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Templates

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Introduction



- C++ templates
 - Allow very "general" definitions for functions and classes
 - Type names are "parameters" instead of actual types

Polymorphism



- One of four polymorphisms in C++:
 - Subtype polymorphism
 - Runtime polymorphism
 - subtype vs. supertype
 - Parametric polymorphism (C++ template !!)
 - Compile-time polymorphism
 - Ad-hoc polymorphism
 - Overloading
 - Coercion polymorphism
 - (Implicit or explicit) casting

Function Templates



• Recall function swap Values:

```
void swapValues(int& var1, int& var2)
{
    int temp;
    temp = var1;
    var1 = var2;
    var2 = temp;
}
```

- Applies only to variables of type int
- But code would work for any types!

Function Templates vs. Overloading



Could overload function for char's:

- But notice: code is nearly identical!
 - Only difference is type used in 3 places

Function Template Syntax



• Allow "swap values" of any type variables:

```
template < class T >
  void swap Values (T& var1, T& var2)
{
      T temp;
      temp = var1;
      var1 = var2;
      var2 = temp;
}
```

- First line called "template prefix"
 - Tells compiler what's coming is "template"
 - And that T is a type parameter

Template Prefix



• Recall:

template<class T>

- In this usage, "class" means "type", or "classification"
- Can be confused with other "known" use of word "class"!
 - C++ allows keyword "typename" in place of keyword "class" here
 - But most use "class" anyway

Template Prefix 2



• Again:

template < class T>

- T can be replaced by any type
 - Predefined or user-defined (like a C++ class type)
- In function definition body:
 - T used like any other type
- Note: can use other than "T", but T is "traditional" usage

Function Template Definition



- swapValues() function template is actually large collection" of definitions!
 - A definition for each possible type!
- Compiler only generates definitions when required
 - But it's "as if" you'd defined for all types
- Write one definition → works for all types that might be needed

Calling a Function Template



• Consider following call:

```
swapValues(int1, int2);
```

- C++ compiler "generates" function definition for two int parameters using template
- Likewise for all other types
- Needn't do anything "special" in call
 - Required definition automatically generated



Generic programming is a style of computer programming in which algorithms are written in terms of **to-be-specified-later** types that are then instantiated when needed for specific types provided as parameters. [wikipedia]

- C++ Standard Template Library (STL).
- Data containers such as matrix, vector, array, image, etc.
- Algorithms such as sorting, searching, hashing, etc.
- ...



```
// Suppose we want to sort an integer array.
void SelectionSort(int* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {</pre>
    int min idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
      if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
    // Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].
    int tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min idx];
    array[min idx] = tmp;
```



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    // Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].
    int tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min idx];
    array[min idx] = tmp;
```

```
// We also want to sort a double array.

void SelectionSort(double* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
    int min_idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
        if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
            min_idx = j;
    }
    double tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min_idx];
    array[min_idx] = tmp;
}
```

```
// Suppose we want to sort an integer array.
void SelectionSort(int* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
    int min idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
      if (array[min idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
    // Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].
    int tmp = array[i];
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      if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
    double tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min idx];
    array[min idx] = tmp;
// And also a string array.
void SelectionSort(string* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
    int min idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
      if (array[min idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
    string tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min_idx];
    array[min idx] = tmp;
```



• C++ template allows us to avoid this repeated codes.

```
// Suppose we want to sort an array of type T.
template <typename T>
void SelectionSort(T* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {</pre>
    int min idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {</pre>
      if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
        min_idx = j;
    // Swap array[i] and array[min idx].
    T tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min idx];
    array[min_idx] = tmp;
```



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      if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
   T tmp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[min_idx];
   array[min idx] = tmp;
```



```
template <typename T>
void Swap(T& a, T& b) {
  T tmp = a;
  a = bi
  b = tmp;
template <typename T>
void SelectionSort(T* array, int size) {
  for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {</pre>
    int min idx = i;
    for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {</pre>
      if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
        min idx = j;
    Swap(array[i], array[min_idx]); // Clearly states the meaning of operation.
```



- Functions and classes can be templated.
- Template parameters can be typenames (= classes) or integers.

```
template <class First, class Second> // Same as <typename First, typename Second>.
struct Pair {
 First first;
 Second second;
};
template <typename T, int d> // d must be a constant integer.
for (int i = 0; i < d / 2; ++i) Swap(array[i], array[d - i - 1]);</pre>
int main() {
 int array[10] = { ... };
 int size = 10;
 Reverse<int, 10>(array); // OK.
 Reverse<int, size>(array); // Error.
 return 0;
```



```
template <class First, class Second>
struct Pair {
 First first;
  Second second;
 Pair(const First& f, const Second& s) : first(f), second(s) {}
};
template <class First, class Second>
Pair<First, Second> MakePair(const First& first, const Second& second) {
 return Pair<First, Second>(first, second);
int main() {
 Pair<int, int> p = MakePair(10, 10); // Equivalently MakePair<int, int>(10, 10);
 Pair<int, int> q = Pair<int, int>(20, 20);
 return 0;
```

Another Function Template



• Declaration/prototype:

```
Template < class T > void showStuff(int stuff1, T stuff2, T stuff3);
```

• Definition:

```
template < class T >
void showStuff(int stuff1, T stuff2, T stuff3)
{
    cout << stuff1 << endl
    << stuff2 << endl
    << stuff3 << endl;
}
```

showStuff Call



• Consider function call:

showStuff(2, 3.3, 4.4);

- Compiler generates function definition
 - Replaces T with double
 - Since second parameter is type double
- Displays:

2

3.3

4.4

Compiler Complications



- Function declarations and definitions
 - Typically we have them separate
 - For templates → not supported on most compilers!
- Safest to place template function definition in file where invoked
 - Many compilers require it appear 1st
 - Often we #include all template definitions

Multiple Type Parameters



• Can have:

template<class T1, class T2>

- Not typical
 - Usually only need one "replaceable" type
 - Cannot have "unused" template parameters
 - Each must be "used" in definition
 - Error otherwise!

Algorithm Abstraction



- Refers to implementing templates
- Express algorithms in "general" way:
 - Algorithm applies to variables of any type
 - Ignore incidental detail
 - Concentrate on substantive parts of algorithm
- Function templates are one way C++ supports algorithm abstraction

Defining Templates Strategies



- Develop function normally
 - Using actual data types
- Completely debug "ordinary" function
- Then convert to template
 - Replace type names with type parameter as needed
- Advantages:
 - Easier to solve "concrete" case
 - Deal with algorithm, not template syntax

Inappropriate Types in Templates



- Can use any type in template for which code makes "sense"
 - Code must behave in appropriate way
- e.g., swapValues() template function
 - Cannot use type for which assignment operator isn't defined
 - Example: an array:

```
int a[10], b[10];
swapValues(a, b);
```

Arrays cannot be "assigned"!



```
template <typename T, int d>
class Vector {
public:
 typedef T DataType; // Access as Vector<T, d>::DataType.
 Vector() { for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) vec_[i] = T(); }</pre>
 Vector(const Vector& v) { for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) vec_[i] = v.vec_[i]; }</pre>
  const int size() const { return d; }
  const T& operator[](int i) const { return vec_[i]; }
 T& operator[](int i) { return vec [i]; }
 Vector operator+() const { return *this; }
 Vector operator-() const;
 T Sum() const;
 T Dot(const Vector& v) const;
private:
 T vec [d];
};
```



```
template <typename T, int d>
Vector<T, d> Vector<T, d>::operator-() const {
 Vector<T, d> ret;
 for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) ret.vec [i] = -vec [i];
 return ret;
template <typename T, int d>
T Vector<T, d>::Sum() const {
 T ret = T();
 for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) ret += vec [i];
 return ret;
template <typename T, int d>
T Vector<T, d>::Dot(const Vector& v) const {
 T ret = T();
 for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) ret += vec [i] * v.vec [i];
 return ret;
```



```
template <typename T, int d>
class Vector {
public:
 // ....
 template <typename S>
 Vector<S, d> cast() const {
    Vector<S, d> ret;
    for (int i = 0; i < d; ++i) ret[i] = static_cast<S>(vec_[i]);
    return ret;
private:
 T vec [d];
};
int main() {
 Vector<int, 3> v, w;
 Vector<int, 3>::DataType dot = v.Dot(-w);
 Vector<double, 3> x = v.cast<double>();
 cout << x.Sum();</pre>
 return 0;
```



```
int main() {
 Vector<int, 3> v;
 return 0;
template <>
class Vector<int, 3> {
public:
 typedef int DataType; // Access as Vector<T, d>::DataType.
 Vector() { for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) vec [i] = int(); }
 Vector(const Vector& v) { for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) vec_[i] = v.vec_[i]; }</pre>
  const int size() const { return d; }
 const int& operator[](int i) const { return vec_[i]; }
  int& operator[](int i) { return vec [i]; }
 Vector operator+() const { return *this; }
 Vector operator-() const;
  int Sum() const;
  int Dot(const Vector& v) const;
private:
  int vec_[3];
```

Class Templates



- Can also "generalize" classes template<class T>
 - Can also apply to class definition
 - All instances of "T" in class definition replaced by type parameter
 - Just like for function templates!
- Once template defined, can declare objects of the class

Class Template Definition



```
template<class T>
class Pair
 public:
       Pair();
       Pair(T firstVal, T secondVal);
       void setFirst(T newVal);
       void setSecond(T newVal);
       T getFirst() const;
       T getSecond() const;
 private:
       T first; T second;
```

Template Class Pair Members



```
template<class T>
Pair<T>::Pair(T firstVal, T secondVal)
       first = firstVal;
       second = secondVal;
template<class T>
void Pair<T>::setFirst(T newVal)
       first = newVal;
```

Template Class Pair



- Objects of class have "pair" of values of type T
- Can then declare objects:

```
Pair<int> score;
Pair<char> seats;
```

- Objects then used like any other objects
- Example uses:

```
score.setFirst(3);
score.setSecond(0);
```

Pair Member Function Definitions



- Notice in member function definitions:
 - Each definition is itself a "template"
 - Requires template prefix before each definition
 - Class name before :: is "Pair<T>"
 - Not just "Pair"
 - But constructor name is just "Pair"
 - Destructor name is also just "~Pair"

Class Templates as Parameters



- Consider: int addUP(const Pair<int>& the Pair);
 - The type (int) is supplied to be used for T in defining this class type parameter
 - It "happens" to be call-by-reference here
- Again: template types can be used anywhere standard types can

Class Templates Within Function Templates



• Rather than defining new overload:

```
template<class T>
T addUp(const Pair<T>& the Pair);
//Precondition: Operator + is defined for values of type T
//Returns sum of two values in thePair
```

Function now applies to all kinds of numbers

Predefined Template Classes



- Recall vector class
 - It's a template class!
- Another: basic_string template class
 - Deals with strings of "any-type" elements
 - e.g.,

```
basic_string<char> works for char's basic_string<double> works for doubles basic_string<YourClass> works for YourClass objects
```

vector - a resizable array



- Iterator: access the elements in the container iteratively in order.
 - Const and non-const types: const_iterator and iterator.
 - In many cases, it can considered as a pointer to an element.

```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(void) {
// vector(sz)
vector<int> v(10);
for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i) v[i] = i;</pre>
// begin(), end()
for (vector<int>::iterator it = v.begin(); it != v.end(); ++it) {
  cout << " " << *it;
// Output: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
// rbegin(), rend()
for (vector<int>::reverse_iterator it = v.rbegin(); it != v.rend(); ++it) {
  cout << " " << *it;
// Output: 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
```

basic_string Template Class



- Already used it!
- Recall "string"
 - It's an alternate name for basic_string<char>
 - All member functions behave similarly for basic_string<T>
- basic_string defined in library <string>
 - Definition is in std namespace

Inline Function



- Request the compiler to insert the function body in the place that the function is called.
 - The function body will not be included in the object file.
- Compilers are not obligated to respect this request.
- Member functions defined in the class definition are inlined.
- Inline function definitions are placed in header files.
- Pros/cons: eliminate function call overhead / code bloat.

```
inline void Swap(int& a, int& b) {
  int tmp = a;
  a = b;
  b = tmp;
}
```

Thank you!

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