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1 The Num<T> Class

Num<T> is a multipurpose object for storing numbers in an easier to use wrapper. **In depth documentation is available through the doxygen folder, or can be generated with the included doxyfile in the source folder.** All classes and functions related to Num<T> are inside the namespace `cg`.

In this section, You will learn how to create a Num<T> with the MakeNum and NumType helpers that will deduce the proper template parameters, and directly with Num<T> type itself.

For the Num<T> class, the parameter of T will be the type of argument the constructor will take when creating the object. If `T=const int&` then the constructor will take a `const int&` and its data will be of type `int`. If `T=int&` then the constructor will take `int&` and its data will be `int&`. The constructor uses `T&&` parameter for proper forwarding based on the template parameter T. Using the helper `cg::MakeNum` in section 1.1 on the following page is recommended.

The following example code(Example 1) is a set of rval and lval test functions and a test class.

```

Example 1: Test Functions and Classes
1  /**ConstRef example*/
2  const uint16_t& testfunc(const uint16_t& t)
3  {
4      return t;
5  }
6  /**Ref example*/
7  uint16_t& testfunc(uint16_t& t)
8  {
9      return t;
10 }
11 /**Member ref example*/
12 struct testclass {
13     uint16_t& Get()
14     {
15         return n;
16     }
17     const uint16_t& Get() const
18     {
19         return n;
20     }
21     uint16_t m_num = 5555;
22 };

```

1.1 The `cg::MakeNum` Helper

The first thing to know is the helper function `cg::MakeNum`. It will take any argument of a fundamental type or `Num<T>` type and make a reference or copy depending on the the deduction of `T`. See Example 2.

Example 2: Reference with `cg::MakeNum`

```
1 uint16_t n = 4;
2 auto a = cg::MakeNum(n); // 'a' is now REFERENCING 'n'
3 a.Set(89); // 'a' REFERENCES 'n' which now equals 89.
4 bool check1 = a.Get() == 89; //true
5 check1 = n == 89; //true
```

The `Num<T>` Can also be used to create a regular wrapper that owns its own data and wont be invalidated before destruction.

Example 3: Copy with `cg::MakeNum`

```
1 const uint16_t m = 4;
2 auto b = cg::MakeNum(m); // 'b' is now a COPY of 'm'
3 b.Set(89); // 'b' does NOT reference 'm'.
4 bool check2 = b.Get() == 89; //true
5 check2 = m == 89; //false
```

`cg::MakeNumC` Will force the creating of a copy instead of a reference. See Example 4.

Example 4: `cg::Forcing Copies`

```
1 uint16_t n = 4;
2 auto a2 = cg::MakeNum((const uint16_t&) n); //will copy 'n' instead
3 auto a3 = cg::MakeNumC(n); //Same as above line
```

Even other `Num<T>` can be referenced or copied. See Example 5.

Example 5: `MakeNum` with `cg::MakeNum`

```
1 uint16_t n = 4;
2 auto a = cg::MakeNum(n); // a references n
3 auto b = cg::MakeNum(a); //b references a
4 b.Set(89); //sets a,b, and n to 89.
5 bool check = n == b.Get(); //true
6 bool check2 = n == a.Get(); //true
7 bool check3 = &n == &b.Get(); //true
8 bool check4 = &n == &a.Get(); //true
```

A reference Num<T> can be copied by another Num<T> or it can be referenced by a reference Num<T>. See Example 7.

Example 6: Referencing a Copy

```

1 uint16_t n = 4;
2 auto a = cg::MakeNumC(n);           // a does not reference n
3 auto b = cg::MakeNum(a);           // b references a
4 b.Set(89);                          // sets a,b, to 89. n is unchanged.
5 bool check = n == b.Get();         // false
6 bool check2 = n == a.Get();         // false
7 bool check3 = &n == &b.Get();       // false
8 bool check4 = &n == &a.Get();       // false
9 bool check4
10 = &a.Get() == &b.Get();           // true

```

Consider the above test functions in Example 1 on page 1. Rvalues and LValues returned by functions are valid parameters to the helper cg::MakeNumC and cg::MakeNum.

Example 7: Rval and Lval returns

```

1 uint16_t a = 555;
2 const uint16_t b = 999;
3 testclass c;
4 const testclass d;
5 auto r = cg::MakeNum(testfunc(a));  // r is a reference of a
6 auto s = cg::MakeNum(testfunc(b));  // s is a copy of b
7 auto u = cg::MakeNumC(testfunc(a)); // u is a copy of a
8 auto v = cg::MakeNum(c.Get());      // v is a reference of c.m_num
9 auto w = cg::MakeNumC(c.Get());     // w is a copy of c.m_num
10 auto x = cg::MakeNum(d.Get());     // x is a copy of d.m_num

```

1.2 Using Num<T> Directly

To use Num<T> directly, one should use **decltype** with either a **function call**, or a **parenthesized variable** so it will retain the type of references that the variable is.

The parameter T should be used with **decltype((var))** when var is going to be the primitive parameter of the constructor for the object of Num<T> (see Example 8 on the next page).

Example 8: Construct a `Num<T>` with a variable

```

1 uint16_t a = 888;
2 const uint16_t b = 555;
3 cg::Num<decltype((a))> num(a); //num references a
4 //~~~~~ Notice the parenthesized variable name
5 cg::Num<decltype((b))> num2(b); //num copies b
6 //~~~~~ Notice the parenthesized variable name
7 num.Set(5432); //set num AND a to the value.
8 num2.Set(44); //sets num2 ONLY.
9 bool check = a == 5432; //true
10 bool check2 = &a == &num.Get() //true
11 bool check3 = b == 44; //false
12 bool check4 = &b == &num2.Get() //false

```

`Num<T>` may also be used as `decltype(testfunc(var))` where the result of the function will be made to be the parameter of the constructor (see Example 9).

Example 9: `Num<T>` and function `decltype`

```

1 uint16_t a = 888;
2 cg::Num<decltype(testfunc(a))> num(testfunc(a)); // num references
3 // a
4 num.Get() = 5432; // num == a ==
5 // 5432
6 const uint16_t b = 888;
7 cg::Num<decltype(testfunc(b))> num2(testfunc(b)); // num2 copies b
8 num2.Get() = 5432; // num2 == 5432,
9 // b == 888

```

1.3 The `cg::NumType<T,bool>` Helper

The developer may want to create an appropriate type easily without actually creating an object. This might be useful for inheritance or making lists or using the `Num<T>` as a template parameter in some other fashion. That's where `cg::NumType<T,bool>` comes into play. The `cg::NumType<T,bool>` helper is designed to get a type that is appropriate to the developers need quickly. It will create the type automatically based on the desired reference status and type. See Example 10.

Example 10: `NumType` Helper

```

1 int a = 999;
2 const int b = 999;
3 cg::NumType<const int, true> W(a); //W is a copy of a
4 cg::NumType<int, true> X(a); //X is a reference of a
5 cg::NumType<const int, true> Y(b); //Y is a copy of b
6 cg::NumType<int, false> Z(b); //Z is a copy of b

```

`cg::NumType<T,bool>` helper is also usable with `decltype`. See Example 15 on page 7.

Example 11: NumType Helper and decltype

```

1 int a = 999;
2 const int b = 999;
3 cg::NumType<decltype(a), true> W(a); //W is a reference to a
4 cg::NumType<decltype(a), false> X(a); //X is a copy of a
5 cg::NumType<decltype(b), true> Y(b); //Y is a copy of b
6 cg::NumType<decltype(b), false> Z(b); //Z is a copy of b

```

An example of the `cg::NumType<T,bool>` helper in action in Example 12

Example 12: NumType Helper Useful Use

```

1
2 #include <vector>
3
4 int main(int argc, char ** argv)
5 {
6     int a = 999;
7     int b = 999;
8     int c = 999;
9     int d = 999;
10    int e = 999;
11    /*All are references*/
12    cg::NumType<int, true> W1(a);
13    cg::NumType<int, true> W2(b);
14    cg::NumType<int, true> W3(c);
15    cg::NumType<int, true> W4(d);
16    cg::NumType<int, true> W5(e);
17
18    std::vector<cg::NumType<int, true>> nums;
19    /*All are copied, but remain as references. nums.emplace_back(a)
20       would work as well.*/
21    nums.push_back(W1);
22    nums.push_back(W2);
23    nums.push_back(W3);
24    nums.push_back(W4);
25    nums.push_back(W5);
26
27    auto sz = nums.size();
28    for (std::size_t i = 0; i < sz; ++i)
29        nums[i].Get() = i+1;
30
31    /*Result: (a to b) == (1 to 5)*/
32    return 0;
33 }

```

1.4 Splitters

There are helper functions Hi() and Lo() that will do the same thing. The benefit of the helpers is that they are overloaded for multiple other types to make the use of Num<T> and others objects such as BigNum<T,S>. See Example 13 and Example 14.

Example 13: Hi members

```

1 uint16_t a = 256 + 5;           // a = 0000 0001 0000 0101
2 cg::Num<decltype((a))> num(a); //references a. If a was const, it
   would be a copy
3 auto& X = cg::Hi(num).Get();    //Store a reference to the HI
   part of num in X, also references the HI part of a (for this
   example). If a was const, it would not reference the Hi part
   of a, only num
4 X = 0;                          // would be compile error IF num
   was const. If num
5 bool check = a == 5;           //check a == 0000 0000 0000 0101
   -- true

```

Example 14: Lo members

```

1 uint16_t y = 256 + 5;           // a = 0000 0001 0000 0101
2 cg::Num<decltype((y))> num(y); //references a. If a was const, it
   would be a copy
3 auto& D = cg::Lo(num).Get();    //Store a reference to the LO
   part of num in X, also references the Lo part of a (for this
   example). If a was const, it would not reference the Lo part
   of a, only num
4 D = 0;                          // would be compile error IF num
   was const. If num
5 bool check = a == 256;         //check a == 0000 0001 0000 0000
   -- true

```

1.5 Special Members of Num<T>

Num<T> has various special members to help it act appropriate in certain environments. They won't be discussed in too much detail. Refer to the Doxygen documentation for in depth information about them. The special members are available to allow the number to be treated as a list of size 1 in place of any ol' list.

Example 15: Special Members

```

1  const static bool IAmConst
2    = std::is_const<std::remove_reference_t<_Internal_T>>::value;
3  using StoreType = std::conditional_t<
4    std::is_const<std::remove_reference_t<_Internal_T>>::value,
5    std::remove_const_t<std::remove_reference_t<_Internal_T>>,
6    _Internal_T
7  >;
8  using BasicStoreType
9    = std::remove_const_t<std::remove_reference_t<StoreType>>;
10 using RefSelf = Num<std::remove_reference_t<StoreType>&>;
11 using NonRefSelf = Num<const std::remove_reference_t<StoreType>&>;
12 using Self = Num<_Internal_T>;
13 using DemotedBaseType = typename cg::DemoteType<BasicStoreType>::
    Type;
14 BasicStoreType& Get();
15 const BasicStoreType& Get() const;
16 RefSelf GetReference();
17 void Set(const BasicStoreType& n);
18 void Set(BasicStoreType&& n);
19 auto Size() const;
20 bool IsZero() const;
21 NonRefSelf HardCopy() const;
22 template<typename U>
23 void Swap(Num<U>& other);

```