COMP6771 Advanced C++ Programming

Week 8.1 Advanced Templates

Default Members

```
1 #include <vector>
   template<typename T, typename CONT = std::vector<T>>
   class stack {
 5 public:
           stack();
           ~stack();
           auto push(T&) -> void;
           auto pop() -> void;
           auto top() -> T&;
           auto top() const -> T const&;
           static int num stacks;
13
14 private:
           CONT stack ;
16 };
17
18 template<typename T, typename CONT>
   int stack<T, CONT>::num stacks = 0;
   template<typename T, typename CONT>
22 stack<T, CONT>::stack() {
           num stacks ++;
24 }
26 template<typename T, typename CONT>
27 stack<T, CONT>::~stack() {
           num stacks --;
```

- We can provide default arguments to template types (where the defaults themselves are types)
- It means we have to update all of our template parameter lists.
- The set of default template arguments accumulates over all declarations of a given template.

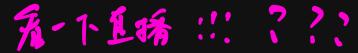
```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 #include "./demo801-default.h"
4
5 auto main() -> int {
6          auto fs = stack<float>{};
7          stack<int> is1, is2, is3;
8          std::cout << stack<float>::num_stacks_ << "\n";
9          std::cout << stack<int>::num_stacks_ << "\n";
10 auto fl = stack<float, std::list<float>>{};
11 }
```

因为fs &s type & stack<float, std::wordered_set<float>>,每一种type 有一个自己以static variable.

```
#include #include <unordered_set>

#include "./demo801-default.h"

auto main() -> int {
    auto fs = stack<float, std::unordered_set<float>>{};
    auto fs2 = stack<float, std::vector<float>>{};
    stack<int> is1, is2, is3;
    std::cout << stack<float>:num_stacks_ << "\n";
    std::cout << stack<float>:num_stacks_ << "\n";
    int j = 5;
    is1.push(j);
}</pre>
```



```
1 template<class T, class U = int> class A;
2 template<class T = float, class U> class A;
3
4 template<class T, class U> class A {
5    public:
6         T x;
7         U y;
8 };
9
10 A<> a;
11 a.x ?
12 a.y?
```

```
1 template<class T, class U = char> class A
2 {
3 public:
4    T x;
5    U y;
6 };
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    A<char> a;
11    A<int, int> b;
12    std::cout<<sizeof(a)<<std::endl;
13    std::cout<<sizeof(b)<<std::endl;
14    return 0;
15 }</pre>
```

If one template parameter has a default argument, then all template parameters following it must also have default arguments.

```
1 template<class T = char, class U, class V = int> class X { };
2
3 template<class T = char, class U, class V = int, class W> class X
4 //not allowed
```

Specialisation

- The templates we've defined so far are completely generic
- There are two ways we can redefine our generic types for something more specific:
 - Partial specialisation:
 - Describing the template for another form of the template
 - o **T***
 - std::vector<T>
 - Explicit specialisation:
 - Describing the template for a specific, non-generic type
 - std::string
 - o int

Specialized cace: Different min for different types.

```
auto min(auto a, auto b) {
    return a < b ? a : b;
}

auto min(std::string a, std::string b) {
    return a.size() < b.size() ? a : b;
}</pre>
```

When to specialise

- You need to preserve existing semantics for something that would not otherwise work
 - std::is_pointer is partially specialised over pointers
- You want to write a type trait
 - std::is_integral is fully specialised for int, long, etc.
- There is an optimisation you can make for a specific type
 - std::vector<bool> is fully specialised to reduce memory footprint

When not to specialise

- Don't specialise functions
 - A function cannot be partially specialised
 - Fully specialised functions are better done with overloads
 - Herb Sutter has an article on this
 - http://www.gotw.ca/publications/mill17.htm
- You think it would be cool if you changed some feature of the class for a specific type
 - People assume a class works the same for all types
 - Don't violate assumptions!

Our Template

- Here is our stack template class
 - stack.h
 - stack_main.cpp

```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
#include <numeric>

template <typename T>
class stack {
public:

auto push(T t) -> void { stack_.push_back(t); }

auto top() -> T& { return stack_.back(); }

auto pop() -> void { stack_.pop_back(); }

auto size() const -> int { return stack_.size(); };

auto sum() -> int {
 return std::accumulate(stack_.begin(), stack_.end(), 0);

private:
 std::vector<T> stack_;

};
```

```
1 auto main() -> int {
2         int i1 = 6771;
3         int i2 = 1917;
4
5         stack<int> s1;
6         s1.push(i1);
7         s1.push(i2);
8         std::cout << s1.size() << " ";
9         std::cout << s1.top() << " ";
10         std::cout << s1.sum() << "\n";
11 }</pre>
```

Because T* is still Generic. Partial Specialisation whole picture: template < typename T> class stack < T> \$

whole picture:

Redefine > template < typename T > things. class stack < the s

- In this case we will specialise for pointer types.
 - Why do we need to do this?
- You can partially specialise classes
 - You cannot partially specialise a particular function of a class in isolation
- The following a fairly standard example, for illustration purposes only. Specialisation is designed to refine a generic implementation for a specific type, not to change the semantic.

```
1 template <typename T>
                                                                        #include "./demo802-partial.h"
                                                                                                                 1 auto s2 = stack<int*>{};
2 class stack<T*> {
                                                                                                                 2 s2.push(&i1);
  public:
                                                                      3 auto main() -> int {
                                                                                                                 3 s2.push(&i2);
          auto push(T* t) -> void { stack .push back(t); }
                                                                                auto i1 = 6771;
                                                                                                                 4 std::cout << s2.size() << " ";
          auto top() -> T* { return stack .back(); }
                                                                                auto i2 = 1917;
                                                                                                                 5 std::cout << *(s2.top()) <<</pre>
          auto pop() -> void { stack .pop back(); }
                                                                                                                 6 std::cout << s2.sum() << "\n";</pre>
          auto size() const -> int { return stack .size(); };
                                                                                 auto s1 = stack<int>{};
       auto sum() -> int{
                                                                                 s1.push(i1);
                  return std::accumulate(stack .begin(),
                                                                                 s1.push(i2);
                                                                                 std::cout << s1.size() << " ";
            stack .end(), 0, [] (int a, T *b) { return a + *b; });10
                                                                                 std::cout << s1.top() << " ";
                                                                                 std::cout << s1.sum() << "\n";
 private:
          std::vector<T*> stack ;
     Sum pointers doesn't make sense, preserve the semetic!!!

demo802-partial.h Sum what if point to.
```

On Concrete Explicit Specialisation 1 #include iostream>

```
#include <iostream>
   template <typename T>
 4 void fun(T a) {
     std::cout << "The main template fun(): "</pre>
               << a << std::endl;
   template<> // may be skipped, but prefer overloads
10 void fun(int)a) {
     std::cout << "Explicit specialisation for int type: "</pre>
               << a << std::endl;
13 }
15 int main() {
     fun<char>('a');
     fun<int>(10);
     fun<float>(10.14);
```

```
#include<sstream>
   #include<vector>
   template<typename T>
 6 T add all(const std::vector<T> &list) {
           T accumulator = {};
            for (auto& elem:list){
           accumulator += elem;
       return accumulator;
13 }
15 template<>
16 T add all(const std::vector<std::string> &list) {
           std::string accumulator = {};
            for (const std::string& elem : list)
            for (const char& chr : elem)
                    accumulator += elem:
23
            return accumulator;
24 }
26 int main() {
27
     std::vector<int> ivec = {4,3,2,4};
     std::vector<double> dvec = {4.0,3.0,2.0,4.0};
     std::vector<string> svec = {"abc", "bcd"};
29
     std::cout << add all(ivec) << std::endl;</pre>
     std::cout << add all(dvec) << std::endl;</pre>
     std::cout << add all(svec) << std::endl;</pre>
33 }
```

Class Template Specialisation

```
1 #include <iostream>
   template <class T>
 4 class Test {
 6 public:
     Test() {
       cout << "General template object \n";</pre>
11
12
13 };
15 template <>
16 class Test<int> {
17 public:
     Test() {
19
       std::cout << "Class template specialisation\n";</pre>
21
22 };
23
24 int main() {
     Test<int> a;
     Test<char> b;
27
     Test<float> c;
29
     return 0;
```

Explicit Specialisation

- Explicit specialisation should only be done on classes.
- std::vector<bool> is an interesting example and here too
 - std::vector<bool>::reference is not a bool&

```
#include <iostream>

template <typename T>

template is_void {
    static bool const val = false;

};

template<>
struct is_void<void> {
    static bool const val = true;

auto main() -> int {
    std::cout << is_void<int>::val << "\n";

std::cout << is_void<void>::val << "\n";
}</pre>
```

demo803-explicit.cpp

Type Traits 不是特别明显,可以存在

Trait: Class (or class template) that characterises a type

11 template <>

12 struct numeric limits<float> {

riate. Class (or class template) that characterises a type

Compile time template metafunctions that returns the info about types.

Ask compiler some question? is it int, fun, class or pointer or will it throw exception?

Why ?: Optimization: quick sort /merge sort by knowing data type of iterator or const to nor type trait is a simple struct template that contains a member constant, which in turn holds the

answer to the question the type trait asks or the transformation it performs

Useful in conditional compilation or you can apply transformation i.e. add or remove const

handy when writing libraries that make use of template

Advantage: All at compile time nothing run time

Advantage: All at compile time, nothing run time Trait Categoris:

Numeric_Limit<>:: min,max, is_signed, is_integer

Type Category: is_array<T>::value, is_pointer, is_enum

Type Properties: is_const

static auto min() -> float { return -FLT MAX - 1; }

Type Traits

Traits allow generic template functions to be parameterised

```
1 #include <array>
 2 #include <iostream>
 3 #include <limits>
  template<typename T, std::size t size>
 6 T findMax(const std::array<T, size>& arr) {
           T largest = std::numeric limits<T>::min();
           for (auto const& i : arr) {
                    if (i > largest)
                            largest = i;
           return largest;
13 }
15 auto main() -> int {
           auto i = std::array<int, 3 > \{-1, -2, -3\};
           std::cout << findMax<int, 3>(i) << "\n";</pre>
           auto j = std::array<double, 3>\{1.0, 1.1, 1.2\};
           std::cout << findMax<double, 3>(i) << "\n";</pre>
20 }
```

demo804-typetraits1.cpp

```
#include <type_traits>
class GFG {
};

// main method
auto main() -> int {

{
    std::cout << alignment_of<GFG>::value << std::endl;
    std::cout << alignment_of<int>() << std::endl;
    std::cout << alignment_of<double>() <<std::endl;

return 0;
}</pre>
```

Two more examples

- Below are STL type trait examples for a specialisation and partial specialisation
- This is a good example of partial specialisation
- http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/header/type_traits

```
1 #include <iostream>
 1 #include <iostream>
                                                          template <typename T>
 3 template <typename T>
                                                          struct is pointer {
   struct is void {
                                                                   static const bool val = false;
           static const bool val = false;
                                                        6 };
                                                        8 template<typename T>
 8 template<>
                                                        9 struct is pointer<T*>
 9 struct is void<void> {
                                                                  static const bool val = true;
           static const bool val = true;
                                                       11 };
11 };
                                                       13 auto main() -> int {
13 auto main() -> int {
                                                                  std::cout << is pointer<int*>::val << "\n";</pre>
           std::cout << is void<int>::val << "\n";</pre>
                                                                   std::cout << is pointer<int>::val << "\n";</pre>
           std::cout << is void<void>::val << "\n";</pre>
16 }
```

demo805-typetraits2.cpp

1 template<template T>
2 typename std::remove_reference<T>::
3 {return value;}
4

demo806-typetraits3.cpp

const T&	const T	
T &	Т	
T&&		do more than conversion
const T	Т	

Where it's useful

- Below are STL type trait examples
- http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/header/type_traits

```
#include <iostream>
                                                                                 1 #include <iostream>
                                                                                   #include <type traits>
#include <type traits>
template<typename T>
                                                                                 4 void algorithm signed (int i)
auto testIfNumberType(T i) -> void {
                                                                                 5 void algorithm unsigned(unsigned u) { /*...*/ }
        if (std::is integral<T>::value || std::is floating point<T>::value) {
                std::cout << i << " is a number"</pre>
                                                                                 7 template <typename T>
                          << "\n":
                                                                                 8 void algorithm(T t) // act as dispatcher
                                                                                       if constexpr(std::is signed<T>::value)
        else {
                std::cout << i << " is not a number"</pre>
                                                                                           algorithm signed(t);
                          << "\n";
                                                                                       else
                                                                                       if constexpr (std::is unsigned<T>::value)
                                                                                           algorithm unsigned(t);
                                                                                       else
auto main() -> int {
                                                                                           static assert(std::is signed<T>::value
                                                                                                      || std::is unsigned<T>::value, "Must be signed or unsigned
        auto i = int\{6\};
        auto l = long{7};
        auto d = double{3.14};
                                                                                19 }
        testIfNumberType(i);
        testIfNumberType(1);
                                                                                21 int main(){
        testIfNumberType(d);
        testIfNumberType(123);
                                                                                23 algorithm(3);
        testIfNumberType("Hello");
                                                                                25 unsigned x = 3;
        auto s = "World";
        testIfNumberType(s);
                                                                                26 algorithm(x);
                                                                                28 algorithm("hello"); // T is string, build error!
             demo807-typetraits4.cpp
                                                                                29 }
```

Type Recursion

Variadic Templates

How can printf take any # of arguments

These are the instantiations that will have been generated

```
Create at compile time.
 1 #include <iostream>
 2 #include <typeinfo>
                                               1 auto print(const char* const& c) -> void {
                                                        std::cout << c << " ";
  template <typename T>
 5 auto print(const T& msg) -> void {
           std::cout << msg << " ";
                                               5 auto print(float const& b) -> void {
                                                        std::cout << b << " ";
 9 template <typename A, typename... B>
                                              9 auto print(float b, const char* c) -> void {
10 auto print(A head, B... tail) -> void {
                                                        print(b);
           print(head);
                                                        print(c);
           print(tail...);
13 }
                   10 Recursion.
                                              14 auto print(int const& a) -> void {
15 auto main() -> int {
                                                        std::cout << a << " ";
           print(1, 2.0f);
          std::cout << "\n";</pre>
          print(1, 2.0f, "Hello");
                                           18 auto print(int a, float b, const char* c) -> void {
           std::cout << "\n";
                                                        print(a);
                                                        print(b, c);
           demo808-variadic.cpp
```

Title Text

Subtitle

functions/member functions

of a class that deal

Member Templates

with other kind of

templates.

• Sometimes templates can be too rigid for

- Sometimes templates can be too rigid for our liking:
 - Clearly, this could work, but doesn't by default

```
1 #include <vector>
 3 template <typename T>
 4 class stack {
 5 public:
           auto push(T& t) -> void { stack. push back(t); }
           auto top() -> T& { return stack .back(); }
 8 private:
           std::vector<T> stack ;
10 };
11
   auto main() -> int {
13
    auto is1 = stack<int>{};
14
          is1.push(2);
15
          is1.push(3);
16
           auto is2 = stack<int>{is1}; // this works
17
           auto ds1 =
18
           stack<double>{is1}; // this does not
19 }
```

Member Templates

Through use of member templates, we can extend capabilities

```
1 #include <vector>
                                                                    1 auto main() -> int {
                                                                              auto is1 = stack<int>{};
   template <typename T>
                                                                              is1.push(2);
   class stack {
                                                                              is1.push(3);
 5 public:
                                                                              auto is2 = stack<int>{is1}; // this works
           explicit stack() {}
                                                                              auto ds1 =
         c template <typename T2>
                                                                              stack<double>{is1}; // this does not work
        tack(stack<T2>&);
           auto push(T t) -> void { stack .push back(t); }
           auto pop() -> T;
           auto empty() const -> bool { return stack .empty(); }
12 private:
           std::vector<T> stack ;
14 };
16 template <typename T>
17 T stack<T>::pop() {
           T t = stack .back();
           stack .pop back();
       return t;
                                    Can't do template (type name T, type name T2>
23 template <typename T> 7 \( \Delta \)
   template <typename T2>
   stack<T>::stack(stack<T2>& s) {
26
27
28
29 }
          while (!s.empty()) {
                   stack .push back(static cast<T>(s.pop()));
                                             type of new stack.
```

Template Template Parameters

```
1 template <typename T, template <typename> typename CONT>
2 class stack {}
```

- Previously, when we want to have a Stack with templated container type we had to do the following:
 - What is the issue with this?

Ideally we can just do:

Template Template Parameters

```
1 auto main(void) -> int {
 1 #include <iostream>
                                                                              stack<int, std::vector<int>> s1;
   #include <vector>
                                                                               int i1 = 1;
                                                                               int i2 = 2;
   template <typename T, typename Cont>
                                                                               s1.push(i1);
 5 class stack {
                                                                              s1.push(i2);
6 public:
                                                                              while (!s1.empty()) {
           auto push(T t) -> void { stack .push back(t); }
                                                                                       std::cout << s1.top() << " ";
           auto pop() -> void { stack .pop back(); }
                                                                                      s1.pop();
           auto top() -> T& { return stack .back(); }
           auto empty() const -> bool { return stack .empty(); }
                                                                              std::cout << "\n";
11 private:
                                                                   12 }
12
           CONT stack ;
13 };
 1 #include <iostream>
                                                                   1 #include <iostream>
 2 #include <vector>
                                                                   2 #include <vector>
 3 #include <memory>
                                                                     auto main(void) -> int {
                         template <typename...> typename CONT>
                                                                             auto s1 = stack<int, std::vector>{};
6 class stack {
                                                                             s1.push(1);
   public:
                                                                              s1.push(2);
           auto push(T t) -> void { stack .push back(t); }
           auto pop() -> void { stack .pop back(); }
           auto top() -> T& { return stack .back(); }
10
           auto empty() const -> bool { return stack .empty(); }
11
12 private:
           CONT<T> stack ;
13
14 };
```

- When compiler tries to find a template to match the template template argument, it only considers primary class templates.
- (A *primary template* is the template that is being specialized.) The compiler will not consider any partial specialization even if their parameter lists match that of the template template parameter.

```
1 #include <vector>
 2 #include <iostream>
   template <class T, template <class...> class C, class U>
 5 C<T> All V(const C<U> &c) {
      C<T> result(c.begin(), c.end());
      return result;
8 }
10 int main() {
      std::vector<float> vf = {1.2, 2.6, 3.7};
      auto vi = All V<int>(vf);
12
      for(auto &&i: vi) {
         std::cout << i << std::endl;</pre>
```

The compiler considers the partial specializations based on a template template argument once you have instantiated a specialization based on the corresponding template template parameter.

Template Argument Deduction

Template Argument Deduction is the process of determining the types (of **type parameters**) and the values of **nontype parameters** from the types of **function arguments**.

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

3 T min = a[0];
4 for (int i = 1; i < size; i++) {
5 if (a[i] < min) min = a[i];
6 }
7 return min;
8 }</pre>

Automatic type deduction for non-type templates car also be applied to variadic templates

```
1 template <auto... ns>
2 class VariadicTemplate{ .... };
3
4 template <auto n1, decltype(n1)... 1
5 class TypedVariadicTemplate{ .... }</pre>
```

non-type parameter [nullptr, integral values, lvalue rences, pointer, enumerations, and floating-point value

Implicit Deduction

- We may omit any template argument that the compiler can determine or deduce by the usage and context of that template function call.
- The compiler tries to deduce a template argument by comparing the type of the corresponding template parameter with the type of the argument used in the function call. The two types that the compiler compares (the template parameter and the argument used in function call) must be of certain structure in order for template argument deduction to work.
- Non-type parameters: Implicit conversions behave just like normal type conversions
- Type parameters: Three possible implicit conversions
- ... others as well, that we won't go into

```
1 f(1,2); // f<int>(1,2);
2 f(1.1,2.2); f<double>(1.1,2.2);
3 f('a', 'b'); f<char>(char a, char b);
4 f(2, 'b'); ?
5 f(2, 2.2); ? ?
6
7 //
8 template<typename T>
9   T f(T a, T b)
10    return a+b;
11
12 template<typename T1, typename T2>
13   T f(T1 a, T2 b)
14    return a+b;
15
```

```
1 // array to pointer
2 template <typename T>
3 f(T* array) {}
4
5 int a[] = { 1, 2 };
6 f(a);

1 // const qualification
2 template <typename T>
3 f(const T item) {}
4
5 int a = 5;
6 f(a); // int => const int;
```

```
1 // conversion to base class
2 // from derived class
3 template <typename T>
4 void f(base<T> &a) {}
5
6 template <typename T>
7 class derived : public base<T> { }
8 derived<int> d;
9 f(d);
```

Explicit Deduction

If we need more control over the normal deduction process, we can explicitly specify the types being passed in

- casting the argument to follow same type
- explicitly stating type of T, preventing compiler attempeting to deduce
- specifiying in function template that parameter may be of different type and let it on compiler to figure it out.

demo811-explicitdeduc.cpp

Feedback

