

Move Semantics



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/*
 * Topics:
 *   . Stealing from temporary objects
 *   . What is a temporary
 *   . Taking addresses of temporaries and seeing what happens
 *   . rvalue references
 *   . lvalues and rvalues passed to functions
 *   . Add move semantics to the Canvas class
 *   . return values and copy ellision
 *   . const overloads
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Move Semantics: The basics

```
int x{ 5 }; // x,y and z are all lvalues, they have a memory address we
int y{ 10 }; // can retrieve and use later on ,
int z{ 20 }; // as long as the variables are in scope.

int *ptr = &x;

z = (x + y);
fmt::println("z : {}", z);
// fmt::println( "&(x+y) : {}" , (&(x+y)) );

double result = add(10.1, 20.2); // The result of add(10.1,20.2), is stored in some memory
                                // location for a short time, before it's assigned to result, and after it's copied
                                // into result, the memory is reclaimed by the system.
                                // add(10.1,20.2) is (evaluates to) an rvalue

// fmt::println( "address of add(10.1,20.2) : {}" , &(add(10.1,20.2)) ); //Error
fmt::println("result is : {}", result);

// Grab the addresses for later use

// int * ptr1 = &(x + y); // Compiler error. The error clearly says what's wrong here
// int * ptr2 = &add(10.1,20.2); // Compiler error. Can only take address of an lvalue,
// add(10.1 , 20.2) evaluates to an rvalue.
// int* ptr3 = &45; // Compiler error.
int *ptr4 = &x; // OK. x is an lvalue, so we can grab its address
```

Move Semantics: Rvalue References



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                        // its lifetime is extended to the lifetime of the reference.

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void print_position(Position &pos){
    fmt::print("Position(lvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\\n", pos.x, pos.y);
}

void print_position(Position &&pos){
    fmt::print("Position(rvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\\n", pos.x, pos.y);
}

int main(){
    print_position(Position{ 10, 20 }); // The rvalue overload is called
}
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int main(){
    Position pos{ 30, 40 };
    print_position(pos); // The lvalue reference overload is called here
}
```

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void print_position(Position &&pos){  
    fmt::print("Position(rvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\\n", pos.x, pos.y);  
}  
  
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    print_position(pos); // Error!  
}
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    fmt::print("Position(rvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\\n", pos.x, pos.y);  
}  
  
int main(){  
    Position pos{ 30, 40 };  
    print_position(std::move(pos)); // std::move casts an lvalue to an rvalue reference  
                                // it doesn't do any moving. Casting to an rvalue  
                                // helps the compiler find an overload taking an  
                                // rvalue reference, and if the object class supports  
                                // move semantics, we will move the data. We'll see  
                                // how to enable move semantics shortly.  
}
```

Move Semantics: Tricky Rvalues

```
/*  
 * Inside the rvalue overload, we have to use std::move again, because as soon as  
 * an rvalue is given the parameter name, it becomes an lvalue.  
 */  
void print_position(Position &pos){  
    fmt::print("Position(lvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\n", pos.x, pos.y);  
}  
  
void normalize_position(Position&& pos){  
    fmt::print("Position(rvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\n", pos.x, pos.y);  
}  
  
void print_position(Position &&pos){  
    fmt::print("Position(rvalue ref): x = {}, y = {}\n", pos.x, pos.y);  
    //normalize_position(pos); //pos is named here, so it's an lvalue, we need to cast it to an rvalue reference  
    //normalize_position(std::move(pos)); //pos is now an rvalue reference  
}  
  
int main(){  
    Position pos{ 30, 40 };  
    print_position(std::move(pos)); // The rvalue reference overload is called here  
}
```

Adding move semantics to Canvas

```
//Adding a move constructor and a move assignment operator
export class Canvas {
public:
    Canvas(std::size_t width, std::size_t height);
    Canvas(const Canvas& src);
    ~Canvas();

    Canvas& operator=(const Canvas& rhs);

    // Add move semantics
    Canvas(Canvas&& other) noexcept; // Move constructor
    Canvas& operator=(Canvas&& other) noexcept; // Move assignment operator

    void modify_pixel(std::size_t x, std::size_t y, const Pixel& pixel);
    Pixel& retrieve_pixel(std::size_t x, std::size_t y);

    void swap(Canvas& other) noexcept;

    void print() const;

private:
    void verify_coordinate(std::size_t x, std::size_t y) const;

    std::size_t m_width{ 0 };
    std::size_t m_height{ 0 };
    Pixel** m_pixels{ nullptr };

};
```

Adding move semantics to Canvas

```
// Move constructor
/*
Canvas::Canvas(Canvas&& other) noexcept
    : m_width{other.m_width}, m_height{other.m_height}, m_pixels{other.m_pixels} {
    other.m_width = 0;
    other.m_height = 0;
    other.m_pixels = nullptr;
}
*/

// Move constructor in terms of std::exchange
/*
Canvas::Canvas(Canvas&& other) noexcept
    : m_width{std::exchange(other.m_width, 0)},
    m_height{std::exchange(other.m_height, 0)},
    m_pixels{std::exchange(other.m_pixels, nullptr)} {}
*/

// Move constructor in terms of the swap method
Canvas::Canvas(Canvas&& other) noexcept{
    fmt::println("Move constructor");
    swap(other); // Steal the data from other and let it die.
}
```

Adding move semantics to Canvas

```
// Move assignment operator.  
Canvas& Canvas::operator=(Canvas&& other) noexcept {  
    if (this != &other) {  
        // Free the existing resource  
        for (std::size_t i = 0; i < m_width; ++i) {  
            delete[] m_pixels[i];  
        }  
        delete[] m_pixels;  
  
        // Move the data  
        m_width = other.m_width;  
        m_height = other.m_height;  
        m_pixels = other.m_pixels;  
  
        // Reset the other object  
        other.m_width = 0;  
        other.m_height = 0;  
        other.m_pixels = nullptr;  
    }  
    return *this;  
}
```

Adding move semantics to Canvas

```
// Move assignment operator through the swap method
Canvas& Canvas::operator=(Canvas&& other) noexcept {
    fmt::println("Move assignment operator");
    if (this == &other) {
        return *this;
    }
    swap(other);
    // Whatever the current object was pointing to is moved into the temporary
    // which should die after a while when it's no longer in use. The destructor
    // will release the memory
    return *this;
}
```

Adding move semantics to Canvas

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// Move assignment operator in terms of std::exchange
Canvas& Canvas::operator=(Canvas&& other) noexcept {
    if (this != &other) {
        // Free the existing resource
        for (std::size_t i = 0; i < m_width; ++i) {
            delete[] m_pixels[i];
        }
        delete[] m_pixels;

        // Move the data using std::exchange
        m_width = std::exchange(other.m_width, 0);
        m_height = std::exchange(other.m_height, 0);
        m_pixels = std::exchange(other.m_pixels, nullptr);
    }
    return *this;
}
```

Move Semantics: Testing out

```
raw::Canvas make_canvas(std::size_t width, std::size_t height){  
    return raw::Canvas(width, height);  
}  
  
int main(){  
  
    std::vector<raw::Canvas> canvases;  
    canvases.reserve(3);      // This reserves the capacity, not the size.  
  
    for(size_t i{0} ; i < 3 ; ++i){  
        fmt::println("Iteration: {}", i);  
        canvases.push_back(make_canvas(10,10)); // temporaries returned from the function  
                                                // are moved into the vector because now  
                                                // we support move semantics. They could  
                                                // have been copied otherwise.  
        fmt::println("");  
    }  
  
    raw::Canvas c(10,10);  
    c = make_canvas(20,20); // move semantics  
  
    raw::Canvas c2 (30,30);  
    c = c2;                // copy semantics  
}
```

Returning objects, move semantics and copy ellision

```
export raw::Canvas returning_objects_with_move_semantics(){

    //1. Mandatory Copy/Move Ellision C++17
    /*
    return raw::Canvas{10,10}; // nameless temporary returned: Mandatory Copy/Move Elision (C++17)
    */

    //2. Non mandatory Copy/Move Ellision: Named return value optimization
    /*
    raw::Canvas c1{10,10};
    return c1;
    */

    //3. std::move and its effects on return statements. Turns off ellision
    raw::Canvas c2{10,10};
    return std::move(c2);
}
```

Move semantics and const overloads

```
/*
    . One of the few places where passing by value is recommended.
    . You should mostly pass by const reference to avoid copies though
    . This only applies to cases where the parameter is copied anyway.
    . This also won't work on Polymorphic types where passing by value
        causes for the object to be sliced off.

*/
export class Scores{
    public:

        //Two overloads
        /*
        void set_scores(const std::vector<int>& scores){
            m_scores = scores;
        }
        void set_scores(std::vector<int>&& scores){
            m_scores = std::move(scores);
        }
        */

        //One function taing the vector by value
        void set_scores(std::vector<int> scores){
            m_scores = std::move(scores);
        }

    private:
        std::vector<int> m_scores;
};
```