to care! Only (library) experts need to.
 - for elementary (aka trivial) types move == copy
- R-Value-References allow optimal "stealing" of underlying object content
 - copy-elision by compilers does this today for many cases already
 - e.g., returning std::string or std::vector
 - Type&& denotes an r-value-reference: reference to a temporary object
- std::move(var) denotes passing var as rvalue-ref and after that var is "empty"
 - if used as argument selects rvalue-ref overload, otherwise using var would select Ivalue-ref overload or const-ref overload
- like with const &, rvalue-ref && bound to a temporary extends its lifetime



- Ivalue "left-hand side of assignment" can be assigned to
 - glvalue "general lvalue" something that can be changed
- rvalue "right-hand side of assignment" can be copied
 - prvalue "pure rvalue" return value, literal
- xvalue "eXpiring value object at end of its lifetime" can be pilfered moved from

```
template <size_t...I>
constexpr
auto make_compile_time_square(std::index_sequence<I...> ){
  return std::array<std::array<size_t,sizeof...(I)>,sizeof...(I)>
        {{make_compile_time_sequence(1+I, // row
           std::make_index_sequence<sizeof...(I)>{})...}};
}
constexpr auto a = make_compile_time_square(std::make_index_sequence<20>{});
void testCompileTimeArray(std::ostream &out){
  using namespace std;
  constexpr auto a = make_compile_time_square(make_index_sequence<20>{});
  for_each(begin(a),end(a),[&out](auto row){
     out << '\n';
     for_each(begin(row),end(row),[&out](auto elt){
        out << setw(4) << elt;
     });
  });
  out << '\n';
                                                           C++14
                                                    multiplication table
          Remember our example?
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                                                            time
```

Announcement: Cevelop.com

- We will provide a one-stop download for C++ developers for an Eclipse-based IDE with our refactoring, unit testing and code generation plug-ins at cevelop.com
- Refactorings: Namespactor, Macronator, Elevator...
- Includator: include optimization
- cute-test, Mockator
- TBA: Cevelop quick-start C++11 including compiler

```
template <char... s>
using char_sequence=std::integer_sequence<char,s...>;
template <char ...s>
constexpr auto newline(char_sequence<s...>){
      return char_sequence<s...,'\n'>{};
constexpr auto newline(){
      return char_sequence<'\n'>{};
constexpr char make_digit_char(size_t const digit, size_t
const power_of_ten=1, char const zero=' '){
      return char(digit>=power_of_ten?digit/power_of_ten
+'0':zero);
template <size_t num>
constexpr auto make_chars_from_num(){
      static_assert(num < 1000, "can not handle large</pre>
numbers");
      return char_sequence< ' ',</pre>
             make_digit_char(num,100),
             make_digit_char(num%100,10,num>=100?'0':' '),
             char(num%10+'0')
      >{};
template <typename INT, INT ...s, INT ...t>
constexpr auto
concat_sequence(std::integer_sequence<INT,s...>,std::integer_ constexpr auto make_rows_as_charseq(){
sequence<INT,t...>){
      return std::integer_sequence<INT,s...,t...>{};
template<size_t N, size_t ...I>
constexpr auto add(std::index_sequence<I...>){
      return std::index_sequence<(N+I)...>{};
template<size_t factor, size_t ...cols>
constexpr auto multiply(std::index_sequence<cols...>){
      return std::index_sequence<(factor*cols)...>{};
// can not use overload, but need to delegate to class
template with specialization
template <size_t...elts>
struct convert_to_charseq_impl;
// need level of indirection to do <u>variadic</u> template
recursion head-tail cutting
template <size_t n, size_t ...rest>
constexpr auto convert_to_charseq(){
concat_sequence(make_chars_from_num<n>(),convert_to_charseq_i
mpl<rest...>{}());
```

```
template <size t...elts>
struct convert_to_charseq_impl{
      constexpr auto operator()()const {
             return convert_to_charseq<elts...>();
};
template <>
struct convert_to_charseq_impl<>{
      constexpr auto operator()()const{
             return char_sequence<>{};
template<size_t ...cols>
constexpr auto makerowcharseq(std::index_sequence<cols...>){
      return newline(convert_to_charseq<cols...>());
template <size_t row, size_t num>
constexpr auto makerow(){
       constexpr auto
indices=multiply<row>(add<1>(std::make_index_sequence<num>{})
       return makerowcharseq(indices);
template <size_t n,size_t...cols>
struct make_rows_as_charseq_impl;
template <size_t n, size_t col, size_t ...rest>
concat_sequence(makerow<col,n>(),make_rows_as_charseq_impl<n,</pre>
rest...>{}());
template <size_t n,size_t...cols> //recurse indirectly
struct make_rows_as_charseq_impl {
      constexpr auto operator()()const{
             return make_rows_as_charseq<n,cols...>();
};
template<size_t n> // base case
struct make_rows_as_charseq_impl<n> {
      constexpr auto operator()()const{
             return char_sequence<>{};
};
template <size_t n,size_t ...cols>
constexpr auto makerows(std::index_sequence<cols...>){
       return make_rows_as_charseq<n,cols...>();
```

```
template <char ...s>
constexpr static char const make_char_string[]={s..., '\0'};
template <char ...s>
constexpr auto const &
make_char_string_from_sequence(char_sequence<s...>){
      return make_char_string<s...>;
template <size_t dim>
constexpr auto multiplication_table=
make_char_string_from_sequence(concat_sequence(newline(), //
initial newline just to match raw literal
makerows<dim>(add<1>(std::make_index_sequence<dim>{}))));
constexpr char const * const
expectedresult=multiplication_table<20>;
                   C++14
```

multiplication table computed at compile time as char sequence

```
template <size_t dim>
constexpr auto multiplication_table=make_char_array(
     makerows<dim>(add1(std::make_index_sequence<dim>{})));
void test10by10VariableTemplateVersion ()?
  using namespace std::string_literals;
                                                        C + + 14
  std::ostringstream out;
                                                   variable template
  out << multiplication_table<0b10>.data();
  auto const expected=R"(
)<u>"</u>s;
  ASSERT_EQUAL(expected,out.str());
  ASSERT_EQUAL(expected, multiplication_table<2>.data());
}
```

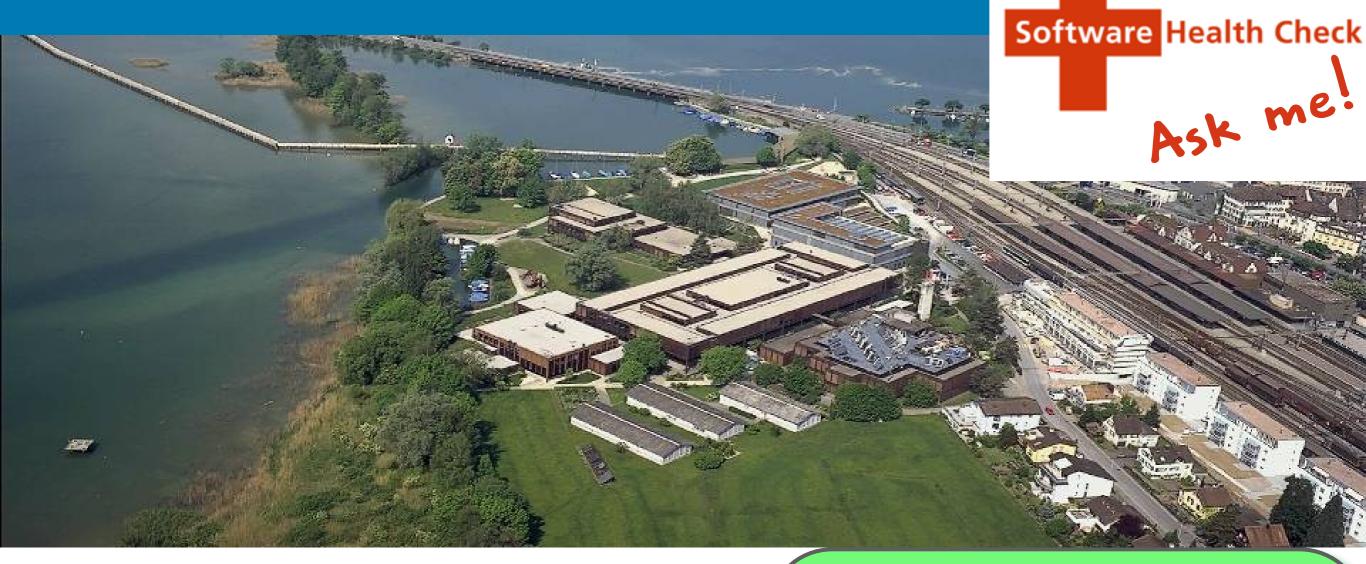
We can have is also as a VARIABLE template!

```
//@main.cpp
                                                     //=
#include <cstring>
                                                     #include <cstring>
                                                     #include <string>
int main() {
                                                      int main() {
char filename[] = "myfile.txt";
                                                      std::string filename = "myfile.txt";
strncpy(filename + strlen(filename) - 3, "doc", 3);
                                                     filename.replace(filename.size() - 3, 3, "doc", 0, 3);
strncpy(filename - 3 + strlen(filename), "doc", 3);
                                                     filename.replace(-3 + filename.size(), 3, "doc", 0, 3);
strncpy(strlen(filename) - 3 + filename, "doc", 3);
                                                     filename.replace(filename.size() - 3, 3, "doc", 0, 3);
                                                     filename.replace(filename.size() - 3, 3, "doc", 0, 3);
strncpy(strlen(filename) + filename - 3, "doc", 3);
strncpy(-3 + strlen(filename) + filename, "doc", 3);
                                                     filename.replace(-3 + filename.size(), 3, "doc", 0, 3);
strncpy(-3 + filename + strlen(filename), "doc", 3);
                                                     filename.replace(-3 + filename.size(), 3, "doc", 0, 3);
```



Upcoming C++ Refactoring replace char* with std::string actual test case

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