

Templating

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1. What's the problem?

Do you have multiple vector classes?

```
class vector_of_int {  
    public:  
    int size();  
    int at(int i);  
};
```

```
class vector_of_float {  
    public:  
    int size();  
    float at(int i);  
};
```

You have already seen the solution: `vector<int>`

2. Templated type name

If you have multiple functions or classes that do 'the same' for multiple types, you want the type name to be a variable, a template parameter. Syntax:

```
template <typename yourtypevariable>
// ... stuff with yourtypevariable ...

// usually:
template <typename T>
```

3. Example: function

Definition:

```
1 // template/func.cpp
2 template <typename Real>
3 void sqrt_diff( Real x ) {
4     cout << std::sqrt(x)-1.772 << '\n';
5 };
```

We use this with a templated function:

Code:

```
1 // template/func.cpp
2 sqrt_diff<float>( 3.14f );
3 sqrt_diff<double>( 3.14 );
```

Output:

```
4.48513e-06
4.51467e-06
```

4. Type deduction

The compiler can deduce the template:

```
1 // template/func.cpp  
2 sqrt_diff( 3.14f );  
3 sqrt_diff( 3.14 );
```

5. Templated point class

Coordinates can be `float` or `double`:

```
1 // geom/pointtemplate.cpp
2 template<typename T>
3 class Point {
4 private:
5     T x,y;
6 public:
7     Point(T ux,T uy) { x = ux; y = uy; };
```

Coordinates can also be other things, but that doesn't always make sense.

Exercise 1

Write the *distance* function for the templated *Point* class. Write a main program that tests this.

6. Templated vector

The templated vector class looks roughly like:

```
template<typename T>
class vector {
private:
    T *vectordata; // internal data
public:
    T at(int i) { return vectordata[i] };
    int size() { /* return size of data */ };
    // much more
}
```


Exercise 2

Machine precision, or 'machine epsilon', is sometimes defined as the smallest number ϵ so that $1 + \epsilon > 1$ in computer arithmetic.

Write a templated function *epsilon* so that the following code prints out the values of the machine precision for the `float` and `double` type respectively:

Code:

```
1 // template/eps.cpp
2 float float_eps;
3 epsilon(float_eps);
4 cout << "Epsilon float: "
5     << setw(10) <<
6     << setprecision(4)
7
8 double double_eps;
9 epsilon(double_eps);
10 cout << "Epsilon double: "
11     << setw(10) <<
12     << setprecision(4)
13     << double_eps << '\n';
```

Output:

```
Epsilon float:
    ↪1.1921e-07
Epsilon double:
    ↪2.2204e-16
```

7. Class that stores one element

Intended behavior:

Code:

```
1 // template/example1.cpp
2 Store<int> i5(5);
3 cout << i5.value() << '\n';
```

Output:

5

8. Class definition

Template parameter is used for private data, return type, etc.

```
1 // template/example1.cpp
2 template< typename T >
3 class Store {
4 private:
5     T stored;
6 public:
7     Store(T v) : stored(v) {};
8     T value() { return stored;};
```

9. Templated class as return

Given:

```
1 // template/example1.cpp
2 Store<float> f314(3.14);
```

Methods that return a templated object:

Code:

```
1 // template/example1.cpp
2 Store<float> also314 =
    f314.copy();
3 cout << also314.value() << '\n';
4 Store<float> min314 =
    f314.negative();
5 cout << min314.value() << '\n';
```

Output:

```
3.14
-3.14
```

10. Class name injection

Template parameter can often be left out in methods:

```
1 // template/example1.cpp
2 Store<T> copy() const { return Store<T>(stored); };
3 Store negative() const { return Store(-stored); };
```

Intermezzo: complex numbers

11. Complex

Code:

```
1 // complex/basic.cpp
2 #include <complex>
3 using std::complex;
4     /* ... */
5     complex<double> d(1.,3.);
6     cout << d << '\n';
7     complex<float> f;
8     f.real(1.); f.imag(2.);
9     cout << f << '\n';
```

Output:

```
(1,3)
(1,2)
```

12. Operations and literals

Operations on complex scalars:

Code:

```
1 // complex/basic.cpp
2 using namespace
   std::complex_literals;
3 auto e = d*2.;
4 cout << e << '\n';
5 auto g = e + 2.5i + 3.; // note
   3dot
6 cout << g << '\n';
```

Output:

```
(2,6)
(5,8.5)
```


Newton's method

Exercise 3

Rewrite your Newton program so that it works for complex numbers:

```
1 // newton/newton-complex.cpp
2 complex<double> z{.5,.5};
3 while ( true ) {
4     auto fz = f(z);
5     cout << "f( " << z << " ) = " << fz << '\n';
6     if (std::abs(fz)<1.e-10 ) break;
7     z = z - fz/fprime(z);
8 }
```

You may run into the problem that you can not operate immediately between a complex number and a `float` or `double`. Use `static_cast`; see section ??.

13. Templatized Newton, first attempt

You can templatize your Newton function and derivative:

```
1 // newton/newton-double.cpp
2 template<typename T>
3 T f(T x) { return x*x - 2; };
4 template<typename T>
5 T fprime(T x) { return 2 * x; };
```

and then write

```
1 // newton/newton-double.cpp
2 double x{1.};
3 while ( true ) {
4     auto fx = f<double>(x);
5     cout << "f( " << x << " ) = " << fx << '\n';
6     if (std::abs(fx)<1.e-10 ) break;
7     x = x - fx/fprime<double>(x);
8 }
```

Exercise 4

Update your Newton program with templates. If you have it working for `double`, try using `complex<double>`. Does it work?

Exercise 5

Use your complex Newton method to compute $\sqrt{2}$. Does it work?

How about $\sqrt{-2}$?

Exercise 6

Write a Newton method where the objective function is itself a template parameter, not just its arguments and return type. Hint: no changes to the main program are needed.

Then compute $\sqrt{2}$ as:

```
1 // newton/lambda-complex.cpp
2 cout << "sqrt -2 = " <<
3  newton_root<complex<double>>
4  ( // objective function
5    [] (complex<double> x) -> complex<double> {
6        return x*x + static_cast<complex<double>>(2); },
7    // derivative
8    [] (complex<double> x) -> complex<double> {
9        return x * static_cast<complex<double>>(2); },
10   // initial value
11   complex<double>{.1,.1}
12 )
13   << '\n';
```

Separate compilation

14. Templated class

```
1 // namespace/instantlib.h
2 template< typename T >
3 class instant {
4     public:
5         instant() = default;
6         void out();
7 };
```


15. Use

Assume that we know what the template parameter will be:

```
1 // namespace/instant.cpp
2 instant<char> ic;
3 ic.out();
4 instant<int> ii;
5 ii.out();
```

16. Instantiation

Lines added to implementation file:

```
1 // namespace/instantlib.cpp
2 template class instant<char>;
3 template class instant<int>;
```