# C++11 Lambda Expressions Professional C++ Training



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- The example code is for demonstrating a purpose
- Please do not assume styles are considered good practice
- ▶ Please, *never* using std; in your own code
- Please, always use scoping and namespaces properly

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Fine print to the fine print: not really, but we sometimes here people say, "but you had using std; in your slides"



#### Part I

# Lambda Expressions



#### Outline

- Introduction
- Expression Parts
- Storing
- Exercise
- Use Cases



#### Some Motivation - Old School

```
vector<int>::const_iterator iter = cardinal.begin();
vector<int>::const_iterator iter_end = cardinal.end();
int total_elements = 1;
while( iter != iter_end )
{
   total_elements *= *iter;
   ++iter;
}
```



#### Some Motivation - Functor

```
int total elements = 1;
for_each( cardinal.begin(), cardinal.end(),
          product<int>(total_elements) );
```



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```
int total elements = 1;
for_each( cardinal.begin(), cardinal.end(),
          product<int>(total_elements) );
template <typename T>
struct product
   product( T & storage ) : value(storage) {}
   template< typename V>
   void operator()( V & v )
      value *= v;
   T & value;
};
```



#### Some Motivation - Phoenix



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#### Before:

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{
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   ++iter;
}
```

#### After:

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



#### [&] () ->rt { . . . } — introducer

We start off a lambda expression with the introducer





How can we call this nullary function object-like temporary?

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#### Output

foo



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

#### Outpu



```
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```

#### Output



```
int i = 7;
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#### Outpu<sup>\*</sup>

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[](int const & v){ v *= 6; } (j);
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```

#### Compile error

```
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We commonly want to capture state or access values outside our *function objects*.

With a function object we use the constructor to populate state.



### Lambda expressions provide an optional capture.

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

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### Capture default all by reference



## [ [ ] () ->rt { . . . } - capture

```
template< typename T >
void fill( vector<int> & v, T done )
   int i = 0;
   while( !done() )
      v.push_back( i++ );
vector<int> stuff;
fill ( stuff,
      [&] { return stuff.size() >= 8; } );
```

Outpu

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



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                      [&](int i) { sum += i; } );
           return sum >= 10;
   );
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### [=] () ->rt { . . . } - capture

### Capture default all by value



# [=]()->rt{...} - capture

### Where is the value captured?

```
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auto func = [=] { cout << v << endl; };
v = 8;
func();</pre>
```



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#### At the time of evaluation

#### Output

42



## [=] () ->rt { . . . } - capture

```
int i = 10;
auto two_i = [=]{ i *= 2; return i; };
cout << "2i:" << two_i() << " i:" << i << endl;</pre>
```

#### Compile error

```
error: assignment of member
'capture_test()::<lambda()>::i' in read-only
object
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### Make mutable:

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int i = 10;
auto two_i = [=]() mutable { i *= 2; return i; };
cout << "2i:" << two_i() << " i:" << i << endl;</pre>
```

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

### Capture default by value and count by reference

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  int m ;
public:
  int extras()
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     return count;
```



### Capture count by reference, accumulate, return

```
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  vector<int> values;
  int m ;
public:
  int extras()
     int count = 0;
     for_each( values.begin(), values.end(),
                [=,&count] (int v) { count += v % m_; } );
     return count;
```



### How did we get m\_?

```
class gorp
  vector<int> values;
  int m_;
public:
  int extras()
     int count = 0;
     for_each( values.begin(), values.end(),
                [=, &count] (int v) { count += v % m_; } );
     return count;
```



### Implicit capture of this by value

```
class gorp
  vector<int> values;
  int m ;
public:
  int extras()
     int count = 0;
     for_each( values.begin(), values.end(),
                [=,&count](int v) { count += v % m_; } );
     return count;
```



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      return count;
};
qorp q(4);
g.put(3).put(7).put(8);
cout << "extras: " << q.extras();</pre>
```

extras: 6

## [=] () ->rt { . . . } - capture

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

```
struct foo
{
    foo() : i(0) {}
    void amazing() { [=] { i=8; }(); }

    int i;
};
foo f;
f.amazing();
cout << "f.i : " << f.i;</pre>
```



### [=]()->rt{...} - capture

this implicity captured. mutable not required.

```
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};
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```

```
f.i: 8
```



### Capture restrictions:

- Identifiers must only be listed once
- Default by value, explicit identifiers by reference
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```
[i,j,&z](){...} // ok
[&a,b](){...} // ok
[z,&i,z](){...} // bad, z listed twice
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[=,this](){...} // bad, no this with default =
[=,&i,z](){...} // bad, z by value
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#### Scope of capture:

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

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

#### Outpu



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### Output



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#### Compile error

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```



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

f();
cout << " outer: " << i;</pre>
```

#### Compile error

```
error: assignment of read-only location
'...()::<lambda()>::<lambda()>::i'
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' . . . () : : <lambda () > : : <lambda () > : : i'
```



# [=] () ->rt { . . . } - capture

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

f();
cout << " outer: " << i;</pre>
```

#### Output

inner: 4 outer: 8



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f();
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```
[-] () ->rt{...} - capture
```

```
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();
      cout << i << i << k;
   };
f();
cout << " : " << i << j << k;
```

#### Output

426 : 126

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   };
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Output construct destroy



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}
```

#### Output

construct destroy



```
{
    trace t;

    // capture t by value
    auto m1 = [=]() { int i=t.i; };

    cout << "-- make copy --" << endl;
    auto m2 = m1;</pre>
```

# construct copy construc - make copy copy construc

```
[ ] () ->rt { . . . } - capture
```

```
{
    trace t;

// capture t by value
    auto m1 = [=]() { int i=t.i; };

cout << "-- make copy --" << endl;
    auto m2 = m1;
}</pre>
```

## Output

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

# [&] () -> rt { . . . } - return type

If the return type is omited from the lambda expression and the statement has a return such as:

```
{ ... return expression; }
```

then it is the type of the returned expression after:

- Ivalue-to-rvalue conversion
- array-to-pointer conversion
- function-to-pointer conversion

Otherwise, the type is void



#### lambda<T>



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# Storing / Passing Lambda Objects

#### Seen two ways so far:

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

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



# **Function pointer**

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; };

cout << f(8);</pre>
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Туре	Old School Define	std::function
Free	int(*callback)(int,int)	function< int(int,int) >
Member	<pre>int (object_t::*callback)(int,int)</pre>	function< int(int,int) >
Functor	object_t callback	function< int(int,int) >



#### 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("cierecloud.com/cppnow");
```



#### 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("cierecloud.com/cppnow");
std::function< int() > f;

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



#### function<R(Args...)>

#### **Functors**

```
struct my_functor
   my_functor( std::string const & s) : s_(s) {}
   int operator()() const
      return s .size();
   std::string s_;
};
my_functor mine("cierecloud.com/cppnow");
std::function< int() > f;
f = std::ref(mine);
int size = f();
```



### function<R(Args...)>

#### Closure Objects

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

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



#### Fun with function

```
std::function<int(int)> f1;
std::function<int(int)> f2 =
   [&] (int i)
      cout << i << " ";
      if(i>5) { return f1(i-2); }
   };
f1 =
   [&](int i)
      cout << i << " ";
      return f2(++i);
   };
f1(10);
```

### Output

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

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### More fun with function

```
std::function<int(int)> fact;
fact =
   [&fact](int n)->int
          if(n==0) { return 1; }
          else
              return (n * fact(n-1));
cout << "factorial(4) : " << fact(4) << endl;</pre>
```

```
Output
```

```
factorial(4): 24
```

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#### Exercise

- Class that can queue callable "things"
- The callable "thing" takes an int argument
- The callable "thing" returns an int
- The class will have a method:

```
int run( int init )
```

- When run is called:
  - Call each of the queued items
  - init will be the initial state of the first call
  - The result of each call feeds the input of the next call
  - The result of final call will be the return value of run

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### Exercise

```
#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;
```

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#### Where can we use them?

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# Your Thoughts

How are you going to use lambdas?



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