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weak_ptr must be converted to shared ptr inorder to access the referenced Object using lock() method.

wpl.lock() return a shared pointer if the Object is valid or empty shared pointer if Object is not valid

This like

expired() ? shared_ptr<T>() : shared_ptr (*this)

eg:

weak_ptr<myclass> wpl = spl

↓ creating a wkptr

Now

class A

{ weak_ptr<A> wpl;

}

spl(new A)

sp2(new A)

spl->setAdj(sp2)

sp2->setAdj(spl) } — There will not be cyclic reference and Object will be deleted.

wpl->print() X NOT work first get shared_ptr from it and then call

wpl->lock()->print()

why custom deleter?

```
// legacy code
class A
{
  ...
  void release() {...}
  ~A() {...}
};

A *aptr = new A();
...
aptr->release();
delete aptr;
```

why we need to call release before deleting the ptr

→ legacy code so we do not have access to change it

what is the problem here?
[If we use smart pointer here then this release method will not be called. never get call it will call only default destructor

Custom deleter for shared_ptr

↓

specified in the constructor of smart pointer

```
shared_ptr<A> spA(new A(), &deleteA);
```

If we not provide our own deleteA then it will call default delete operator which will call delete on A object which will A destructor and release() method will not be called.

deleter can be

- a fn pointer
- A lambda fn
- functor

Ex. deleter function using for pointer

```
void deleteA(A* ptr)
{
    cout<<"Deleting"<<endl;
    if(ptr)
    {
        ptr->release(); // we Need to
        delete ptr;
    }
}
```

explicitly call release method in the deleter.

custom deleter

```
shared_ptr<A> spA(new A(),
                  &deleteA);
```

custom deleter using lambda exp.

```
shared_ptr<A> spA(new A(),
    [](A* ptr) { cout<<"Deleting"<<en
                 dl;
        if(ptr)
        {
            ptr->release();
            delete ptr;
        }
    });
```

Custom deleter using functor

```
class Del
{ public:
    void operator() (A* ptr)
    { cout << "Deleting" << endl;
      if(ptr)
      { ptr->release();
        delete ptr;
      }
    }
};
shared_ptr<A> sp(new A(), Del());
```

custom deleter for unique_ptr

specified in the constructor. deleter type will be part of unique_ptr type

```
unique_ptr<A, function<void(A*)>>
p(new A(), [](A* ptr) { cout <<
"deleting" << endl;
    delete p;
});
```

(321)

Reference → it is like alias of b

int a = 10 — b is a reference of a

int &b = a

int &a; ✗ — int b; int &a = b

int &j = 5 ✗ — const int &j = 5

int &i = (j + k) ✗ — not

exp computation in temp which is kind of const.

→ const int &i = j + k;

Call by ref.

value of b is copied to int c, value of c

```
void call_by_val(int &b, int c)
{
    cout << b << &b << endl;
    cout << c << c << endl;
}

int main()
{   int a = 10, b = 20
    call_by_val(a, b)
```

b and a will start refering to same loc.

* we cannot have a unassigned reference, or ref to literal or ref to exp.

* we can a const ref to literal and expression.

Ex. 2

```
int ret_const (const int &x)
{
    ++x   X
    int return (x+1) allowed
}
```

return by value

```
int returnbyval(int &x)
{
    return (x)
}
int main()
{
    int a = 10
    int b = returnbyval (a) ✓
    int &b = return byval(a) X
```

since while returing value x is getting copied to temporary and and it is expression which is constant and we cannot have a reference to exp so make (b) as const ref.

```
const int &b = returnbyval
```

(323) return by reference

int & return_by_ref(int &x)
{
    return(x) → It is not returning the value of x but reference of it i.e address of x i.e ref of x which is an alias of x.
}

int a=10

const int &b= return_by_ref(a);

int &b= return_by_ref(a)

b= return_by_ref(a)

so b now becomes an alias of x.

* while return by ref we should not return ref of local variable it is unpredictable

ex.2

int & return_ref(int &x) { return(x); }

int a=10, b

b= return_ref(a)

return_ref(a)=3

a= cout a=

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Ex. 2

```
int & return_ref( int &x)
{
    int t = a
    ++t;
    return (t);
}
int a=10, b;
b= return_ref(a)
return_ref(a)=3
```

⊗ unpredictable value

We should always return ref or live variable like

(1) heap
(b) static, global

```
int a = 10, &b=a;
&b=c
```

In C++ reference stores the add but there is no way to access hold of that add.

The reference in Java and C++ has a different.