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- A Callable Entity is an object that
 - Can be called using the function call syntax
 - Supports operator()
- Such objects are often called
 - A Function Object or
 - A Functor

**Some authors do distinguish between Callable Entities,
Function Objects and Functors.**



Several Callable Entities C++

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- Function-like Macros
- C Functions (Global or in Namespace)
- Member Functions
 - Static
 - Non-Static
- Pointers to Functions
 - C Functions
 - Member Functions (static Non-Static)
- References to functions: Acts like const pointers to functions
- Functors: Objects that define operator()



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- Points to the address of a function
 - Ordinary C functions
 - Static C++ member functions
 - Non-static C++ member functions
- Points to a function with a specific signature
 - List of Calling Parameter Types
 - Return-Type
 - Calling Convention



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- Define a Function Pointer

```
int (*pt2Function) (float, char, char);
```

- Calling Convention

```
int __cdecl DoIt (float a, char b, char c);  
int DoIt (float a, char b, char c)  
{ printf ("DoIt\n"); return a+b+c; }
```

- Assign Address to a Function Pointer

```
pt2Function = &DoIt;
```

- Compare Function Pointers

```
if (pt2Function == &DoIt)  
{ printf ("pointer points to DoIt\n"); }
```

- Call the Function pointed by the Function Pointer

```
int result = (*pt2Function) (12, 'a', 'b');
```



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- Define a Function Pointer

```
int (A::*pt2Member)(float, char, char);
```

- Calling Convention

```
class A {  
    int DoIt (float a, char b, char c) {  
        cout << "A::DoIt" << endl; return a+b+c; } };
```

- Assign Address to a Function Pointer

```
pt2Member = &A::DoIt;
```

- Compare Function Pointers

```
if (pt2Member == &A::DoIt) {  
    cout <<"pointer points to A::DoIt" << endl;}
```

- Call the Function pointed by the Function Pointer

```
int result = (*this.*pt2Member)(12, 'a', 'b');
```




Function Pointer: Operations

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- Assign an Address to a Function Pointer
- Compare two Function Pointers
- Call a Function using a Function Pointer
- Pass a Function Pointer as an Argument
- Return a Function Pointer
- Arrays of Function Pointers



Function Pointer: Programming Techniques

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- Replacing switch/if-statements
- Realizing user-defined late-binding, or
 - Functions in Dynamically Loaded Libraries
 - Virtual Functions
- Implementing callbacks.



Function Pointers Replace Switch/ IF Statements

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Solution Using switch

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std ;
// The four arithmetic operations
float Plus (float a, float b){ return a+b ;}
float Minus (float a, float b){ return a-b ;}
float Multiply(float a, float b){ return a*b;}
float Divide (float a, float b){ return a/b ;}

void Switch(float a, float b, char opCode) {
    float result;
    switch (opCode) { // execute operation
        case '+': result =Plus (a, b); break;
        case '-': result =Minus (a, b); break;
        case '*': result =Multiply (a, b);break;
        case '/': result =Divide (a, b); break;
    }
    cout << "Result of = " << result << endl;
}

int main(){
    float a = 10.5, b = 2.5 ;
    Switch (a, b, '+') ;
    Switch (a, b, '-') ;
    Switch(a, b, '*') ;
    Switch (a, b, '/') ;
    return 0 ;
}
```

Solution Using Function Pointer

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std ;
// The four arithmetic operations
float Plus (float a, float b)
{ return a+b; }
float Minus (float a, float b)
{ return a-b; }
float Multiply(float a, float b)
{ return a*b; }
float Divide (float a, float b)
{ return a/b; }

// Solution with Function pointer
void Switch (float a, float b,
    float (*pt2Func)(float, float)){
    float result = pt2Func(a, b);
    cout << "Result := " << result << endl;
}

int main(){
    float a = 10.5, b = 2.5 ;
    Switch (a, b, &Plus) ;
    Switch (a, b, &Minus) ;
    Switch(a, b, &Multiply) ;
    Switch(a, b, &Divide) ;
    return 0 ;
}
```



Function Pointers Late Binding / Dynamically Loaded Library

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• A C Feature in Shared Dynamically Loaded Libraries

Program Part-1

```
#include <dlfcn.h>
int main() {
    void* handle =
        dlopen("hello.so", RTLD_LAZY);
    typedef void (*hello_t)();
    hello_t myHello = 0;
    myHello = (hello_t)
        dlsym(handle, "hello");
    myHello();
    dlclose(handle);
}
```

Program Part-2

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
extern "C" void hello() {
    cout << "hello" << endl;
}
```



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• A C++ Feature for Polymorphic Member Functions

Code Snippet Part-1

```
class A {  
    public:  
        void f();  
        virtual void g();  
};  
  
class B: public A {  
    public:  
        void f();  
        virtual void g();  
};
```

Code Snippet Part-2

```
void main() {  
    A a;  
    B b;  
    A *p = &b;  
  
    a.f(); // A::f()  
    a.g(); // A::g()  
    p->f(); // A::f()  
    p->g(); // B::g()  
}
```



Example: Callback, Function Pointers

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- It is a Common C Feature

```
//Application
extern void (*func)();
void f(){ }
void main(){
    func = &f;
    g();
}

// Library
void (*func)();
void g(){
    (*func)();
}
```



Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (Step-1)

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```
// Application
extern void (*func) ();
void f()
{
}

void main()
{
    func = &f;
    g();
}
```

```
// Library
void (*func) ();

void g()
{
    (*func) ();
}
```



Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (Step-2)

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```
// Application
extern void (*func) ();
void f()
{

}

void main()
{
    func = &f;

    g();
}
```

```
// Library
void (*func) ();

void g()
{
    (*func) ();
}
```




Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (Step-3)

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```
// Application
extern void (*func)();
void f()
{
}

void main()
{
    func = &f;

    g();
}
```

```
// Library
void (*func)();

void g()
{
    (*func)();
}
```



Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (Step-4)

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```
// Application
extern void (*func) ();
void f()
{
    Callback
}

void main()
{
    func = &f;

    g();
}
```

```
// Library
void (*func) ();

void g()
{
    (*func) ();
}
```



Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (Step-Final)

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```
// Application
extern void (*func) ();
void f()
{

}

void main()
{
    func = &f;

    g();
}
```

```
// Library
void (*func) ();

void g()
{

    (*func) ();
}
```



Function Pointers: Callback Illustration (whole Process)

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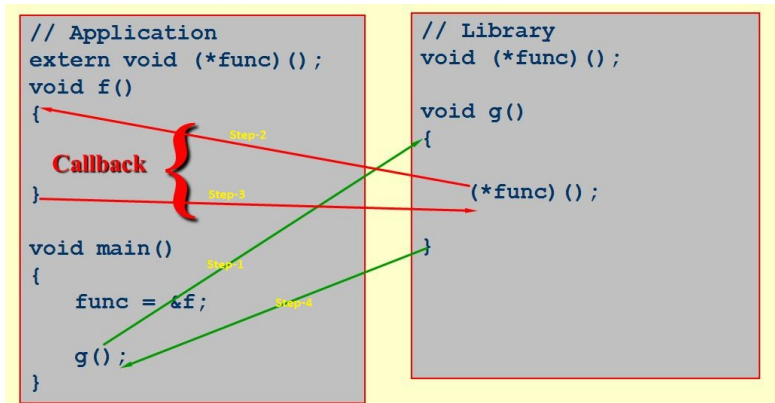
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Function Pointers–Callback: Quick Sort Implementation using callback in 'qsort'

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```
int CmpFunc(const void* a, const void* b) {
    int ret = (*(const int*)a > *(const int*) b)? 1:
               (*(const int*)a == *(const int*) b)? 0: -1;
    return ret;
}

void main() {
    int field[10];
    for(int c=10;c>0;c--)
        field[10-c]=c;
    qsort((void*) field, 10, sizeof(field[0]),
                                                CmpFunc);
}
```



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- No value semantics
- Weak type checking
- Two function pointers having identical signature are necessarily indistinguishable
- No encapsulation for parameters



Functors or Function Objects

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- Smart Functions
 - Functors are functions with a state.
 - Functors encapsulate C / C++ function pointers
 - Uses templates and
 - Engages polymorphism
- Has its own Type
 - A class with zero or more private members to store the state and an overloaded operator() to execute the function
- Usually faster than ordinary Functions
- Can be used to implement callbacks
- Provides the basis for *Command Design Pattern*



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- Any class that overloads the function call operator:
 - `void operator()();`
 - `int operator()(int, int);`
 - `double operator()(int, double);`
 - ...



Functors: Elementary Example

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- Look at the code bellow

```
int AdderFunction(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
class AdderFunctor {  
public:  
    int operator()(int a, int b) {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
};
```

```
void main() {  
    int x = 5;  
    int y = 7;  
    int z = AdderFunction(x, y);  
    AdderFunctor aF;  
    int w = aF(x, y);  
}
```



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- Fill a vector with random numbers
 - Function Pointer rand as Function Object

```
vector<int> V(100);
generate(V.begin(), V.end(), rand);
```
- Sort a vector of double by magnitude
 - User-defined Functor less_mag

```
struct less_mag: public
binary_function<double, double, bool> {
    bool operator()(double x, double y)
    { return fabs(x) < fabs(y); }
};

vector<double> V; //...
sort(V.begin(), V.end(), less_mag());
```



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- Find the sum of elements in a vector
 - User-defined Functor adder with local state

```
struct adder: public
    unary_function<double, void> {
    adder() : sum(0) {}
    double sum;
    void operator()(double x) { sum += x; }
};

vector<double> V;

...

adder result = for_each(V.begin(), V.end(), adder());
cout << "The sum is " << result.sum << endl;
```



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λ in C++11, C++14



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```

#include <iostream>
#include <functional>
using namespace std;

auto twice = [](const function<int(int)>& f, int v) { return f(f(v)); };
auto f = [](int i) { return i + 3; };
auto sqr = [](int i) { return i * i; };
auto comp = [](const function<int(int)>& f,
               const function<int(int)>& g, int v) { return f(g(v)); };

int main() {
    auto a = 7, b = 5, c = 3;

    cout << twice(f, a) << " " << comp(f, f, a) << endl; // 13 13
    cout << twice(sqr, b) << " " << comp(sqr, sqr, b) << endl; // 625 625
    cout << comp(sqr, f, c) << " " << comp(f, sqr, c) << endl; // 36 12

    return 0;
}

/*****/
Function Objects:
/*****/
struct myclass {
    int operator()(int a) { return a; }
} myobject;

int x = myobject (0); // function-like syntax with object myobject

```

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/functional/>



Using Functor

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```
#include <iostream>      // cout
#include <algorithm>      // transform
#include <vector>         // vector
using namespace std;

struct mod {
    mod() : modulus(8) {}
    int operator()(int v) { return v % modulus; }
    int modulus;
};

int main() {
    vector<int> in, out;

    in.push_back(10); in.push_back(25); in.push_back(40); in.push_back(55);
    out.resize(in.size());

    for (auto it = in.begin(); it != in.end(); ++it) cout << *it << ' ';
    cout << endl;

    transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(), mod());

    for (auto it = out.begin(); it != out.end(); ++it) cout << *it << ' ';
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
10 25 40 55
2 1 0 7
```

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```
#include <iostream>      // cout
#include <algorithm>     // transform
#include <vector>        // vector
using namespace std;

int main() {
    vector<int> in, out;

    in.push_back(10); in.push_back(25); in.push_back(40); in.push_back(55);
    out.resize(in.size());

    for (auto it = in.begin(); it != in.end(); ++it) cout << *it << ' ';
    cout << endl;

    transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(), [](int v) { return v % 8; }); // lambda

    for (auto it = out.begin(); it != out.end(); ++it) cout << *it << ' ';
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
10 25 40 55
2 1 0 7
```



Compare: Functor & Lambda

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```
struct mod {  
    mod() : modulus(8) {}  
    int operator()(int v) { return v % modulus; }  
    int modulus;  
};
```

```
transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),  
    mod());
```

```
transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),  
    [](int v) { return v % 8; });
```




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```
struct mod {  
    mod(int m) : modulus(m) {}  
    int operator()(int v) { return v % modulus; }  
    int modulus;  
};
```

```
int my_mod = 8;
```

```
transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),  
          mod(my_mod));
```

```
int my_mod = 8;
```

```
transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),  
          [my_mod](int v) -> int { return v % my_mod; });
```

- State Variable
- Parameter
- Return Type



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A lambda expression consists of the following:

`[capture list] (parameter list) {function body}`

The capture list and parameter list can be empty, so the following is a valid lambda:

```
[] () { cout << "Hello, world!" << endl; }
```

- The parameter list is just like a sequence of parameter types and variable names, and follows the same rules as for an ordinary function
- The function body is likewise an ordinary function body
- If there is no return statement in the function body, the return type is assumed to be void.
- If the function body consists of only a return statement (which is very common), the return type is assumed to be the same as the type of the value being returned
- For example, with this lambda, the compiler assumes that the return type is void, so calling it without any use of the return value is legal:

```
[] () { cout << "Hello from trivial lambda!" << endl; } ();
```
- However, trying to use the return type of the call by outputting it is not legal - there is no return value, so the following won't compile:

```
cout << [] () { cout << "Hello from trivial lambda!" << endl; } ()  
    << endl;
```



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- The following lambda takes two integers as parameters and returns a bool value which is true if the first integer is half the value of the second
- The compiler knows a bool is returned from the lambda function because that is what the return statement returns:

```
if ([](int i, int j) { return 2*i == j; } (12, 24))  
    cout << "It's true!"; else cout << "It's false!" << endl;
```

- To specify return type:

```
cout << "This lambda returns " << [](int x, int y) -> int {  
    if(x > 5) return x + y;  
    else  
        if (y < 2) return x - y;  
        else return x * y;  
} (4, 3) << endl;
```

- In the following lambda, we tell the compiler that an int needs to be returned, even though the return statement provides a double

```
cout << "This lambda returns " <<  
    [](double x, double y) -> int { return x + y; } (3.14, 2.7)  
    << endl;
```

The output is "This lambda returns 5".



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```
[my_mod](int v) -> int { return v % my_mod; }
```

- Introducer: `[my_mod]`
- Capture: `my_mod`
- Parameters: `(int v)`
- Return Type: `-> int`
- Declarator: `(int v) -> int`
- Statement: `{ return v % my_mod; }`
- Lambda Expression:

```
[my_mod](int v) -> int { return v % my_mod; }
```



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Lambda Expression:

```
[my_mod](int v) -> int { return v % my_mod; }
```

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Closure Object

- Evaluation of the expression results in a temporary called a **closure object**
- A closure object is unnamed
- A closure object behaves like a function object



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```
[](){ std::cout << "foo" << std::endl; } ();
```

Output: foo

```
[](int v){ std::cout << v << "*6=" << v*6 << std::endl;} (7);
```

Output: 7*6=42

```
int i = 7;  
[](int & v){ v *= 6; } (i);  
std::cout << "the correct value is: " << i << std::endl;
```

Output: the correct value is: 42



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```
int j = 7;
[](int const & v){ v *= 6; } (j);
std::cout << "the correct value is: " << j << std::endl;
```

Output: error: assignment of read-only reference 'v'

```
int j = 7;
[](int v) { v *= 6; std::cout << "v: " << v << std::endl;} (j);
```

Output: v: 42



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Notice that the lambda's parameters do not affect the namespace

```
int j = 7;  
[](int & v, int j) { v *= j; } (j, 6);  
std::cout << "j: " << j << std::endl;
```

Output j: 42

Lambda expression without a declarator acts as if it were ()

```
[] { std::cout << "foo" << std::endl; } ();
```

is same as

```
[] () { std::cout << "foo" << std::endl; } ();
```




Using Closure Objects: Capture

- We commonly want to capture state or access values outside our function objects
- With a function object we use the constructor to populate state

```
struct mod {  
    mod(int m_) : modulus(m_) {}  
    int operator()(int v_) { return v_ % modulus; }  
    int modulus;  
};  
  
int my_mod = 8;  
transform( in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),  
           mod(my_mod));
```

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- Lambda expressions provide an optional capture

```
[my_mod](int v_) ->int { return v_ % my_mod; }
```

- We can capture by:
 - Default all by reference
 - Default all by value
 - List of specific identifier(s) by value or reference and/or this
 - Default and specific identifiers and/or this



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- Default all by reference
`[&]() { ... }`
- Default all by value
`[=]() { ... }`
- List of specific identifier(s) by value or reference and/or this
`[identifier]() { ... }`
`[&identifier]() { ... }`
`[foo,&bar,gorp]() { ... }`
- Default and specific identifiers and/or this
`[&,identifier]() { ... }`
`[=,&identifier]() { ... }`



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Capture default all by reference:

```
int total_elements = 1;
for_each(cardinal.begin(), cardinal.end(),
    [&](int i) { total_elements *= i; } );
```

Errors:

```
[=](int i) { total_elements *= i; } );
```

error C3491: 'total_elements': a by-value capture cannot be modified in a non-mutable lambda

```
[](int i) { total_elements *= i; } );
```

error C3493: 'total_elements' cannot be implicitly captured because no default capture mode has been specified



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```
template< typename T >
void fill(std::vector<int> & v, T done) {
    int i = 0;
    while (!done()) {
        v.push_back(i++);
    }
}

std::vector<int> stuff;

fill(stuff, [&] { return stuff.size() >= 8; });
for(auto it = stuff.begin(); it != stuff.end(); ++it)
    std::cout << *it << ' ';
std::cout << std::endl;
```

Output: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- Capture by value:

```
[=] { return stuff.size() >= 8; };
```



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```

template< typename T >
void fill(std::vector<int> & v, T done) {
    int i = 0;
    while (!done()) {
        v.push_back(i++);
    }
}

std::vector<int> myvec;

// Fill the vector with 0, 1, 2, ... till the sum of elements exceeds 10
fill(myvec, [&] {
    int sum = 0;
    std::for_each(myvec.begin(), myvec.end(),
        [&](int i){ sum += i; });
    return sum >= 10;
});

for(auto it = myvec.begin(); it != myvec.end(); ++it)
    std::cout << *it << ' ';
std::cout << std::endl;

```

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Output: 0 1 2 3 4

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Capture default all by value

```
std::vector<int> in, out(10);
for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
    in.push_back(i);

int my_mod = 3;
std::transform(in.begin(), in.end(), out.begin(),
               [=](int v) { return v % my_mod; });

for (auto it = out.begin(); it != out.end(); ++it)
    std::cout << *it << ' ';
std::cout << std::endl;
```

Output: 0 1 2 0 1 2 0 1 2 0



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Where is the value captured?

```
int x = 42;
auto fL = [=] () { std::cout << x << std::endl; };
std::cout << "Lambda Eval: ";
x = 8;
fL();
```

At the time of evaluation: Output: Lambda Eval: 42

```
struct functor {
    functor(int x_) : x(x_) {};
    void operator()() { std::cout << x << std::endl; };
    int x;
};
```

```
int x = 42;
auto fF = functor(x);
std::cout << "Functor Eval: ";
x = 8;
fF();
```

Output: Functor Eval: 42

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```
int x = 42; int y = 37;
auto fLi = [&x, y]() { std::cout << "Value?" << std::endl;
               std::cin >> x; std::cout << x << " " << y << std::endl; };
std::cout << "Lambda Eval: ";
x = 8; y = 20; fLi();
```

Output:

Lambda Eval: Value?

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```
struct ftor { ftor(int x_, int y_) : x(x_), y(y_) {} ; int x, y;
              void operator()() { std::cout << "Value?" << std::endl;
                                   std::cin >> x; std::cout << x << " " << y << std::endl;
                                   };
};
int x = 42; int y = 37; auto fFi = ftor(x, y);
std::cout << "Functor Eval: ";
x = 8; y = 20; fFi();
```

Output:

Functor Eval: Value?

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```
int h = 10;
auto two_h = [=] () { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << two_h() <<
           " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Compile error:

error C3491: 'h': a by-value capture cannot be modified in a non-mutable lambda



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Lambda closure objects have a public inline function call operator that:

- Matches the parameters of the lambda expression
- Matches the return type of the lambda expression
- Is declared const

Make mutable:

```
int h = 10;
auto two_h = [=] () mutable { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << two_h() <<
           " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output: 2h:20 h:10



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```
int h = 10;
auto f1 = [=] () mutable { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << f1() << std::endl;
std::cout << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

```
int h = 10;
auto g1 = [&] () { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << g1() << std::endl;
std::cout << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:



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```
int h = 10;
auto f1 = [=] () mutable { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << f1() << std::endl;
std::cout << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

2h:20

h:10

```
int h = 10;
auto g1 = [&] () { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << g1() << std::endl;
std::cout << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

2h:20

h:20



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```
int h = 10;
auto f2 = [=] () mutable { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << f2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
std::cout << "2h:" << f2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

```
int h = 10;
auto g2 = [&] () { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << g2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
std::cout << "2h:" << g2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:



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```
int h = 10;
auto f2 = [=] () mutable { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << f2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
std::cout << "2h:" << f2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

2h:20 h:10

2h:40 h:10

```
int h = 10;
auto g2 = [&] () { h *= 2; return h; };
std::cout << "2h:" << g2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
std::cout << "2h:" << g2() << " h:" << h << std::endl;
```

Output:

2h:20 h:10

2h:40 h:20



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```
class A {  
    std::vector<int> values; int m_;  
public:  
    A(int mod) : m_(mod) {}  
    A& put(int v) { values.push_back(v); return *this; }  
    int extras() { int count = 0;  
        std::for_each(values.begin(), values.end(),  
            [=, &count](int v){ count += v % m_; });  
        return count;  
    }  
};  
A g(4);  
g.put(3).put(7).put(8);  
std::cout << "extras: " << g.extras();
```

Output: extras: 6

- Capture default by value and count by reference
- Capture count by reference, accumulate, return
- How did we get m_?
- Implicit capture of 'this' by value



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- Will this compile? If so, what is the result?

```
struct foo {  
    foo() : i(0) {}  
    void amazing(){ [=]{ i=8; }(); }  
    int i;  
};  
foo f;  
f.amazing();  
std::cout << "f.i : " << f.i;
```

Output: f.i : 8

- **this** implicitly captured
- `i` actually is `this->i` which can be written from a member function as a data member. So no **mutable** is required



$[=, \& \text{identifier}]() \rightarrow \text{rt}\{\dots\}$: Capture

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- Capture restrictions:

- Identifiers must only be listed once

- `[i,j,&z](){\dots} // ok`

- `[&a,b](){\dots} // ok`

- `[z,&i,z](){\dots} // bad, z listed twice`

- Default by value, explicit identifiers by reference

- `[=,&j,&z](){\dots} // ok`

- `[=,this](){\dots} // bad, no this with default =`

- `[=,&i,z](){\dots} // bad, z by value`

- Default by reference, explicit identifiers by value

- `[&,j,z](){\dots} // ok`

- `[&,this](){\dots} // ok`

- `[&,i,&z](){\dots} // bad, z by reference`

- Scope of Capture:

- Captured entity must be defined or captured in the immediate enclosing lambda expression or function



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```
int i = 8;
{
    int j = 2;
    auto f = [=]{ std::cout << i / j; };
    f();
}
```

Output: 4

```
int i = 8;
auto f =
    [=]()
    {
        int j = 2;
        auto m = [=]{ std::cout << i / j; };
        m();
    };
f();
```

Output: 4



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```
int i = 8;
auto f =
    [i]()
    {
        int j = 2;
        auto m = [=]{ std::cout << i / j; };
        m();
    };
f();
```

Output: 4

```
int i = 8;
auto f =
    []()
    {
        int j = 2;
        auto m = [=]{ std::cout << i / j; };
        m();
    };
f();
```

Error C3493: 'i' cannot be implicitly captured because
no default capture mode has been specified

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```
int i = 8;
auto f = [=]() {
    int j = 2;
    auto m = [&]{ i /= j; }; m();
    std::cout << "inner: " << i;
};
f();
std::cout << " outer: " << i;
```

Error C3491: 'i': a by-value capture cannot
be modified in a non-mutable lambda

```
int i = 8;
auto f = [i]() mutable {
    int j = 2;
    auto m = [&i, j]()mutable{ i /= j; }; m();
    std::cout << "inner: " << i;
};
f();
std::cout << " outer: " << i;
```

Output: inner: 4 outer: 8



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```
int i = 1, j = 2, k = 3;
auto f =
    [i, &j, &k]() mutable
    {
        auto m =
            [&i, j, &k]() mutable
            {
                i = 4; j = 5; k = 6;
            };
        m();
        std::cout << i << j << k;
    };
f();
std::cout << " : " << i << j << k;
```

Output: ?



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```
int i = 1, j = 2, k = 3;
auto f =
    [i, &j, &k]() mutable
    {
        auto m =
            [&i, j, &k]() mutable
            {
                i = 4; j = 5; k = 6;
            };
        m();
        std::cout << i << j << k;
    };
f();
std::cout << " : " << i << j << k;
```

Output: 426 : 126



`[=]()->rt{...}`: Capture

- Closure object has implicitly-declared copy constructor / destructor

```
struct trace
{
    trace() : i(0)
        { std::cout << "construct\n"; }
    trace(trace const &)
        { std::cout << "copy construct\n"; }
    ~trace()
        { std::cout << "destroy\n"; }
    trace& operator=(trace&)
        { std::cout << "assign\n"; return *this; }
    int i;
};
```

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```
{  
    trace t;  
    int i = 8;  
    // t not used so not captured  
    auto m1 = [=]() { return i / 2; };  
}
```

Output:
construct
destroy



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```
{  
    trace t;  
    // capture t by value  
    auto m1 = [=]() { int i = t.i; };  
    std::cout << "-- make copy --" << std::endl;  
    auto m2 = m1;  
}
```

Output:

```
construct  
copy construct  
- make copy -  
copy construct  
destroy  
destroy  
destroy
```

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```
{  
    trace t;  
    // capture t by value  
    auto m1 = [&]() { int i = t.i; };  
    std::cout << "-- make copy --" << std::endl;  
    auto m2 = m1;  
}
```

Output:

construct

-- make copy --

destroy



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Seen two ways so far:

```
template<typename T> void foo(T f)
```

```
auto f = []{};
```



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If the lambda expression has no capture it can be converted to a function pointer with the same signature

```
typedef int (*f_type) (int);  
f_type f = [](int i) { return i+20; };  
std::cout << f(8);
```

Output:

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Polymorphic wrapper for function objects applies to anything that can be called:

- Function pointers
- Member function pointers
- Functors (including closure objects)

Function declarator syntax

```
std::function< R ( A1, A2, A3...) > f;
```



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Type	Old School Define	std::function
Free	<code>int(*callback)(int,int)</code>	<code>function< int(int,int) ></code>
Functor	<code>object_t callback</code>	<code>function< int(int,int) ></code>
Member	<code>int (object_t::*callback)(int,int)</code>	<code>function< int(int,int) ></code>



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Function pointers

```
int my_free_function(std::string s)
{
    return s.size();
}
```

```
std::function< int(std::string) > f;
f = my_free_function;
```

```
int size = f("ppd");
```




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```
struct my_functor
{
    my_functor( std::string const & s) : s_(s) {}
    int operator()() const { return s_.size(); }
    std::string s_;
};

my_functor mine("ppd");
std::function< int() > f;

f = std::ref(mine);
int size = f();
```



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Member function pointers

```
struct my_struct
{
    my_struct( std::string const & s) : s_(s) {}
    int size() const { return s_.size(); }
    std::string s_;
};

my_struct mine("ppd");
std::function< int() > f;

f = std::bind( &my_struct::size, std::ref(mine) );
int size = f();
```



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Closure Objects

```
std::function< int(std::string const &) > f;
```

```
f = [](std::string const & s){ return s.size(); };  
int size = f("ppd");
```



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```
#include <iostream>          // std::cout
#include <functional>

int main() {
    std::function<int(int)> f1;
    std::function<int(int)> f2 =
        [&](int i) {
            std::cout << i << " ";
            if (i > 5) { return f1(i - 2); } else { return 0; }
        };

    f1 = [&](int i) { std::cout << i << " "; return f2(++i); };

    f1(10);

    return 0;
}
```

Output: 10 11 9 10 8 9 7 8 6 7 5 6 4 5



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```
#include <iostream>      // std::cout
#include <functional>

int main_fact() {
    std::function<int(int)> fact;
    fact =
        [&fact](int n)->int
        { return (n == 0) ? 1 : (n * fact(n - 1)); };

    std::cout << "factorial(4) : " << fact(4) << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```



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```
#include <iostream>
#include <functional>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    std::function<int(int)> fibo;
    fibo =
        [&fibo](int n)->int
        { return (n == 0) ? 0 :
                  (n == 1) ? 1 :
                  (fibo(n - 1) + fibo(n - 2)); };

    cout << "fibo(8) : " << fibo(8) << endl;

    return 0;
}
```



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```
#include <iostream>
#include <algorithm>
#include <vector>
#include <functional>
using namespace std;

struct machine {
    template< typename T >
    void add(T f) { to_do.push_back(f); }
    int run(int v) {
        for_each(to_do.begin(), to_do.end(),
            [&v](std::function<int(int)> f) { v = f(v); });
        return v;
    }
    vector< function<int(int)> > to_do;
};

int foo(int i){ return i + 4; }
int main() {
    machine m;

    m.add([](int i){ return i * 3; });
    m.add(foo);
    m.add([](int i){ return i / 5; });
    cout << "run(7) : " << m.run(7) << endl;

    return 1;
}
```

Output:

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```
#include <iostream>
#include <algorithm>
#include <vector>
#include <functional>
struct machine {
    template< typename T >
    void add(T f)
    {
        to_do.push_back(f);
    }
    int run(int v)
    {
        std::for_each(to_do.begin(), to_do.end(),
            [&v](std::function<int(int)> f)
            { v = f(v); });
        return v;
    }
    std::vector< std::function<int(int)> > to_do;
};
int foo(int i){ return i + 4; }
int main() {
    machine m;
    m.add([](int i){ return i * 3; });
    m.add(foo);
    m.add([](int i){ return i / 5; });
    std::cout << "run(7) : " << m.run(7) << std::endl;
    return 1;
}
```

Output: run(7) : 5

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```
#include <iostream>      // std::cout
#include <functional>

int main() {
    auto add = [](int x, int y) { return x + y; };
    auto add5 = [=](int y) { return add(5, y); }; // Curry

    std::cout << "W/o curry:\n" << add(5, 3);
    std::cout << "W/  curry:\n" << add5(3);

    return 0;
}

Output:
W/o curry:8
W/  curry:8
```

Note: On the 'Curry' line, we can capture also by `[&]`, `[&add]`, or `[add]`. However, it does not work without default or explicit capture as the symbol `add` is used in the body. So `[]` fails.

This is a hard-coded solution. There is built-in solution. Generic operator for Curry can be built separately using variadic templates, variadic functions and lambda functions. This is outside of our current scope.

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/39468955/c11-lambda-currying>



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Source: Scott Meyer on C++



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```
#include <iostream>      // std::cout
#include <algorithm>      // std::find_if
#include <vector>         // std::vector

bool IsOdd(int i) { return ((i % 2) == 1); }

int main() { std::vector<int> v;
  v.push_back(10); v.push_back(25);
  v.push_back(40); v.push_back(55);

  std::vector<int>::iterator it =
    std::find_if(v.begin(), v.end(), IsOdd);

  std::cout << "The first odd value is " << *it << '\n';

  return 0;
}
```



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```
#include <iostream>      // std::cout
#include <algorithm>      // std::find_if
#include <vector>          // std::vector

int main() { std::vector<int> v;
    v.push_back(10); v.push_back(25);
    v.push_back(40); v.push_back(55);

    auto it = std::find_if(v.begin(), v.end(),
        [](int i) { return ((i % 2) == 1); });

    std::cout << "The first odd value is " << *it << '\n';

    return 0;
}
```

Generates:

```
class MagicType1 {
public:
    bool operator() (int i) const { return ((i % 2) == 1); }
};
```

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Another example:

```
typedef std::shared_ptr<Widget> SPWidget;  
std::deque<SPWidget> d;  
...  
std::sort(d.begin(), d.end(),  
          [](const SPWidget& sp1, const SPWidget& sp2)  
            { return *sp1 < *sp2; });
```

Essentially generates:

```
class MagicType2 {  
public:  
    bool operator()(const SPWidget& p1, const SPWidget& p2) const  
    { return *p1 < *p2; }  
};  
...  
std::sort(d.begin(), d.end(), MagicType2());
```

Function objects created through lambda expressions are
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Closures may outlive their creating function:

```
std::function<bool(int)> returnClosure(int a) // return type to be
{                                           // discussed soon
    int b, c;
    ...
    return [](int x)                       // won't compile, but
        { return a*x*x + b*x + c == 0; }; // assume it would
}

auto f = returnClosure(10);                // f is essentially a
                                           // copy of lambda's
                                           // closure
```

In this call,

```
if (f(22)) ...                            // invoke the closure
```

what are the values of a, b, c?

returnClosure no longer active!



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This version has no such problem:

```
int a;                                // now at global or
                                     // namespace scope

std::function<bool(int)> returnClosure()
{
    static int b, c;                  // now static ...

    return [](int x)                  // now compiles
        { return a*x*x + b*x + c == 0; };
}

auto f = returnClosure();              // as before

...

if (f(22)) ...                        // as before
```

a, b, c outlive returnClosure's invocation



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Rules for variables lambda's may refer to:

- Non-static locals referenceable only if **captured**

```
std::function<bool(int)> returnClosure(int a)
{
    int b, c; ...

    return [](int x)
        { return a*x*x + b*x + c == 0; }; // to compile, must
                                           // capture a, b, c;
                                           // this example
                                           // won't compile
}
```

- Variables of static storage duration always referenceable

```
int a;

std::function<bool(int)> returnClosure()
{
    static int b, c; ...

    return [](int x)
        { return a*x*x + b*x + c == 0; }; // no need to
                                           // capture a, b, c
}
```




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Capturing locals puts copies in closures:

```
{  
    int minVal; double maxVal;  
    ...  
    auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(),  
        [minVal, maxVal](int i)  
        { return i > minVal && i < maxVal; }  
    );  
}
```

Essentially corresponds to:

```
class MagicType {  
public:  
    MagicType(int v1, double v2): _minVal(v1), _maxVal(v2) {}  
    bool operator()(int i) const  
        { return i > _minVal && i < _maxVal; }  
private:  
    int _minVal; double _maxVal;  
};  
auto it =  
    std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), MagicType(minVal, maxVal));
```



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Captures may also be by reference:

```
{
    int minVal; double maxVal;
    ...
    auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(),
        [&minVal, &maxVal](int i)
        { return i > minVal && i < maxVal; }
    );
}
```

Essentially corresponds to:

```
class MagicType {
public:
    MagicType(int&v1, double& v2): _minVal(v1), _maxVal(v2) {}
    bool operator()(int i) const
        { return i > _minVal && i < _maxVal; }
private:
    int& _minVal; double& _maxVal;
};

auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), // same as
    MagicType(minVal, maxVal));             // before
```

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Different (non-static) locals may be captured differently:

```
{
    int minVal; double maxVal;
    ...
    auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(),
        [minVal, &maxVal](int i)
        { return i > minVal && i < maxVal; }
    );
}
```

Essentially corresponds to:

```
class MagicType {
public:
    MagicType(int v1, double& v2): _minVal(v1), _maxVal(v2) {}
    bool operator()(int i) const
        { return i > _minVal && i < _maxVal; }
private:
    int _minVal; double& _maxVal;
};
```

```
auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), // same as
    MagicType(minVal, maxVal));             // before
```

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Capture mode defaults may be specified:

```
auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), // default is
                      [=](int i)           // by value
                      { return i > minVal && i < maxVal; }
                      );
```

```
auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), // default is
                      [&](int i)           // by ref
                      { return i > minVal && i < maxVal; });
```

With a default capture mode, captured variables need not be listed (As in examples above)



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Default overridable on a per-variable basis:

```
auto it = std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), // default capture is
    [=, &maxVal](int i)                    // by value, but maxVal
    { return i > minVal &&                  // is by reference
      i < maxVal; }
    );
```

Essentially corresponds to:

```
class MagicType {
public:
    MagicType(int v1, double& v2): _minVal(v1), _maxVal(v2) {}
    bool operator()(int i) const
        { return i > _minVal && i < _maxVal; }
private:
    int _minVal; double& _maxVal;
};

auto it =
    std::find_if(v.cbegin(), v.cend(), MagicType(minVal, maxVal));
```



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To access class members within a member function, capture **this**:

```
class Widget {
public:
    void doSomething();
private:
    std::list<int> li;
    int minVal;
};

void Widget::doSomething() {
    auto it = std::find_if(li.cbegin(), li.cend(), // error! attempt
        [minVal](int i) { return i > minVal; }    // to capture
    );                                           // "this->minVal"
    ...
}

void Widget::doSomething() {
    auto it = std::find_if(li.cbegin(), li.cend(),
        [this](int i)
        { return i > minVal; } // fine
    );                        // ("minVal"
                             // "this->minVal")
}
```

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A default capture mode also makes this available:

```
class Widget {
public:
    void doSomething();
private:
    std::list<int> li; int minVal;
};

void Widget::doSomething() {
    auto it = std::find_if(li.cbegin(), li.cend(),
        [=](int i) { return i > minVal; }      // fine, copies
    );                                          // "this" into closure
    ...
}

void Widget::doSomething() {
    auto it = std::find_if(li.cbegin(), li.cend(),
        [&](int i) { return i > minVal; }      // also fine, holds
    );                                          // ref to "this" in
    ...                                       // closure
}
```