# C++ Templates:

C++ templates are a powerful feature that enables generic programming, allowing you to create reusable code that works with various data types. This presentation will delve into the fundamentals of C++ templates, exploring both function and class templates, their syntax, and practical examples.

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# **Understanding Templates**

Templates allow you to define generic classes and functions, making your code adaptable to different data types. This concept is known as generic programming, where algorithms can operate on various data types without needing to be rewritten for each type.

#### **Function Templates**

Define a template for a function, allowing you to create versions of the function for different data types. For example, an add() function can be created for adding integers, floats, or doubles.

### Class Templates

Define a template for a class, enabling you to create classes that can handle arrays of different types, such as int arrays, float arrays, or double arrays.

# Function Templates: The Basics

- Generic functions use the concept of a function template. Generic functions define a set of operations that can be applied to the various types of data.
- The type of the data that the function will operate on depends on the type of the data passed as a parameter.
- For example, Quick sorting algorithm is implemented using a generic function, it can be implemented to an array of integers or array of floats.
- A Generic function is created by using the keyword template. The template defines what function will do.



# Syntax:

```
template < class Ttype> ret_type
func_name(parameter_list)
{
    // body of function.
}
```

Where **Ttype**: It is a placeholder name for a data type used by the function. It is used within the function definition. It is only a placeholder that the compiler will automatically replace this placeholder with the actual data type.

**class**: A class keyword is used to specify a generic type in a template declaration.



## **Function Template Example**

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
template<class T> T add(T &a,T &b)
    T result = a+b;
    return result;}
int main()
 int i = 2;
 int j = 3;
 float m = 2.3;
 float n = 1.2;
  cout<<"Addition of i and j is :"<<add(i,j);</pre>
  cout<<'\n';</pre>
  cout<<"Addition of m and n is :"<<add(m,n);</pre>
  return 0;
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# Function Templates with Multiple Parameters Example

# Syntax:

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template<class T1, class T2,....>
return_type function_name (arguments of type T1,
T2...)
{
    // body of function.
}
```

Function templates can accept multiple generic types, allowing for greater flexibility in handling different data types. The types are separated by commas in the template declaration.

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# Function Templates with Multiple Parameters Example

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using namespace std;
template<class X,class Y> void fun(X a,Y b)
{
   cout << "Value of a is : " <<a<< endl;
   cout << "Value of b is : " <<b<< endl;
}
int main()
{
   fun(15,12.3);
   return 0;
}</pre>
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## **Overloading Function Templates**

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
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template <typename T>
T sumArray(T arr[], int size) {
                                            Sum of integer array: 15
   T sum = 0:
   for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
                                            Sum of double array: 11
       sum += arr[i];
   return sum;
int main() {
   int intArr[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
   double doubleArr[] = { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4 };
   cout << "Sum of integer array: " << sumArray(intArr, 5) << endl;</pre>
   cout << "Sum of double array: " << sumArray(doubleArr, 4) << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
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Value of b is : 20

Value of c is : 30.5
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using namespace std;
template<class X> void fun(X a)
cout << "Value of a is : " <<a<< endl;</pre>
template<class X,class Y> void fun(X b ,Y c)
cout << "Value of b is : " <<b<< endl;</pre>
cout << "Value of c is : " <<c<< endl;</pre>
int main()
   fun(10);
   fun(20,30.5);
   return 0;
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### **Restrictions of Generic Functions**

Generic functions perform the same operation for all the versions of a function except the data type differs. Let's see a simple example of an overloaded function which cannot be replaced by the generic function as both the functions have different functionalities. Let's understand this through example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void fun(double a)
 cout<<"value of a is : "<<a<<'\n';</pre>
void fun(int b)
    if(b\%2==0)
         cout<<"Number is even";}</pre>
    else
         cout<<"Number is odd";}</pre>
int main()
   fun(4.6);
   fun(6);
   return 0;
```

#### Output:

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## **Class Templates:**

Class templates are similar to function templates but define generic classes. When a class uses the concept of a template, it's known as a generic class.

### Syntax:

```
template<class Ttype>
class class_name
{
    .
    .
}
```

**Ttype** is a placeholder name which will be determined when the class is instantiated. We can define more than one generic data type using a comma-separated list. The Ttype can be used inside the class body.

Now, we create an instance of a class

class\_name<type> ob;

where class\_name: It is the name of the class

type: It is the type of the data that the class is operating on.

**ob**: It is the name of the object.

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## **Class Template Example**

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
template<class T>
class A
    public:
   T num1 = 5;
   T num2 = 6;
   void add()
cout << "Addition of num1 and num2 : " << num1+num2<< endl;</pre>
};
int main()
   A<int> d;
   d.add();
   return 0;
```

#### Output:

Addition of num1 and num2:11

# Class Templates with Multiple Parameters:

We can use more than one generic data type in a class template, and each generic data type is separated by the comma

# Syntax:

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template<class T1, class T2, .....>
class class_name
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    // Body of the class.
}
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## Class Templates with Multiple Parameters Example

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using namespace std;
template<class T1, class T2>
class A
T1 a;
T2 b;
public:
A(T1 x, T2 y)
a = x;
b = y;
void display()
cout << "Values of a and b are : " << a<<" ,"<<b<< endl; }</pre>
};
int main()
A<int,float> d(5,6.5);
d.display();
return 0;
```

#### Output:

Values of a and b are: 5,6.5

# Nontype Template Arguments

The template can contain multiple arguments, and we can also use the nontype arguments In addition to the type T argument, we can also use other types of arguments such as strings, function names, constant expression and built-in types.

```
template<class T, int size>
class array
{
   Tarr[size];// automatic array initialization.
};
```

Arguments are specified when the objects of a class are created:

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array<int, 15> t1;// array of 15 integers.

array<float, 10> t2;// array of 10 floats.

array<char, 4> t3;// array of 4 chars.
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### Nontype Template Arguments Example

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using namespace std;
template<class T, int size>
class A
   public:
   T arr[size];
   void insert()
        int i =1;
        for (int j=0;j<size;j++)</pre>
            arr[j] = i;
            i++;
   void display()
        for(int i=0;i<size;i++)</pre>
            std::cout << arr[i] << " ";
};
int main()
   A<int,10> t1;
   t1.insert();
   t1.display();
    return 0;
```

#### Output:

*12345678910* 

# **Key Takeaways**

**1** Generic Programming

Templates enable generic programming, allowing you to write code that works with various data types without code duplication.

Flexibility and Reusability

Templates make your code more flexible and reusable, as they can be adapted to different data types and scenarios.

**3** Code Optimization

Templates can help optimize your code by reducing the need for multiple versions of the same function or class for different data types.

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## Lab Work

- 1 Create a function template that finds out the largest of 2 given inputs. Test this function template with integer, float and char data type.
- Create a class template that has 2 data members of same type.
  Create appropriate setter and getter functions for this. Create objects of this class such that one is capable of working with integer data members, other with string data members.
- Reverse an array using using a function template
- Implement a class template Pair that stores two values of potentially different types and provides methods to set and get them.

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