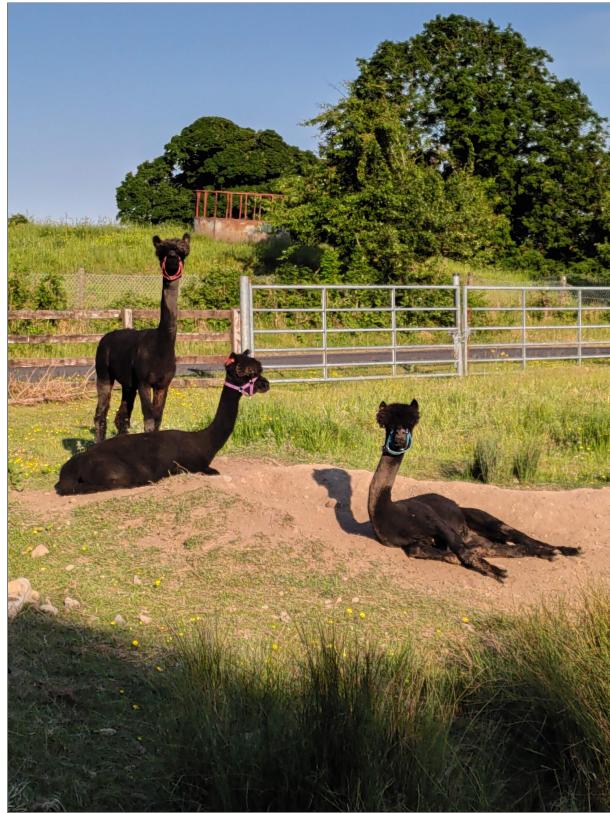


Template Shenanigans

DEVELOPING TEMPLATE CODE

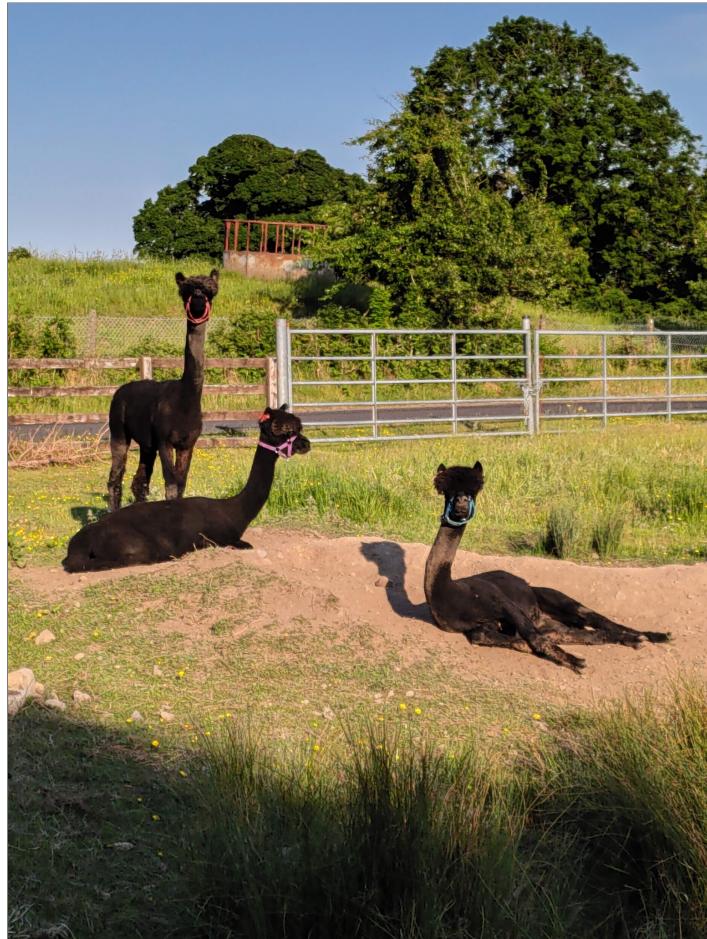


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- Compiling
- Debugging
- Testing
- Benchmarking

Who am I?

- Jonathan O'Connor he/him
- I develop code for The Cluster Company GmbH
- C++20 in-memory database
- Metaprogramming in Basic, Lisp, C++, Java and Ruby since 1983
- Chess, making ice cream
- github/ninkibah, @ninkibah



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Error messages

- Famous for being long
- Too many messages

Error messages

```
1 #include <set>
2 void main() {
3     std::set<int> uniqueInts;
4     uniqueInts.insert(42);
5 }
```

Error messages

```
1 #include <set>
2 void main() {
3     std::set<int, std::allocator<int>> uniqueInts;
4     uniqueInts.insert(42);
5 }
```

Error messages

```
'/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h: In instantiation of 'std::pair<std::Rb_tree_node_base, std::Rb_tree_iterator> std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::find(const Key&) const [with Key = int; Val = int; Compare = std::less<int>; Allocator = std::allocator<std::Rb_tree_node_base>]' at line 1813 of "/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h" (aka "/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_map.h")'
'<source>:4:24:   required from here
'/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h:2101:35: error: no match for call to '(std::allocator<std::Rb_tree_node_base>::value_type const& __key) std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::__comp = _M_impl._M_key_compare(__k, __s_key(__x));'
2101 |     __comp = _M_impl._M_key_compare(__k, __s_key(__x));
|           ^
|-----^
'/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h:2112:33: error: no match for call to '(std::allocator<std::Rb_tree_node_base>::value_type const& __key) std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::if (_M_impl._M_key_compare(__s_key(__j._M_node), __k))
2112 |     if (_M_impl._M_key_compare(__s_key(__j._M_node), __k))
|           ^
|-----^
'/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h: In instantiation of 'std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::iterator std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::lower_bound(const Key&) const [with Key = int; Val = int; Compare = std::less<int>; Allocator = std::allocator<std::Rb_tree_node_base>]' at line 1813 of "/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h" (aka "/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_map.h")
'<source>:4:24:   required from here
'/opt/compiler-explorer/gcc-10.2.0/include/c++/10.2.0/bits/stl_tree.h:1813:35: error: no match for call to '(std::allocator<std::Rb_tree_node_base>::value_type const& __key) std::Rb_tree<Key, Val, Compare, Allocator>::__comp = _M_impl._M_key_compare(_KeyOfValue()(__v),
1813 |     __comp = _M_impl._M_key_compare(_KeyOfValue()(__v),
|           ^
|-----^
```

Read to the end

```
1 std::pair<std::_Rb_tree_node_base*, std::_Rb_tree_node_base*>
2 std::_Rb_tree<_Key, _Val, _KeyOfValue, _Compare, _Alloc>::
3     _M_get_insert_unique_pos(const key_type&)
4 [with _Key = int;
5   _Val = int;
6   _KeyOfValue = std::_Identity<int>;
7   _Compare = std::allocator<int>;
8   _Alloc = std::allocator<int>;
9   std::_Rb_tree<_Key, _Val, _KeyOfValue, _Compare,
 _Alloc>::key_type = int]
```

Format the error message

- Suggested by Ben Deane
- He uses ClangFormat
- Copy declaration to cpp file
- Format the copied text

Format the error message

```
1 std::pair<typename std::_Rb_tree<_Key, _Key,
2           std::_Identity<_Tp>, _Compare,
3           typename
4           __gnu_cxx::__alloc_traits<_Alloc>::
5           rebind<_Key>::other>::const_iterator,
6           bool>
5 std::set<_Key, _Compare, _Alloc>::insert(
6     std::set<_Key, _Compare, _Alloc>::value_type &&);
```

Simplify the error message

- <https://github.com/SuperV1234/camomilla>
- Python3 script from Vittorio Romeo
- Replaces namespaces and generic templates with shorter versions.
- Can't replace std::basic_string<char> with string

Simplify the error message

```
1 $ echo "metavector<metatype<metawhatever<int>>>::x()" \
2   | camomilla -d0
3 # outputs
4 metavector<?>::x()
```

Simplify the error message

```
1 $ echo "std::vector<std::pair<std::int16_t, std::int32_t>>" \
2   | camomilla --depth=100
3 # outputs
4 vector<pair<int16_t, int32_t>>
```



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Template debugging

- Using the normal debugger
- Printing a type name
- Template Instantiation tools

Constexpr function debugging

The screenshot shows the CLion IDE interface during a debug session. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Navigate, Code, Refactor, Build, Run, Tools, VCS, Window, and Help. The title bar says "Shenanigans - debugSample.cpp". The left sidebar has a "Project" view showing files like Shenanigans.html, error.txt, test.cpp, debugSample.cpp (which is open), CMakeLists.txt, and developingTemplateCode.txt. A "Database" and "PlantUML" tab are also visible. The main code editor shows the following C++ code:

```
template<int Version>
auto downgrade(const Person<Version>& current) { current: const Person<1> &
    if constexpr (requires { current.downgrade(); }) {
        return downgrade( current.downgrade() );
    } else if constexpr (Version == 0) {
        return current;
    } else {
        static_assert(always_false<Person<Version>>, "Please add a downgrade() member");
    }
}
```

The line `return downgrade(current.downgrade());` is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the current instruction being executed. The "Debug" tool window at the bottom shows the "Debuqqer" tab is selected, and the "Frames" section lists the call stack: "downgrade<1> debugSample.cpp:38" (highlighted in blue), "downgrade<2> debugSample.cpp:38", "main debugSample.cpp:48", and the system frames "_libc_start_main 0x00007f0735bb30b3" and "_start 0x0000561c552092ee". To the right of the call stack, the "Variables" tab is active, showing local variables: "current = {const Person<1> &}" (with sub-variables "firstName = std::string "Jonathan"" and "lastName = std::string "O'Connor""), and "yob = {int} 1963". The bottom status bar shows "Build finished in 503 ms (2 minutes ago)" and "38:1 LF UTF-8 ClangFormat C++: Shenanigans2 | Debug".

What type do I have?

- Can I use typeid(T).name()?
- ??? NSt7__cxx1112basic_stringIcSt11char_traitsIcESalcEEE
- __FUNCTION__
- doesn't show templated arguments
- __PRETTY_FUNCTION__
- works on gcc and clang, but not MSVC

__PRETTY_FUNCTION__

```
1 void print_me(int) {  
2     cout << __PRETTY_FUNCTION__ '\n';  
3 }
```

```
void print_me(int)
```

__PRETTY_FUNCTION__

```
1 template<typename T>
2 void print_me(T* = nullptr) {
3     cout << __PRETTY_FUNCTION__ '\n';
4 }
5 print_me<int>();
```

void print_me(T *) [with T = int]

function to print the type

```
1 template<typename T>
2 auto name_of_T(T* = nullptr) {
3     std::string pretty_func = __PRETTY_FUNCTION__;
4     auto pos = pretty_func.find('=');
5     if (pos == std::string::npos) {
6         return pretty_func;
7     }
8     return pretty_func.substr(pos + 2, pretty_func.length() - pos
9     - 3);
9 }
```

function to print the type

```
1 cout << name_of_T<std::string>() << '\n';
2 // gcc prints
3 //   std::__cxx11::basic_string<char>
4 // clang prints
5 //   std::__cxx11::basic_string<char,
6 //     std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>
```

Print types at compile time

- Ivan Čukić mentions a nice trick to print a deduced type at compile time
- Template declaration, no definition
- Instantiation causes an error
- Downside: Generates an error and stops compilation

Print types at compile time

```
1 template<typename T>
2 class print_me_as_error;
3
4 print_me_as_error<std::vector<int>::element_type>();
```

```
1 error: invalid use of incomplete type
2 'class print_me_as_error<int>'
```

Print types at compile time

- Daniel Frey (of TAOCPP fame) uses another version of this technique
- constexpr value marked as deprecated!
- To instantiate it, use static_assert
- Generates warning and continues compiling

Print types at compile time

```
1 template<typename T>
2 [[deprecated]] constexpr bool print_type = true;
3
4 static_assert(print_type<std::vector<int>::element_type>);
```

```
1 warning: 'print_type<int>' is deprecated
2           [-Wdeprecated-declarations]
3 4 | static_assert(printType<std::vector<int>::value_type>);
```

Code Insights

- <https://cppinsights.io/>
- Brainchild of Andreas Fertig
- Like godbolt.org
- Generates simple C++ instead of assembler
- Shows range-based for loops
- Shows template instantiations

Code Insights

The screenshot shows a software interface for reviewing C++ code. At the top, there's a toolbar with various icons: a magnifying glass, a play button, a save icon, a copy icon, a star, a gear, and a person icon. To the right of the toolbar are dropdown menus for 'C++ Standard: C++ 2a', 'D...', 'More', and a link to 'project on Patreon'. A status bar at the bottom right says 'Made by Power...'.

Source:

```
20
21 template<>
22 struct Person<2> {
23     std::string firstName, lastName;
24     int yob;
25     std::string idNumber;
26
27     Person<1> downgrade() const {
28         return Person<1>{firstName, lastName, yob};
29     }
30 };
31
32 template<typename>
33 constexpr inline bool always_false = false;
34
35 template<int Version>
36 auto downgrade(const Person<Version>& current) {
37     if constexpr ([Version > 0]) {
38         return downgrade( current.downgrade() );
39     } else if constexpr (Version == 0) {
40         return current;
41     } else {
42         static_assert(always_false<Person<Version>>, "Please
43     }
44 }
45
46 int main() {
```

Insight:

```
77
78
79 #ifdef INSIGHTS_USE_TEMPLATE
80 template<>
81 Person<0> downgrade<1>(const Person<1> & curr
82 {
83     if constexpr(1 > 0) {
84         return downgrade(current.downgrade());
85     }
86
87 }
88 #endif
89
90
91 #ifdef INSIGHTS_USE_TEMPLATE
92 template<>
93 Person<0> downgrade<0>(const Person<0> & curr
94 {
95     if constexpr(0 > 0) ;
96     else /* constexpr */ {
97         if constexpr(0 == 0) {
98             return Person<0>(current);
99         }
100
101 }
102 }
103
104
```

Console: □

Metashell

- <http://metashell.org>
- A Meta-debugger!
- Complicated to set up
- Please someone make a web front end

Metashell

The image shows a screenshot of a website for 'Metashell'. The top navigation bar includes a logo, a search bar, and links for 'Docs' and 'Home'. The main content area has a large title 'Metashell' and a screenshot of a terminal window titled 'abel'. The terminal shows code related to template metaprogramming using Boost.MPL and Boost.MPL::push_front. Below the terminal is a green button labeled 'Try online' and another green button labeled 'Download'. A descriptive text at the bottom states: 'The goal of this project is to provide an interactive template metaprogramming environment.'

Docs » Home

Metashell

```
> #include <metashell/formatter.hpp>
> #include <boost/mpl/vector.hpp>
> #include <boost/mpl/push_front.hpp>
> boost::mpl::push_front<boost::mpl::vector<int, char>, double>
> boost_::mpl::vector<double, int, char>
> boost::mpl::push_front<boost::mpl::vector<int, char>, double>;
> boost_::mpl::vector<double, int, char>
```

Try online

Download

The goal of this project is to provide an interactive template metaprogramming environment.

MSGUI

- <https://github.com/RangelReale/msgui>
- Qt frontend for Metashell
- Looks cool

MSGUI - Metashell GUI - M:/prog/personal/fibonacci.msgp

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(mdb)

TemplateInstantiation

fb<3>

#	Name	Kind	Source
#0	fb<3>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp:42:25
#1	fb<4>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp:42:25
#2	fb<5>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp:42:25
#3	fb<6>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp:42:25
#4	SCALAR(fb<6>::value)		-1:-1

```

18
19     template <class T>
20     struct remove_ptr<T*> { typedef T type; };
21 // namespace impl
22
23 template <class Tag>
24 struct format_<impl
25 {
26     typedef format_<impl type;
27
28     template <class T>
29     struct apply { typedef T type; };
30 };
31
32 template <class T>
33 struct format :
34     ::metashell::format_<impl<
35         typename ::metashell::impl::remove_ptr<
36             decltype(::metashell::impl::tag_of(::metashell::impl::wrap<T>()))
37             >::type
38         >>::template apply<T>
39     {};
40 } // namespace metashell
41
42 template <int N> struct fib { static constexpr int value = fib<N - 1>::value + fib<N - 2>::value; };
43 template <> struct fib<0> { static constexpr int value = 1; };
44 template <> struct fib<1> { static constexpr int value = 1; };

```

Log

Time	Category	Message
14:56:57.212	comment	Metashell Copyright (C) 2015 Abel Sinkovics (abel@inkovics.hu)
14:56:57.228	comment	Andras Kucsma (andras.kucsma@gmail.com)
14:56:57.259	comment	This program comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
14:56:57.275	comment	This is free software, and you are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions; for details see <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>.
14:56:57.297	comment	Based on
14:56:57.322	comment	2.3.2.5400 [Win32/Microsoft Visual C++ version 14.
14:56:57.355	comment	14:56:57.371 comment
14:56:57.399	comment	Using precompiled headers
14:56:57.417	comment	Maximum template depth: 8181112
14:56:57.438	comment	14:56:57.460 comment
14:56:57.460	comment	Getting help: #msh help
14:57:32.370	raw text	For help, type "help".

Forwardtrace

Name	Kind	Source
fb<6>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<5>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<4>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<3>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<2>	TemplateInstantiation	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<1>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<0>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<2>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<1>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<3>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<2>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp
fb<4>	Memoization	metashell_environment.hpp

Meta debugger | Metashell running



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Run-time tests

```
1 template<typename T>
2 requires std::integral<T>
3 constexpr T double_it(T x) {
4     return 2 * x;
5 }
6
7 TEST_CASE( "my template test" ) {
8     REQUIRE( double_it(3) == 6 );
9 }
```

Compile-time tests

- Pre-2000 The Boost Static Assertion Library
- 2002 Proposed by Robert Klarer and Dr. John Maddock
- C++11 introduced `static_assert` keyword
- `static_assert(constexpr bool, "Error text")`
- Generates an error if the bool expression evaluates to false
- C++17 made the error text optional

```
1 static_assert( false, "Woops!!!" );
```

static_assert in code

```
1 template<typename T>
2 requires std::integral<T>
3 constexpr T double_it(T x) {
4     return 2 * x;
5 }
6
7 static_assert( double_it(3) == 6,
8     "double_it should multiply by 2" );
```

When to test at compile-time?

- To ensure a type keeps certain properties
- Often in if constexpr statements
- Generates an error closer to point of call
- Can reduce size of error messages

Versioned data

```
1 template<int> struct Person;
2
3 template<>
4 struct Person<0> {
5     std::string firstName, lastName;
6 };
7
8 template<>
9 struct Person<1> {
10    std::string firstName, lastName;
11    int yob;
12    Person<0> migrateDown() const;
13 };
```

Versioned data

```
1 template<int N>
2 inline auto downgradeOnce (const Person<N>& newer) {
3     if constexpr (N == 0) {
4         return newer;
5     } else if constexpr ( requires { newer.migrateDown(); } ) {
6         return newer.migrateDown();
7     } else {
8         static_assert(false,
9             "newer needs a migrateDown member function");
10    }
11 }
```

Versioned data

```
1 template<int N>
2 inline auto downgradeOnce (const Person<N>& newer) {
3     if constexpr (N == 0) {
4         return newer;
5     } else if constexpr ( requires { newer.migrateDown(); }) {
6         return newer.migrateDown();
7     } else {
8         static_assert(always_false<Person<N>>,
9             "The Person version of newer needs a migrateDown
10            member function");
11 }
```

always_false

<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/utility/variant/visit>

```
1 template<typename T>
2 constexpr inline bool always_false = false;
```

Archetypes

- Test classes that contain minimal behaviour
- Described in Chapter 28 of C++ Templates book
- Mentioned by David Abrahams and Douglas Gregor
- <http://www.generic-programming.org/languages/cpp/techniques.html#archetypes>
- Not quite superceded by C++20 concepts

Archetypes

- Blog by Andrzej Krzemieński
- <https://akrzemi1.wordpress.com/2020/09/02/concept-archetypes>
- <https://akrzemi1.wordpress.com/2020/09/10/concept-archetypes-update>
- <https://akrzemi1.wordpress.com/2020/10/26/semantic-requirements-in-concepts>

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Concept archetypes

Posted on [September 2, 2020](#)

Concepts in the form added in C++20 used to be called *lite*. This is because they do not provide one quite important functionality: having the compiler check if the author of a constrained template is only using operations and types allowed by the constraining concept. In other words, we can say that our template only requires operations *A* and *B* to be valid, but we can still use some other operations inside and this is fine with the compiler. In this post we will show how this is problematic, even for programmers aware of the issue, and how to address it with *concept archetypes*.

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Concept archetypes — update

Posted on [September 10, 2020](#)

An observant reader indicated that in [the previous post](#) where I was trying to implement a concept archetype — a type with minimal interface that models a given concept — I actually failed. This deserves a closer examination.

Let's recall. We have the following concept:

```

1 | template <typename T>
2 | concept Addable =
3 |   std::regular<T> &&
4 |   std::totally_ordered<T> &&
5 |   requires(T x, T y) {
6 |     { x += y } -> std::same_as<T&>;
7 |     { x + y } -> std::convertible_to<T>;
8 |

```

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Semantic requirements in concepts

Posted on [October 26, 2020](#)

The word ‘concept’ in the context of C++ generic programming has two meanings. The first is more abstract: it is the notion from the domain of Generic Programming (GP) in general. GP is not tied to any specific language: it is an approach to writing programs, and concepts are part of this approach. In this sense concepts have been with us since the inception of the STL. The second meaning is the keyword `concept` in C++20 with its associated semantics: its goal is to approximate the more abstract notion of a concept from GP, and this works only to some extent. One notable

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Archetypes for testing

- Tiny classes
- Delete functionality

Creating Archetypes

```
1 template<typename T>
2 int find(T const* array, int n, T const& value) {
3     int i = 0;
4     while ( i != n && array[i] != value)
5         ++i;
6     return i;
7 }
```

Creating Archetypes

```
1 class EqualityComparableArchetype {  
2 };  
3  
4 bool  
5 operator==(EqualityComparableArchetype const&,  
6           EqualityComparableArchetype const&);
```

Creating Archetypes

```
1 class EqualityComparableArchetype {
2 };
3
4 struct ConvertibleToBoolArchetype {
5     operator bool() const;
6 };
7
8 ConvertibleToBoolArchetype
9 operator==(EqualityComparableArchetype const&,
10           EqualityComparableArchetype const&);
```

Creating Archetypes

```
1 template int find(  
2     EqualityComparableArchetype const* array, int n,  
3     EqualityComparableArchetype const& value);
```

Creating Archetypes

```
1 In instantiation of 'int find(const T*, int, const T&) [with T
 = EqualityComparableArchetype]':
2 21:45:   required from here
3 4:32: error: return type of 'ConvertibleToBoolArchetype
operator==(const EqualityComparableArchetype&, const
EqualityComparableArchetype&)' is not 'bool'
4 4 |     while ( i != n && array[i] != value)
5  |           ~~~~~^~~~~~
6 4:32: note: used as rewritten candidate for comparison of
'const EqualityComparableArchetype' and 'const
EqualityComparableArchetype'
```

Creating Archetypes

```
1 template<typename T>
2 int find(T const* array, int n, T const& value) {
3     int i = 0;
4     while ( i != n && !(array[i] == value))
5         ++i;
6     return i;
7 }
```



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Benchmarking

- Optimizing template code
- Comparing build times

Tracers

- Described in chapter 28 of C++ Templates book
- Can test quality of implementation
- Count calls to particular functions
- Found in libstdc++ test code

Tracers

```
1 struct TracedItem {  
2     inline static int def_ctors = 0;  
3     inline static int copy_ctors = 0;  
4     inline static int move_ctors = 0;  
5     TracedItem() { ++def_ctors; }  
6     TracedItem(const TracedItem&) { ++copy_ctors; }  
7     TracedItem(TracedItem&&) noexcept { ++move_ctors; }  
8 };
```

Tracers

```
1 int main() {
2     std::vector<TracedItem> items;
3     items.emplace_back();           // 1 def
4     items.push_back(TracedItem{});  // 1 def + 1 move
5     items.emplace_back(TracedItem{}); // 1 def + 1 move
6
7     std::cout << "default ctors " << TracedItem::def_ctors
8             << "\ncopy ctors " << TracedItem::copy_ctors
9             << "\nmove ctors " << TracedItem::move_ctors <<
10            '\n';
11     return 0;
12 }
```

No copy ctors were harmed in making this example!

Comparing build times

- Compiler flags
- Microsoft Visual Studio Build Insights
- build-bench.com
- metaBench tool

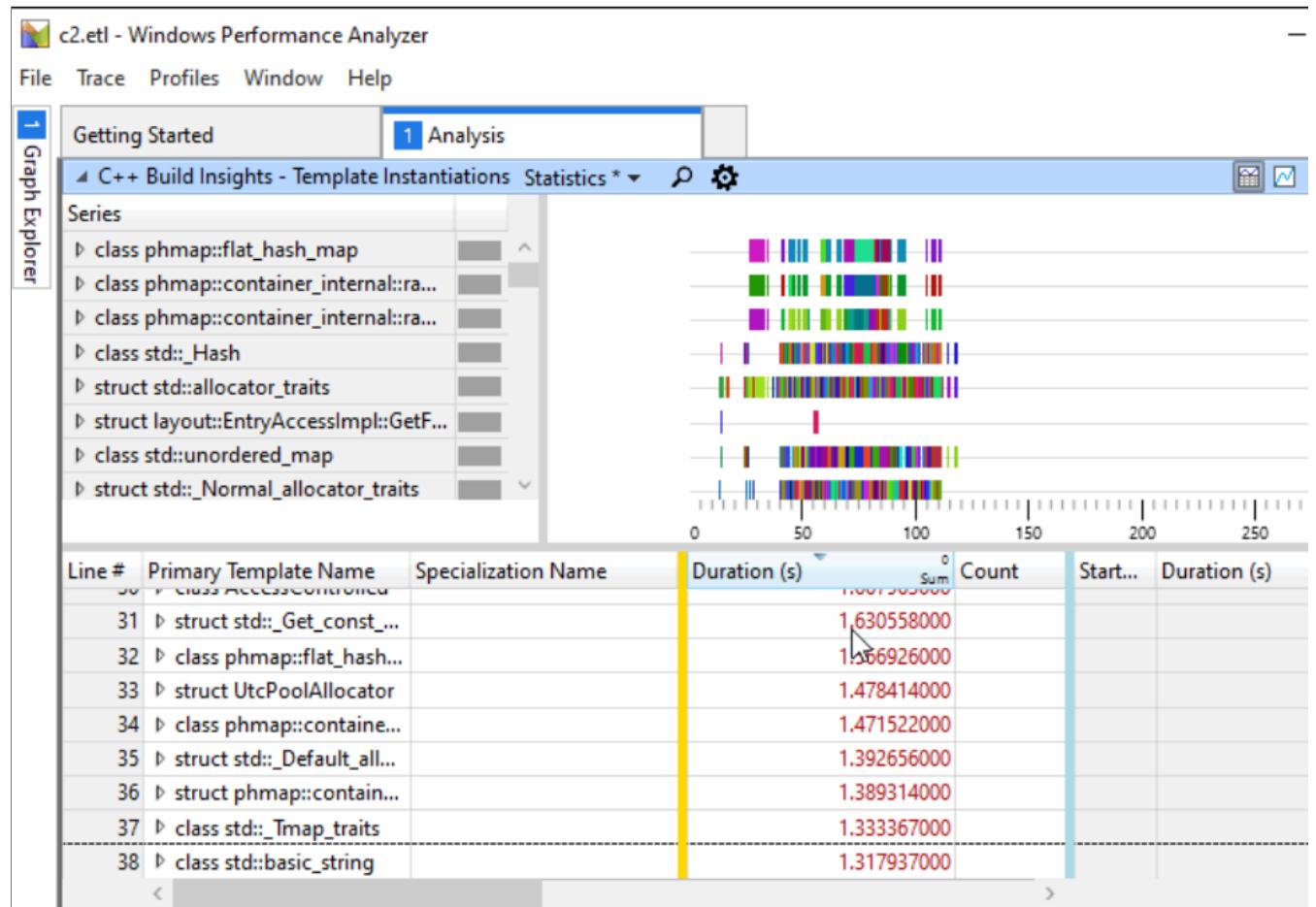
gcc & Clang -ftime-report

Time variable	usr	GGC
phase setup	: 0.00 (0%)	1505 kB (2%)
phase parsing	: 0.59 (83%)	63979 kB (81%)
phase lang. deferred	: 0.06 (8%)	7268 kB (9%)
phase opt and generate	: 0.06 (8%)	6136 kB (8%)
name lookup	: 0.10 (14%)	2262 kB (3%)
overload resolution	: 0.17 (24%)	19631 kB (25%)
callgraph construction	: 0.01 (1%)	2209 kB (3%)
callgraph optimization	: 0.01 (1%)	0 kB (0%)
callgraph ipa passes	: 0.01 (1%)	328 kB (0%)
preprocessing	: 0.11 (15%)	1504 kB (2%)
template instantiation	: 0.25 (35%)	25293 kB (32%)
constant expr. evaluation	: 0.01 (1%)	113 kB (0%)
constraint satisfaction	: 0.02 (3%)	2570 kB (3%)
TOTAL	: 0.71	79097 kB

gcc -fmem-report

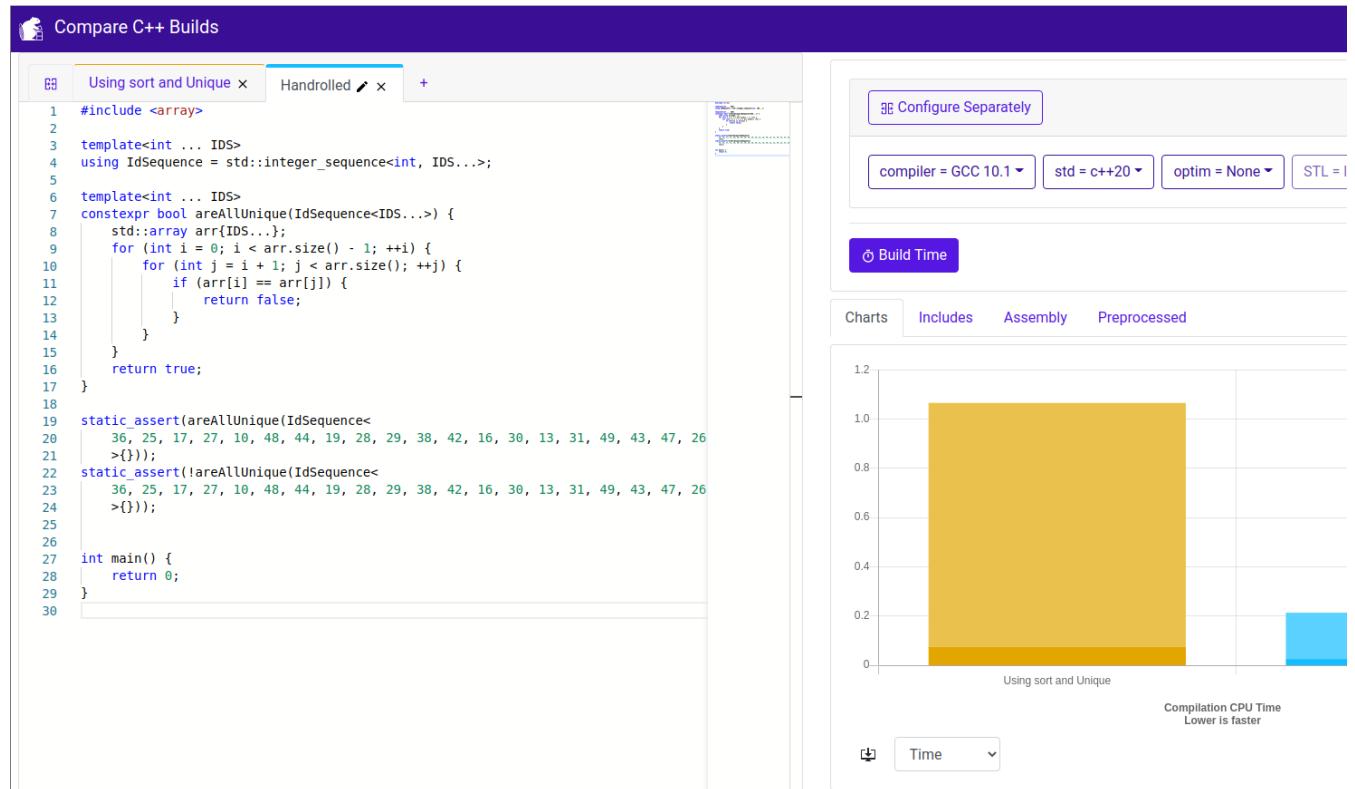
Number of expanded macros:	6059
Average number of tokens per macro expansion:	3
Line Table allocations during the compilation process	
Number of ordinary maps used:	500
Ordinary map used size:	11k
Number of ordinary maps allocated:	682
Ordinary maps allocated size:	15k
Number of macro maps used:	5965
Macro maps used size:	186k
Macro maps locations size:	183k
Macro maps size:	369k
Duplicated maps locations size:	75k
Total allocated maps size:	455k
Total used maps size:	381k
Ad-hoc table size:	768k
Ad-hoc table entries used:	21k
optimized_ranges:	276k
unoptimized_ranges:	23k

MS Build Insights



build-bench.com

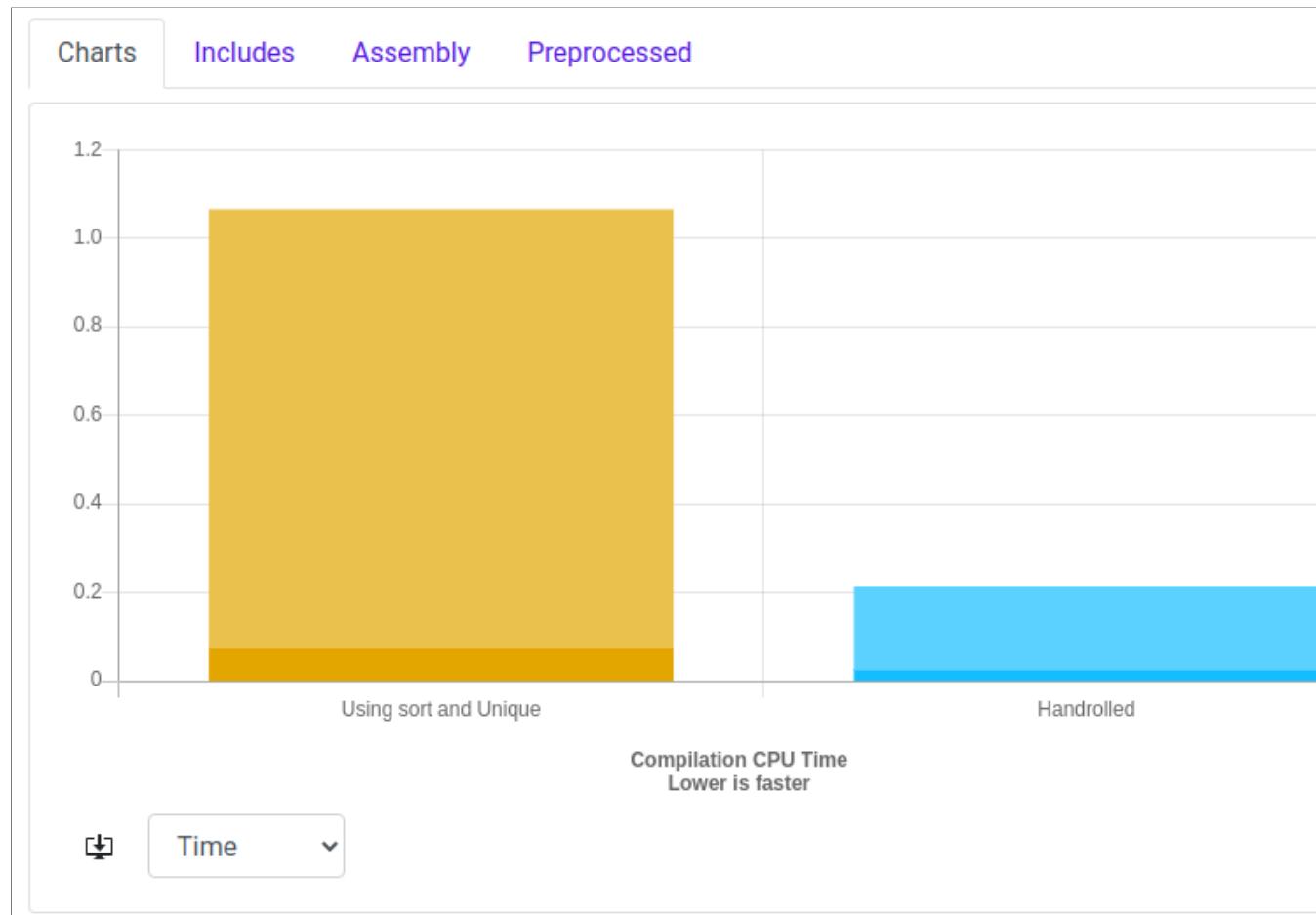
- Created by Fred Tingaud
- Like godbolt.org
- Add 2 or more versions of an application
- Graphs compilation time and process size



```
1 #include <array>
2 #include <algorithm>
3
4 template<int ... IDS>
5 using IdSequence = std::integer_sequence<int, IDS...>;
6
7 template<int ... IDS>
8 constexpr bool areAllUnique(IdSequence<IDS...>) {
9     std::array arr{IDS...};
10    std::sort(arr.begin(), arr.end());
11    return std::unique(arr.begin(), arr.end()) == arr.end();
12 }
13
14 static_assert(areAllUnique(IdSequence<
15     36, 25, 17, 27, 10, 48, 44, 19, 28, 29, 38, 42, 16, 30, 13, 31, 49, 43, 4
16     >{}));
17 static_assert(!areAllUnique(IdSequence<
18     36, 25, 17, 27, 10, 48, 44, 19, 28, 29, 38, 42, 16, 30, 13, 31, 49, 43, 4
19     >{}));
20
21 int main() {
22     return 0;
23 }
```

	Using sort and Unique x	Handled ✓ x	+
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```
1 #include <array>
2
3 template<int ... IDS>
4 using IdSequence = std::integer_sequence<int, IDS...>;
5
6 template<int ... IDS>
7 constexpr bool areAllUnique(IdSequence<IDS...>) {
8     std::array arr{IDS...};
9     for (int i = 0; i < arr.size() - 1; ++i) {
10         for (int j = i + 1; j < arr.size(); ++j) {
11             if (arr[i] == arr[j]) {
12                 return false;
13             }
14         }
15     }
16     return true;
17 }
18
19 static_assert(areAllUnique(IdSequence<
20     36, 25, 17, 27, 10, 48, 44, 19, 28, 29, 38, 42, 16, 30, 13, 31, 49, 43, 47,
21     >{}));
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23     36, 25, 17, 27, 10, 48, 44, 19, 28, 29, 38, 42, 16, 30, 13, 31, 49, 43, 47,
24     >{}));
25
26
27 int main() {
28     return 0;
29 }
30
```



Metabench

- <https://github.com/ldionne/metabench>
- Times versions of your program
- Uses ruby

Metabench



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@odinthenerd

Replying to @AntPeacock @ninkibah and 2 others

+1 metabench is, in my opinion, the most important contribution to TMP in the last decade



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Metabench CMakeLists.txt

```
1 # Make sure Metabench can be found when writing
2 include(metabench)
3
4 # Actually include the module
5 include(../metabench/metabench.cmake)
6
7 # Add new datasets
8 metabench_add_dataset(sortUnique "sortUnique.cpp.erb" "
9 (1..40).to_a")
10 metabench_add_dataset(handRolled "handRolled.cpp.erb" "
11 (1..40).to_a")
12 # Add a new chart
12 metabench_add_chart(chart DATASETS sortUnique handRolled)
```

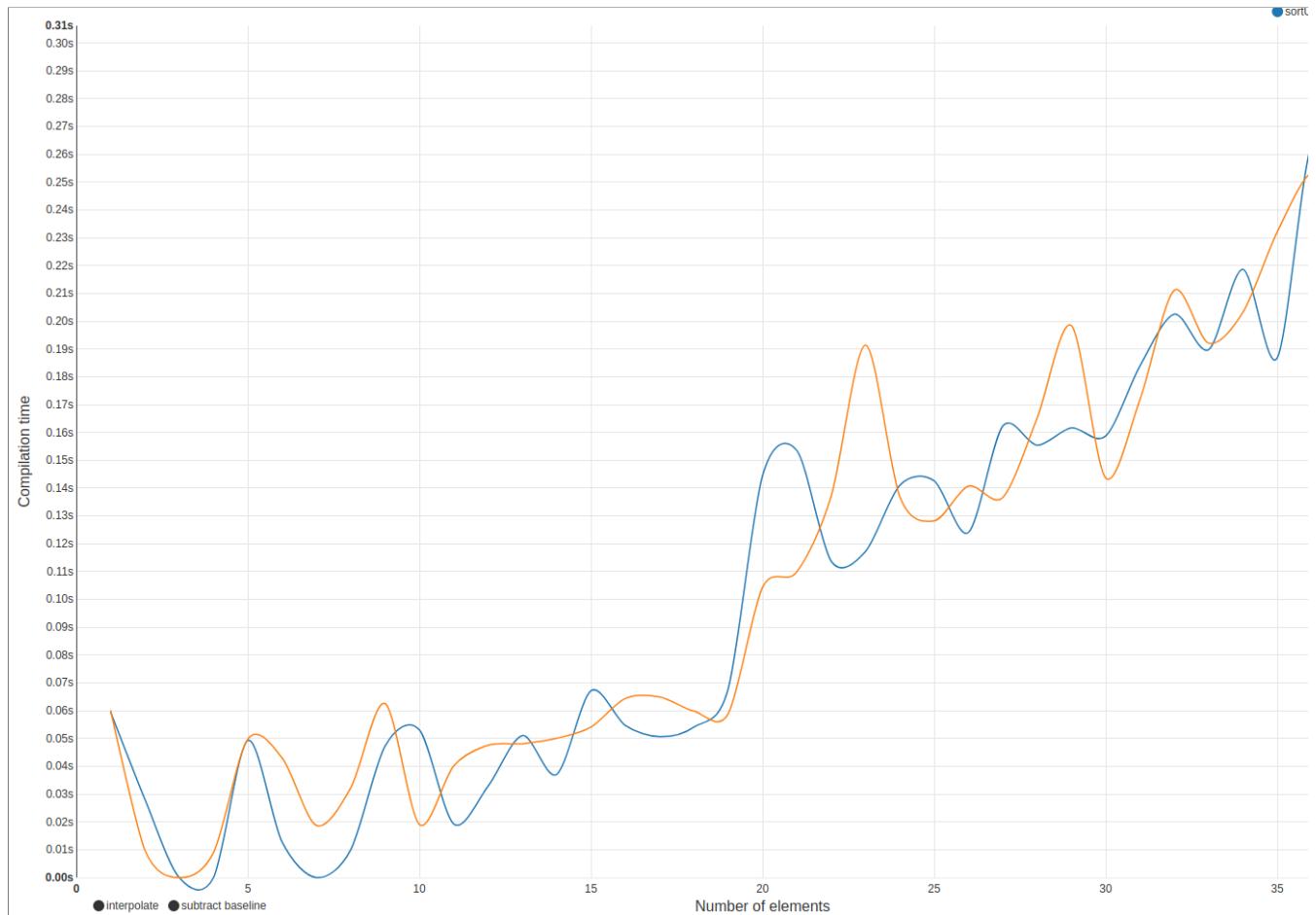
eRuby files

```
1 #if defined(METABENCH)
2 static auto tup1 = std::make_tuple(
3     <%= (1..n).to_a.reverse.join(', ') %>
4 );
5 #endif
```

eRuby files

```
1 #if defined(METABENCH)
2 static auto tup1 = std::make_tuple(
3     10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
4 );
5 #endif
```

```
/home/joconnor/bin/clion-203.4818.55/bin/cmake/linux/bin/cmake --build /  
[ 33%] Generating handRolled.json  
[ 66%] Generating sortUnique.json  
==> 2% (0.0s) dataset1.cpp.erb (n = 1)/home/joconnor/.rvm/rubies/ruby-2.  
==> 2% (0.0s) handrolled.cpp.erb (n = 1)/home/joconnor/.rvm/rubies/ruby-  
==> 100% (30.1s) handrolled.cpp.erb (n = 40)  
==> 100% (30.16s) dataset1.cpp.erb (n = 40)  
Generating chart.html  
Built target chart
```





Conclusions: Compiling

- Read the error message
- Get your editor to format the declaration
- Use Camomilla to simplify the error messages

Conclusions: Debugging

- The normal debugger can handle constexpr functions
- Print a deduced type using deprecated trick
- Code Insights is a great tool
- Meta-debugging with Metashell and MSGUI

Conclusions: Testing

- Unit tests still work
- static_assert
- Remember the always_false template trick
- Archetypes can test templates and concepts

Conclusions: Benchmarking

- Tracer types to count function calls
- Compile-time Benchmarking
- build-bench.com
- metabench CMake module

PS

- Stack Overflow
- #include discord server
- godbolt.org

The End

