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From Templates to Concepts

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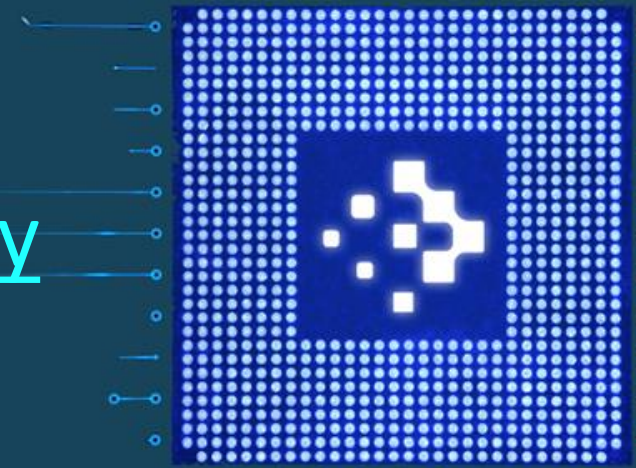
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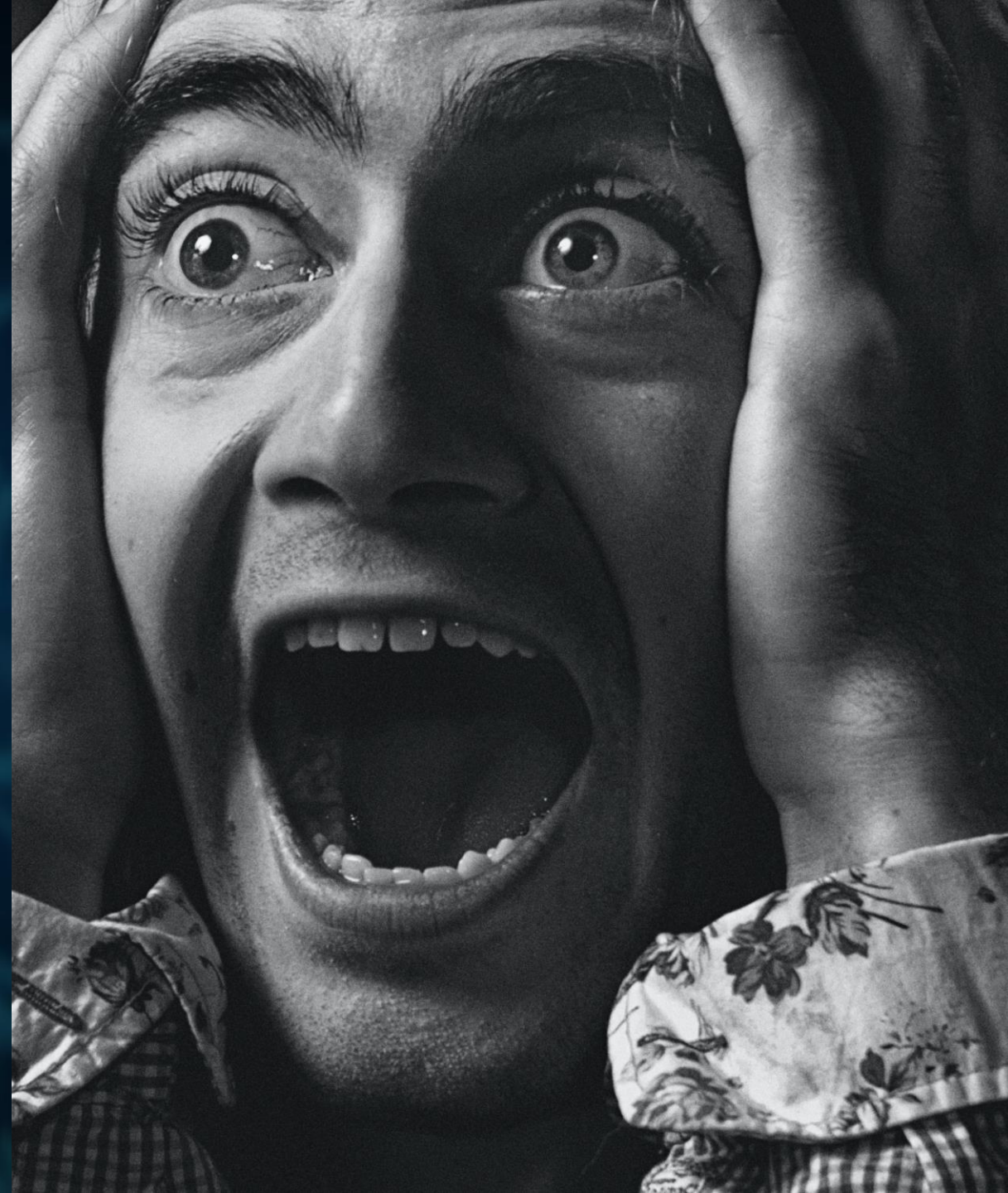


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BASIC TEMPLATE RULES



THIS IS C++NOW THERE'S NOTHING BASIC HERE

QUESTION:

- What is the outcome of this code?

```
1  template <typename>
2  struct Res{
3  };
4
5  template <typename R, typename... Args>
6  struct Res<R(Args...)>{
7      using r_type = R;
8  };
9
10
11 template<typename M, typename T>
12 auto foo(M T::* pm) -> Res<M>::r_type;
```


ANSWER:

- It helps us to deduce a return type of a member function without providing the actual parameters
- With it we can create interesting traits and concepts

USAGE EXAMPLE:

```
15  struct X{
16      int add(int a, int b) {return a+b;};
17  };
18
19  struct Y{
20      double add(double a) {return 1.+a;};
21  };
22
23
24  template <typename T, typename U>
25  struct is_same { static constexpr bool value = false; };
26
27  template <typename U>
28  struct is_same<U, U> { static inline constexpr bool value = true; };
29
30  int main(){
31      static_assert(is_same<decltype(foo(&X::add)), int>::value);
32      static_assert(is_same<decltype(foo(&Y::add)), double>::value);
33  }
```

DIGEST:

- Creating a Helper class Res

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- foo function

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SIMPLIFICATION:

- Using `std::function`

```
16     template <typename M, typename T>  
17     auto foo(M T::* pm) -> std::function<M>::result_type;
```

SIMPLIFICATION:

- We could make it even shorter with `std::mem_fn::result_type`

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38 static_assert(is_same<typename decltype(std::mem_fn(&X::add))::result_type, int>::value);
```

SIMPLIFICATION:

- We could make it even shorter with `std::mem_fn::result_type`
 - Please don't use this as `result_type` is deprecated since C++17

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TRAIT LIBRARY

TRAITS

- C++11 introduced the standard type trait library

Example of useful traits:

`integral_type<T, VALUE>`

`is_pointer<T>`

`is_abstract<T>`

`is_assignable<T>`

`is_convertible<T, U>`

`is_same<T, U>`

...

TRAITS EXAMPLES: SOME ARE SIMPLE

```
34     template<typename T, typename U>
35     struct is_same : std::false_type {};
36
37     template<class T>
38     struct is_same<T, T> : std::true_type {};
```

TRAITS EXAMPLES: SOME ARE MORE COMPLEX

```
41  template<typename T>
42  struct is_floating_point
43      : std::integral_constant<
44          bool,
45          std::is_same<float, typename std::remove_cv<T>::type>::value
46          or std::is_same<double, typename std::remove_cv<T>::type>::value
47          or std::is_same<long double, typename std::remove_cv<T>::type>::value
48      > {};
```

CONSTRAINTS WITH TRAITS

TRAITS

- Will this always work?

```
4   template <typename T>
5   void print(T const& t){
6       |   fmt::print("{} ", t);
7   }
```

TRAITS

- The Answer is no. This pattern may take a pointer as well

```
6  template <typename T>
7  void print(T const& t) {
8      fmt::print("{} ", t);
9  };
10
11 int main() {
12     int i{1};
13     print(&i);
14 }
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error: static_assert failed due to requirement 'formattable_pointer' "Formatting of non-void pointers is disallowed."

TRAITS

- We can fix it with traits (other implementation variants are possible):

```
6  template <typename T, bool>
7  struct printHelper {
8      static void print(T const& t){fmt::print("{} ", t);};
9  };
10
11  template <typename T>
12  struct printHelper<T, true> {
13      static void print(T const& t){fmt::print("{} ", *t);};
14  };
15
16  template <typename T>
17  void print(T const& t){
18      printHelper<T, std::is_pointer<T>::value>::print(t);
19  }
20
```


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TRAITS

- In C++14 some of the traits got a new alias for its inner type **“trait”_t**
- In C++17 some of the traits got the **“trait”_v** aliasing

```
14     template<typename T>
15     using add_pointer_t = typename add_pointer<T>::type;
16
17     template<typename T>
18     constexpr bool is_pointer_v = is_pointer<T>::value;
```


TRAITS

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9  };
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13     static void print(T const& t){fmt::print("{} ", *t);};
14 };
15
16 template <typename T>
17 void print(T const& t){
18     printHelper<T, std::is_pointer_v<T>>::print(t);
19 }
```

TRAITS

- We can simplify things with Tag Dispatch

`std::is_pointer<T>::type` is `std::true_type` or `std::false_type`;

```
6  template <typename T>
7  void printHelper(std::false_type, T const& t){
8      fmt::print("{} ", t);
9  }
10
11 template <typename T>
12 void printHelper(std::true_type, T const& t){
13     fmt::print("{} ", *t);
14 }
15
16 template <typename T>
17 void print(T const& t) {
18     printHelper(typename std::is_pointer<T>::type{}, t);
19 };
```

TRAITS

- With C++17 we can simplify even further by using constexpr if

```
5  template <typename T>
6  void print(T const& t){
7      if constexpr (std::is_pointer_v<T>){
8          fmt::print("{} ", *t);
9      }else{
10         fmt::print("{} ", t);
11     }
12 }
```


TRAITS

- With C++20 we can use a simple Concept (more about that later).
Very similar to tag dispatch, but with better readability and less code

```
5    void print(auto& t){  
6    |    fmt::print("{} ", t);  
7    |  
8    |  
9    void print(auto* t){  
10   |    fmt::print("{} ", *t);  
11   |  
12   }
```

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22     void print(const auto& t){  
23         |     fmt::print("{} ", t);  
24     }  
25  
26     void print(const pointer auto& t){  
27         |     fmt::print("{} ", *t);  
28     }
```

CONTAINER DETECTION

DETECTING A CONTAINER (NAÏVE IMPLEMENTATION)

- Identifying Containers

We want to identify containers during compile time.

An Idea:

All STL containers have nested::iterator type (we can use that)

```
template <typename T>
struct is_container
{ static const bool value = ???; };
```

SFINAE

SFINAE - SUBSTITUTION FAILURE IS NOT AN ERROR

Special rule for function template overload resolution:
If an overload candidate would cause a compilation error during type substitution, it is silently removed from the overload set.

ELLIPSES (...)

- Functions with variadic arguments (...) are always inferior in overload resolution

```
6 void print (...) {  
7     fmt::print("ellipses\n");  
8 }  
9  
10 void print(int) {  
11     fmt::print("integer\n");  
12 }  
13  
14 int main(){  
15     print(17);  
16     print("17");  
17 };
```

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16     print("17");  
17 };
```

integer
ellipses

DETECTING A CONTAINER (NAÏVE IMPLEMENTATION)

```
6  template <typename T>
7  struct is_container {
8      template <typename S>
9          static std::byte f(...);
10
11      template <typename S>
12          static std::size_t f(typename S::iterator*);
13
14      static const bool value = (sizeof(f<T>(0)) == sizeof(std::size_t));
15  };
```

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```
16  template <typename T>
17  void print (const T& t) {
18      if (!is_container<T>::value) {
19          fmt::print("{} ", t);
20      }
21      else {
22          for (auto const& e : t) {
23              fmt::print("{} ", e);
24          }
25      }
26  }
```

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What can we do:

- We can delegate to a helper class
- We can delegate to a helper method
- In some cases , it's more desirable to just write two functions and have the compiler pick the right one!

ENABLE_IF

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- `enable_if` is SFINAE – based method to force the compiler to pick an overload.

```
29  template<bool B, class T = void>
30  struct enable_if {};
31
32  template<class T>
33  struct enable_if<true, T> { using type = T; };
34
35  template< bool B, class T = void >
36  using enable_if_t = typename enable_if<B,T>::type;
```

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```
19 template <typename T>
20 void print (const T& t, std::enable_if_t<!is_container_v<T>, void*> = nullptr) {
21     fmt::print("{}\n", t);
22 }
23
24 template <typename T>
25 void print (const T& t, std::enable_if_t<is_container_v<T>, void*> = nullptr) {
26     for (auto&& e : t){
27         fmt::print("{} ", e);
28     }
29 }
30
31
32 int main(){
33     print(18);
34     print(std::array<int, 3>{{1, 2, 3}});
35 }
```

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21     fmt::print("{}\n", t);
22 }
23
24 template <typename T>
25 void print (const T& t, std::enable_if_t<is_container_v<T>, void*> = nullptr) {
26     for (auto&& e : t){
27         fmt::print!("{}", e);
28     }
29 }
30
31
32 int main(){
33     print(18);
34     print(std::array<int, 3>{{1, 2, 3}});
35 }
```

18
123

DETECTING A CONTAINER: C++17 IMPLEMENTATION

```
17  template <typename T>
18  void print(T t){
19      if constexpr (!is_container_v<T>){
20          fmt::print("Number: {}\n", t);
21      } else {
22          fmt::print("Container: ");
23          for (auto&& e : t){
24              fmt::print("{} ", e);
25          }
26      }
27  }
28
29  int main(){
30      print(2);
31      print(std::array<int, 3>{{1,2,3}});
32  }
```

DETECTING A CONTAINER: C++17 IMPLEMENTATION

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19      if constexpr (!is_container_v<T>){
20          fmt::print("Number: {}\n", t);
21      } else {
22          fmt::print("Container: ");
23          for (auto&& e : t){
24              fmt::print("{} ", e);
25          }
26      }
27  }
28
29  int main(){
30      print(2);
31      print(std::array<int, 3>{{1,2,3}});
32  }
```

Number: 2

Container: 1 2 3

VARIADIC TEMPLATES

VARIADIC TEMPLATES : C++17 FOLD-EXPRESSION EXAMPLE

- Here we will check if all types are integral

```
11  template <typename... T>
12  struct are_all_integral :
13      public std::conjunction<std::is_integral<T>...>{};
14
15  template <typename... T>
16  void check(T... vals){
17      static_assert(are_all_integral<T...>::value,
18          "All vals must be integral");
19  }
```

VOID_T

VOID_T

- An extremely simple alias template that helps verify well-formedness.
- Can be used for arbitrary member/trait detection
- `void_t<T>` is well formed void only if T is well-formed, just like `enable_if<b, T>::type`

VOID_T

```
29  template< class... >  
30  using void_t = void;
```


VOID_T

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30  using void_t = void;
```

Luckily for us its already provided in in type_traits
since C++17

Thank You Walter.E Brown 😊

CONCEPTS

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- We have already seen examples of concepts :
 - naïve is_container
 - are_all_integral
 - auto as function parameter

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

- Let's create a better `is_container`
 - A container `C` is a type that can be iterated with range-based for loop
 - Specifically:
 1. `std::begin(C&)` returns begin Iterator
 2. `std::end(C&)` returns tail Iterator
 3. `beginIter` and `tailIter` comparable with `!=`
 4. `std::next` can be used on `beginIter`
 5. `beginIter` has `*` which isn't void
 6. `beginIter` and `tailIter` are copy constructible and destructible

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

- Let's create a better is_container

```
66  template <typename C>
67  using TBegin = decltype(std::begin(std::declval<C&>()));
68
69  template <typename C>
70  using TEnd = decltype(std::end(std::declval<C&>()));
71
72  template <typename BI, typename EI>
73  using TNotEqual = decltype(std::declval<BI>() != std::declval<EI>());
```


CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

- Let's create a better is_container

```
87     template <typename BI>
88     using TInc = decltype(std::next(std::declval<BI>()));
89
90     template <typename BI>
91     using TDeref = decltype(*std::declval<BI>());
```

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

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```
81     template <typename C, typename = void>  
82     struct is_container : std::false_type {};
```

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

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```
85     template <typename C>
86     struct is_container<C, std::void_t<
87         TBegin<C>,
88         TEnd<C>,
89         TInc<TBegin<C>>,
90         TNotEqual<TBegin<C>, TEnd<C>>,
91         TDeref<TBegin<C>>>> :
92         std::integral_constant<bool,
93             std::is_convertible_v<TNotEqual<TBegin<C>, TEnd<C>>, bool>
94             and not std::is_void_v<TDeref<TBegin<C>>>
95             and std::is_destructible_v<TBegin<C>>
96             and std::is_copy_constructible_v<TBegin<C>>
97             and std::is_destructible_v<TEnd<C>>
98             and std::is_copy_constructible_v<TEnd<C>>>> {};
```

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

- Usage examples:

```
146 template <typename C>
147 constexpr bool isContainer(const C& c){
148     return is_container<C>::value;
149 }
150
151 template <typename C>
152 constexpr std::enable_if_t<is_container<C>::value, typename C::value_type>
153 getFirst1(const C& c){
154     return *c.begin();
155 }
156
157 template <typename C, std::enable_if_t<is_container<C>::value, bool> = true>
158 constexpr auto getFirst2(const C& c){
159     return *c.begin();
160 }
```

CONCEPTS: IS_CONTAINER

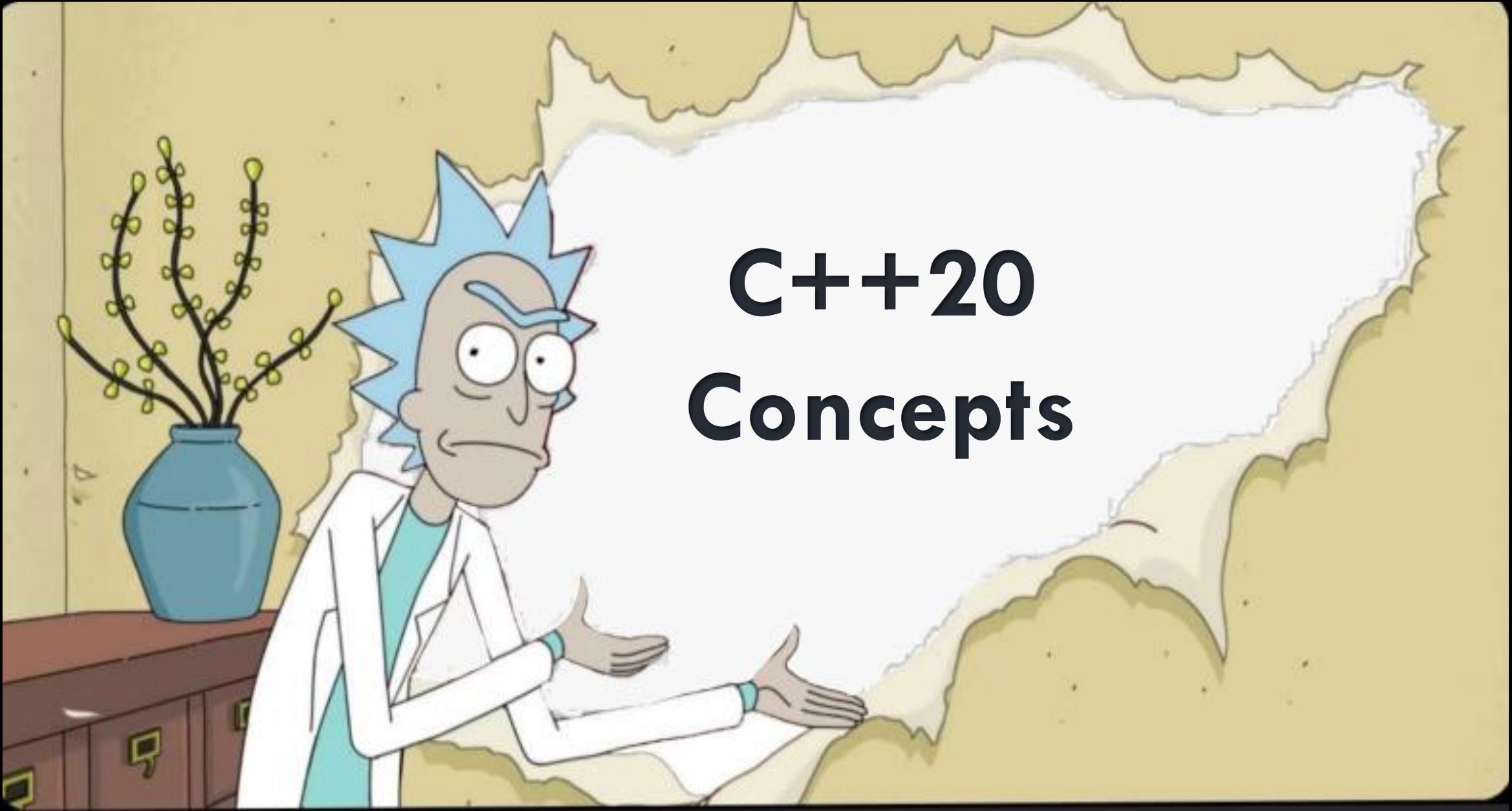
- Problems ?
 - Its hard to develop new concepts
 - Error messages can be extremely daunting when a concept isn't met
 - `enable_if` or `void_t` aren't readable for many people

CONCEPT

- Problem
- Its
- Error
- a co
- error
- people



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Rick Sanchez, a character from the animated series Rick and Morty, is depicted on the left side of the image. He has his signature spiky blue hair, a large nose, and a somewhat grumpy expression. He is wearing a white lab coat over a teal shirt. His hands are outstretched towards a large, irregular white shape that resembles a torn piece of paper or a hole in a yellowish-brown wall. To the left of Rick, there is a blue ceramic vase containing several thin, dark branches with small yellow buds. The background is a textured, yellowish-brown surface.

C++20 Concepts

CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- C++20 introduced the standard concepts trait library

Example of useful concepts:

`same_as<T, U>`

`integral<T>`

`destructible<T>`

`assignable_from<LHS, RHS>`

`convertible_to<T, U>`

`equality_comparable_with<T, U>`

...

CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

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107  bool foo(auto a, auto b){  
108  |      return a == b;  
109  }
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```
<source>:108:14: error: invalid operands to binary expression ('int' and 'std::vector<int>')  
    return a == b;  
           ~ ^ ~
```

CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- Example:
 - We can avoid this problems by constraining the auto parameter

```
111     bool foo2(std::integral auto a, std::integral auto b){  
112         |     return a == b;  
113     }
```

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<source>:111:6: note: candidate template ignored: constraints not satisfied [with a:auto = int, b:auto = double]
bool foo2(std::integral auto a, std::integral auto b){
    ^

<source>:111:33: note: because 'double' does not satisfy 'integral'
bool foo2(std::integral auto a, std::integral auto b){
    ^
```

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```
133      std::floating_point auto val_f2 = val_i;
```

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```
<source>:133:10: error: deduced type 'unsigned long' does not satisfy 'floating_point'
  std::floating_point auto val_f2 = val_i;
  ~~~~~^~~~~~
```

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115     template <typename T>  
116     concept convertible_to_int = std::convertible_to<T, int>;
```

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 1. conjunction

```
128  template <typename T>  
129  concept convertible_to_int_not_double = convertible_to_int<T>  
130  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  
130  and (not std::same_as<T, double>);
```


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- ## 2. disjunction

```
123     template <typename T>  
124     concept int_or_larger = std::same_as<T, int> or sizeof(T) > sizeof(int);
```

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3. atomic

```
126     template <typename T>
127     struct SC{
128         constexpr bool operator()() const { return true; }
129     };
130
131     template <>
132     struct SC<bool>{
133         constexpr bool operator()() const { return false; }
134     };
135
136     template <typename T>
137     concept ac = SC<T>{}();
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159     std::same_as<T, U>;
160 };
161
162 void do_only_on_same(auto x, my_same_as<decltype(x)> auto y){
163     static_assert(std::same_as<decltype(x), decltype(y)>);
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<source>:164:5: error: static assertion failed

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```

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```
<source>:162:30: note: because 'my_same_as<unsigned long, decltype(x)>' evaluated to false
void do_only_on_same(auto x, my_same_as<decltype(x)> auto y){
```

^

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- With C++20 It's easier to create new Concepts:
  - Requires Expression: types

```
196     template <typename T>
197     concept types_check = requires {
198         |     typename T::Type;
199         |     typename SC<T>;
200     };
```

# CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- With C++20 It's easier to create new Concepts:
  - AD-HOC constraint

```
166     template <typename T>  
167     requires requires (T t) { not t; }  
168     struct not_oper_possible_types_only{};
```

# CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- With C++20 It's easier to create new Concepts:
  - Smile

```
170     template <typename T>
171     requires requires { requires std::is_pointer_v<T>;
172     requires requires { requires std::convertible_to<T, int>;
173     requires requires { requires sizeof(T) > sizeof(int)
174     ;} ;} ;}
175     struct Smile{};
```

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- We may use the same concept in many different ways
  - Reminder

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155     };
```



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- We may use the same concept in many different ways

```
177     template <typename EI, neq_on<EI> BI>
178     constexpr bool fun(BI bi, EI ei){
179         |     return true;
180     }
```

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- We may use the same concept in many different ways

```
191     template <typename BI, typename EI>
192     |         requires neq_on<BI, EI>
193     constexpr bool fun_2(BI bi, EI ei){
194     |         return true;
195     }
```

# CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- We can write the same constraint in many ways

```
197     template <typename BI, typename EI>
198     constexpr bool fun_3(BI bi, EI ei) requires neq_on<BI, EI>{
199         |     return true;
200     }
```

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```
202 constexpr bool fun_4(auto bi, req_on<decltype(bi)> auto ei) {  
203     |     return true;  
204 }
```

# CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- Example:

246

```
fun(1, 1u1);
```



# CONCEPTS: C++20 CONCEPT LIBRARY

- Example:

```
250 | fun(1, std::vector<int>(1));
```

```
<source>:186:24: note: because 'neq_on<int, std::vector<int> >' evaluated to false  
template <typename EI, neq_on<EI> BI>
```

```
<source>:163:9: note: because 'bi != ei' would be invalid: invalid operands to binary expression ('int' and 'std::vector<int>')  
    {bi != ei} -> std::convertible_to<bool>;
```

# REMINDER: C++17 FOLD-EXPRESSION EXAMPLE

- C++17 style concept

```
11  template <typename... T>
12  struct are_all_integral :
13      public std::conjunction<std::is_integral<T>...>{};
14
15  template <typename... T>
16  void check(T... vals){
17      static_assert(are_all_integral<T...>::value,
18          "All vals must be integral");
19  }
```

# C++20 ALL INTEGRAL

- C++20 style concept

```
220     template <typename... T>
221     bool check_integral(T...)
222     requires std::conjunction_v<std::is_integral<T>...> {
223         |     return true;
224     }
```

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221     bool check_integral(T...)
222     requires std::conjunction_v<std::is_integral<T>...> {
223         |     return true;
224     }
```

Is it a good way?

# ITS NICE BUT NOT PERFECT

```
<source>:275:5: error: no matching function for call to 'check_integral'
    check_integral(1, 1ul, 2.);
    ^~~~~~

<source>:221:6: note: candidate template ignored: constraints not satisfied [with T = <int, unsigned long, double>]
bool check_integral(T...)
    ^

<source>:222:10: note: because 'std::conjunction_v<std::is_integral<int>, std::is_integral<unsigned long>, std::is_integral<double> >' evaluated to false
requires std::conjunction_v<std::is_integral<T>...> {
    ^
```



# PARTIAL ORDERING OF CONSTRAINTS

```
226     template <typename... T>
227     bool check_integral_2(T...)
228     requires (std::integral<T> and ...) {
229         |     return true;
230     }
```

# PARTIAL ORDERING OF CONSTRAINTS

```
<source>:278:5: error: no matching function for call to 'check_integral_2'
    check_integral_2(1, 2, 2.);
    ~~~~~^~~~~~

<source>:227:6: note: candidate template ignored: constraints not satisfied [with T = <int, int, double>]
bool check_integral_2(T...)
 ^

<source>:228:11: note: because 'double' does not satisfy 'integral'
requires (std::integral<T> and ...) {
 ^
```

# PARTIAL ORDERING OF CONSTRAINTS: EXAMPLE

```
6 template <auto K>
7 class DoStuff{
8 public:
9 explicit(false) operator std::string_view() const {
10 return str_;
11 }
12
13 private:
14 //turn the integer into a string
15 std::string get_str() requires std::integral<decltype(K)>{
16 return fmt::format("{} ", K);
17 }
18
19 //if the number is larger than max divide by 1024 and set main and multiplier
20 std::string get_str() requires std::integral<decltype(K)> and
21 (K >= std::numeric_limits<short>::max()) {
22 return fmt::format("main: {}, mult: {}", static_cast<double>(K)/1024., 1024);
23 }
24
25 //its a string lest return it
26 std::string get_str() requires std::convertible_to<decltype(K), std::string_view>{
27 return K;
28 }
29
30 std::string str_ = get_str();
31 };
32
33 int main(){
34 fmt::print("doing stuff with {}\n", std::string_view(DoStuff<10>()));
35 //doing stuff with 10
36 fmt::print("doing stuff with {}\n",
37 std::string_view(DoStuff<std::numeric_limits<short>::max()>()));
38 //doing stuff with main: 31.9990234375, mult: 1024
39 }
```

# SHORT DETOUR: POINTER CONCEPT

- Reminder:

```
#include <fmt/core.h>

void print(auto const& val){
 fmt::print("This is a ref val: {}", val);
}

void print(auto const* val){
 fmt::print("This is a pointer val: {}", *val);
}

int main(){
 int i = 10;
 print(&i);
}
```

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- How to fix it: Concepts to the rescue

```
233 template <typename T>
234 concept pointer = std::same_as<T, void*> or
235 requires (T t) { *t; };
```

# SHORT DETOUR: POINTER CONCEPT



## SHORT DETOUR: POINTER CONCEPT

```
22 void print(const auto& t){
23 fmt::print("{} ", t);
24 }
25
26 void print(const pointer auto& t){
27 fmt::print("{} ", *t);
28 }
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

```
240 template <typename C>
241 concept not_equal_begin_end = requires (C c){
242 { std::begin(c) != std::end(c) } -> std::same_as<bool>;
243 };
244
245 template <typename C>
246 concept has_begin_and_end = requires (C c) {
247 std::begin(c);
248 std::end(c);
249 };
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

```
251 template <typename C>
252 concept incrementable_begin = requires(C c){
253 | std::begin(c)++;
254 };
255
256 template <typename C>
257 concept dereferenciable_begin_not_void = requires(C c){
258 | requires not std::same_as<decltype(*std::begin(c)), void>;
259 };
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

```
269 template <typename C>
270 concept begin_and_end_copy_constructible_and_destructible = requires (C c) {
271 requires std::copy_constructible<decltype(std::begin(c))>;
272 requires std::copy_constructible<decltype(std::end(c))>;
273 requires std::destructible<decltype(std::begin(c))>;
274 requires std::destructible<decltype(std::end(c))>;
275 };
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

```
278 template <typename C>
279 concept container = has_begin_and_end<C> and
280 | | | | | |
281 | | | | | |
282 | | | | | |
 incrementable_begin<C> and
 dereferenciable_begin_not_void<C> and
 begin_and_end_copy_constructible_and_destructible<C>;
```



# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

## Usage Examples:

```
285 bool is_first_element_the_same(Container auto c1, Container auto c2){
286 return *std::begin(c1) == *std::begin(c2);
287 };
288
289 int main(){
290 std::vector v{1, 2, 3};
291 std::array a{1, 2, 3};
292 return is_first_element_the_same(v, a) ? 0 : 1;
293 }
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

## Error Example:

```
289 int main(){
290 std::vector v{1, 2, 3};
291 std::tuple a{1, 2, 3};
292 return is_first_element_the_same(v, a) ? 0 : 1;
293 }
```

# CONCEPTS: IS\_CONTAINER

## Error Example:

```
<source>:292:12: error: no matching function for call to 'is_first_element_the_same'
 return is_first_element_the_same(v, a) ? 0 : 1;
 ^~~~~~

<source>:285:6: note: candidate template ignored: constraints not satisfied [with c1:auto = std::vector<int>, c2:auto = std::tuple<int, int, int>]
bool is_first_element_the_same(Container auto c1, Container auto c2){
 ^

<source>:285:51: note: because 'std::tuple<int, int, int>' does not satisfy 'Container'
bool is_first_element_the_same(Container auto c1, Container auto c2){
 ^

<source>:279:21: note: because 'std::tuple<int, int, int>' does not satisfy 'has_begin_and_end'
concept Container = has_begin_and_end<C> and
 ^

<source>:248:5: note: because 'std::begin(c)' would be invalid: no matching function for call to 'begin'
 std::begin(c);
 ^
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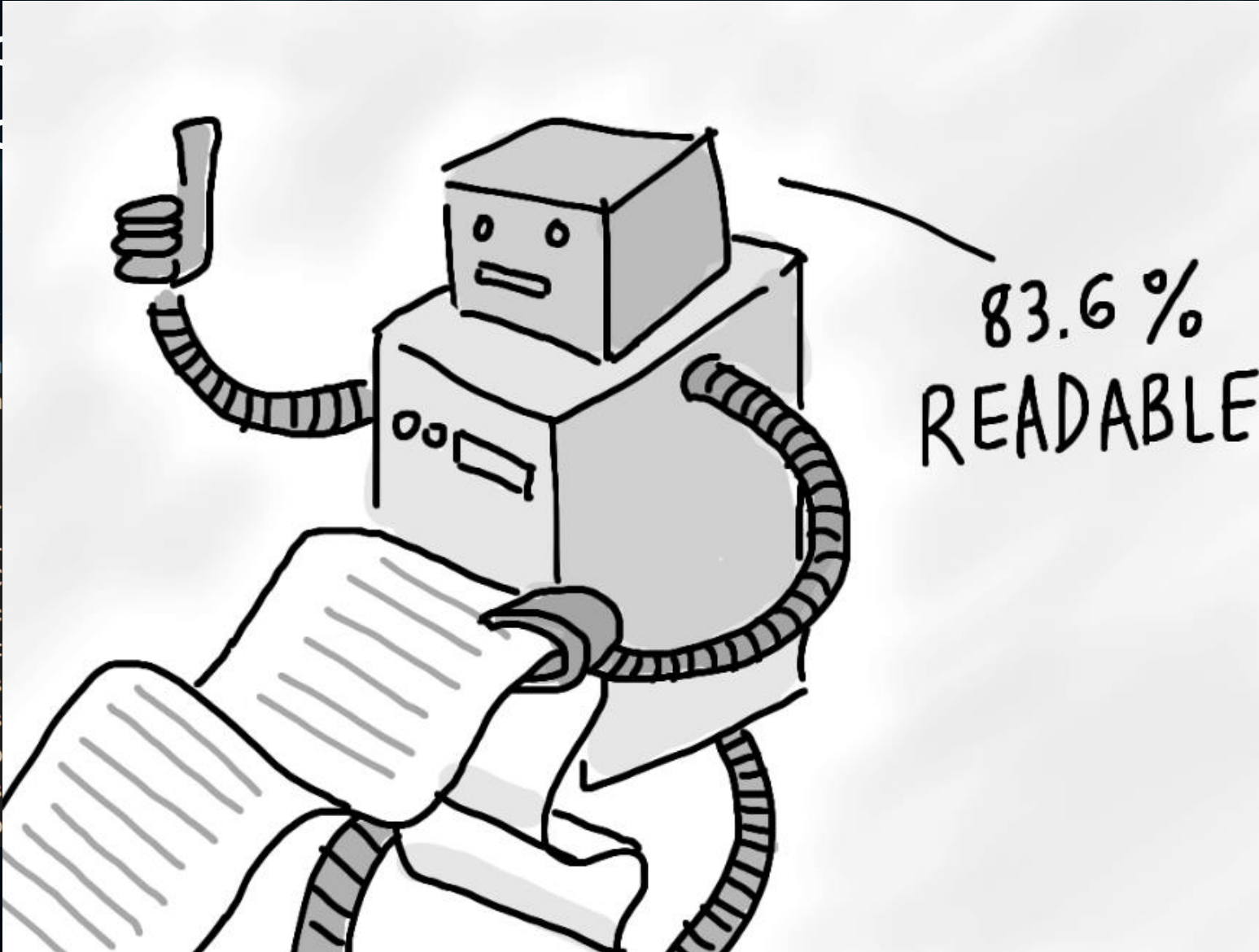
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280 incrementable_begin<C> and
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# QUESTIONS



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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