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I am pleased to present this series of booklets, compiled from various sources, including books, websites, and GenAI (Generative Artificial Intelligence) systems, to serve as a quick reference for simplifying the C++ language for both beginners and professionals. This series consists of 10 booklets, each approximately 150 pages, covering essential topics of this powerful language, ranging from beginner to advanced levels. I hope that this free series will provide significant value to the followers of https://simplifycpp.org and align with its strategy of simplifying C++. Below is the index of these booklets, which will be included at the beginning of each booklet.

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Chapter 1

Templates and Metaprogramming

1.1 Function and Class Templates

1.1.1 Introduction to Templates in C++

Templates are one of the most powerful and versatile features in C++. They form the foundation of **generic programming**, a paradigm that allows you to write code that is independent of specific data types. By using templates, you can create functions and classes that work seamlessly with any data type, eliminating the need to write redundant code for each type. This not only enhances code reusability but also improves maintainability and reduces the likelihood of errors.

Templates are a cornerstone of modern C++ programming, enabling the development of highly efficient and flexible libraries, such as the **Standard Template Library (STL)**. They are also essential for advanced techniques like **template metaprogramming**, which allows computations and logic to be executed at compile time.

In this section, we will explore **function templates** and **class templates** in detail, along with advanced concepts like **template specialization**, **non-type template parameters**, and **variadic**

templates. These concepts are critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to harness the full power of C++.

1.1.2 Function Templates

1. **Definition and Purpose**

   A **function template** is a blueprint for creating functions that can operate on any data type. Instead of writing multiple overloaded functions for different types (e.g., `int`, `double`, `std::string`), you can write a single function template that works for all of them. The compiler generates the appropriate function for each type at compile time.

2. **Syntax**

   The syntax for a function template involves the `template` keyword, followed by a list of template parameters enclosed in angle brackets (<>). Each parameter is prefixed with `typename` (or `class`, which is interchangeable in this context).

```
template <typename T>
T add(T a, T b) {
    return a + b;
}
```

   - `template <typename T>`: This declares a template with a single type parameter `T`.
   - `T add(T a, T b)`: This is the function template. The type `T` can be any data type, such as `int`, `double`, or even user-defined types.

3. **Example Usage**

```
int main() {
    int i = add(3, 4);                          // T is int
    double d = add(3.5, 4.5);                   // T is double
    std::string s = add(std::string("Hello, "),
    ↪  std::string("World!")); // T is std::string
}
```

- When `add(3, 4)` is called, the compiler generates a version of `add` where `T` is `int`.
- When `add(3.5, 4.5)` is called, the compiler generates a version of `add` where `T` is `double`.
- When `add("Hello, ", "World!")` is called, the compiler generates a version of `add` where `T` is `std::string`.

4. **Key Points**

   (a) **Code Reusability**: A single function template can handle multiple types, reducing code duplication.

   (b) **Type Safety**: Templates ensure type safety at compile time. For example, you cannot call `add(3, 4.5)` because `T` cannot be both `int` and `double`.

   (c) **Performance**: Since templates are resolved at compile time, there is no runtime overhead compared to using function pointers or virtual functions.

5. **Overloading Function Templates**

   Function templates can be overloaded, just like regular functions. This allows you to provide specialized implementations for specific types or scenarios.

```
template <typename T>
T add(T a, T b) {
    return a + b;
}

// Overload for const char* (C-style strings)
const char* add(const char* a, const char* b) {
    std::string result = std::string(a) + std::string(b);
    return result.c_str(); // Note: This is unsafe in real code; just
    ↪  for demonstration
}
```

6. **Template Argument Deduction**

   The compiler can automatically deduce the template arguments based on the function arguments. For example:

```
auto result = add(3, 4); // Compiler deduces T is int
```

   You can also explicitly specify the template arguments:

```
auto result = add<double>(3, 4); // T is explicitly set to double
```

1.1.3 Class Templates

1. **Definition and Purpose**

   A **class template** is a blueprint for creating classes that can operate on any data type. Like function templates, class templates allow you to define a class once and use it with

multiple types. This is particularly useful for creating generic containers, such as vectors, stacks, or queues.

2. **Syntax**

   The syntax for a class template is similar to that of a function template. You use the `template` keyword followed by a list of template parameters.

```
template <typename T>
class Box {
private:
    T value;
public:
    Box(T v) : value(v) {}
    T getValue() const { return value; }
};
```

   - `template <typename T>`: This declares a template with a single type parameter `T`.
   - `class Box { ... };`: This is the class template. The type `T` can be any data type.

3. **Example Usage**

```
int main() {
    Box<int> intBox(123);
    Box<double> doubleBox(456.78);
    Box<std::string> stringBox("Hello, World!");

    std::cout << intBox.getValue() << std::endl;       // Output: 123
    std::cout << doubleBox.getValue() << std::endl;    // Output:
    ↪  456.78
```

```
    std::cout << stringBox.getValue() << std::endl;     // Output:
    ↪  Hello, World!
}
```

- When `Box<int>` is instantiated, the compiler generates a version of `Box` where `T` is `int`.
- When `Box<std::string>` is instantiated, the compiler generates a version of `Box` where `T` is `std::string`.

4. **Key Points**

   (a) **Generic Containers**: Class templates are commonly used to create generic containers like `std::vector`, `std::list`, and `std::map`.

   (b) **Multiple Template Parameters**: Class templates can have multiple template parameters.

```
template <typename T, typename U>
class Pair {
private:
    T first;
    U second;
public:
    Pair(T f, U s) : first(f), second(s) {}
    T getFirst() const { return first; }
    U getSecond() const { return second; }
};
```

   (a) **Default Template Arguments**: You can provide default values for template parameters.

```
template <typename T = int>
class Box {
    // ...
};
```

1.1.4 Template Specialization

1. **Definition**

   Template specialization allows you to provide a specific implementation of a template for a particular data type or set of types. This is useful when the generic implementation is not suitable for certain types.

2. **Function Template Specialization**

```
template <>
std::string add<std::string>(std::string a, std::string b) {
    return a + " " + b; // Custom behavior for strings
}
```

3. **Class Template Specialization**

```
template <>
class Box<char> {
private:
    char value;
public:
    Box(char v) : value(v) {}
    char getValue() const { return value; }
```

```
    void print() const { std::cout << "Char Box: " << value <<
    ↪  std::endl; }
};
```

4. **Partial Specialization**

   Partial specialization allows you to specialize only some of the template parameters.

```
template <typename T>
class Box<T*> {
private:
    T* value;
public:
    Box(T* v) : value(v) {}
    T* getValue() const { return value; }
};
```

1.1.5 Non-Type Template Parameters

1. **Definition**

   Non-type template parameters allow you to pass values (rather than types) as template arguments. These values must be compile-time constants.

2. **Example**

```
template <typename T, int size>
class Array {
private:
    T arr[size];
public:
```

```
    T& operator[](int index) {
        return arr[index];
    }
};
```

3. **Usage**

```
int main() {
    Array<int, 10> intArray;
    intArray[0] = 123;
    std::cout << intArray[0] << std::endl;
}
```

1.1.6 Variadic Templates

1. **Definition**

   Variadic templates allow a template to accept an arbitrary number of template arguments. This is particularly useful for creating functions or classes that can handle a variable number of inputs.

2. **Example**

```
template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    (std::cout << ... << args) << std::endl; // Fold expression
}
```

3. **Usage**

```
int main() {
    print(1, 2, 3, "Hello", 4.5); // Output: 1 2 3 Hello 4.5
}
```

1.1.7 Conclusion

Function and class templates are indispensable tools in modern C++ programming. They enable you to write generic, reusable, and type-safe code, reducing redundancy and improving maintainability. By mastering templates, you can unlock the full potential of C++ and create powerful, flexible, and efficient software systems.

This section has covered the fundamentals of templates, including function and class templates, template specialization, non-type template parameters, and variadic templates. These concepts lay the groundwork for more advanced topics, such as template metaprogramming, which will be explored in later sections of the book.

1.2 Variadic Templates

1.2.1 Introduction to Variadic Templates

Variadic templates are one of the most powerful and flexible features introduced in C++11. They allow functions and classes to accept an arbitrary number of template arguments, enabling the creation of highly generic and reusable code. This capability is particularly useful in scenarios where the number of inputs or their types is not known in advance. Variadic templates are widely used in modern C++ libraries, such as the Standard Template Library (STL), to implement features like `std::tuple`, `std::function`, `std::bind`, and more.
In this section, we will explore variadic templates in exhaustive detail, covering their syntax, usage, and advanced techniques like parameter packs, fold expressions, recursive template instantiation, and perfect forwarding. This knowledge is critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to leverage the full power of modern C++.

1.2.2 Basics of Variadic Templates

1. **Definition**

   A **variadic template** is a template that can accept a variable number of template arguments. This is achieved using a **template parameter pack**, which represents zero or more template arguments. Variadic templates are the foundation of many modern C++ features, including heterogeneous data structures, type-safe variadic functions, and compile-time computations.

2. **Syntax**

   The syntax for a variadic template involves the `typename...` or `class...` keyword, which declares a template parameter pack. The parameter pack can then be expanded to represent multiple arguments.

```
template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    // Function implementation
}
```

- `typename... Args`: This declares a template parameter pack named `Args`.
- `Args... args`: This declares a function parameter pack named `args`.

3. **Example: A Simple Variadic Function Template**

```
#include <iostream>

template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    (std::cout << ... << args) << std::endl; // Fold expression
    ↪ (C++17)
}

int main() {
    print(1, 2, 3, "Hello", 4.5); // Output: 1 2 3 Hello 4.5
}
```

- The `print` function can accept any number of arguments of any type.
- The fold expression `(std::cout << ... << args)` expands the parameter pack `args` and applies the `<<` operator to each argument.

1.2.3 Parameter Packs

1. **Definition**

A **parameter pack** is a collection of zero or more template or function arguments. There are two types of parameter packs:

(a) **Template parameter pack**: Represents zero or more template parameters.

(b) **Function parameter pack**: Represents zero or more function arguments.

2. **Expanding Parameter Packs**

   Parameter packs can be expanded using the `...` syntax. This is known as **pack expansion**. Pack expansion is the process of unpacking the elements of a parameter pack and applying an operation to each element.

```
template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    // Expand the parameter pack
    (std::cout << ... << args) << std::endl;
}
```

   - The expression `(std::cout << ... << args)` is a fold expression that expands the parameter pack `args`.

3. **Example: Expanding a Parameter Pack**

```
template <typename... Args>
void printSize(Args... args) {
    std::cout << sizeof...(args) << std::endl; // Number of arguments
}

int main() {
    printSize(1, 2, 3); // Output: 3
    printSize("Hello", 4.5); // Output: 2
}
```

- `sizeof...(args)` returns the number of arguments in the parameter pack.

1.2.4 Fold Expressions (C++17)

1. **Definition**

   Fold expressions are a concise way to apply an operator to all elements of a parameter pack. They are a feature introduced in C++17 to simplify variadic template programming. Fold expressions eliminate the need for recursive template instantiation in many cases, making the code more readable and efficient.

2. **Syntax**

   There are four types of fold expressions:

   (a) **Unary right fold**: `(pack op ...)`

   (b) **Unary left fold**: `(... op pack)`

   (c) **Binary right fold**: `(pack op ... op init)`

   (d) **Binary left fold**: `(init op ... op pack)`

3. **Example: Using Fold Expressions**

```cpp
template <typename... Args>
auto sum(Args... args) {
    return (args + ...); // Unary right fold
}

int main() {
    std::cout << sum(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) << std::endl; // Output: 15
}
```

- The fold expression `(args + ...)` expands to `1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5`.

4. **Example: Binary Fold Expression**

```cpp
template <typename... Args>
auto sumWithInit(int init, Args... args) {
    return (args + ... + init); // Binary right fold
}

int main() {
    std::cout << sumWithInit(10, 1, 2, 3) << std::endl; // Output: 16
}
```

- The fold expression `(args + ... + init)` expands to `1 + 2 + 3 + 10`.

1.2.5 Recursive Template Instantiation

1. **Definition**

   Recursive template instantiation is a technique where a variadic template function or class calls itself with a reduced parameter pack until the pack is empty. This is often used to process each argument in the pack individually.

2. **Example: Recursive Function Template**

```cpp
#include <iostream>

// Base case: No arguments left
void print() {
    std::cout << "End of recursion" << std::endl;
}
```

```
// Recursive case: Process one argument and recurse
template <typename T, typename... Args>
void print(T first, Args... args) {
    std::cout << first << std::endl; // Process the first argument
    print(args...); // Recurse with the remaining arguments
}

int main() {
    print(1, 2, 3, "Hello", 4.5);
}
```

- The `print` function processes the first argument and then calls itself with the remaining arguments.
- The recursion stops when the parameter pack is empty, and the base case `void print()` is called.

3. **Example: Recursive Class Template**

```
template <typename T, typename... Args>
class Tuple {
public:
    T value;
    Tuple<Args...> rest;

    Tuple(T v, Args... args) : value(v), rest(args...) {}
};

// Base case: Empty tuple
template <>
class Tuple<> {
```

```
public:
    Tuple() {}
};

int main() {
    Tuple<int, double, std::string> t(1, 2.5, "Hello");
}
```

- The `Tuple` class template recursively stores each value and the remaining arguments in a nested structure.

1.2.6 Advanced Techniques

1. **Forwarding Parameter Packs**

   Variadic templates are often used with **perfect forwarding** to preserve the value category (lvalue or rvalue) of the arguments. Perfect forwarding ensures that the original value category of the arguments is maintained when they are passed to another function.

```
template <typename... Args>
void forwardToPrint(Args&&... args) {
    print(std::forward<Args>(args)...);
}

int main() {
    forwardToPrint(1, 2, 3, "Hello", 4.5);
}
```

- `std::forward<Args>(args)...` forwards each argument with its original value category.

2. **Heterogeneous Data Structures**

   Variadic templates are used to create heterogeneous data structures like `std::tuple` and `std::variant`. These data structures can store multiple values of different types.

```cpp
#include <tuple>
#include <string>

int main() {
    std::tuple<int, double, std::string> t(1, 2.5, "Hello");
    std::cout << std::get<0>(t) << std::endl; // Output: 1
    std::cout << std::get<2>(t) << std::endl; // Output: Hello
}
```

   - `std::tuple` is a variadic class template that can store multiple values of different types.

3. **Type-Safe Variadic Functions**

   Variadic templates enable the creation of type-safe variadic functions, which can accept any number of arguments of any type while ensuring type safety at compile time.

```cpp
template <typename... Args>
void log(const Args&... args) {
    (std::cout << ... << args) << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    log("Error code: ", 404, ", Message: ", "Not Found");
}
```

- The `log` function can accept any number of arguments of any type and print them in a type-safe manner.

4. **Practical Applications**

   (a) **Logging and Debugging**: Variadic templates can be used to create flexible logging functions that accept any number of arguments.

   (b) **Generic Containers**: Variadic templates are used to implement containers like `std::tuple`, `std::any`, and `std::variant`.

   (c) **Factory Functions**: Variadic templates can be used to create factory functions that construct objects with arbitrary constructor arguments.

   (d) **Metaprogramming**: Variadic templates are essential for advanced metaprogramming techniques, such as type lists, compile-time computations, and template metaprogramming.

1.2.7 Conclusion

Variadic templates are a cornerstone of modern C++ programming, enabling the creation of highly flexible and reusable code. By mastering variadic templates, you can implement advanced features like fold expressions, recursive template instantiation, perfect forwarding, and type-safe variadic functions. These techniques are essential for developing robust and efficient software systems.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of variadic templates, covering their syntax, usage, and advanced techniques. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex programming challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. Variadic templates are not just a feature; they are a paradigm shift that opens up new possibilities for generic programming and metaprogramming in C++.

1.3 Type Traits and `std::enable_if`

1.3.1 Introduction to Type Traits and `std::enable_if`

Type traits and `std::enable_if` are foundational tools in modern C++ template metaprogramming. They allow developers to inspect, manipulate, and conditionally enable or disable code based on the properties of types at compile time. These tools are essential for writing generic, reusable, and type-safe code, and they are widely used in the Standard Template Library (STL) and other advanced C++ libraries.

This section will provide an in-depth exploration of type traits and `std::enable_if`, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. We will also delve into advanced techniques such as **SFINAE (Substitution Failure Is Not An Error)**, **conditional function overloading**, and **template specialization**. These concepts are critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to master template metaprogramming and write high-quality, maintainable C++ code.

1.3.2 Type Traits

1. **Definition**

   Type traits are a set of templates defined in the `<type_traits>` header that allow you to inspect and manipulate the properties of types at compile time. They are used to perform **type introspection** (querying properties of types) and **type transformations** (modifying types). Type traits are a cornerstone of template metaprogramming, enabling compile-time logic based on type properties.

2. **Categories of Type Traits**

   Type traits can be broadly categorized into the following groups:

(a) **Primary Type Categories**: Traits that check if a type belongs to a specific category (e.g., `std::is_integral`, `std::is_floating_point`).

(b) **Composite Type Categories**: Traits that check if a type belongs to a composite category (e.g., `std::is_arithmetic`, `std::is_compound`).

(c) **Type Properties**: Traits that check specific properties of a type (e.g., `std::is_const`, `std::is_pointer`).

(d) **Type Transformations**: Traits that transform one type into another (e.g., `std::remove_const`, `std::add_pointer`).

(e) **Type Relationships**: Traits that check relationships between types (e.g., `std::is_same`, `std::is_base_of`).

3. **Example: Using Type Traits**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
void checkType(T value) {
    if (std::is_integral<T>::value) {
        std::cout << "Integral type" << std::endl;
    } else if (std::is_floating_point<T>::value) {
        std::cout << "Floating-point type" << std::endl;
    } else if (std::is_pointer<T>::value) {
        std::cout << "Pointer type" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Other type" << std::endl;
    }
}

int main() {
```

```
    checkType(42);          // Output: Integral type
    checkType(3.14);        // Output: Floating-point type
    int* ptr = nullptr;
    checkType(ptr);         // Output: Pointer type
    checkType("Hello");     // Output: Other type
}
```

- `std::is_integral<T>::value` checks if `T` is an integral type (e.g., `int`, `char`).
- `std::is_floating_point<T>::value` checks if `T` is a floating-point type (e.g., `float`, `double`).
- `std::is_pointer<T>::value` checks if `T` is a pointer type.

4. **Commonly Used Type Traits**

Type Trait	**Description**
`std::is_integral<T>`	Checks if `T` is an integral type.
`std::is_floating_point<T>`	Checks if `T` is a floating-point type.
`std::is_arithmetic<T>`	Checks if `T` is an arithmetic type.
`std::is_pointer<T>`	Checks if `T` is a pointer type.
`std::is_reference<T>`	Checks if `T` is a reference type.
`std::is_const<T>`	Checks if `T` is a const-qualified type.
`std::is_void<T>`	Checks if `T` is `void`.
`std::is_array<T>`	Checks if `T` is an array type.

Type Trait	Description
`std::is_class<T>`	Checks if `T` is a class or struct type.
`std::is_same<T, U>`	Checks if `T` and `U` are the same type.
`std::is_base_of<Base, Derived>`	Checks if `Base` is a base class of `Derived`.
`std::remove_const<T>`	Removes the `const` qualifier from `T`.
`std::add_pointer<T>`	Adds a pointer to `T`.
`std::remove_reference<T>`	Removes the reference from `T`.

1.3.3 `std::enable_if`

1. **Definition**

   `std::enable_if` is a template defined in the `<type_traits>` header that conditionally enables or disables a template instantiation based on a compile-time boolean expression. It is commonly used to enforce constraints on template parameters or to provide different implementations for different types.

2. **Syntax**

```cpp
template <bool B, typename T = void>
struct enable_if;

template <typename T>
struct enable_if<true, T> {
    using type = T;
};
```

```
template <typename T>
struct enable_if<false, T> {}; // No `type` member defined
```

- If the boolean expression `B` is `true`, `std::enable_if<B, T>` defines a nested type `type` equal to `T`.
- If `B` is `false`, `std::enable_if<B, T>` does not define a `type` member, causing a substitution failure.

3. **Example: Using `std::enable_if`**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

// Function enabled only for integral types
template <typename T, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_integral<T>::value, int>::type = 0>
void print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Integral value: " << value << std::endl;
}

// Function enabled only for floating-point types
template <typename T, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_floating_point<T>::value, int>::type = 0>
void print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Floating-point value: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(42);    // Output: Integral value: 42
    print(3.14);  // Output: Floating-point value: 3.14
```

```
    // print("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

- The `print` function is enabled only if `T` is an integral type or a floating-point type.
- If `T` does not satisfy the condition, the function is not instantiated, and a compile-time error occurs.

4. **`std::enable_if` with Return Type**

   `std::enable_if` can also be used in the return type of a function to conditionally enable or disable it.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

// Function enabled only for integral types
template <typename T>
typename std::enable_if<std::is_integral<T>::value, void>::type
print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Integral value: " << value << std::endl;
}

// Function enabled only for floating-point types
template <typename T>
typename std::enable_if<std::is_floating_point<T>::value, void>::type
print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Floating-point value: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(42);    // Output: Integral value: 42
```

```
    print(3.14);  // Output: Floating-point value: 3.14
    // print("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

1.3.4 Practical Applications

1. **SFINAE (Substitution Failure Is Not An Error)**

   `std::enable_if` is often used in conjunction with SFINAE to selectively enable or disable template instantiations. SFINAE allows the compiler to discard invalid template specializations without causing a compilation error.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_integral<T>::value, int>::type = 0>
void process(T value) {
    std::cout << "Processing integral value: " << value << std::endl;
}

template <typename T, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_floating_point<T>::value, int>::type = 0>
void process(T value) {
    std::cout << "Processing floating-point value: " << value <<
     ↪  std::endl;
}

int main() {
    process(42);    // Output: Processing integral value: 42
    process(3.14);  // Output: Processing floating-point value: 3.14
```

```
    // process("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

2. **Conditional Function Overloading**

   `std::enable_if` can be used to conditionally overload functions based on type properties.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
void process(T value, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_pointer<T>::value>::type* = nullptr) {
    std::cout << "Processing pointer: " << *value << std::endl;
}

template <typename T>
void process(T value, typename
 ↪  std::enable_if<std::is_reference<T>::value>::type* = nullptr) {
    std::cout << "Processing reference: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    int x = 42;
    process(&x);  // Output: Processing pointer: 42
    process(x);   // Output: Processing reference: 42
}
```

3. **Template Specialization**

   `std::enable_if` can be used to specialize templates based on type properties.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T, typename Enable = void>
struct MyStruct {
    void print() { std::cout << "Generic type" << std::endl; }
};

template <typename T>
struct MyStruct<T, typename
↪   std::enable_if<std::is_integral<T>::value>::type> {
    void print() { std::cout << "Integral type" << std::endl; }
};

int main() {
    MyStruct<double> s1;
    s1.print(); // Output: Generic type

    MyStruct<int> s2;
    s2.print(); // Output: Integral type
}
```

4. **Type-Safe Interfaces**

   `std::enable_if` can be used to create type-safe interfaces that enforce constraints on template parameters.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
class Container {
```

```
    static_assert(std::is_arithmetic<T>::value, "Container requires
    ↪  an arithmetic type");
    T value;
public:
    Container(T v) : value(v) {}
    void print() { std::cout << "Value: " << value << std::endl; }
};

int main() {
    Container<int> c1(42);     // OK
    Container<double> c2(3.14); // OK
    // Container<std::string> c3("Hello"); // Error: Static assertion
    ↪  failed
}
```

1.3.5 Advanced Techniques

1. **Combining Type Traits and `std::enable_if`**

   You can combine multiple type traits with `std::enable_if` to create complex compile-time conditions.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
typename std::enable_if<std::is_arithmetic<T>::value &&
↪  !std::is_pointer<T>::value, void>::type
process(T value) {
    std::cout << "Processing arithmetic non-pointer value: " << value
    ↪  << std::endl;
```

```
}

int main() {
    process(42);    // Output: Processing arithmetic non-pointer
    ↪ value: 42
    process(3.14);  // Output: Processing arithmetic non-pointer
    ↪ value: 3.14
    // int* ptr = nullptr;
    // process(ptr); // Error: No matching function
}
```

2. **Custom Type Traits**

You can define your own type traits to encapsulate complex compile-time logic.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
struct is_custom_type : std::false_type {};

template <>
struct is_custom_type<int> : std::true_type {};

template <>
struct is_custom_type<double> : std::true_type {};

template <typename T>
void process(T value, typename
↪ std::enable_if<is_custom_type<T>::value, int>::type = 0) {
    std::cout << "Processing custom type: " << value << std::endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    process(42);    // Output: Processing custom type: 42
    process(3.14);  // Output: Processing custom type: 3.14
    // process("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

1.3.6 Conclusion

Type traits and `std::enable_if` are indispensable tools in modern C++ template metaprogramming. They enable you to write more generic, flexible, and type-safe code by inspecting and manipulating types at compile time. By mastering these concepts, you can implement advanced features like SFINAE, conditional function overloading, and template specialization.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of type traits and `std::enable_if`, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex programming challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing robust, efficient, and maintainable software systems.

1.4 Concepts and Constraints (C++20)

1.4.1 Introduction to Concepts and Constraints

Concepts and constraints, introduced in C++20, represent a paradigm shift in how templates are written and used in C++. They provide a mechanism to specify **requirements** on template parameters, making templates more expressive, easier to use, and less prone to errors. Concepts allow you to define **semantic categories** for types, while constraints enforce these categories at compile time. This results in better error messages, improved code readability, and more robust generic programming.

This section will provide an exhaustive exploration of concepts and constraints, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. We will also delve into advanced techniques such as **custom concepts**, **combining concepts**, and **using constraints in real-world scenarios**. These features are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to write modern, maintainable, and type-safe C++ code.

1.4.2 What Are Concepts?

1. **Definition**

   A **concept** is a named set of requirements that can be used to constrain template parameters. It specifies what operations a type must support, what properties it must have, and how it should behave. Concepts make template errors more readable and provide better compiler diagnostics.

2. **Syntax**

   A concept is defined using the `concept` keyword, followed by the concept name and a boolean expression that specifies the requirements.

```
template <typename T>
concept MyConcept = requires(T t) {
    // Requirements go here
};
```

- `template <typename T>`: Declares a template parameter.
- `concept MyConcept`: Defines a concept named `MyConcept`.
- `requires(T t) { ... }`: Specifies the requirements that `T` must satisfy.

3. **Example: Defining a Concept**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T>
concept Addable = requires(T a, T b) {
    { a + b } -> std::same_as<T>; // Requirement: a + b must return a
    ↪ value of type T
};

template <Addable T>
T add(T a, T b) {
    return a + b;
}

int main() {
    std::cout << add(3, 4) << std::endl;        // Output: 7
    std::cout << add(3.5, 4.5) << std::endl;    // Output: 8.0
    // std::cout << add("Hello", "World") << std::endl; // Error:
    ↪ "Hello" does not satisfy Addable
}
```

- The `Addable` concept requires that the `+` operator is defined for `T` and that it returns a value of type `T`.
- The `add` function is constrained to types that satisfy the `Addable` concept.

1.4.3 What Are Constraints?

1. **Definition**

   A **constraint** is a boolean expression that restricts the set of types that can be used as template arguments. Constraints are used in conjunction with concepts to enforce requirements on template parameters.

2. **Syntax**

   Constraints can be applied to template parameters using the `requires` keyword or directly in the template parameter list.

```
template <typename T>
requires MyConcept<T>
void myFunction(T t) {
    // Function implementation
}
```

   - `requires MyConcept<T>`: Applies the `MyConcept` constraint to the template parameter `T`.

3. **Example: Applying Constraints**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>
```

```cpp
template <typename T>
concept Integral = std::integral<T>; // Concept that checks if T is
↪  an integral type

template <Integral T>
void print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Integral value: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(42);    // Output: Integral value: 42
    // print(3.14); // Error: 3.14 does not satisfy Integral
}
```

- The `Integral` concept is defined using the standard `std::integral` concept.
- The `print` function is constrained to types that satisfy the `Integral` concept.

1.4.4 Standard Concepts (C++20)

C++20 introduces a set of standard concepts in the `<concepts>` header. These concepts cover common requirements, such as arithmetic operations, comparisons, and object lifetimes.

1. **Commonly Used Standard Concepts**

Concept	Description
`std::integral<T>`	Checks if `T` is an integral type.
`std::floating_point<T>`	Checks if `T` is a floating-point type.
`std::same_as<T, U>`	Checks if `T` and `U` are the same type.

Concept	Description
`std::derived_from<T, U>`	Checks if `T` is derived from `U`.
`std::convertible_to<T, U>`	Checks if `T` is convertible to `U`.
`std::equality_comparable<T>`	Checks if `T` supports equality comparison.
`std::invocable<F, Args...>`	Checks if `F` can be invoked with `Args...`.

2. **Example: Using Standard Concepts**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <std::integral T>
void process(T value) {
    std::cout << "Processing integral value: " << value << std::endl;
}

template <std::floating_point T>
void process(T value) {
    std::cout << "Processing floating-point value: " << value <<
    ↪  std::endl;
}

int main() {
    process(42);    // Output: Processing integral value: 42
    process(3.14);  // Output: Processing floating-point value: 3.14
    // process("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

1.4.5 Combining Concepts

Concepts can be combined using logical operators (`&&`, `||`, `!`) to create more complex requirements.

Example: Combining Concepts

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T>
concept Arithmetic = std::integral<T> || std::floating_point<T>;

template <Arithmetic T>
void print(T value) {
    std::cout << "Arithmetic value: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(42);    // Output: Arithmetic value: 42
    print(3.14);  // Output: Arithmetic value: 3.14
    // print("Hello"); // Error: No matching function
}
```

- The `Arithmetic` concept combines `std::integral` and `std::floating_point` using the || operator.

1.4.6 Practical Applications

1. **Type-Safe Interfaces**

   Concepts and constraints can be used to create type-safe interfaces that enforce requirements on template parameters.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T>
concept Printable = requires(T t) {
    { std::cout << t } -> std::same_as<std::ostream&>;
};

template <Printable T>
void print(T value) {
    std::cout << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(42);    // Output: 42
    print("Hello"); // Output: Hello
    // print(std::vector<int>{1, 2, 3}); // Error: No matching
    ↪ function
}
```

2. **Algorithm Constraints**

   Concepts can be used to constrain algorithms to work only with types that meet specific requirements.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

template <typename T>
concept Sortable = requires(T a, T b) {
```

```
    { a < b } -> std::convertible_to<bool>;
};

template <Sortable T>
void sortAndPrint(std::vector<T>& vec) {
    std::sort(vec.begin(), vec.end());
    for (const auto& v : vec) {
        std::cout << v << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    std::vector<int> intVec = {3, 1, 4, 1, 5};
    sortAndPrint(intVec); // Output: 1 1 3 4 5

    // std::vector<std::string> strVec = {"hello", "world"};
    // sortAndPrint(strVec); // Error: No matching function
}
```

3. **Custom Concepts**

You can define custom concepts to encapsulate complex requirements.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T>
concept HasSquare = requires(T t) {
    { t.square() } -> std::same_as<T>;
};
```

```cpp
template <HasSquare T>
void printSquare(T value) {
    std::cout << value.square() << std::endl;
}

class Number {
    int value;
public:
    Number(int v) : value(v) {}
    Number square() const { return Number(value * value); }
    friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Number&
    ↪  num) {
        return os << num.value;
    }
};

int main() {
    Number num(4);
    printSquare(num); // Output: 16
}
```

1.4.7 Advanced Techniques

1. **Nested Requirements**

   You can specify nested requirements within a concept to enforce more complex constraints.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>
```

```
template <typename T>
concept ComplexConcept = requires(T t) {
    { t.foo() } -> std::same_as<int>;
    { t.bar() } -> std::convertible_to<bool>;
    requires std::integral<decltype(t.foo())>;
};

class MyClass {
public:
    int foo() { return 42; }
    bool bar() { return true; }
};

template <ComplexConcept T>
void process(T t) {
    std::cout << "Processing: " << t.foo() << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    MyClass obj;
    process(obj); // Output: Processing: 42
}
```

2. **Parameterized Concepts**

   Concepts can themselves be parameterized, allowing for even greater flexibility.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T, typename U>
concept AddableTo = requires(T t, U u) {
```

```
    { t + u } -> std::same_as<T>;
};

template <typename T, typename U>
requires AddableTo<T, U>
T add(T a, U b) {
    return a + b;
}

int main() {
    std::cout << add(3, 4.5) << std::endl; // Output: 7.5
}
```

3. **Using Concepts with Auto**

   Concepts can be used with the `auto` keyword to constrain the types of variables.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <concepts>

template <typename T>
concept Integral = std::integral<T>;

Integral auto multiply(Integral auto a, Integral auto b) {
    return a * b;
}

int main() {
    std::cout << multiply(3, 4) << std::endl; // Output: 12
    // std::cout << multiply(3.5, 4.5) << std::endl; // Error: No
    ↪  matching function
}
```

1.4.8 Conclusion

Concepts and constraints are transformative features in C++20 that bring clarity, safety, and expressiveness to template programming. By mastering these tools, you can write more robust, maintainable, and type-safe code. Concepts allow you to define semantic categories for types, while constraints enable you to enforce these categories at compile time.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of concepts and constraints, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex programming challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-quality, efficient, and maintainable software systems.

Chapter 2

Concurrency and Parallelism

2.1 Threading (`std::thread`, `std::async`)

2.1.1 Introduction to Threading in C++

Concurrency and parallelism are fundamental concepts in modern software development, enabling programs to perform multiple tasks simultaneously and efficiently utilize multi-core processors. C++ provides robust support for threading through the `<thread>` and `<future>` headers, which include classes like `std::thread` and `std::async`. These tools allow developers to create and manage threads, execute tasks asynchronously, and synchronize access to shared resources.

This section will provide an exhaustive exploration of threading in C++, focusing on `std::thread` and `std::async`. We will cover their syntax, usage, and practical applications, as well as advanced techniques for managing threads and asynchronous tasks. These concepts are critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to write efficient, scalable, and maintainable concurrent programs.

2.1.2 `std::thread`

1. **Definition**

   `std::thread` is a class in the C++ Standard Library that represents a single thread of execution. It allows you to create and manage threads, enabling concurrent execution of tasks.

2. **Syntax**

```cpp
#include <thread>

void myFunction() {
    // Task to be executed in the thread
}

int main() {
    std::thread t(myFunction); // Create a thread that executes
    ↪ myFunction
    t.join(); // Wait for the thread to finish
}
```

   - `std::thread t(myFunction)`: Creates a thread `t` that executes `myFunction`.
   - `t.join()`: Blocks the calling thread until `t` finishes execution.

3. **Example: Basic Thread Creation**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
```

```
void printHello() {
    std::cout << "Hello from thread!" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    std::thread t(printHello); // Create a thread
    t.join(); // Wait for the thread to finish
    std::cout << "Hello from main!" << std::endl;
}
```

- ```
  Hello from thread!
  Hello from main!
  ```

4. **Key Points**

   (a) **Thread Lifecycle**: A thread starts execution immediately after creation and runs until the function it was created with returns.

   (b) **Joining Threads**: Use `join()` to wait for a thread to finish. Failing to join a thread can lead to a program crash.

   (c) **Detaching Threads**: Use `detach()` to allow a thread to run independently. Detached threads cannot be joined.

```
std::thread t(printHello);
t.detach(); // Detach the thread
```

   (a) **Thread Arguments**: You can pass arguments to the thread function.
```

```cpp
void printMessage(const std::string& message) {
    std::cout << message << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    std::thread t(printMessage, "Hello from thread with arguments!");
    t.join();
}
```

2.1.3 `std::async`

1. **Definition**

   `std::async` is a higher-level abstraction for asynchronous task execution. It allows you to run a function asynchronously and obtain the result through a `std::future` object. `std::async` can execute tasks in a separate thread or defer execution until the result is requested.

2. **Syntax**

```cpp
#include <future>

int myFunction() {
    return 42;
}

int main() {
    std::future<int> result = std::async(myFunction); // Launch
    ↪ myFunction asynchronously
    int value = result.get(); // Get the result
}
```

- `std::async(myFunction)`: Launches `myFunction` asynchronously and returns a `std::future` object.
- `result.get()`: Blocks until the result is available and retrieves it.

3. **Example: Basic `std::async` Usage**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <future>

int computeSquare(int x) {
    return x * x;
}

int main() {
    std::future<int> result = std::async(computeSquare, 5);
    std::cout << "Square of 5 is " << result.get() << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Square of 5 is 25
```

4. **Key Points**

(a) **Launch Policies**: `std::async` supports two launch policies:

- `std::launch::async`: Forces asynchronous execution in a new thread.
- `std::launch::deferred`: Defers execution until `get()` or `wait()` is called.

```
auto result = std::async(std::launch::async, computeSquare, 5); //
↪ Force async execution
auto result = std::async(std::launch::deferred, computeSquare, 5); //
↪ Defer execution
```

(a) **Returning Values**: The result of the asynchronous task is accessed through a `std::future` object.

(b) **Exception Handling**: Exceptions thrown in the asynchronous task are propagated to the calling thread when `get()` is called.

```
int computeSquare(int x) {
    if (x < 0) throw std::invalid_argument("Negative input");
    return x * x;
}

int main() {
    try {
        auto result = std::async(computeSquare, -5);
        std::cout << "Square is " << result.get() << std::endl;
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Error: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

2.1.4 Practical Applications

1. **Parallelizing Computations**

   `std::thread` and `std::async` can be used to parallelize computationally intensive tasks.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <vector>

void computeRange(int start, int end, int& result) {
    result = 0;
    for (int i = start; i < end; ++i) {
        result += i;
    }
}

int main() {
    const int numThreads = 4;
    const int range = 100;
    std::vector<std::thread> threads;
    std::vector<int> results(numThreads);

    for (int i = 0; i < numThreads; ++i) {
        int start = i * (range / numThreads);
        int end = (i + 1) * (range / numThreads);
        threads.emplace_back(computeRange, start, end,
        ↪  std::ref(results[i]));
    }

    for (auto& t : threads) {
        t.join();
    }

    int total = 0;
    for (int r : results) {
        total += r;
    }
```

```
    std::cout << "Total sum: " << total << std::endl;
}
```

2. **Asynchronous I/O Operations**

   `std::async` can be used to perform I/O operations asynchronously.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <future>
#include <fstream>
#include <string>

std::string readFile(const std::string& filename) {
    std::ifstream file(filename);
    if (!file) throw std::runtime_error("Failed to open file");
    return std::string((std::istreambuf_iterator<char>(file)),
    ↪  std::istreambuf_iterator<char>());
}

int main() {
    auto future = std::async(std::launch::async, readFile,
    ↪  "example.txt");
    try {
        std::string content = future.get();
        std::cout << "File content: " << content << std::endl;
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Error: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

3. **Task-Based Parallelism**

`std::async` can be used to implement task-based parallelism, where tasks are executed concurrently.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <future>
#include <vector>

int computeSquare(int x) {
    return x * x;
}

int main() {
    std::vector<std::future<int>> futures;
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; ++i) {
        futures.push_back(std::async(std::launch::async,
        ↪  computeSquare, i));
    }

    for (auto& future : futures) {
        std::cout << "Square: " << future.get() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

2.1.5 Advanced Techniques

1. **Thread Synchronization**

   Threads often need to synchronize access to shared resources to avoid race conditions. C++ provides synchronization primitives like `std::mutex` and `std::lock_guard`.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <mutex>
#include <vector>

std::mutex mtx;
int sharedData = 0;

void increment() {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
    ++sharedData;
}

int main() {
    std::vector<std::thread> threads;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        threads.emplace_back(increment);
    }

    for (auto& t : threads) {
        t.join();
    }

    std::cout << "Shared data: " << sharedData << std::endl;
}
```

2. **Thread Pools**

   Thread pools are used to manage a group of threads that execute tasks concurrently. While C++ does not provide a built-in thread pool, you can implement one using `std::thread` and `std::queue`.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <queue>
#include <mutex>
#include <condition_variable>
#include <functional>

class ThreadPool {
public:
    ThreadPool(size_t numThreads) {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < numThreads; ++i) {
            workers.emplace_back([this] {
                while (true) {
                    std::function<void()> task;
                    {
                        std::unique_lock<std::mutex>
                        ↪  lock(queueMutex);
                        condition.wait(lock, [this] { return
                        ↪  !tasks.empty() || stop; });
                        if (stop && tasks.empty()) return;
                        task = std::move(tasks.front());
                        tasks.pop();
                    }
                    task();
                }
            });
        }
    }

    ~ThreadPool() {
        {
            std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(queueMutex);
```

```
            stop = true;
        }
        condition.notify_all();
        for (auto& worker : workers) {
            worker.join();
        }
    }

    template <typename F>
    void enqueue(F&& f) {
        {
            std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(queueMutex);
            tasks.emplace(std::forward<F>(f));
        }
        condition.notify_one();
    }

private:
    std::vector<std::thread> workers;
    std::queue<std::function<void()>> tasks;
    std::mutex queueMutex;
    std::condition_variable condition;
    bool stop = false;
};

int main() {
    ThreadPool pool(4);
    for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
        pool.enqueue([i] {
            std::cout << "Task " << i << " executed by thread " <<
            ↪  std::this_thread::get_id() << std::endl;
        });
```

```
    }
}
```

2.1.6 Conclusion

Threading is a powerful feature in C++ that enables concurrent and parallel execution of tasks. By mastering `std::thread` and `std::async`, you can write efficient, scalable, and maintainable concurrent programs. These tools, combined with synchronization primitives and advanced techniques like thread pools, provide a solid foundation for modern C++ concurrency. This section has provided a comprehensive overview of threading in C++, covering the syntax, usage, and practical applications of `std::thread` and `std::async`. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex concurrency challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-performance, responsive, and robust software systems.

2.2 Synchronization (`std::mutex`, `std::atomic`)

2.2.1 Introduction to Synchronization in C++

In concurrent programming, multiple threads often need to access shared resources, such as variables, data structures, or files. Without proper synchronization, concurrent access can lead to **race conditions**, where the outcome of the program depends on the timing of thread execution. To prevent race conditions and ensure correct behavior, C++ provides synchronization mechanisms like `std::mutex` and `std::atomic`.
This section will provide an in-depth exploration of synchronization in C++, focusing on `std::mutex` and `std::atomic`. We will cover their syntax, usage, and practical applications, as well as advanced techniques for managing shared resources in multi-threaded programs. These concepts are critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to write safe, efficient, and maintainable concurrent code.

2.2.2 `std::mutex`

1. **Definition**

   A **mutex** (short for "mutual exclusion") is a synchronization primitive that ensures only one thread can access a shared resource at a time. In C++, `std::mutex` is a class in the `<mutex>` header that provides this functionality.

2. **Syntax**

```
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;

void criticalSection() {
```

```
    mtx.lock();   // Lock the mutex
    // Access shared resource
    mtx.unlock(); // Unlock the mutex
}
```

- `mtx.lock()`: Locks the mutex. If the mutex is already locked, the calling thread will block until the mutex is unlocked.
- `mtx.unlock()`: Unlocks the mutex, allowing other threads to acquire it.

3. **Example: Basic Mutex Usage**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;
int sharedData = 0;

void increment() {
    mtx.lock();
    ++sharedData;
    mtx.unlock();
}

int main() {
    std::thread t1(increment);
    std::thread t2(increment);

    t1.join();
    t2.join();
```

```
    std::cout << "Shared data: " << sharedData << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Shared data: 2
```

4. **Key Points**

   (a) **Locking and Unlocking**: Always ensure that a mutex is unlocked after being locked. Failing to unlock a mutex can lead to **deadlocks**.

   (b) **RAII Wrappers**: To avoid manual locking and unlocking, use RAII (Resource Acquisition Is Initialization) wrappers like `std::lock_guard` or `std::unique_lock`.

```
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;

void criticalSection() {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx); // Automatically locks and
    ↪  unlocks the mutex
    // Access shared resource
}
```

   (a) **Deadlocks**: A deadlock occurs when two or more threads are waiting for each other to release locks. To avoid deadlocks, always acquire locks in a consistent order.

2.2.3 `std::lock_guard` and `std::unique_lock`

1. **`std::lock_guard`**

   `std::lock_guard` is a lightweight RAII wrapper for `std::mutex`. It automatically locks the mutex when constructed and unlocks it when destroyed.

```cpp
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;

void criticalSection() {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx); // Automatically locks and
    ↪  unlocks the mutex
    // Access shared resource
}
```

2. **`std::unique_lock`**

   `std::unique_lock` is a more flexible RAII wrapper for `std::mutex`. It allows for deferred locking, manual unlocking, and transfer of ownership.

```cpp
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;

void criticalSection() {
    std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(mtx, std::defer_lock); // Defer
    ↪  locking
    lock.lock(); // Manually lock the mutex
    // Access shared resource
    lock.unlock(); // Manually unlock the mutex
}
```

3. **Example: Using `std::lock_guard`**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;
int sharedData = 0;

void increment() {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
    ++sharedData;
}

int main() {
    std::thread t1(increment);
    std::thread t2(increment);

    t1.join();
    t2.join();

    std::cout << "Shared data: " << sharedData << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Shared data: 2
```

2.2.4 std::atomic

1. **Definition**

   `std::atomic` is a template class in the `<atomic>` header that provides atomic operations on shared variables. Atomic operations are indivisible, meaning they cannot be interrupted by other threads. This makes `std::atomic` ideal for simple shared variables that do not require complex synchronization.

2. **Syntax**

```
#include <atomic>

std::atomic<int> atomicData(0);

void increment() {
    ++atomicData; // Atomic increment
}
```

3. **Example: Basic `std::atomic` Usage**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <atomic>

std::atomic<int> atomicData(0);

void increment() {
    ++atomicData;
}

int main() {
```

```
    std::thread t1(increment);
    std::thread t2(increment);

    t1.join();
    t2.join();

    std::cout << "Atomic data: " << atomicData << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Atomic data: 2
```

4. **Key Points**

   (a) **Atomic Operations**: `std::atomic` supports operations like `load()`, `store()`, `exchange()`, `compare_exchange_strong()`, and `fetch_add()`.

   (b) **Memory Ordering**: `std::atomic` allows you to specify memory ordering constraints (e.g., `std::memory_order_relaxed`, `std::memory_order_seq_cst`).

```
#include <atomic>

std::atomic<int> atomicData(0);

void increment() {
    atomicData.fetch_add(1, std::memory_order_relaxed); // Relaxed
    ↪  memory ordering
}
```

(a) **Performance**: `std::atomic` is generally faster than `std::mutex` for simple operations but is limited to single variables.

2.2.5 Practical Applications

1. **Thread-Safe Counters**

   `std::atomic` is ideal for implementing thread-safe counters.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <atomic>

std::atomic<int> counter(0);

void increment() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 1000; ++i) {
        ++counter;
    }
}

int main() {
    std::thread t1(increment);
    std::thread t2(increment);

    t1.join();
    t2.join();

    std::cout << "Counter: " << counter << std::endl;
}
```

   - Output:

```
Counter: 2000
```

2. **Thread-Safe Queues**

   `std::mutex` can be used to implement thread-safe queues.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <queue>
#include <mutex>
#include <condition_variable>

template <typename T>
class ThreadSafeQueue {
public:
    void push(T value) {
        std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
        queue.push(value);
        cv.notify_one();
    }

    T pop() {
        std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
        cv.wait(lock, [this] { return !queue.empty(); });
        T value = queue.front();
        queue.pop();
        return value;
    }

private:
    std::queue<T> queue;
    std::mutex mtx;
```

```
    std::condition_variable cv;
};

int main() {
    ThreadSafeQueue<int> queue;

    std::thread producer([&queue] {
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
            queue.push(i);
        }
    });

    std::thread consumer([&queue] {
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
            std::cout << "Consumed: " << queue.pop() << std::endl;
        }
    });

    producer.join();
    consumer.join();
}
```

- Output:

```
Consumed: 0
Consumed: 1
Consumed: 2
...
Consumed: 9
```

3. **Double-Checked Locking**

`std::mutex` and `std::atomic` can be combined to implement the **double-checked locking** pattern, which minimizes locking overhead.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <mutex>
#include <atomic>

class Singleton {
public:
    static Singleton* getInstance() {
        Singleton* tmp = instance.load(std::memory_order_acquire);
        if (tmp == nullptr) {
            std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
            tmp = instance.load(std::memory_order_relaxed);
            if (tmp == nullptr) {
                tmp = new Singleton();
                instance.store(tmp, std::memory_order_release);
            }
        }
        return tmp;
    }

private:
    Singleton() {}
    static std::atomic<Singleton*> instance;
    static std::mutex mtx;
};

std::atomic<Singleton*> Singleton::instance{nullptr};
std::mutex Singleton::mtx;

int main() {
```

```
    auto instance1 = Singleton::getInstance();
    auto instance2 = Singleton::getInstance();

    std::cout << "Instance 1: " << instance1 << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Instance 2: " << instance2 << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Instance 1: 0xaddress
Instance 2: 0xaddress
```

2.2.6 Advanced Techniques

1. **Condition Variables**

   Condition variables (`std::condition_variable`) are used to block threads until a condition is met. They are often used with `std::mutex` to implement producer-consumer patterns.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <queue>
#include <mutex>
#include <condition_variable>

std::mutex mtx;
std::condition_variable cv;
std::queue<int> queue;
```

```
void producer() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
        queue.push(i);
        cv.notify_one();
    }
}

void consumer() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
        cv.wait(lock, [] { return !queue.empty(); });
        int value = queue.front();
        queue.pop();
        std::cout << "Consumed: " << value << std::endl;
    }
}

int main() {
    std::thread t1(producer);
    std::thread t2(consumer);

    t1.join();
    t2.join();
}
```

- Output:

```
Consumed: 0
Consumed: 1
Consumed: 2
```

```
...
Consumed: 9
```

2. **Read-Write Locks**

   Read-write locks allow multiple threads to read a shared resource simultaneously but require exclusive access for writing. C++17 introduced `std::shared_mutex` for this purpose.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <shared_mutex>

std::shared_mutex rwMutex;
int sharedData = 0;

void reader() {
    std::shared_lock<std::shared_mutex> lock(rwMutex);
    std::cout << "Read: " << sharedData << std::endl;
}

void writer() {
    std::unique_lock<std::shared_mutex> lock(rwMutex);
    ++sharedData;
    std::cout << "Write: " << sharedData << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    std::thread t1(reader);
    std::thread t2(writer);
    std::thread t3(reader);
```

```
    t1.join();
    t2.join();
    t3.join();
}
```

- Output:

```
Read: 0
Write: 1
Read: 1
```

2.2.7 Conclusion

Synchronization is a critical aspect of concurrent programming in C++. By mastering `std::mutex`, `std::atomic`, and related tools, you can write safe, efficient, and maintainable multi-threaded programs. These mechanisms ensure that shared resources are accessed correctly, preventing race conditions and deadlocks.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of synchronization in C++, covering the syntax, usage, and practical applications of `std::mutex` and `std::atomic`. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex concurrency challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-performance, responsive, and robust software systems.

2.3 Coroutines (C++20)

2.3.1 Introduction to Coroutines in C++

Coroutines, introduced in C++20, are a transformative feature that enables asynchronous programming by allowing functions to suspend and resume their execution. Unlike traditional functions, which run to completion once invoked, coroutines can pause execution and yield control back to the caller, resuming later from where they left off. This makes coroutines ideal for writing asynchronous, non-blocking code, such as event loops, generators, and cooperative multitasking.

This section will provide an exhaustive exploration of coroutines in C++, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. We will also delve into advanced techniques for managing coroutines and integrating them with other concurrency features. These concepts are critical for advanced learners and professionals who want to write modern, efficient, and maintainable asynchronous code.

2.3.2 What Are Coroutines?

1. **Definition**

   A **coroutine** is a function that can suspend its execution and resume later, allowing for cooperative multitasking. Coroutines are particularly useful for asynchronous programming, where tasks need to wait for I/O operations, timers, or other events without blocking the entire program.

2. **Key Characteristics**

   (a) **Suspend and Resume**: Coroutines can suspend execution using keywords like `co_await` and `co_yield`, and resume later from the point of suspension.

(b) **Stateful**: Coroutines maintain their state between suspensions, allowing them to resume execution with all local variables intact.

(c) **Asynchronous**: Coroutines are well-suited for asynchronous programming, enabling non-blocking execution of tasks.

3. **Example: Basic Coroutine**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>

struct MyCoroutine {
    struct promise_type {
        MyCoroutine get_return_object() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
    };
};

MyCoroutine myCoroutine() {
    std::cout << "Coroutine started" << std::endl;
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::cout << "Coroutine resumed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    auto coro = myCoroutine();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Coroutine started
Main function
```

- Explanation: The coroutine starts execution but suspends at `co_await std::suspend_always{}`. Since the coroutine is not resumed, the "Coroutine resumed" message is not printed.

2.3.3 Coroutine Components

1. **Coroutine Handle**

   A **coroutine handle** is an object that represents the coroutine's state and allows you to resume or destroy it. It is typically accessed through the `promise_type` of the coroutine.

2. **Promise Type**

   The **promise type** is a user-defined type that controls the behavior of the coroutine. It must define methods like `get_return_object()`, `initial_suspend()`, `final_suspend()`, `return_void()`, and `unhandled_exception()`.

3. **Awaitable Type**

   An **awaitable type** is a type that can be used with the `co_await` keyword. It defines methods like `await_ready()`, `await_suspend()`, and `await_resume()`.

2.3.4 Writing Coroutines

1. **Example: Simple Coroutine**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>

struct MyCoroutine {
    struct promise_type {
        MyCoroutine get_return_object() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
    };
};

MyCoroutine myCoroutine() {
    std::cout << "Coroutine started" << std::endl;
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::cout << "Coroutine resumed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    auto coro = myCoroutine();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Coroutine started
Main function
```

2. **Example: Resuming a Coroutine**

To resume a coroutine, you need to store its handle and call the `resume()` method.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>

struct MyCoroutine {
    struct promise_type {
        MyCoroutine get_return_object() { return
        ↪  MyCoroutine{std::coroutine_handle<promise_type>::from_promise(*th
        ↪  }
        std::suspend_always initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_always final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
    };

    std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> handle;

    MyCoroutine(std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> h) : handle(h) {}
    ~MyCoroutine() { if (handle) handle.destroy(); }

    void resume() { if (handle) handle.resume(); }
};

MyCoroutine myCoroutine() {
    std::cout << "Coroutine started" << std::endl;
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::cout << "Coroutine resumed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    auto coro = myCoroutine();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
```

```
    coro.resume();
}
```

- Output:

```
Coroutine started
Main function
Coroutine resumed
```

2.3.5 Practical Applications

1. **Asynchronous I/O**

   Coroutines can be used to perform asynchronous I/O operations without blocking the main thread.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>
#include <chrono>
#include <thread>

struct AsyncTask {
    struct promise_type {
        AsyncTask get_return_object() { return
        ↪  AsyncTask{std::coroutine_handle<promise_type>::from_promise(*this
        ↪  }
        std::suspend_always initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_always final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
```

```
    };

    std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> handle;

    AsyncTask(std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> h) : handle(h) {}
    ~AsyncTask() { if (handle) handle.destroy(); }

    void resume() { if (handle) handle.resume(); }
};

AsyncTask asyncIO() {
    std::cout << "Starting async I/O" << std::endl;
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::seconds(1));
    std::cout << "Async I/O completed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    auto task = asyncIO();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
    task.resume();
}
```

- Output:

```
Starting async I/O
Main function
Async I/O completed
```

2. **Generators**

Coroutines can be used to implement generators, which produce a sequence of values on demand.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>

template <typename T>
struct Generator {
    struct promise_type {
        T value;
        Generator get_return_object() { return
        ↪  Generator{std::coroutine_handle<promise_type>::from_promise(*this
        ↪  }
        std::suspend_always initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_always final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
        std::suspend_always yield_value(T v) { value = v; return {};
        ↪  }
    };

    std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> handle;

    Generator(std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> h) : handle(h) {}
    ~Generator() { if (handle) handle.destroy(); }

    T next() {
        handle.resume();
        return handle.promise().value;
    }
};

Generator<int> generateNumbers(int start, int end) {
```

```
    for (int i = start; i <= end; ++i) {
        co_yield i;
    }
}

int main() {
    auto gen = generateNumbers(1, 5);
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
        std::cout << gen.next() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
1
2
3
4
5
```

3. **Event Loops**

Coroutines can be used to implement event loops, where tasks are executed cooperatively.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>
#include <queue>
#include <functional>

struct EventLoop {
    std::queue<std::function<void()>> tasks;
```

```
    void schedule(std::function<void()> task) {
        tasks.push(task);
    }

    void run() {
        while (!tasks.empty()) {
            auto task = tasks.front();
            tasks.pop();
            task();
        }
    }
};

struct Task {
    struct promise_type {
        Task get_return_object() { return
        ↪  Task{std::coroutine_handle<promise_type>::from_promise(*this)};
        ↪  }
        std::suspend_always initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_always final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
    };

    std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> handle;

    Task(std::coroutine_handle<promise_type> h) : handle(h) {}
    ~Task() { if (handle) handle.destroy(); }

    void resume() { if (handle) handle.resume(); }
};
```

```
Task myTask(EventLoop& loop) {
    std::cout << "Task started" << std::endl;
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::cout << "Task resumed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    EventLoop loop;
    auto task = myTask(loop);
    loop.schedule([&task] { task.resume(); });
    loop.run();
}
```

- Output:

```
Task started
Task resumed
```

2.3.6 Advanced Techniques

1. **Custom Awaitables**

   You can define custom awaitable types to control the behavior of `co_await`.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>

struct MyAwaitable {
    bool await_ready() { return false; }
```

```
    void await_suspend(std::coroutine_handle<> handle) {
        std::cout << "Suspending coroutine" << std::endl;
        handle.resume();
    }
    void await_resume() { std::cout << "Resuming coroutine" <<
    ↪  std::endl; }
};

struct MyCoroutine {
    struct promise_type {
        MyCoroutine get_return_object() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() {}
    };
};

MyCoroutine myCoroutine() {
    std::cout << "Coroutine started" << std::endl;
    co_await MyAwaitable{};
    std::cout << "Coroutine resumed" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    auto coro = myCoroutine();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Coroutine started
Suspending coroutine
Resuming coroutine
Coroutine resumed
Main function
```

2. **Error Handling**

   Coroutines can handle exceptions using the `unhandled_exception()` method in the promise type.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <coroutine>
#include <stdexcept>

struct MyCoroutine {
    struct promise_type {
        MyCoroutine get_return_object() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never initial_suspend() { return {}; }
        std::suspend_never final_suspend() noexcept { return {}; }
        void return_void() {}
        void unhandled_exception() { std::cerr << "Exception caught: "
        ↪  << std::current_exception() << std::endl; }
    };
};

MyCoroutine myCoroutine() {
    std::cout << "Coroutine started" << std::endl;
    throw std::runtime_error("Something went wrong");
    co_await std::suspend_always{};
    std::cout << "Coroutine resumed" << std::endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    auto coro = myCoroutine();
    std::cout << "Main function" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Coroutine started
Exception caught: Something went wrong
Main function
```

2.3.7 Conclusion

Coroutines are a powerful feature in C++20 that enable asynchronous programming by allowing functions to suspend and resume execution. By mastering coroutines, you can write efficient, non-blocking code for tasks like asynchronous I/O, generators, and event loops.
This section has provided a comprehensive overview of coroutines in C++, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex asynchronous programming challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-performance, responsive, and robust software systems.

Chapter 3

Error Handling

3.1 Exceptions and `noexcept`

3.1.1 Introduction to Error Handling in C++

Error handling is a critical aspect of software development, ensuring that programs can gracefully handle unexpected situations and maintain robustness. In C++, exceptions are the primary mechanism for handling errors, allowing you to separate error-handling code from normal program logic. The `noexcept` specifier, introduced in C++11, provides a way to indicate that a function will not throw exceptions, enabling optimizations and improving code clarity.

This section will provide an in-depth exploration of exceptions and the `noexcept` specifier, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. These concepts are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to write robust, maintainable, and efficient C++ code.

3.1.2 Exceptions

Definition An **exception** is an event that occurs during the execution of a program that disrupts the normal flow of instructions. Exceptions are typically used to handle errors, such as invalid input, resource allocation failures, or unexpected conditions.

Syntax Exceptions are thrown using the `throw` keyword and caught using `try` and `catch` blocks.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdexcept>

void riskyFunction(int value) {
    if (value < 0) {
        throw std::invalid_argument("Negative value not allowed");
    }
    std::cout << "Value is valid: " << value << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    try {
        riskyFunction(-1);
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Caught exception: Negative value not allowed
```

Key Points

1. **Throwing Exceptions**: Use the `throw` keyword to throw an exception. The thrown object is typically an instance of a class derived from `std::exception`.
2. **Catching Exceptions**: Use `try` and `catch` blocks to handle exceptions. The `catch` block specifies the type of exception to handle.
3. **Exception Hierarchy**: The C++ Standard Library provides a hierarchy of exception classes, with `std::exception` as the base class. Common derived classes include `std::runtime_error`, `std::invalid_argument`, and `std::out_of_range`.

Example: Custom Exception Class You can define custom exception classes by deriving from `std::exception`.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdexcept>

class MyException : public std::exception {
public:
    const char* what() const noexcept override {
        return "Custom exception occurred";
    }
};

void riskyFunction() {
    throw MyException();
}

int main() {
    try {
        riskyFunction();
```

```
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Caught exception: Custom exception occurred
```

3.1.3 noexcept Specifier

Definition The `noexcept` specifier is used to indicate that a function will not throw exceptions. It can be applied to function declarations and definitions, enabling optimizations and improving code clarity.

```
void myFunction() noexcept {
    // Function implementation
}
```

Syntax

- `noexcept`: Indicates that the function will not throw exceptions.

```
#include <iostream>

void safeFunction() noexcept {
```

```
    std::cout << "This function does not throw exceptions" << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    safeFunction();
}
```

Example: Basic `noexcept` Usage

- Output:

```
This function does not throw exceptions
```

Key Points

1. **Optimizations**: Functions marked `noexcept` can be optimized by the compiler, as it does not need to generate exception-handling code.
2. **Error Handling**: If a `noexcept` function throws an exception, the program will terminate by calling `std::terminate()`.
3. **Conditional `noexcept`**: You can specify conditions under which a function is `noexcept`.

```
template <typename T>
void myFunction(T value)
 ↪  noexcept(std::is_nothrow_copy_constructible<T>::value) {
    // Function implementation
}
```

3.1.4 Practical Applications

1. Resource Management Exceptions are commonly used for resource management, ensuring that resources are properly released even in the presence of errors.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdexcept>

class Resource {
public:
    Resource() { std::cout << "Resource acquired" << std::endl; }
    ~Resource() { std::cout << "Resource released" << std::endl; }
};

void riskyFunction() {
    Resource res;
    throw std::runtime_error("Something went wrong");
}

int main() {
    try {
        riskyFunction();
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Resource acquired
Resource released
Caught exception: Something went wrong
```

2. Error Propagation Exceptions allow errors to propagate up the call stack, enabling centralized error handling.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdexcept>

void innerFunction() {
    throw std::runtime_error("Error in inner function");
}

void outerFunction() {
    try {
        innerFunction();
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception in outer function: " << e.what() <<
        ↪  std::endl;
        throw; // Re-throw the exception
    }
}

int main() {
    try {
        outerFunction();
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception in main: " << e.what() <<
        ↪  std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Caught exception in outer function: Error in inner function
Caught exception in main: Error in inner function
```

3. `noexcept` in Move Semantics The `noexcept` specifier is particularly important in move semantics, as it allows the compiler to optimize operations like `std::vector` resizing.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

class MyClass {
public:
    MyClass() { std::cout << "Constructed" << std::endl; }
    ~MyClass() { std::cout << "Destructed" << std::endl; }
    MyClass(MyClass&&) noexcept { std::cout << "Move constructed" <<
    ↪  std::endl; }
    MyClass& operator=(MyClass&&) noexcept { std::cout << "Move assigned"
    ↪  << std::endl; return *this; }
};

int main() {
    std::vector<MyClass> vec;
    vec.push_back(MyClass()); // Move semantics are used
}
```

- Output:

```
Constructed
Move constructed
Destructed
Destructed
```

3.1.5 Advanced Techniques

1. Exception Safety Exception safety refers to the guarantees a function provides regarding exceptions. There are three levels of exception safety:

1. **Basic Guarantee**: No resources are leaked, and the program remains in a valid state.
2. **Strong Guarantee**: The operation is atomic; if an exception occurs, the program state is rolled back to its original state.
3. **No-throw Guarantee**: The function will not throw exceptions.

Example: Strong Guarantee

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stdexcept>

class MyClass {
public:
    MyClass(int value) : value(new int(value)) {}
    ~MyClass() { delete value; }

    void swap(MyClass& other) noexcept {
        std::swap(value, other.value);
    }

    MyClass(const MyClass& other) : value(new int(*other.value)) {}
    MyClass& operator=(const MyClass& other) {
        MyClass temp(other);
        swap(temp);
        return *this;
    }
```

```
    int getValue() const { return *value; }

private:
    int* value;
};

int main() {
    MyClass a(42);
    MyClass b(100);

    try {
        a = b; // Strong guarantee
    } catch (const std::exception& e) {
        std::cerr << "Caught exception: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }

    std::cout << "a: " << a.getValue() << ", b: " << b.getValue() <<
    ↪  std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
a: 100, b: 100
```

2. `noexcept` and Move Semantics Marking move constructors and move assignment operators as `noexcept` enables optimizations in standard containers.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

class MyClass {
public:
    MyClass() { std::cout << "Constructed" << std::endl; }
    ~MyClass() { std::cout << "Destructed" << std::endl; }
    MyClass(MyClass&&) noexcept { std::cout << "Move constructed" <<
    ↪  std::endl; }
    MyClass& operator=(MyClass&&) noexcept { std::cout << "Move assigned"
    ↪  << std::endl; return *this; }
};

int main() {
    std::vector<MyClass> vec;
    vec.push_back(MyClass()); // Move semantics are used
}
```

- Output:

```
Constructed
Move constructed
Destructed
Destructed
```

3.1.6 Conclusion

Exceptions and the `noexcept` specifier are essential tools for error handling in C++. Exceptions allow you to handle errors gracefully and propagate them up the call stack, while

`noexcept` enables optimizations and improves code clarity by indicating that a function will not throw exceptions.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of exceptions and `noexcept`, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to write robust, maintainable, and efficient C++ code. These techniques are essential for developing high-quality software systems that can handle unexpected situations gracefully.

3.2 `std::optional`, `std::expected` (C++23)

3.2.1 Introduction to `std::optional` and `std::expected`

Error handling in C++ has traditionally relied on exceptions, but exceptions are not always the best fit for every scenario. For example, in performance-critical code or in situations where exceptions are disabled, alternative error-handling mechanisms are needed. C++17 introduced `std::optional` to represent optional values, and C++23 introduced `std::expected` to represent values that can either be valid or contain an error. These types provide a more expressive and efficient way to handle errors without relying on exceptions.
This section will provide an in-depth exploration of `std::optional` and `std::expected`, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. These concepts are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to write modern, efficient, and maintainable C++ code.

3.2.2 `std::optional`

Definition `std::optional` is a template class that represents an optional value. It can either contain a value of a specified type or be empty. This is particularly useful for functions that may or may not return a valid result.

```
#include <optional>

std::optional<int> getValue(bool condition) {
    if (condition) {
        return 42;
    } else {
        return std::nullopt; // Represents an empty optional
```

```
    }
}
```

Syntax

- `std::optional<T>`: Represents an optional value of type `T`.
- `std::nullopt`: A special constant representing an empty optional.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <optional>

std::optional<int> getValue(bool condition) {
    if (condition) {
        return 42;
    } else {
        return std::nullopt;
    }
}

int main() {
    auto value = getValue(true);
    if (value) {
        std::cout << "Value: " << *value << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "No value" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

Example: Basic `std::optional` Usage

- Output:

```
Value: 42
```

Key Points

1. **Accessing the Value**: Use the `*` operator or the `value()` method to access the contained value. If the optional is empty, calling `value()` will throw `std::bad_optional_access`.
2. **Checking for a Value**: Use the `has_value()` method or the implicit conversion to `bool` to check if the optional contains a value.
3. **Default Value**: Use the `value_or()` method to provide a default value if the optional is empty.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <optional>

std::optional<int> getValue(bool condition) {
    if (condition) {
        return 42;
    } else {
        return std::nullopt;
    }
}

int main() {
    auto value = getValue(false);
    std::cout << "Value: " << value.value_or(100) << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Value: 100
```

3.2.3 `std::expected` (C++23)

Definition `std::expected` is a template class introduced in C++23 that represents a value that can either be valid or contain an error. It is similar to `std::optional`, but instead of being empty, it can hold an error value. This makes it ideal for functions that can fail and need to return an error code or message.

```
#include <expected>

std::expected<int, std::string> getValue(bool condition) {
    if (condition) {
        return 42;
    } else {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Condition failed");
    }
}
```

Syntax

- `std::expected<T, E>`: Represents a value of type `T` or an error of type `E`.
- `std::unexpected<E>`: Represents an error value of type `E`.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

std::expected<int, std::string> getValue(bool condition) {
    if (condition) {
        return 42;
    } else {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Condition failed");
    }
}

int main() {
    auto result = getValue(true);
    if (result) {
        std::cout << "Value: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cerr << "Error: " << result.error() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

Example: Basic `std::expected` Usage

- Output:

```
Value: 42
```

Key Points

1. **Accessing the Value**: Use the `*` operator or the `value()` method to access the contained

value. If the `std::expected` contains an error, calling `value()` will throw `std::bad_expected_access`.

2. **Accessing the Error**: Use the `error()` method to access the error value.
3. **Checking for a Value**: Use the `has_value()` method or the implicit conversion to `bool` to check if the `std::expected` contains a value.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

std::expected<int, std::string> divide(int a, int b) {
    if (b == 0) {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Division by zero");
    }
    return a / b;
}

int main() {
    auto result = divide(10, 0);
    if (result) {
        std::cout << "Result: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cerr << result.error() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

Example: Handling Errors with `std::expected`

- Output:

```
Error: Division by zero
```

3.2.4 Practical Applications

1. Optional Function Return Values `std::optional` is ideal for functions that may or may not return a valid result, such as searching in a collection.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <optional>
#include <vector>

std::optional<int> findValue(const std::vector<int>& vec, int value) {
    for (int i : vec) {
        if (i == value) {
            return i;
        }
    }
    return std::nullopt;
}

int main() {
    std::vector<int> vec = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    auto result = findValue(vec, 3);
    if (result) {
        std::cout << "Found value: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Value not found" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Found value: 3
```

2. Error Handling in Parsing `std::expected` is ideal for functions that can fail and need to return an error message, such as parsing input.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

std::expected<int, std::string> parseInteger(const std::string& input) {
    try {
        return std::stoi(input);
    } catch (const std::invalid_argument&) {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Invalid argument");
    } catch (const std::out_of_range&) {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Out of range");
    }
}

int main() {
    auto result = parseInteger("abc");
    if (result) {
        std::cout << "Parsed value: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cerr << result.error() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Error: Invalid argument
```

3. Combining `std::optional` and `std::expected` `std::optional` and `std::expected` can be combined to handle complex error scenarios.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <optional>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

std::optional<std::expected<int, std::string>> complexOperation(bool
↪  condition1, bool condition2) {
    if (!condition1) {
        return std::nullopt;
    }
    if (!condition2) {
        return std::unexpected("Error: Condition 2 failed");
    }
    return 42;
}

int main() {
    auto result = complexOperation(true, false);
    if (result) {
        if (*result) {
            std::cout << "Value: " << **result << std::endl;
        } else {
            std::cerr << "Error: " << result->error() << std::endl;
        }
    } else {
        std::cerr << "No result" << std::endl;
```

```
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Error: Condition 2 failed
```

3.2.5 Advanced Techniques

1. Monadic Operations `std::optional` and `std::expected` support monadic operations like `and_then`, `or_else`, and `transform`, which allow for chaining operations in a functional style.

Example: Monadic Operations with `std::optional`

```
#include <iostream>
#include <optional>

std::optional<int> addOne(int value) {
    return value + 1;
}

std::optional<int> multiplyByTwo(int value) {
    return value * 2;
}

int main() {
    std::optional<int> value = 42;
    auto result = value.and_then(addOne).and_then(multiplyByTwo);
    if (result) {
```

```
        std::cout << "Result: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "No result" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Result: 86
```

Example: Monadic Operations with `std::expected`

```
#include <iostream>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

std::expected<int, std::string> addOne(int value) {
    return value + 1;
}

std::expected<int, std::string> multiplyByTwo(int value) {
    return value * 2;
}

int main() {
    std::expected<int, std::string> value = 42;
    auto result = value.and_then(addOne).and_then(multiplyByTwo);
    if (result) {
        std::cout << "Result: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
```

```
        std::cerr << "Error: " << result.error() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Result: 86
```

2. Custom Error Types You can define custom error types to use with `std::expected`.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <expected>
#include <string>

enum class ErrorCode {
    InvalidInput,
    OutOfRange,
    DivisionByZero
};

std::expected<int, ErrorCode> divide(int a, int b) {
    if (b == 0) {
        return std::unexpected(ErrorCode::DivisionByZero);
    }
    return a / b;
}

int main() {
    auto result = divide(10, 0);
    if (result) {
```

```
        std::cout << "Result: " << *result << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cerr << "Error code: " << static_cast<int>(result.error()) <<
        ↪  std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Error code: 2
```

3.2.6 Conclusion

`std::optional` and `std::expected` are powerful tools for error handling in modern C++. `std::optional` provides a way to represent optional values, while `std::expected` extends this by allowing the representation of either a value or an error. These types enable more expressive and efficient error handling, particularly in scenarios where exceptions are not suitable.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of `std::optional` and `std::expected`, covering their syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to write robust, maintainable, and efficient C++ code. These techniques are essential for developing high-quality software systems that can handle errors gracefully and efficiently.

Chapter 4

Advanced Libraries

4.1 Filesystem Library (`std::filesystem`)

4.1.1 Introduction to the Filesystem Library

The C++17 Standard Library introduced the `<filesystem>` library, which provides a comprehensive set of tools for working with file systems. This library allows you to perform operations such as creating, deleting, and traversing directories, querying file properties, and manipulating file paths. The `std::filesystem` library is part of the C++ Standard Library and is designed to be portable across different operating systems, making it an essential tool for advanced learners and professionals who need to handle file system operations in a modern and efficient way.

This section will provide an in-depth exploration of the `std::filesystem` library, covering its syntax, usage, and practical applications. We will also delve into advanced techniques for managing file systems and integrating them with other C++ features.

4.1.2 Key Components of `std::filesystem`

1. **`std::filesystem::path`**std::filesystem::path

   The `std::filesystem::path` class represents a file system path. It provides methods for manipulating and querying paths, such as concatenation, decomposition, and normalization.

2. **Example: Basic `std::filesystem::path` Usage**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    fs::path p = "/usr/local/bin";
    std::cout << "Path: " << p << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Parent path: " << p.parent_path() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Filename: " << p.filename() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Extension: " << p.extension() << std::endl;
}
```

   - Output:

```
Path: "/usr/local/bin"
Parent path: "/usr/local"
Filename: "bin"
Extension: ""
```

3. **Key Points**

(a) **Path Manipulation**: Use methods like `append()`, `concat()`, and `remove_filename()` to manipulate paths.

(b) **Path Decomposition**: Use methods like `parent_path()`, `filename()`, and `extension()` to decompose paths.

(c) **Path Normalization**: Use `lexically_normal()` to normalize paths.

```
fs::path p = "/usr/local/../bin";
std::cout << "Normalized path: " << p.lexically_normal() <<
↪  std::endl;
```

- Output:

```
Normalized path: "/usr/bin"
```

4.1.3 File and Directory Operations

1. **Creating and Deleting Directories**

   You can create and delete directories using `std::filesystem::create_directory()` and `std::filesystem::remove()`.

2. **Example: Creating and Deleting Directories**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;
```

```
int main() {
    fs::path dir = "test_dir";
    if (fs::create_directory(dir)) {
        std::cout << "Directory created: " << dir << std::endl;
    }
    if (fs::remove(dir)) {
        std::cout << "Directory deleted: " << dir << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Directory created: "test_dir"
Directory deleted: "test_dir"
```

3. **Key Points**

   (a) **Creating Directories**: Use `create_directory()` to create a single directory and `create_directories()` to create a directory hierarchy.

   (b) **Deleting Directories**: Use `remove()` to delete a single directory or file and `remove_all()` to delete a directory and its contents.

4. **Example: Creating and Deleting Directory Hierarchies**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;
```

```cpp
int main() {
    fs::path dir = "test_dir/sub_dir";
    if (fs::create_directories(dir)) {
        std::cout << "Directories created: " << dir << std::endl;
    }
    if (fs::remove_all("test_dir")) {
        std::cout << "Directories deleted: test_dir" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Directories created: "test_dir/sub_dir"
Directories deleted: test_dir
```

4.1.4 File Operations

1. **Copying and Moving Files**

   You can copy and move files using `std::filesystem::copy()` and `std::filesystem::rename()`.

2. **Example: Copying and Moving Files**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>
#include <fstream>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;
```

```cpp
int main() {
    fs::path src = "source.txt";
    fs::path dst = "destination.txt";

    // Create a source file
    std::ofstream(src.string()) << "Hello, World!";

    // Copy the file
    fs::copy(src, dst);
    std::cout << "File copied: " << dst << std::endl;

    // Move the file
    fs::rename(dst, "moved.txt");
    std::cout << "File moved: moved.txt" << std::endl;

    // Clean up
    fs::remove(src);
    fs::remove("moved.txt");
}
```

- Output:

```
File copied: "destination.txt"
File moved: moved.txt
```

3. **Key Points**

(a) **Copying Files**: Use `copy()` to copy files or directories. You can specify options like `copy_options::recursive` for recursive copying.

(b) **Moving Files**: Use `rename()` to move files or directories. This operation is typically faster than copying and deleting.

4. **Example: Recursive Copy**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    fs::path src = "source_dir";
    fs::path dst = "destination_dir";

    // Create a source directory with a file
    fs::create_directories(src);
    std::ofstream(src / "file.txt") << "Hello, World!";

    // Copy the directory recursively
    fs::copy(src, dst, fs::copy_options::recursive);
    std::cout << "Directory copied recursively: " << dst <<
    ↪  std::endl;

    // Clean up
    fs::remove_all(src);
    fs::remove_all(dst);
}
```

- Output:

```
Directory copied recursively: "destination_dir"
```

4.1.5 Querying File Properties

1. **File Status and Permissions**

   You can query file properties such as status, permissions, and size using `std::filesystem::status()`, `std::filesystem::permissions()`, and `std::filesystem::file_size()`.

2. **Example: Querying File Properties**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    fs::path p = "example.txt";
    std::ofstream(p.string()) << "Hello, World!";

    // Query file status
    fs::file_status status = fs::status(p);
    std::cout << "File type: " << static_cast<int>(status.type()) <<
    ↪  std::endl;

    // Query file permissions
    fs::perms permissions = status.permissions();
    std::cout << "File permissions: " << static_cast<int>(permissions)
    ↪  << std::endl;
```

```
    // Query file size
    std::cout << "File size: " << fs::file_size(p) << " bytes" <<
    ↪  std::endl;

    // Clean up
    fs::remove(p);
}
```

- Output:

```
File type: 1
File permissions: 436
File size: 13 bytes
```

3. **Key Points**

   (a) **File Status**: Use `status()` to get the status of a file or directory. The status includes the file type and permissions.

   (b) **File Permissions**: Use `permissions()` to get or set the permissions of a file or directory.

   (c) **File Size**: Use `file_size()` to get the size of a file.

4. **Example: Setting File Permissions**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;
```

```cpp
int main() {
    fs::path p = "example.txt";
    std::ofstream(p.string()) << "Hello, World!";

    // Set file permissions
    fs::permissions(p, fs::perms::owner_all | fs::perms::group_read |
    ↪  fs::perms::others_read);

    // Query file permissions
    fs::perms permissions = fs::status(p).permissions();
    std::cout << "File permissions: " << static_cast<int>(permissions)
    ↪  << std::endl;

    // Clean up
    fs::remove(p);
}
```

- Output:

```
File permissions: 436
```

4.1.6 Advanced Techniques

1. **Directory Iteration**

   You can iterate over the contents of a directory using `std::filesystem::directory_iterator` and `std::filesystem::recursive_directory_iterator`.

   Example: Directory Iteration

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    fs::path dir = "test_dir";
    fs::create_directories(dir);
    std::ofstream(dir / "file1.txt") << "File 1";
    std::ofstream(dir / "file2.txt") << "File 2";

    // Iterate over directory contents
    for (const auto& entry : fs::directory_iterator(dir)) {
        std::cout << "Found: " << entry.path() << std::endl;
    }

    // Clean up
    fs::remove_all(dir);
}
```

- Output:

```
Found: "test_dir/file1.txt"
Found: "test_dir/file2.txt"
```

Example: Recursive Directory Iteration

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>
```

```cpp
namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    fs::path dir = "test_dir";
    fs::create_directories(dir / "sub_dir");
    std::ofstream(dir / "file1.txt") << "File 1";
    std::ofstream(dir / "sub_dir/file2.txt") << "File 2";

    // Recursively iterate over directory contents
    for (const auto& entry : fs::recursive_directory_iterator(dir)) {
        std::cout << "Found: " << entry.path() << std::endl;
    }

    // Clean up
    fs::remove_all(dir);
}
```

- Output:

```
Found: "test_dir/file1.txt"
Found: "test_dir/sub_dir/file2.txt"
```

2. **Error Handling**

   The `std::filesystem` library provides error handling through `std::filesystem::filesystem_error`, which is thrown when file system operations fail.

   Example: Error Handling

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <filesystem>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

int main() {
    try {
        fs::path p = "non_existent_file.txt";
        fs::file_size(p); // This will throw an exception
    } catch (const fs::filesystem_error& e) {
        std::cerr << "Error: " << e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
Error: filesystem error: cannot get file size: No such file or
 ↪  directory [non_existent_file.txt]
```

4.1.7 Conclusion

The `std::filesystem` library is a powerful and versatile tool for working with file systems in C++. It provides a comprehensive set of functions for manipulating paths, creating and deleting directories, copying and moving files, and querying file properties. By mastering the `std::filesystem` library, you can write efficient, portable, and maintainable code for handling file system operations.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of the `std::filesystem` library, covering its syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex file system challenges and leverage the full power of modern

C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-quality software systems that interact with the file system in a robust and efficient manner.

4.2 Networking (C++20 and Beyond)

4.2.1 Introduction to Networking in C++

Networking is a fundamental aspect of modern software development, enabling applications to communicate over the internet or local networks. While C++ has traditionally relied on third-party libraries like Boost.Asio or platform-specific APIs for networking, the C++20 standard introduced a new networking library as part of the C++ Standard Library. This library, based on the Boost.Asio library, provides a portable and efficient way to handle networking tasks such as creating sockets, sending and receiving data, and managing connections.
This section will provide an in-depth exploration of the C++20 networking library, covering its syntax, usage, and practical applications. We will also delve into advanced techniques for managing network connections and integrating them with other C++ features. These concepts are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to write modern, efficient, and maintainable networked applications.

4.2.2 Key Components of the Networking Library

1. **`std::net`**

   The C++20 networking library is part of the `<net>` header and provides a set of classes and functions for working with network sockets, endpoints, and protocols. The library is designed to be portable across different operating systems and supports both synchronous and asynchronous operations.

2. **Example: Basic Networking Usage**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <net>
```

```
namespace net = std::net;

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);
    net::ip::tcp::endpoint
    ↪  endpoint(net::ip::make_address("127.0.0.1"), 8080);

    socket.connect(endpoint);

    std::string message = "Hello, Server!";
    net::write(socket, net::buffer(message));

    char reply[1024];
    size_t reply_length = net::read(socket, net::buffer(reply,
    ↪  sizeof(reply)));

    std::cout << "Reply from server: " << std::string(reply,
    ↪  reply_length) << std::endl;

    socket.close();
}
```

- Output:

```
Reply from server: Hello, Client!
```

3. **Key Points**

(a) **`net::io_context`**: The `io_context` class is the central object for managing I/O operations. It provides the event loop for asynchronous operations.

(b) **`net::ip::tcp::socket`**: The `socket` class represents a TCP socket. It provides methods for connecting, sending, and receiving data.

(c) **`net::ip::tcp::endpoint`**: The `endpoint` class represents a network endpoint, consisting of an IP address and a port number.

4.2.3 Synchronous Networking

1. **Creating a TCP Client**

   You can create a TCP client using the `net::ip::tcp::socket` class to connect to a server and exchange data.

2. **Example: TCP Client**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);
    net::ip::tcp::endpoint
    ↪  endpoint(net::ip::make_address("127.0.0.1"), 8080);

    socket.connect(endpoint);

    std::string message = "Hello, Server!";
    net::write(socket, net::buffer(message));
```

```
    char reply[1024];
    size_t reply_length = net::read(socket, net::buffer(reply,
    ↪  sizeof(reply)));

    std::cout << "Reply from server: " << std::string(reply,
    ↪  reply_length) << std::endl;

    socket.close();
}
```

- Output:

```
Reply from server: Hello, Client!
```

3. **Key Points**

   (a) **Connecting to a Server**: Use the `connect()` method to connect to a server.

   (b) **Sending Data**: Use the `net::write()` function to send data to the server.

   (c) **Receiving Data**: Use the `net::read()` function to receive data from the server.

4. **Creating a TCP Server**

   You can create a TCP server using the `net::ip::tcp::acceptor` class to accept incoming connections and exchange data.

5. **Example: TCP Server**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::acceptor acceptor(io_context,
    ↪  net::ip::tcp::endpoint(net::ip::tcp::v4(), 8080));

    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);
    acceptor.accept(socket);

    char request[1024];
    size_t request_length = net::read(socket, net::buffer(request,
    ↪  sizeof(request)));

    std::cout << "Request from client: " << std::string(request,
    ↪  request_length) << std::endl;

    std::string reply = "Hello, Client!";
    net::write(socket, net::buffer(reply));

    socket.close();
}
```

- Output:

```
Request from client: Hello, Server!
```

6. **Key Points**

   (a) **Accepting Connections**: Use the `accept()` method to accept incoming connections.

   (b) **Handling Requests**: Use the `net::read()` function to receive data from the client.

   (c) **Sending Replies**: Use the `net::write()` function to send data to the client.

4.2.4 Asynchronous Networking

1. **Asynchronous TCP Client**

   You can create an asynchronous TCP client using the `net::ip::tcp::socket` class with asynchronous methods.

2. **Example: Asynchronous TCP Client**

```
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;

void handle_connect(const std::error_code& ec, net::ip::tcp::socket&
↪  socket) {
    if (!ec) {
        std::string message = "Hello, Server!";
        net::async_write(socket, net::buffer(message),
            [&socket](const std::error_code& ec, std::size_t
            ↪  /*length*/) {
                if (!ec) {
                    char reply[1024];
                    net::async_read(socket, net::buffer(reply,
                    ↪  sizeof(reply)),
```

```
                        [&socket, reply](const std::error_code& ec,
                        ↪  std::size_t length) {
                            if (!ec) {
                                std::cout << "Reply from server: " <<
                                ↪  std::string(reply, length) <<
                                ↪  std::endl;
                                socket.close();
                            }
                        });
                }
            });
    }
}

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);
    net::ip::tcp::endpoint
    ↪  endpoint(net::ip::make_address("127.0.0.1"), 8080);

    socket.async_connect(endpoint, [&socket](const std::error_code&
    ↪  ec) {
        handle_connect(ec, socket);
    });

    io_context.run();
}
```

- Output:

```
Reply from server: Hello, Client!
```

3. **Key Points**

   (a) **Asynchronous Operations**: Use `async_connect()`, `async_write()`, and `async_read()` for asynchronous operations.

   (b) **Event Loop**: Use `io_context.run()` to start the event loop and process asynchronous operations.

4. **Asynchronous TCP Server**

   You can create an asynchronous TCP server using the `net::ip::tcp::acceptor` class with asynchronous methods.

5. **Example: Asynchronous TCP Server**

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;

void handle_request(net::ip::tcp::socket& socket) {
    char request[1024];
    net::async_read(socket, net::buffer(request, sizeof(request)),
        [&socket, request](const std::error_code& ec, std::size_t
        ↪  length) {
            if (!ec) {
                std::cout << "Request from client: " <<
                ↪  std::string(request, length) << std::endl;

                std::string reply = "Hello, Client!";
```

```
                net::async_write(socket, net::buffer(reply),
                    [&socket](const std::error_code& ec, std::size_t
                    ↪ /*length*/) {
                        if (!ec) {
                            socket.close();
                        }
                    });
            }
        });
}

void handle_accept(net::ip::tcp::acceptor& acceptor,
↪ net::ip::tcp::socket& socket) {
    acceptor.async_accept(socket, [&acceptor, &socket](const
    ↪ std::error_code& ec) {
        if (!ec) {
            handle_request(socket);
            handle_accept(acceptor, socket);
        }
    });
}

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::acceptor acceptor(io_context,
    ↪ net::ip::tcp::endpoint(net::ip::tcp::v4(), 8080));
    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);

    handle_accept(acceptor, socket);

    io_context.run();
```

```
}
```

- Output:

```
Request from client: Hello, Server!
```

6. **Key Points**

   (a) **Asynchronous Accept**: Use `async_accept()` to accept incoming connections asynchronously.

   (b) **Handling Requests**: Use `async_read()` and `async_write()` to handle requests and send replies asynchronously.

   (c) **Event Loop**: Use `io_context.run()` to start the event loop and process asynchronous operations.

4.2.5 Advanced Techniques

1. **Error Handling**

   The networking library provides error handling through `std::error_code`, which is passed to asynchronous handlers.

   Example: Error Handling

```
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;
```

```
void handle_connect(const std::error_code& ec, net::ip::tcp::socket&
↪  socket) {
    if (ec) {
        std::cerr << "Connection error: " << ec.message() <<
        ↪  std::endl;
        return;
    }

    std::string message = "Hello, Server!";
    net::async_write(socket, net::buffer(message),
        [&socket](const std::error_code& ec, std::size_t /*length*/)
        ↪  {
            if (ec) {
                std::cerr << "Write error: " << ec.message() <<
                ↪  std::endl;
                return;
            }

            char reply[1024];
            net::async_read(socket, net::buffer(reply,
            ↪  sizeof(reply)),
                [&socket, reply](const std::error_code& ec,
                ↪  std::size_t length) {
                    if (ec) {
                        std::cerr << "Read error: " << ec.message()
                        ↪  << std::endl;
                        return;
                    }

                    std::cout << "Reply from server: " <<
                    ↪  std::string(reply, length) << std::endl;
```

```
                    socket.close();
                });
        });
}

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    net::ip::tcp::socket socket(io_context);
    net::ip::tcp::endpoint
    ↪ endpoint(net::ip::make_address("127.0.0.1"), 8080);

    socket.async_connect(endpoint, [&socket](const std::error_code&
    ↪ ec) {
        handle_connect(ec, socket);
    });

    io_context.run();
}
```

- Output:

```
Reply from server: Hello, Client!
```

2. **Custom Protocols**

   You can create custom protocols by defining your own protocol classes and using them with the networking library.

   Example: Custom Protocol

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <net>

namespace net = std::net;

class MyProtocol {
public:
    using endpoint = net::ip::tcp::endpoint;
    using socket = net::ip::tcp::socket;
    using acceptor = net::ip::tcp::acceptor;

    static constexpr int protocol_family = AF_INET;
    static constexpr int protocol_type = SOCK_STREAM;
    static constexpr int protocol = IPPROTO_TCP;
};

int main() {
    net::io_context io_context;

    MyProtocol::acceptor acceptor(io_context,
    ↪  MyProtocol::endpoint(net::ip::tcp::v4(), 8080));
    MyProtocol::socket socket(io_context);

    acceptor.accept(socket);

    char request[1024];
    size_t request_length = net::read(socket, net::buffer(request,
    ↪  sizeof(request)));

    std::cout << "Request from client: " << std::string(request,
    ↪  request_length) << std::endl;
```

```
    std::string reply = "Hello, Client!";
    net::write(socket, net::buffer(reply));

    socket.close();
}
```

- Output:

```
Request from client: Hello, Server!
```

4.2.6 Conclusion

The C++20 networking library provides a powerful and portable way to handle networking tasks in C++. By mastering this library, you can write efficient, maintainable, and scalable networked applications. Whether you are creating a simple client-server application or a complex distributed system, the networking library offers the tools you need to succeed.
This section has provided a comprehensive overview of the C++20 networking library, covering its syntax, usage, and practical applications. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex networking challenges and leverage the full power of modern C++. These techniques are essential for developing high-quality software systems that communicate effectively over networks.

Chapter 5

Practical Examples

5.1 Advanced Programs (e.g., Multithreaded Applications, Template Metaprogramming)

5.1.1 Introduction to Advanced C++ Programming

Advanced C++ programming involves leveraging the full power of the language to create efficient, maintainable, and scalable applications. This includes techniques such as multithreading, template metaprogramming, and advanced use of the Standard Library. These techniques are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to write high-performance and robust software systems.

This section will provide an in-depth exploration of advanced C++ programming techniques, covering multithreaded applications and template metaprogramming. We will provide full examples and practical applications to illustrate these concepts.

5.1.2 Multithreaded Applications

Introduction to Multithreading

Multithreading is a technique that allows a program to perform multiple tasks concurrently. This is particularly useful for improving the performance of applications that need to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, such as web servers, game engines, and scientific simulations.

Example: Basic Multithreading

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <vector>

void printHello(int id) {
    std::cout << "Hello from thread " << id << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    std::vector<std::thread> threads;

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
        threads.emplace_back(printHello, i);
    }

    for (auto& t : threads) {
        t.join();
    }

    std::cout << "All threads completed" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Hello from thread 0
Hello from thread 1
Hello from thread 2
Hello from thread 3
Hello from thread 4
All threads completed
```

Key Points

1. **Creating Threads**: Use `std::thread` to create and manage threads.
2. **Joining Threads**: Use `join()` to wait for threads to complete.
3. **Thread Safety**: Ensure thread safety by using synchronization primitives like `std::mutex` and `std::lock_guard`.

Example: Thread Safety with `std::mutex`

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <vector>
#include <mutex>

std::mutex mtx;

void printHello(int id) {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
    std::cout << "Hello from thread " << id << std::endl;
}
```

```
int main() {
    std::vector<std::thread> threads;

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
        threads.emplace_back(printHello, i);
    }

    for (auto& t : threads) {
        t.join();
    }

    std::cout << "All threads completed" << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Hello from thread 0
Hello from thread 1
Hello from thread 2
Hello from thread 3
Hello from thread 4
All threads completed
```

Example: Thread Pool

A thread pool is a collection of worker threads that are used to execute tasks concurrently. This can improve performance by reusing threads and reducing the overhead of creating and destroying threads.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <vector>
#include <queue>
#include <functional>
#include <mutex>
#include <condition_variable>

class ThreadPool {
public:
    ThreadPool(size_t numThreads) {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < numThreads; ++i) {
            workers.emplace_back([this] {
                while (true) {
                    std::function<void()> task;
                    {
                        std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(queueMutex);
                        condition.wait(lock, [this] { return !tasks.empty()
                        ↪  || stop; });
                        if (stop && tasks.empty()) return;
                        task = std::move(tasks.front());
                        tasks.pop();
                    }
                    task();
                }
            });
        }
    }

    ~ThreadPool() {
        {
            std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(queueMutex);
```

```
            stop = true;
        }
        condition.notify_all();
        for (auto& worker : workers) {
            worker.join();
        }
    }

    template <typename F>
    void enqueue(F&& f) {
        {
            std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(queueMutex);
            tasks.emplace(std::forward<F>(f));
        }
        condition.notify_one();
    }

private:
    std::vector<std::thread> workers;
    std::queue<std::function<void()>> tasks;
    std::mutex queueMutex;
    std::condition_variable condition;
    bool stop = false;
};

int main() {
    ThreadPool pool(4);

    for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
        pool.enqueue([i] {
            std::cout << "Task " << i << " executed by thread " <<
            ↪  std::this_thread::get_id() << std::endl;
```

```
        });
    }

    std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::seconds(1));
}
```

- Output:

```
Task 0 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 1 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 2 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 3 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 4 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 5 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 6 executed by thread 140735680970496
Task 7 executed by thread 140735680970496
```

5.1.3 Template Metaprogramming

Introduction to Template Metaprogramming

Template metaprogramming is a technique that uses templates to perform computations at compile time. This can be used to create highly optimized and flexible code.

Example: Compile-Time Factorial

```
#include <iostream>

template <int N>
struct Factorial {
```

```
    static constexpr int value = N * Factorial<N - 1>::value;
};

template <>
struct Factorial<0> {
    static constexpr int value = 1;
};

int main() {
    std::cout << "Factorial of 5: " << Factorial<5>::value << std::endl;
}
```

- Output:

```
Factorial of 5: 120
```

Key Points

1. **Template Specialization**: Use template specialization to define base cases for recursive templates.
2. **Compile-Time Computation**: Perform computations at compile time using templates.

Example: Type Traits

Type traits are a powerful feature of template metaprogramming that allow you to query and manipulate types at compile time.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

template <typename T>
void printType() {
    if (std::is_integral<T>::value) {
        std::cout << "Integral type" << std::endl;
    } else if (std::is_floating_point<T>::value) {
        std::cout << "Floating-point type" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Other type" << std::endl;
    }
}

int main() {
    printType<int>();
    printType<double>();
    printType<std::string>();
}
```

- Output:

```
Integral type
Floating-point type
Other type
```

Example: Variadic Templates

Variadic templates allow you to define functions and classes that accept an arbitrary number of template arguments.

```cpp
#include <iostream>

template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    (std::cout << ... << args) << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    print(1, 2, 3, "Hello", 4.5);
}
```

- Output:

```
123Hello4.5
```

5.1.4 Practical Applications

1. **Multithreaded Web Server**

   A multithreaded web server can handle multiple client connections concurrently, improving performance and responsiveness.

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
#include <vector>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <cstring>

void handleClient(int clientSocket) {
```

```
    char buffer[1024];
    ssize_t bytesRead = read(clientSocket, buffer, sizeof(buffer));
    if (bytesRead > 0) {
        write(clientSocket, "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\nContent-Length:
        ↪  13\r\n\r\nHello, World!", 46);
    }
    close(clientSocket);
}

int main() {
    int serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
    sockaddr_in serverAddr{};
    serverAddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    serverAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    serverAddr.sin_port = htons(8080);

    bind(serverSocket, (struct sockaddr*)&serverAddr,
    ↪  sizeof(serverAddr));
    listen(serverSocket, 5);

    std::vector<std::thread> threads;

    while (true) {
        int clientSocket = accept(serverSocket, nullptr, nullptr);
        threads.emplace_back(handleClient, clientSocket);
    }

    for (auto& t : threads) {
        t.join();
    }

    close(serverSocket);
```

```
}
```

- Output:

```
(Server runs and handles client connections)
```

2. **Compile-Time Matrix Multiplication**

   Template metaprogramming can be used to perform matrix multiplication at compile time, resulting in highly optimized code.

```
#include <iostream>

template <int Rows, int Cols, int K>
struct MatrixMultiply {
    template <typename T>
    static void multiply(const T (&a)[Rows][Cols], const T
    ↪  (&b)[Cols][K], T (&result)[Rows][K]) {
        for (int i = 0; i < Rows; ++i) {
            for (int j = 0; j < K; ++j) {
                result[i][j] = 0;
                for (int k = 0; k < Cols; ++k) {
                    result[i][j] += a[i][k] * b[k][j];
                }
            }
        }
    }
};

int main() {
```

```
    const int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};
    const int b[3][2] = {{7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}};
    int result[2][2] = {0};

    MatrixMultiply<2, 3, 2>::multiply(a, b, result);

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 2; ++j) {
            std::cout << result[i][j] << " ";
        }
        std::cout << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Output:

```
58 64
139 154
```

5.1.5 Conclusion

Advanced C++ programming techniques such as multithreading and template metaprogramming are essential for creating high-performance and robust software systems. By mastering these techniques, you can write efficient, maintainable, and scalable applications that leverage the full power of modern C++.

This section has provided a comprehensive overview of advanced C++ programming, covering multithreaded applications and template metaprogramming. With this knowledge, you are well-equipped to tackle complex programming challenges and develop high-quality software

systems. These techniques are essential for advanced learners and professionals who want to excel in modern C++ development.

Chapter 6

Lock-free and Memory Management

6.1 Lock-Free Programming

Lock-free programming is a sophisticated and powerful paradigm in concurrent programming that allows multiple threads to operate on shared data structures without the need for traditional locking mechanisms like mutexes, semaphores, or condition variables. Instead, lock-free algorithms rely on atomic operations, memory ordering, and careful design to ensure that threads can make progress without blocking each other. This approach is particularly valuable in high-performance systems where minimizing latency, maximizing throughput, and ensuring scalability are critical.

In this section, we will explore lock-free programming in depth, covering its foundational concepts, design principles, challenges, and practical implementations. By the end of this section, advanced learners and professionals will have a comprehensive understanding of how to design, implement, and reason about lock-free data structures and algorithms in modern C++.

6.1.1 Foundations of Lock-Free Programming

1. **What is Lock-Free Programming?**

   Lock-free programming is a concurrency control technique where threads operate on shared data without acquiring locks. Instead of blocking threads when conflicts occur, lock-free algorithms ensure that at least one thread makes progress at any given time. This is achieved through the use of atomic operations, which are indivisible and guaranteed to complete without interference from other threads.

   Lock-free programming is often contrasted with **blocking algorithms**, where threads may be put to sleep (blocked) if they cannot acquire a lock. Blocking algorithms can lead to issues like priority inversion, deadlocks, and reduced scalability, especially in highly concurrent systems. Lock-free algorithms, on the other hand, avoid these issues by allowing threads to make progress independently.

2. **Why Use Lock-Free Programming?**

   Lock-free programming offers several advantages:

   - **Improved Scalability:** Since threads do not block, lock-free algorithms can scale better on multi-core systems.
   - **Reduced Latency:** Without the overhead of acquiring and releasing locks, lock-free algorithms can achieve lower latency.
   - **Avoidance of Deadlocks:** Lock-free algorithms are immune to deadlocks because they do not rely on locking mechanisms.
   - **Progress Guarantees:** Lock-free algorithms ensure that at least one thread makes progress, even if other threads are delayed or fail.

   However, lock-free programming is not a silver bullet. It introduces significant complexity and requires a deep understanding of concurrency, memory models, and hardware

behavior.

6.1.2 Key Concepts in Lock-Free Programming

1. **Atomic Operations**

   Atomic operations are the building blocks of lock-free programming. An atomic operation is indivisible, meaning it appears to occur instantaneously from the perspective of other threads. In C++, the `<atomic>` header provides a suite of atomic types and operations, such as:

   - `std::atomic<T>`: A template class for atomic types.
   - `std::atomic_flag`: A lightweight atomic boolean flag.
   - Atomic operations like `load`, `store`, `exchange`, `compare_exchange_strong`, and `fetch_add`.

   Example:

```
std::atomic<int> counter{0};
counter.fetch_add(1, std::memory_order_relaxed); // Atomically
 ↪  increment counter
```

2. **Memory Ordering**

   Memory ordering defines the visibility of memory operations across threads. In a multi-threaded environment, the order in which memory operations are observed can vary due to compiler optimizations and hardware reordering. C++ provides several memory ordering options to control this behavior:

   - **Relaxed (`memory_order_relaxed`):** No synchronization or ordering constraints.

- **Acquire (`memory_order_acquire`):** Ensures that subsequent operations are not reordered before the atomic operation.
- **Release (`memory_order_release`):** Ensures that previous operations are not reordered after the atomic operation.
- **Acquire-Release (`memory_order_acq_rel`):** Combines both acquire and release semantics.
- **Sequentially Consistent (`memory_order_seq_cst`):** The strongest ordering, providing a total order of all atomic operations.

Example:

```
std::atomic<bool> flag{false};
int data = 0;

// Thread 1
data = 42;
flag.store(true, std::memory_order_release);

// Thread 2
while (!flag.load(std::memory_order_acquire));
assert(data == 42); // Guaranteed to be true
```

3. **Compare-and-Swap (CAS)**

   Compare-and-Swap (CAS) is a fundamental operation in lock-free programming. It atomically compares the value at a memory location with an expected value and, if they match, updates the memory location to a new value. CAS is typically implemented using `compare_exchange_strong` or `compare_exchange_weak` in C++.

   Example:

```
std::atomic<int> value{10};
int expected = 10;
while (!value.compare_exchange_weak(expected, 20)) {
    // CAS failed, retry
}
```

4. **Hazard Pointers**

   Hazard pointers are a memory reclamation technique used in lock-free data structures. They allow threads to mark nodes that are being accessed, preventing them from being deallocated prematurely. This is particularly important in lock-free algorithms where nodes may be accessed concurrently by multiple threads.

5. **Read-Modify-Write (RMW) Operations**

   Read-Modify-Write (RMW) operations are atomic operations that read a value from memory, modify it, and write it back in a single, indivisible step. Examples include `fetch_add`, `fetch_sub`, and `exchange`.

   Example:

```
std::atomic<int> counter{0};
counter.fetch_add(1, std::memory_order_relaxed); // Atomically
↪  increment counter
```

6.1.3 Designing Lock-Free Data Structures

Designing lock-free data structures is challenging due to the need to handle concurrent modifications without locks. Below, we discuss some common lock-free data structures and their design principles.

1. **Lock-Free Stack**

   A lock-free stack is typically implemented as a singly-linked list with a head pointer. Push and pop operations are performed using CAS to update the head pointer atomically.

   Example:

```
template <typename T>
class LockFreeStack {
private:
    struct Node {
        std::shared_ptr<T> data;
        Node* next;
        Node(T const& data_) : data(std::make_shared<T>(data_)) {}
    };

    std::atomic<Node*> head;

public:
    void push(T const& data) {
        Node* const new_node = new Node(data);
        new_node->next = head.load();
        while (!head.compare_exchange_weak(new_node->next,
        ↪  new_node));
    }

    std::shared_ptr<T> pop() {
        Node* old_head = head.load();
        while (old_head && !head.compare_exchange_weak(old_head,
        ↪  old_head->next));
        return old_head ? old_head->data : std::shared_ptr<T>();
    }
};
```

2. **Lock-Free Queue**

   A lock-free queue is often implemented as a linked list with head and tail pointers. Enqueue and dequeue operations must carefully manage the head and tail pointers to avoid race conditions.

   Example:

```
template <typename T>
class LockFreeQueue {
private:
    struct Node {
        std::shared_ptr<T> data;
        std::atomic<Node*> next;
        Node(T const& data_) : data(std::make_shared<T>(data_)),
        ↪  next(nullptr) {}
    };

    std::atomic<Node*> head;
    std::atomic<Node*> tail;

public:
    LockFreeQueue() : head(new Node(T())), tail(head.load()) {}
    ~LockFreeQueue() {
        while (Node* const old_head = head.load()) {
            head.store(old_head->next);
            delete old_head;
        }
    }

    void enqueue(T const& data) {
        Node* new_node = new Node(data);
        while (true) {
            Node* old_tail = tail.load();
```

```
            Node* next = old_tail->next.load();
            if (old_tail == tail.load()) {
                if (next == nullptr) {
                    if (old_tail->next.compare_exchange_weak(next,
                     ↪  new_node)) {
                        tail.compare_exchange_weak(old_tail,
                         ↪  new_node);
                        return;
                    }
                } else {
                    tail.compare_exchange_weak(old_tail, next);
                }
            }
        }
    }

    std::shared_ptr<T> dequeue() {
        while (true) {
            Node* old_head = head.load();
            Node* old_tail = tail.load();
            Node* next = old_head->next.load();
            if (old_head == head.load()) {
                if (old_head == old_tail) {
                    if (next == nullptr) {
                        return std::shared_ptr<T>();
                    }
                    tail.compare_exchange_weak(old_tail, next);
                } else {
                    std::shared_ptr<T> res = next->data;
                    if (head.compare_exchange_weak(old_head, next)) {
                        delete old_head;
                        return res;
```

```
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
};
```

3. **Lock-Free Hash Table**

   A lock-free hash table can be implemented using an array of lock-free linked lists. Each bucket in the array is managed independently, allowing concurrent access to different buckets.

6.1.4 Challenges and Pitfalls

1. **ABA Problem**

   The ABA problem occurs when a value is changed from A to B and back to A, causing a CAS operation to succeed incorrectly. This can be mitigated using techniques like double-word CAS or versioning.

2. **Memory Reclamation**

   Managing memory in lock-free data structures is complex because nodes cannot be deallocated immediately if they might still be accessed by other threads. Techniques like hazard pointers, epoch-based reclamation, or reference counting are used to address this issue.

3. **Progress Guarantees**

   Lock-free algorithms provide progress guarantees, ensuring that at least one thread makes progress. However, they do not guarantee fairness or starvation-freedom, which can be a

concern in some applications.

6.1.5 Conclusion

Lock-free programming is a powerful technique for building high-performance concurrent systems. By leveraging atomic operations, memory ordering, and careful design, developers can create data structures that scale well on modern multi-core processors. However, the complexity and subtlety of lock-free algorithms require a deep understanding of concurrency, memory models, and hardware behavior. As such, lock-free programming is best suited for advanced learners and professionals who are willing to invest the time to master these concepts.

6.2 Custom Memory Management

Custom memory management is a cornerstone of advanced C++ programming, especially in high-performance and concurrent systems. While the C++ Standard Library provides general-purpose memory management facilities like `new` and `delete`, these may not always meet the specific needs of performance-critical applications. Custom memory management allows developers to design and implement memory allocation and deallocation strategies tailored to their application's requirements, optimizing performance, reducing fragmentation, and ensuring safe memory reclamation in multi-threaded environments.
In this section, we will delve deeply into the principles, techniques, and practical considerations of custom memory management, with a particular focus on its application in lock-free programming. By the end of this section, advanced learners and professionals will have a comprehensive understanding of how to design, implement, and integrate custom memory management systems in modern C++.

6.2.1 Why Custom Memory Management?

1. **Performance Optimization**

   The default memory allocator provided by the C++ Standard Library is designed for general-purpose use and may not be optimal for specific workloads. Custom memory allocators can be tailored to the allocation patterns of an application, reducing overhead and improving performance. For example, a custom allocator can pre-allocate memory in large blocks, minimizing the number of system calls and reducing allocation latency.

2. **Reduced Fragmentation**

   Memory fragmentation occurs when free memory is divided into small, non-contiguous blocks, making it difficult to allocate large contiguous chunks. Custom memory allocators can employ strategies like memory pooling or slab allocation to minimize fragmentation,

ensuring efficient use of memory.

3. **Concurrency and Lock-Free Programming**

   In concurrent environments, especially those using lock-free data structures, memory management becomes more complex. The default allocator may introduce contention or blocking, undermining the benefits of lock-free algorithms. Custom memory allocators can be designed to work efficiently in multi-threaded contexts, often using techniques like thread-local storage (TLS) or lock-free memory pools.

4. **Deterministic Behavior**

   Real-time systems and embedded applications often require deterministic memory allocation and deallocation behavior. Custom memory allocators can provide predictable performance, avoiding the variability of general-purpose allocators.

5. **Specialized Use Cases**

   Certain applications, such as games, simulations, and high-frequency trading systems, have unique memory allocation patterns that can benefit from custom memory management. For example, a game engine might use a custom allocator to manage memory for game objects, ensuring fast allocation and deallocation during gameplay.

6.2.2 Techniques for Custom Memory Management

1. **Memory Pools**

   A memory pool pre-allocates a large block of memory and divides it into fixed-size chunks. Allocations and deallocations are performed by managing these chunks, avoiding the overhead of general-purpose allocators.

   Example:

```
class MemoryPool {
private:
    struct Block {
        Block* next;
    };

    Block* freeList;
    std::vector<char> memory;

public:
    MemoryPool(size_t blockSize, size_t blockCount)
        : memory(blockSize * blockCount) {
        freeList = reinterpret_cast<Block*>(memory.data());
        Block* current = freeList;
        for (size_t i = 1; i < blockCount; ++i) {
            current->next = reinterpret_cast<Block*>(memory.data() +
            ↪  i * blockSize);
            current = current->next;
        }
        current->next = nullptr;
    }

    void* allocate() {
        if (!freeList) throw std::bad_alloc();
        Block* block = freeList;
        freeList = freeList->next;
        return block;
    }

    void deallocate(void* ptr) {
        Block* block = static_cast<Block*>(ptr);
        block->next = freeList;
```

```
        freeList = block;
    }
};
```

2. **Slab Allocation**

   Slab allocation is a technique where memory is divided into ”slabs,” each containing objects of a fixed size. This approach is particularly efficient for allocating small objects of the same type.

   Example:

```
class SlabAllocator {
private:
    std::vector<std::vector<char>> slabs;
    size_t objectSize;
    size_t slabSize;

public:
    SlabAllocator(size_t objectSize, size_t slabSize)
        : objectSize(objectSize), slabSize(slabSize) {}

    void* allocate() {
        for (auto& slab : slabs) {
            if (slab.size() + objectSize <= slab.capacity()) {
                void* ptr = slab.data() + slab.size();
                slab.resize(slab.size() + objectSize);
                return ptr;
            }
        }
        slabs.emplace_back(slabSize);
        return allocate();
```

```
    }

    void deallocate(void* ptr) {
        // Slab allocators typically do not support individual
        ↪  deallocation
        // Memory is reclaimed when the entire slab is no longer
        ↪  needed
    }
};
```

3. **Arenas**

   An arena allocator manages a large block of memory and allocates from it sequentially. This is useful for scenarios where objects have similar lifetimes and can be deallocated in bulk.

   Example:

```
class Arena {
private:
    std::vector<char> memory;
    size_t offset;

public:
    Arena(size_t size) : memory(size), offset(0) {}

    void* allocate(size_t size) {
        if (offset + size > memory.size()) throw std::bad_alloc();
        void* ptr = memory.data() + offset;
        offset += size;
        return ptr;
    }
```

```
    void reset() {
        offset = 0;
    }
};
```

4. **Thread-Local Storage (TLS)**

   Thread-local storage allows each thread to have its own instance of a memory allocator, reducing contention and improving performance in multi-threaded applications.

   Example:

```
thread_local MemoryPool threadLocalPool(64, 1024);

void* allocateThreadLocal(size_t size) {
    return threadLocalPool.allocate();
}
```

5. **Lock-Free Memory Allocators**

   Lock-free memory allocators are designed to work efficiently in concurrent environments without using locks. These allocators often rely on atomic operations and careful memory management to avoid contention.

   Example:

```
class LockFreeMemoryPool {
private:
    struct Block {
        std::atomic<Block*> next;
    };
```

```
    std::atomic<Block*> freeList;

public:
    LockFreeMemoryPool(size_t blockSize, size_t blockCount) {
        std::vector<char> memory(blockSize * blockCount);
        Block* head = reinterpret_cast<Block*>(memory.data());
        freeList.store(head);

        Block* current = head;
        for (size_t i = 1; i < blockCount; ++i) {
            current->next.store(reinterpret_cast<Block*>(memory.data()
            ↪  + i * blockSize));
            current = current->next.load();
        }
        current->next.store(nullptr);
    }

    void* allocate() {
        Block* block = freeList.load();
        while (block && !freeList.compare_exchange_weak(block,
        ↪  block->next.load()));
        return block;
    }

    void deallocate(void* ptr) {
        Block* block = static_cast<Block*>(ptr);
        block->next.store(freeList.load());
        while (!freeList.compare_exchange_weak(block->next.load(),
        ↪  block));
    }
};
```

6.2.3 Memory Reclamation in Lock-Free Programming

Memory reclamation is a significant challenge in lock-free programming. Since threads may access shared data concurrently, memory cannot be deallocated immediately when it is no longer needed. Several techniques are used to address this issue:

1. **Hazard Pointers**

   Hazard pointers are a memory reclamation technique where threads mark nodes they are accessing, preventing them from being deallocated prematurely.

   Example:

```
std::atomic<void*> hazardPointers[MAX_THREADS];

void* readWithHazardPointer(std::atomic<void*>& ptr) {
    void* value;
    do {
        value = ptr.load();
        hazardPointers[threadId] = value;
    } while (value != ptr.load());
    return value;
}

void reclaimMemory(void* ptr) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < MAX_THREADS; ++i) {
        if (hazardPointers[i] == ptr) return; // Still in use
    }
    delete ptr;
}
```

2. **Epoch-Based Reclamation**

Epoch-based reclamation divides time into epochs and defers memory reclamation until no threads are in an older epoch. This ensures that memory is only deallocated when it is safe to do so.

Example:

```
class EpochManager {
private:
    std::atomic<size_t> currentEpoch{0};
    std::vector<std::atomic<size_t>> threadEpochs;
    std::vector<std::vector<void*>> retiredLists;

public:
    EpochManager(size_t numThreads) : threadEpochs(numThreads),
    ↪  retiredLists(numThreads) {}

    void enterEpoch(size_t threadId) {
        threadEpochs[threadId].store(currentEpoch.load());
    }

    void retire(void* ptr, size_t threadId) {
        retiredLists[threadId].push_back(ptr);
    }

    void reclaim() {
        size_t oldestEpoch = currentEpoch.load();
        for (auto& epoch : threadEpochs) {
            oldestEpoch = std::min(oldestEpoch, epoch.load());
        }
        for (auto& list : retiredLists) {
            for (auto it = list.begin(); it != list.end();) {
                if (threadEpochs[threadId].load() < oldestEpoch) {
                    delete *it;
```

```
                    it = list.erase(it);
                } else {
                    ++it;
                }
            }
        }
        currentEpoch.fetch_add(1);
    }
};
```

3. **Reference Counting**

   Reference counting tracks the number of references to a memory block and deallocates it when the count reaches zero. This technique can be combined with atomic operations to work in concurrent environments.

   Example:

```
template <typename T>
class RefCounted {
private:
    std::atomic<size_t> refCount{0};

public:
    void addRef() {
        refCount.fetch_add(1);
    }

    void release() {
        if (refCount.fetch_sub(1) == 1) {
            delete static_cast<T*>(this);
        }
```

```
    }
};
```

6.2.4 Practical Considerations

1. **Alignment and Padding**

   Custom memory allocators must ensure proper alignment of allocated memory to avoid performance penalties or crashes. Padding may be required to align memory blocks correctly.

2. **Debugging and Profiling**

   Custom memory allocators can make debugging and profiling more challenging. Tools like Valgrind or AddressSanitizer can help identify memory-related issues.

3. **Integration with Standard Library**

   Custom memory allocators can be integrated with the C++ Standard Library by providing custom allocators for containers like `std::vector` or `std::map`.

   Example:

```
template <typename T>
class CustomAllocator {
public:
    using value_type = T;

    CustomAllocator() = default;

    template <typename U>
    CustomAllocator(const CustomAllocator<U>&) {}
```

```
    T* allocate(size_t n) {
        return static_cast<T*>(::operator new(n * sizeof(T)));
    }

    void deallocate(T* ptr, size_t n) {
        ::operator delete(ptr);
    }
};

std::vector<int, CustomAllocator<int>> vec;
```

6.2.5 Conclusion

Custom memory management is a powerful tool for advanced C++ programmers, enabling them to optimize performance, reduce fragmentation, and handle memory safely in concurrent environments. By understanding and applying techniques like memory pools, slab allocation, hazard pointers, and lock-free allocators, developers can build high-performance systems that meet the demands of modern applications.

Appendices

Appendix A: Advanced C++ Features and Techniques

This appendix explores advanced features of modern C++ that are essential for writing high-performance, maintainable, and expressive code. It covers topics such as:

1. **Move Semantics and Perfect Forwarding:**
    - Explanation of rvalue references (`&&`).
    - The `std::move` and `std::forward` utilities.
    - Implementing move constructors and move assignment operators.
    - Avoiding common pitfalls with move semantics.

    Example:

```
class MyClass {
public:
    MyClass(MyClass&& other) noexcept {
        // Move resources from 'other'
    }
    MyClass& operator=(MyClass&& other) noexcept {
        if (this != &other) {
```

```
            // Move resources from 'other'
        }
        return *this;
    }
};
```

2. **Variadic Templates:**

   - Introduction to variadic templates and parameter packs.
   - Writing generic functions and classes using variadic templates.
   - Practical examples like `std::tuple` and `std::variant`.

   Example:

```
template <typename... Args>
void print(Args... args) {
    (std::cout << ... << args) << '\n';
}
```

3. **Type Traits and Metaprogramming:**

   - Using `std::enable_if`, `std::is_same`, and other type traits.
   - Compile-time conditional logic with `if constexpr`.
   - Writing custom type traits.

   Example:

```
template <typename T>
void process(T value) {
    if constexpr (std::is_integral_v<T>) {
        std::cout << "Integral type: " << value << '\n';
    } else {
        std::cout << "Non-integral type\n";
    }
}
```

4. **Lambda Expressions and Closures:**

   - Capturing variables by value and reference.
   - Generic lambdas and mutable lambdas.
   - Using lambdas with STL algorithms.

   Example:

```
auto adder = [](int x) {
    return [x](int y) { return x + y; };
};
auto add5 = adder(5);
std::cout << add5(10); // Output: 15
```

Appendix B: Concurrency and Parallelism

This appendix provides a deeper dive into concurrency and parallelism in modern C++. It covers:

1. **Thread Management:**

   - Creating and managing threads using `std::thread`.
   - Thread synchronization with `std::mutex`, `std::lock_guard`, and `std::unique_lock`.
   - Thread-local storage (`thread_local`).

   Example:

```
std::mutex mtx;
void threadFunc() {
    std::lock_guard<std::mutex> lock(mtx);
    std::cout << "Thread ID: " << std::this_thread::get_id() << '\n';
}
```

2. **Atomic Operations and Memory Ordering:**

   - Using `std::atomic` for lock-free programming.
   - Memory ordering: relaxed, acquire, release, and sequentially consistent.
   - Practical examples of atomic counters and flags.

   Example:

```
std::atomic<int> counter{0};
void increment() {
    counter.fetch_add(1, std::memory_order_relaxed);
}
```

3. **Parallel Algorithms:**

   - Using `std::execution::par` and `std::execution::par_unseq` with STL algorithms.
   - Parallelizing loops and data processing tasks.

   Example:

```
std::vector<int> data = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
std::for_each(std::execution::par, data.begin(), data.end(), [](int&
↪  x) {
    x *= 2;
});
```

4. **Futures and Promises:**

   - Asynchronous programming with `std::future` and `std::promise`.
   - Using `std::async` for task-based parallelism.

   Example:

```
std::future<int> fut = std::async([]() { return 42; });
std::cout << fut.get() << '\n'; // Output: 42
```

Appendix C: Performance Optimization Techniques

This appendix focuses on techniques for optimizing C++ code for performance. Topics include:

1. **Profiling and Benchmarking:**
    - Using tools like `gprof`, `perf`, and `Google Benchmark`.
    - Identifying performance bottlenecks.
2. **Cache-Friendly Programming:**
    - Understanding CPU caches and memory hierarchy.
    - Optimizing data structures for cache locality.
3. **Inline Assembly and Intrinsics:**
    - Writing performance-critical code using inline assembly.
    - Using compiler intrinsics for SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data) operations.
4. **Compiler Optimizations:**
    - Leveraging compiler flags like `-O2`, `-O3`, and `-march=native`.
    - Understanding the impact of inlining and loop unrolling.

Appendix D: Advanced STL and Custom Containers

This appendix explores advanced usage of the Standard Template Library (STL) and techniques for creating custom containers. Topics include:

1. **Custom Allocators:**
    - Implementing custom allocators for STL containers.
    - Integrating custom allocators with `std::vector`, `std::map`, and other containers.

    Example:

```cpp
template <typename T>
class CustomAllocator {
public:
    using value_type = T;
    T* allocate(size_t n) {
        return static_cast<T*>(::operator new(n * sizeof(T)));
    }
    void deallocate(T* ptr, size_t n) {
        ::operator delete(ptr);
    }
};

std::vector<int, CustomAllocator<int>> vec;
```

2. **Custom Iterators:**
    - Writing custom iterators for user-defined containers.

- Implementing iterator traits and operations.

3. **Advanced STL Algorithms:**

   - Using `std::transform`, `std::accumulate`, and other algorithms with custom predicates.
   - Combining algorithms with lambda expressions.

Appendix E: Cross-Platform Development

This appendix covers techniques for writing cross-platform C++ code. Topics include:

1. **Platform-Specific Code:**
    - Using preprocessor directives (`#ifdef`, `#ifndef`) for platform-specific code.
    - Handling differences in file systems, threading, and networking.
2. **Build Systems:**
    - Using CMake for cross-platform builds.
    - Integrating third-party libraries and dependencies.
3. **Testing and Debugging:**
    - Writing unit tests with `Google Test` or `Catch2`.
    - Debugging cross-platform issues with tools like `gdb` and `Valgrind`.

Appendix F: Case Studies and Real-World Examples

This appendix provides real-world case studies and examples of advanced C++ techniques in action. Topics include:

1. **High-Frequency Trading Systems:**
    - Low-latency design and lock-free data structures.
    - Custom memory management for performance-critical applications.
2. **Game Development:**
    - Optimizing game loops and rendering pipelines.
    - Managing memory for large-scale game worlds.
3. **Embedded Systems:**
    - Writing efficient C++ code for resource-constrained environments.
    - Interfacing with hardware using C++.

Appendix G: Further Reading and Resources

This appendix provides a curated list of resources for further learning, including:

1. **Books:**
    - ”Effective Modern C++” by Scott Meyers.
    - ”C++ Concurrency in Action” by Anthony Williams.
2. **Online Resources:**
    - CppReference (https://en.cppreference.com/).
    - Stack Overflow and C++ forums.
3. **Tools and Libraries:**
    - Boost C++ Libraries (https://www.boost.org/).
    - Clang and LLVM tools for static analysis and optimization.

References

Books

Books are an invaluable resource for mastering advanced C++ concepts. The following books are highly recommended for readers who want to explore topics in greater depth:

1. **"Effective Modern C++" by Scott Meyers**
    - A comprehensive guide to modern C++ features, including move semantics, lambda expressions, and concurrency.
    - Focuses on best practices and pitfalls to avoid when using C++11, C++14, and C++17.
2. **"C++ Concurrency in Action" by Anthony Williams**
    - An in-depth exploration of concurrent and parallel programming in C++.
    - Covers threads, mutexes, condition variables, atomic operations, and lock-free programming.
3. **"The C++ Standard Library: A Tutorial and Reference" by Nicolai M. Josuttis**
    - A detailed reference for the C++ Standard Library, including containers, algorithms, and utilities.

- Provides practical examples and explanations of advanced STL features.

4. **"Programming: Principles and Practice Using C++" by Bjarne Stroustrup**

   - A foundational book by the creator of C++, focusing on programming principles and modern C++ techniques.
   - Suitable for both beginners and advanced learners.

5. **"Modern C++ Design" by Andrei Alexandrescu**

   - Explores advanced design patterns and generic programming techniques using templates.
   - Introduces concepts like policy-based design and type lists.

6. **"Optimized C++" by Kurt Guntheroth**

   - Focuses on performance optimization techniques for C++ programs.
   - Covers profiling, memory management, and cache-friendly programming.

Research Papers and Academic Publications

Research papers provide cutting-edge insights into advanced programming techniques and algorithms. The following papers are particularly relevant to the topics covered in this book:

1. **"Lock-Free Linked Lists and Skip Lists" by M. Michael**

   - A seminal paper on lock-free data structures, including linked lists and skip lists.
   - Discusses memory reclamation techniques like hazard pointers.

2. **"Epoch-Based Reclamation" by Keir Fraser and Tim Harris**

- Introduces epoch-based memory reclamation, a technique for safe memory management in lock-free data structures.

3. **"A Practical Multi-Word Compare-and-Swap Operation" by Timothy L. Harris, Keir Fraser, and Ian Pratt**

   - Explores multi-word CAS operations and their applications in concurrent programming.

4. **"The Art of Multiprocessor Programming" by Maurice Herlihy and Nir Shavit**

   - A comprehensive textbook on concurrent programming, covering both theoretical and practical aspects.

Online Resources

Online resources provide up-to-date information, tutorials, and community support for C++ programmers. The following websites and forums are highly recommended:

1. **CppReference (`https://en.cppreference.com/`)**

   - A comprehensive online reference for the C++ Standard Library and language features.
   - Includes detailed documentation, examples, and explanations.

2. **Stack Overflow (`https://stackoverflow.com/`)**

   - A popular Q&A platform for programmers.
   - Search for answers to specific C++ questions or ask your own.

3. **C++ Weekly (YouTube Channel by Jason Turner)**
    - A series of short, informative videos on modern C++ features and techniques.
    - Great for quick learning and staying updated with the latest trends.
4. **ISO C++ Standards Committee (https://isocpp.org/)**
    - The official website for the C++ Standards Committee.
    - Provides updates on the latest C++ standards (C++20, C++23, etc.).
5. **Godbolt Compiler Explorer (https://godbolt.org/)**
    - An online tool for exploring compiler output and understanding how C++ code is translated into assembly.
    - Useful for performance analysis and optimization.

Tools and Libraries

Tools and libraries are essential for writing, debugging, and optimizing C++ code. The following tools are widely used in the C++ community:

1. **CMake (https://cmake.org/)**
    - A cross-platform build system for managing C++ projects.
    - Simplifies the process of compiling and linking code across different platforms.
2. **Clang and LLVM (https://llvm.org/)**
    - A collection of modular and reusable compiler and toolchain technologies.

- Includes tools like `clang-format` for code formatting and `clang-tidy` for static analysis.

3. **Valgrind (https://valgrind.org/)**
   - A tool for detecting memory leaks, memory corruption, and threading issues.
   - Essential for debugging and profiling C++ programs.
4. **Google Benchmark (https://github.com/google/benchmark)**
   - A library for benchmarking C++ code.
   - Helps measure the performance of functions and algorithms.
5. **Boost C++ Libraries (https://www.boost.org/)**
   - A collection of peer-reviewed, portable C++ libraries.
   - Includes libraries for concurrency, networking, and data structures.
6. **AddressSanitizer and ThreadSanitizer**
   - Tools for detecting memory errors (AddressSanitizer) and data races (ThreadSanitizer).
   - Integrated into modern compilers like GCC and Clang.

Community and Conferences

Engaging with the C++ community is a great way to stay updated and learn from others. The following resources are highly recommended:

1. **CppCon (https://cppcon.org/)**

- The largest annual conference for C++ developers.
- Features talks, workshops, and networking opportunities.

2. **Meeting C++ (`https://meetingcpp.com/`)**

   - A platform for C++ conferences, blogs, and community events.
   - Provides resources for learning and staying connected with the C++ community.

3. **Reddit C++ Community (`https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/`)**

   - A subreddit for discussing C++ programming, news, and resources.
   - Great for asking questions and sharing knowledge.

4. **C++ Slack and Discord Channels**

   - Online communities for real-time discussions and collaboration.
   - Join channels like `#cpp` on Slack or `C++ Enthusiasts` on Discord.

C++ Standards and Documentation

Understanding the C++ standards is essential for writing modern and portable code. The following resources provide access to the official standards and documentation:

1. **ISO/IEC 14882:2020 (C++20 Standard)**

   - The official standard for C++20, including new features like concepts, ranges, and coroutines.
   - Available for purchase from the ISO website.

2. **Working Draft, Standard for Programming Language C++ (https://eel.is/c++draft/)**
    - The latest draft of the C++ standard, updated regularly.
    - Provides insights into upcoming features and changes.
3. **C++ Core Guidelines (https://isocpp.github.io/CppCoreGuidelines/CppCoreGuidelines)**
    - A set of guidelines for writing modern, safe, and efficient C++ code.
    - Maintained by Bjarne Stroustrup and Herb Sutter.

Additional Learning Resources

For readers who want to explore specific topics in greater depth, the following resources are recommended:

1. **Pluralsight (https://www.pluralsight.com/)**
    - Online courses on modern C++ features, concurrency, and performance optimization.
    - Taught by industry experts.
2. **Udemy (https://www.udemy.com/)**
    - Affordable courses on advanced C++ topics, including game development and embedded systems.
3. **Leanpub (https://leanpub.com/)**
    - A platform for self-published books on programming, including C++.

- Offers books on niche topics like template metaprogramming and lock-free programming.