

# Assignment 7 - Weights

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The purpose of this assignment is to give you an initial experience in developing C++ template code. Additionally you'll gain experience in implementing mathematical operators, both as part of a class and external to a class.

The subject of the assignment is the creating of a `weight` class that can be used to represent different weight measures. Rather than storing a weight as a `double` or `int` or something else, we want to represent a weight as strongly typed kilograms, ounces, or pounds, along with conversions between these types. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to write template code to represent a weight type.

The weight class is patterned after the `std::chrono::duration` type. A weight is defined by a ratio relative to a gram, a count of the number of items of the type, and the data type used to store the count. For example, a gram has a ratio of 1:1, while a kilogram has a ratio of 1000:1. If we have a weight of 500 grams, then a gram type has a count of 500 and a kilogram has a count of 0.5 (when using a floating point storage type).

*This assignment will challenge you to think carefully about writing generic code. My implementation of the weight class is less than 100 lines. You won't write a lot of code, instead, you'll be writing the "right" code.*

## Assignment

Write a templated `weight` class, contained with a `usu` namespace according to the following specifications.

- The type is templated on two parameters:
  - A ratio (`std::ratio`) relative to the number of grams.
  - The data type used to store the weight count. The default for the storage type must be `std::uint64_t`.
- A default constructor that initializes the storage count to 0.
- An overloaded constructor that accepts a count of the weight type. For example, if the type is grams and the count is 4, the weight represents 4 grams.
- A `count` method that returns the count of the weight type.
- Overload the `+` operator to add two items of the same type.
- Overload the `-` operator to subtract two items of the same type.
- Overload the `*` operator to multiply the type by a scalar (integral or floating point).
  - These will be defined external to the class; not members of the class.
  - You'll need two overloads to do this, one for each position the scalar and weight type can occur; A scalar times a weight and a weight times a scalar.

Write a templated `weight_cast` function (not a member of the `weight` class) that converts from one weight type to another. This function is patterned after the `std::chrono::duration_cast` function. This function accepts a single template parameter that is the type to convert to, whereas the function parameter is the weight variable to convert from.

Define type aliases inside the `usu` namespace, in your `weight.hpp` file for:

- `microgram`

- `gram`
- `kilogram`
- `ounce`
- `pound`
- `ton`

## Example Usage & Unit Tests

An example `main.cpp` is provided that exercises some of the capabilities of the code you need to write. Additionally you are provided a set of unit tests that exercise the capabilities of the `weight` class.

The last section of this assignment description shows the output from running the `main.cpp` code over my implementation of the `weight` class.

### Files

- [main.cpp](#) 
- [TestWeight.cpp](#) 

## Template Notes

Consider the following declarations...

```
usu::weight<std::ratio<10,1>> decigram(10);
usu::weight<std::ratio<10,1>, double> decigram2(10.2);
```

Notice the use of `std::ratio`. This is found in the `<ratio>` standard library header file.

The first declaration uses the `weight` class to declare a weight that has a ratio of 10:1 grams. Meaning that for each 1 count, it represents 10 grams. The variable name is `decigram` and is initialized with a value of 10. Therefore, this weight represents 100 grams. Because there is no storage type in the weight declaration, the underlying storage is `std::uint64_t`.

The second declaration adds a storage type parameter, a `double`. This type overrides the default `std::uint64_t` and becomes the storage type for the count of items in the weight. The constructor for this weight is passed 10.2, which can be represented by the `double` storage type, therefore, the count for this variable is 10.2.

## Submission Notes

- Turn in only the following file: **weight.hpp**
- Your code must compile without any warnings or compiler errors; against the provide `main.cpp` and `TestWeight.cpp` provided code. See syllabus regarding code that has compiler errors.
- Your code must adhere to the CS 3460 coding standard: [link](#)
- Your code must be formatted through the use of the following clang-format configuration file: [link](#)

## Example Run

```
--- From micrograms ---
micrograms : 1000000
grams      : 1
lbs        : 0.0022046226
ounces     : 0.0352739619
tons       : 0.000011023
```

```
--- From pounds ---
micrograms : 907184740000
grams      : 907184
lbs        : 2000.0000000000
ounces     : 32000.0000000000
tons       : 1.0000000000

--- Operator Overloading ---
(pound + pound) : 1.00 + 0.50 = 1.50 ==> grams: 680
(pound - pound) : 1.00 - 0.50 = 0.50 ==> grams: 226
(pound * scalar) : 1.00 * 2.2  = 2.20 ==> grams: 997
(scalar * pound) : 3.2 * 1.00 = 3.20 ==> grams: 1451
```