

Course Review

Optimized C++

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Goals

- Movies
 - Why – reason behind the madness
 - Associations
- Topics
- Exam
- Contact

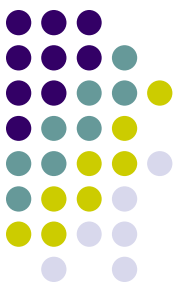




Why did I play movies?

- Break
 - Waiting for students to roll in
- Entertaining
 - At least to me
- Learning and Memorization
 - These stupid videos will trigger a memory
 - A thought in the future
 - Please email me in years to come when one of these video goes through your mind. (and it will)

Albania



- TV Show Cheers
 - Episode showing in 1985
 - 31 years ago
 - Teacher's pet episode
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-F_tT-q8EF0
- To this day,
 - I recall material from this TV episode
 - *Albania borders on the Adriatic*



Movies

- Welcome to the world of Gentlemen, Gentlemen
 - Cadillac DTS: diner
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoQXao7Zjpg>
 - Season Programmers

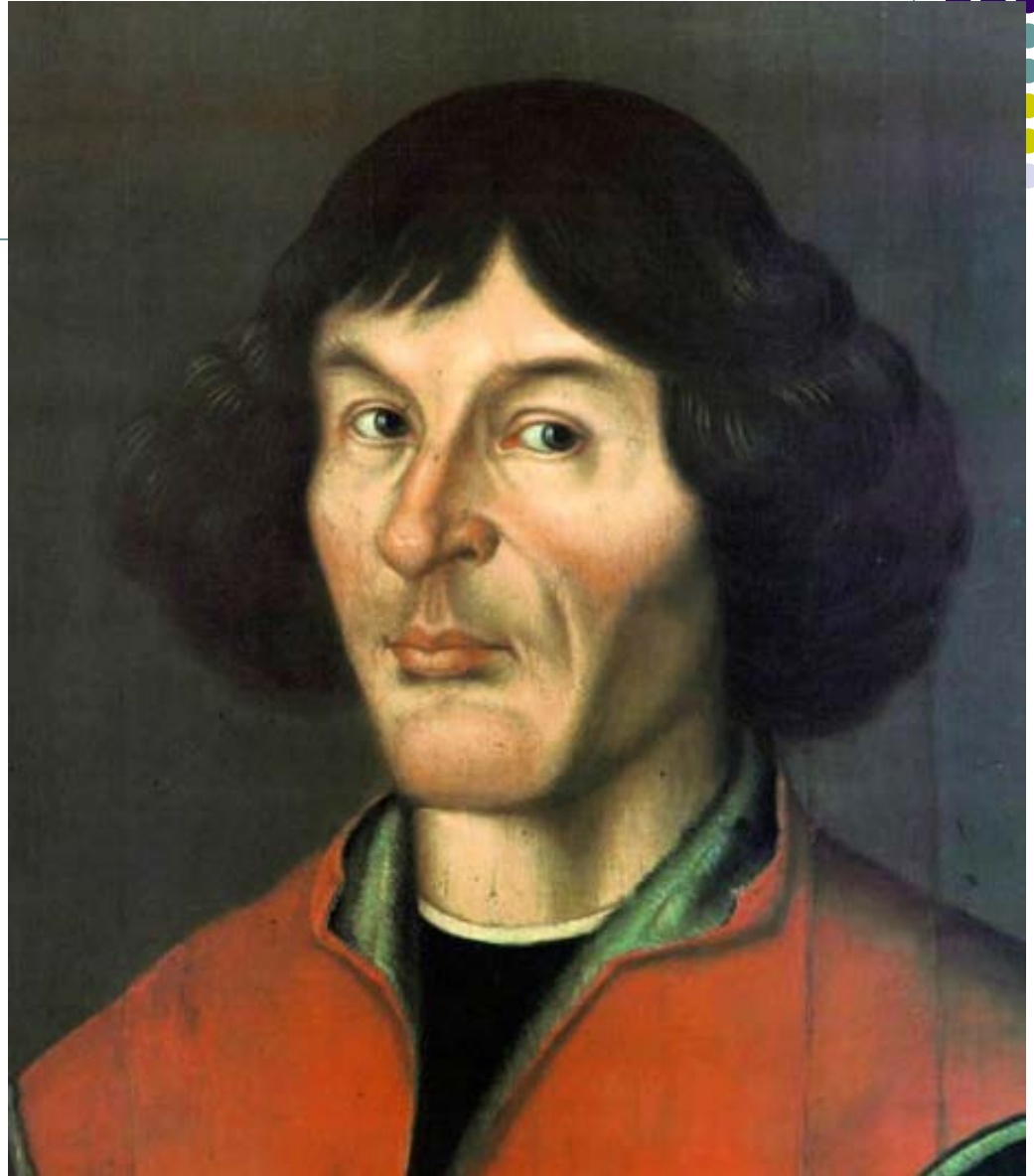


Movies

- McDLT
 - Hot side **HOT**, Cold side **COLD**
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zL2c6NSVAvA>
 - Hot / Cold data structures

Photo

- Who knows about Copernicus?
 - He's Dead
 - Know
 - Linked Lists
 - Pointers





Movies

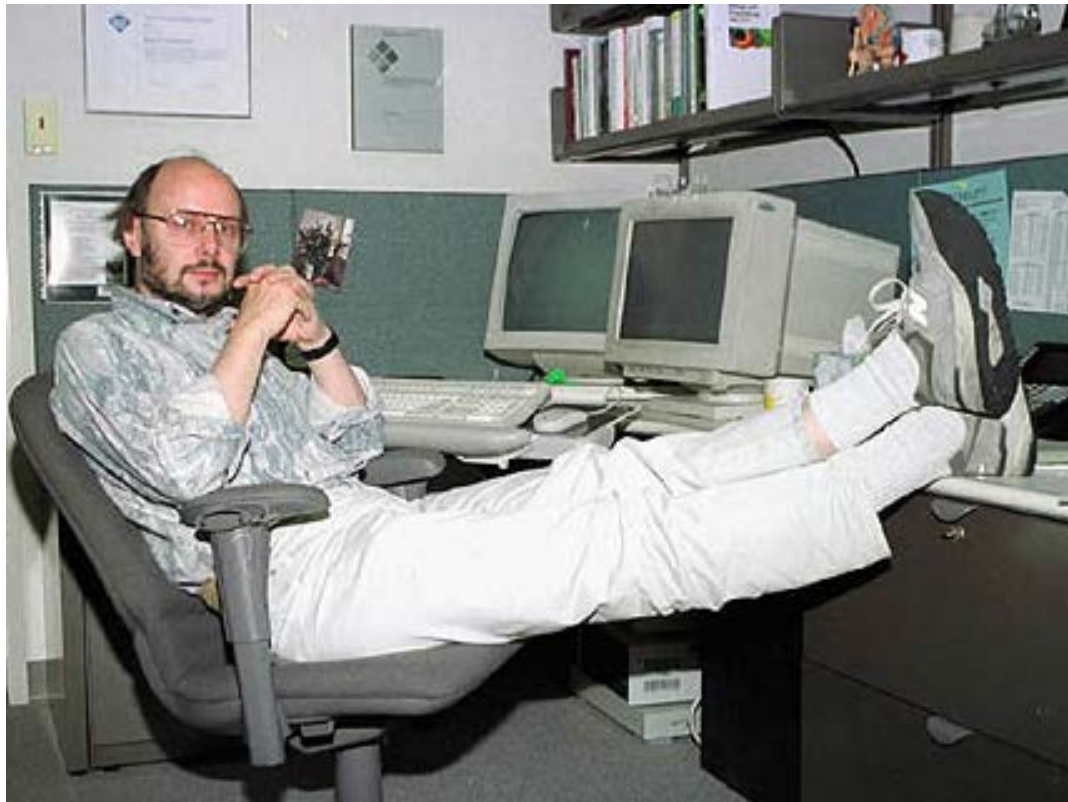
- Fight Club
 - 8 Rules of Fight Club
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbMa4MGFCOg>
 - Rules of Code Review
 - Learn the 8 rules of fight club



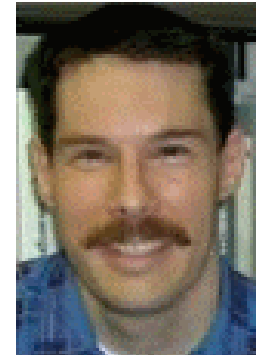
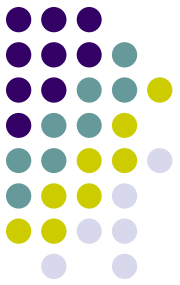
Movies

- Learn Self Defense
 - Memory system
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyV1OuJyT4I&t=1m50s>
 - You Make a Plan
 - Stick with it no matter what

Photo

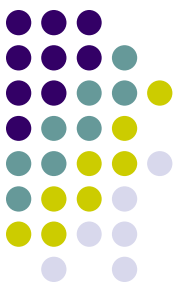


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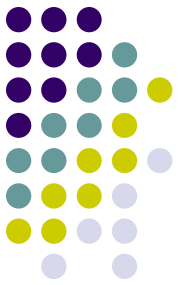
Herb Sutter
Compiler / C++ expert

Photo



Scott Meyers
C++ Expert

Effective C++, STL
Series of books



Movies

- Pot Noodles
 - Welsh Miners
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrNuT9sn0Gc>
 - Noodling in the back of Stroustrup book
 - Proxy Objects



Movies

- Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)
 - How to Stack
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc1b-tBUG5U>
 - Fast Drink
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmZGzoRXPP0>



Movies

- Load in Place
 - Windows 8 _ Make up - Beautiful and Fast TV Commercial
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAxdKPKdlsI>
 - I'm Batman
 - I'm batman commercial – Snickers
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoX-HkOcEuE>



Movies

- Monty Hall Problem
 - Reference
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5QYTrDReTo>
 - Hitler Optimizes Particle System
 - <http://captiongenerator.com/1161732/HitlerOptimizesParticleSystemFall2018take2>



Goal of this class

- Introduce you to Optimization
 - Started giving you tools for your toolbox
 - Growth of knowledge
 - Began class at one level
 - Hopefully leave here at a higher level
- It's not the destination by the journey!
 - Keep learning
 - It's never over
- What's next
 - Talked with Addison Wesley
 - Loved the idea of the class
 - Wants me to turn it into a book
 - Maybe you'll see your name in the acknowledgements...



Final Exam

- Movie / Concept association
- Data Layout
- Alignment
- C++ operators
- Hot / Cold data structures
- Pointers
- Optimization strategies
- Photo recognition
- Memory overload
- Return Value
- Proxy objects
- Memory System
- Overloading
- Implicit conversion
- STL issues
- Perforce basics
- File system
- Load in Place
- Debugging
- Const correctness



Final Exam

- Basics
 - Debugging
 - Overloading
 - Pointers
 - C Strings
 - Inheritance
 - vTables
 - STL
 - Templates
- Don't know how much
 - But all is fair game
 - Make sure you understand the basics



Final Exam

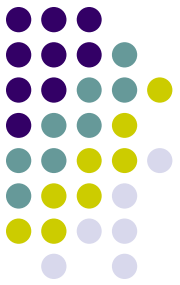
- Excluded material
 - No PC
 - No Phones
 - No other reference material
- 3 hours
 - Shouldn't take that long
 - Particle competition while you test
- **NOTE:**
 - You must pass the final exam
 - 20% of your grade
 - *It's not an easy exam*



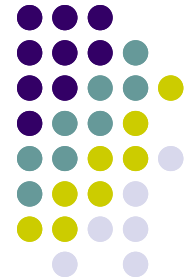
Contact Information

- It's been a REAL pleasure guiding you through this material
 - Seriously!
- Stay in touch
 - Emails, Visits, lunches...
 - My door is always open
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Thank You!



- Questions?



C++ 11

Optimized C++

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Goals

- New C++ features
 - Better or worse
 - You judge

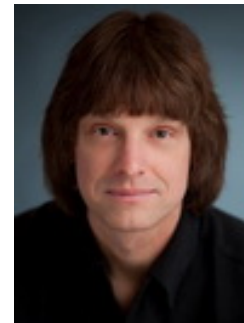
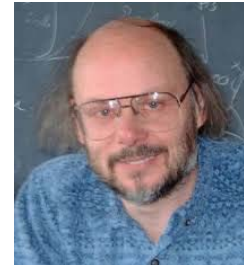


Last class?



References:

- Internet articles
 - <http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/570638/Ten-Cplusplus-Features-Every-Cplusplus-Developer>
- Lecture series
 - Stroustrup
 - <http://www.stroustrup.com/C++11FAQ.html>
 - Meyers
 - <http://www.aristeia.com/C++11.html>





C++ 11

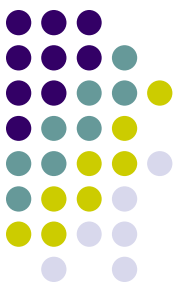
- Why did we not focus on C++ 11?
 - We need to understand the Basics
 - You can't appreciate the new features without understanding the fundamentals
- Not all compilers fully support C++ 11
 - Do not use or rely on new features until there is wide use
 - Wisdom



Keyword: auto

- Originally used for storage
 - *auto, static, register*
 - *auto* – meant on the stack
- C++ 11
 - *auto* – type inference
 - placeholder for a type
 - compiler it has to deduce the actual type of a variable that is being declared from its initializer
 - used when declaring variables in different scopes
 - namespaces, blocks or initialization statement
 - Cannot be use for return type

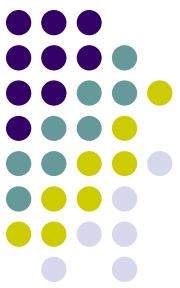
auto



```
auto i = 42;           // i is an int
auto l = 42LL;         // l is an long long
auto p = new foo();    // p is a foo*
```

- less code
 - well maybe...
 - I'm not 100% sold on it...

auto



- Old way

```
std::map<std::string, std::vector<int>> map;  
std::map<std::string, std::vector<int>>::iterator it= map.begin();  
for(it; it != map.end(); ++it)  
{  
}
```

- New way

```
std::map<std::string, std::vector<int>> map;  
for(auto it = begin(map); it != end(map); ++it)  
{  
}
```

- Simplify writing, removing the need for typedefs



Keyword: `nullptr`

- In C++
 - 0 used to be the value of null pointers
- Drawbacks
 - Implicit conversion to integral types
- **`nullptr`** denotes a value of type
 - `std::nullptr_t` that represents the null pointer literal
- Implicit conversions
 - **`nullptr`** to null pointer value of any pointer type
 - any pointer-to-member types
 - Conversion to **`bool`** (as false).
 - No implicit conversion to integral types exist



nullptr

```
void foo(int* p) {}  
void bar(std::shared_ptr<int> p) {}
```

- For backward compatibility 0 is still a valid null pointer value

- Yes – my code doesn't break!

```
int* p1 = NULL;  
int* p2 = nullptr;  
if(p1 == p2)  
{  
}
```

```
foo(nullptr);  
bar(nullptr);
```

```
bool f = nullptr;
```

```
// error: A native nullptr can  
// only be converted to bool  
// or, using reinterpret_cast,  
// to an integral type  
int i = nullptr;
```



Range-based for loops

- C++11
 - Modified the idea of “*foreach*” in iterations
- Now possible to iterate
 - over C-like arrays
 - initializer lists
 - anything `begin()` and `end()` functions are overloaded
- Useful
 - elements of a collection/array
 - don't care about indexes, iterators or number of elements



Range-based for loops

- What does this do?
 - Look at the colon in the for loop

```
std::map<std::string, std::vector<int>> map;  
std::vector<int> v;  
v.push_back(1);  
v.push_back(2);  
v.push_back(3);  
map["one"] = v;  
  
for(const auto& kvp : map)  
{  
    std::cout << kvp.first << std::endl;  
  
    for(auto v : kvp.second)  
    {  
        std::cout << v << std::endl;  
    }  
}
```



Range-based for loops

```
int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};  
for(int& e : arr)  
{  
    e = e*e;  
}
```

- What does this do?
 - Look at the colon in the for loop
 - What is the value of arr[] after this loop?



Overriding virtual functions

- Isn't a mandatory mechanism to mark virtual methods as overridden in derived classes.
- Virtual keyword is optional
 - makes reading code a bit harder
 - Need to look through hierarchy to check if the method is virtual
 - Programmers should use virtual keyword on derived classes to make the code easier to read.



Overriding: Scenario 1

- D::f
 - Intended to override B::f
 - signature different
- B::f
 - another method with the same name
 - Its overloaded not overridden

```
class B
{
public:
    virtual void f(short)
    {std::cout << "B::f" << std::endl;}
};

class D : public B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int)
    {std::cout << "D::f" << std::endl;}
};
```



Overriding: Scenario 2

- Subtle error:
 - parameters are the same
 - method in the base class is const
 - derived is not.
- D::f
 - Intended to override B::f
 - signature different
- B::f
 - another method with the same name
 - Its overloaded not overridden

```
class B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int) const
    {std::cout << "B::f " << std::endl;}
};

class D : public B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int)
    {std::cout << "D::f" << std::endl;}
};
```



Keyword: override

- Use the keyword **override** to indicate that a method is supposed to be an override of a virtual method in a base class
- Now the class D:f causes an error

```
class B
{
public:
    virtual void f(short)
    {std::cout << "B::f" << std::endl;}
};

class D : public B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int) override
    {std::cout << "D::f" << std::endl;}
};
```



Keyword: final

- To make a method impossible to override any more (down the hierarchy) mark it as *final*
- That can be in the base class, or any derived class.
- If it's in a derived classes you can use both the override and final specifiers.
- F:f is an error

```
class B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int)
    {std::cout << "B::f" << std::endl;}
};

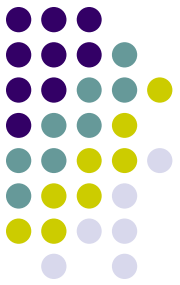
class D : public B
{
public:
    virtual void f(int) override final
    {std::cout << "D::f" << std::endl;}
};

class F : public D
{
public:
    virtual void f(int) override
    {std::cout << "F::f" << std::endl;}
};
```



Strongly-typed enums

- Old C++ enums drawbacks
 - they export their enumerators in the surrounding scope
 - can lead to name collisions
 - if two different enums in the same have scope define enumerators with the same name
 - implicitly converted to integral types
 - cannot have a user-specified underlying type.
- C++ 11
 - strongly-typed enums
 - enum class keywords
 - no longer export their enumerators in the surrounding scope
 - no longer implicitly converted to integral types
 - can have a user-specified underlying type

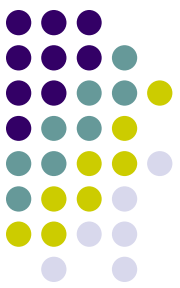


Strongly-typed enums

```
enum class Options
{
    None,
    One,
    All
};

Options o = Options::All;
```

- Now everything is
 - scoped,
 - auto completed
 - safe
- Great addition



static_assert

```
int *p;  
  
// runtime error  
assert(p != nullptr);  
  
// compile time error  
static_assert( sizeof(int) == 4, "wrong size integers");
```

- Why did C++ 11 add *static_assert* didn't we already have assert?
 - assert() – for runtime checking
 - static_assert() – for compile time checking
 - Static – stands for static analysis



static_assert

- Why is this useful?
 - You can use this for protection with your templates
 - Remember templates are programmatically compiled code
 - So static analysis is available by the compiler
- More useful when used with type traits.
 - provide information about types at compile time
 - [<type_traits>](#) header
 - helper classes,
 - compile-time constants,
 - type traits classes
 - get type information,
 - type transformation classes
 - getting new types by applying transformation on existing types



smart_pointers

- In my opinion
 - the best part of C++ is direct control of the memory,
 - if you **do not** want this...
 - use C# or Objective-C or Java
- The progression towards managed memory continues...
 - *auto_ptr* is obsolete and should no longer be used
 - Now its *smart_pointers*
- Smart pointers have reference counting and auto release
 - It tries to help in facilitating these functions
 - Again – I can argue,
 - design a encapsulated systems and these issues go away
- Three headed hydra of smart pointers:
 - *unique_ptr*
 - *shared_ptr*
 - *weak_ptr*



unique_ptr

- **unique_ptr** is a container for a raw pointer
 - **unique_ptr** explicitly **prevents** copying of its contained pointer
 - **std::move** function can be used to **transfer** ownership of the contained pointer to another **unique_ptr**
 - **unique_ptr** **cannot** be copied because its copy constructor and assignment operators are explicitly deleted
- should be used
 - when ownership of a memory resource does not have to be shared
 - it doesn't have a copy constructor
 - can be transferred to another **unique_ptr**
 - move constructor exists

shared_ptr



- *shared_ptr* is a container for a raw pointer
 - It maintains **reference-counted** ownership of its contained pointer in cooperation with all copies of the *shared_ptr*
 - The object referenced by the contained raw pointer will be **destroyed** when and only when all copies of the *shared_ptr* have been destroyed.
- Should be used
 - when ownership of a memory resource should be shared
 - hence the name



weak_ptr

- *weak_ptr* is a container for a raw pointer.
 - It is created as a copy of a *shared_ptr*
 - holds a reference to an object managed by a *shared_ptr*, but does **not** contribute to the reference count
- Should be used
 - to break dependency cycles
 - think of a tree where the parent holds an owning reference (*shared_ptr*) to its children, but the children also must hold a reference to the parent; if this second reference was also an owning one, a cycle would be created and no object would ever be released



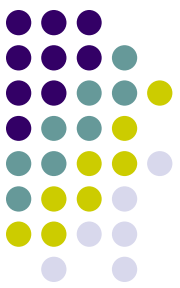
smart_pointers: examples

```
std::unique_ptr<int> p1(new int(5));  
std::unique_ptr<int> p2 = p1; //Compile error.  
  
//Transfers ownership.  
//p3 now owns the memory and p1 is rendered invalid.  
std::unique_ptr<int> p3 = std::move(p1);  
  
p3.reset(); //Deletes the memory.  
p1.reset(); //Does nothing.
```




smart_pointers: examples

```
std::shared_ptr<int> p1(new int(5));  
std::shared_ptr<int> p2 = p1; //Both now own the memory.  
  
p1.reset(); //Memory still exists, due to p2.  
p2.reset(); //Deletes the memory, since no one else owns the memory.
```



smart_pointers: examples

```
std::shared_ptr<int> p1(new int(5));
std::weak_ptr<int> wp1 = p1; //p1 owns the memory.
{
    std::shared_ptr<int> p2 = wp1.lock(); //Now p1 and p2 own the memory.
    if(p2) // As p2 is initialized from a weak pointer,
    {      // you have to check if the memory still exists!
        //Do something with p2
    }
} //p2 is destroyed. Memory is owned by p1.

p1.reset(); //Memory is deleted.

std::shared_ptr<int> p3 = wp1.lock(); //Memory is gone, so we get an empty shared_ptr.
if(p3)
{
    //Will not execute this.
}
```



Non-member begin and end

- C++ 11 introduces non-member `begin(x)` and `end(x)`
 - Instead of using `x.begin()` and `x.end()` in containers.
 - `begin(x)` and `end(x)` are extensible and can be adapted to work with all container types even arrays
- You can refactor your own non-member `begin(x)` and `end(x)` overloads for that type and then you can traverse collections of that type using the same coding style above as for STL containers.



Non-member begin and end

```
vector<int> v;  
int a[100];  
  
// C++98  
sort( v.begin(), v.end() );  
sort( &a[0], &a[0] + sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]) );  
  
// C++11  
sort( begin(v), end(v) );  
sort( begin(a), end(a) );
```



Lamdas

- Anonymous functions, called *lambda*, have been added to C++ and quickly rose to prominence.
 - <http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/lambda>
- Feature borrowed from functional programming, that in turned enabled other features
- Use lambdas wherever following are expected
 - function object
 - functor
 - `std::function`



Lamdas

```
int x;  
int y;  
  
// C++98: write a naked loop (using std::find_if is impractically difficult)  
vector<int>::iterator i = v.begin(); // because we need to use i later  
for( ; i != v.end(); ++i )  
{  
    if( *i > x && *i < y )  
        break;  
}  
  
// C++11: use std::find_if  
auto i = find_if( begin(v), end(v), [=](int i) { return i > x && i < y; } );
```



Move and &&

- The rvalue reference can be used to easily add move semantics to an existing class.
 - copy constructor and assignment operator can be overloaded based on whether the argument is an lvalue or an rvalue
- When the argument is an rvalue
 - the author of the class knows that he has a unique reference to the argument
- C++11 has introduced the concept of rvalue references (specified with **&&**) to differentiate a reference to an lvalue or an rvalue.
 - An lvalue is an object that has a name, while an rvalue is an object that does not have a name (a temporary object).
 - The move semantics allow modifying rvalues
 - immutable and indistinguishable from const T& types
- Uses ***std::move()***



rvalue

- **rvalue**

- An rvalue is an expression that is either a prvalue or an xvalue.

- **prvalue (since C++11)**

- A *prvalue* ("pure" rvalue) is an expression that identifies a **temporary object** (or a subobject thereof) or is a value not associated with any object.

- **Xvalue (since C++11)**

- An *xvalue* is an expression that identifies an **"eXpiring" object**, that is, the object that may be moved from.
- The object identified by an xvalue expression may be a **nameless temporary**, it may be a named object in scope, or any other kind of object, but if used as a function argument, xvalue will always bind to the rvalue reference overload if available



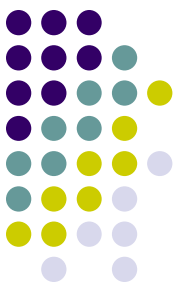
Ivalue

- **Ivalue**

- An *Ivalue* is an expression that identifies a **non-temporary object** or a non-member function.

- **glvalue**

- A glvalue ("generalized" lvalue) is an expression that is either an lvalue or an xvalue
- A glvalue may be implicitly converted to prvalue with lvalue-to-rvalue, array-to-pointer, or function-to-pointer implicit conversion.
- A glvalue may be polymorphic: the dynamic type of the object it identifies is not necessarily the static type of the expression.



Move and &&

Good Reference

- http://thbecker.net/articles/rvalue_references/section_01.html

```
class Derived
: public Base
{
    std::vector<int> vec;
    std::string name;
    // ...
public:
    // ...
    // move semantics
    Derived(Derived&& x)                // rvalues bind here
        : Base(std::move(x)),
          vec(std::move(x.vec)),
          name(std::move(x.name)) { }

    Derived& operator=(Derived&& x)    // rvalues bind here
    {
        Base::operator=(std::move(x));
        vec = std::move(x.vec);
        name = std::move(x.name);
        return *this;
    }
    // ...
};
```



Initializer Lists

- local variable non-POD or auto
 - Continue using = syntax without extra { } braces.
- You would have used () parentheses when constructing an object
 - prefer using { } braces instead
- Avoids problems:
 - narrowing conversions (e.g., float to int)
 - uninitialized POD member variables or arrays
 - occasional C++98 surprise that your code compiles but actually declares a function rather than a variable because of a declaration ambiguity in C++'s grammar – what Scott Meyers famously calls “C++'s most vexing parse.”



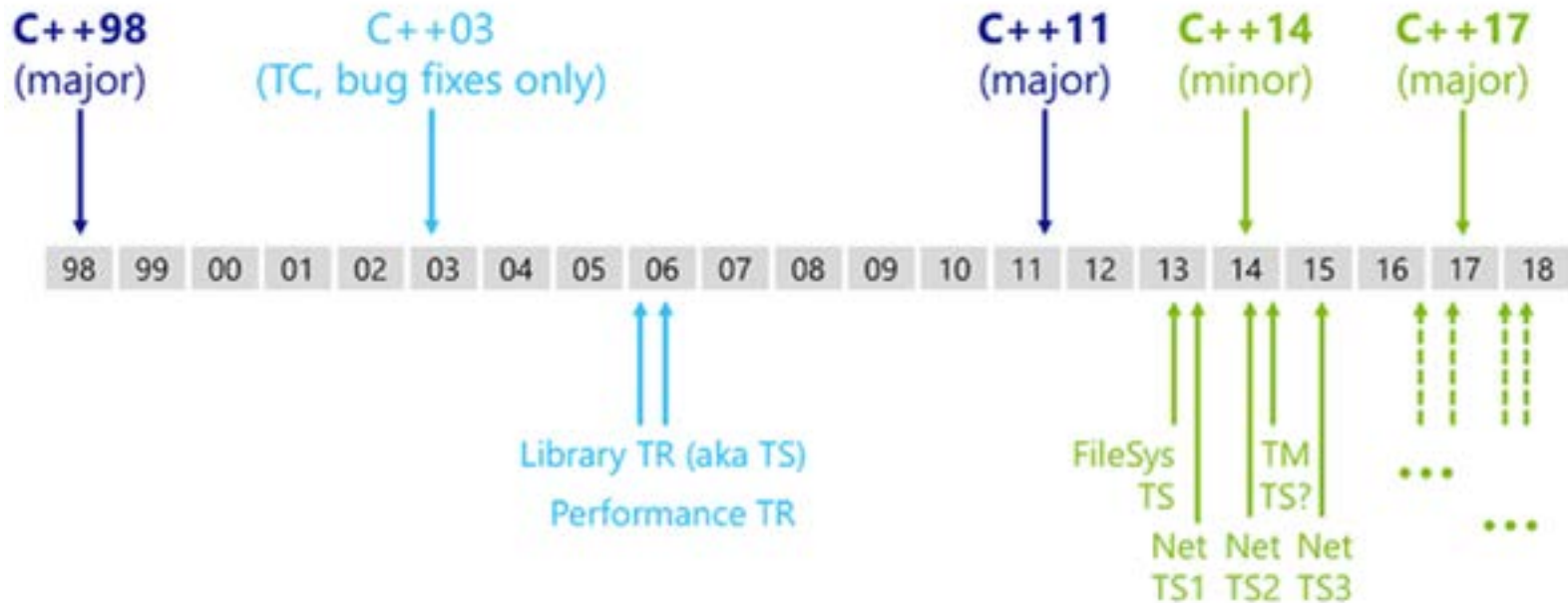
Initializer Lists

```
// C++98
rectangle      w( origin(), extents() );
complex<double> c( 2.71828, 3.14159 );
int            a[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
vector<int>     v;
for( int i = 1; i <= 4; ++i ) v.push_back(i);

// C++11
rectangle      w  { origin(), extents() };
complex<double> c  { 2.71828, 3.14159 };
int            a[] { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
vector<int>     v  { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
```



C++11 and Beyond





Lambda functions

- C++14 generic lambdas :
 - `auto lambda = [](auto x, auto y) {return x + y;};`
- C++11
 - `auto lambda = [](int x, int y) {return x + y;};`
- `std::move` function can capture a variable in a lambda expression by moving the object instead of copying or referencing it
 - `std::unique_ptr ptr(new int(10));`
 - `auto lambda = [value = std::move(ptr)] {return *value;};`



Constant Expressions

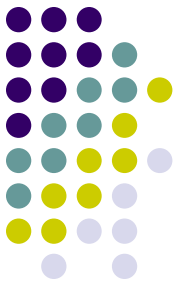
- C++11 is a function which can be executed at compile time to produce a value to be used where a constant expression is required
 - Instantiating a template with an integer argument.
 - `constexpr` functions only contain a single expression,
- C++14 relaxes those restrictions
 - allowing conditional statements such as if and switch, and also allowing loops, including range-based for loops



Type deduction

- C++14 allows return type deduction for all functions,
 - thus extending C++11 that only allows it for lambda functions:
 - `auto DeducedReturnTypeFunction();`
- Since C++14 is a strongly-typed language
 - If a function's implementation has multiple return statements, they must deduce the same type.
 - Return type deduction can be used in forward declarations, but the function definitions must be available to the translation unit that uses them before they can be used.
 - Return type deduction can be used in recursive functions, but the recursive call must be preceded by at least one return statement allowing to deduce the return type.

Thank You!



- Questions?