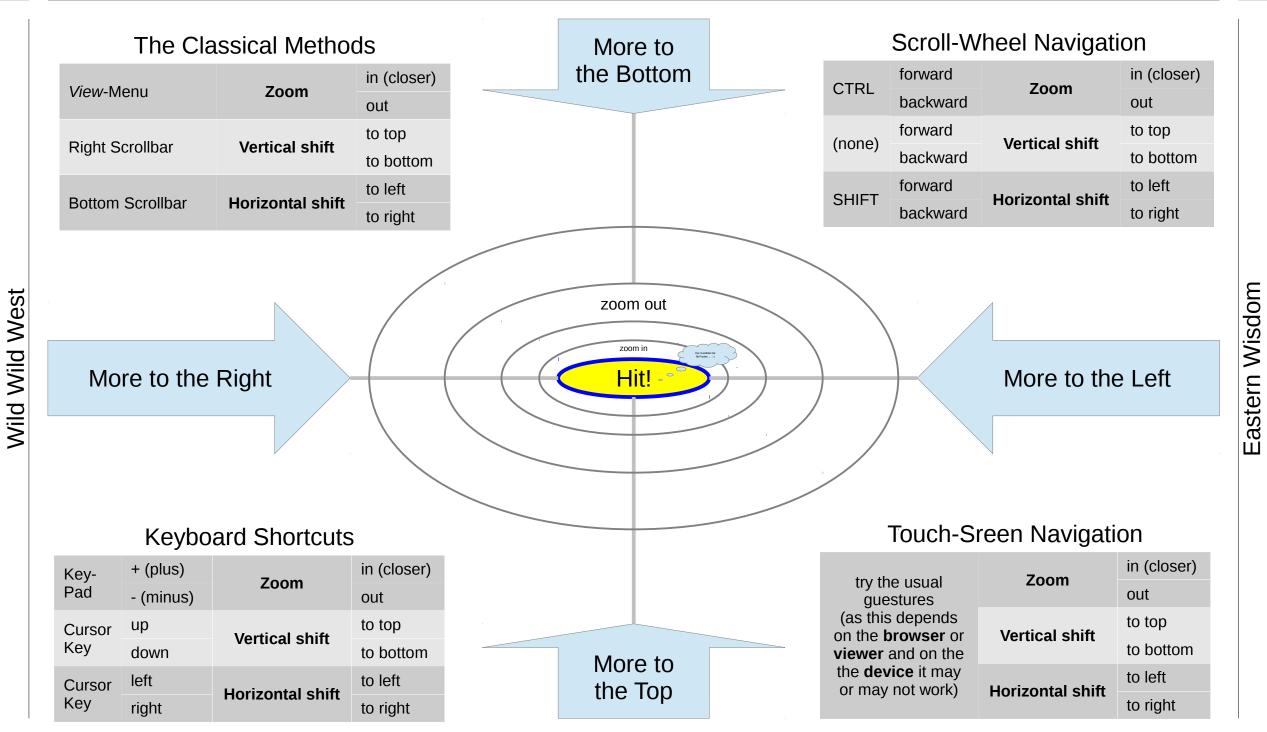
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Enjoy the White Nights



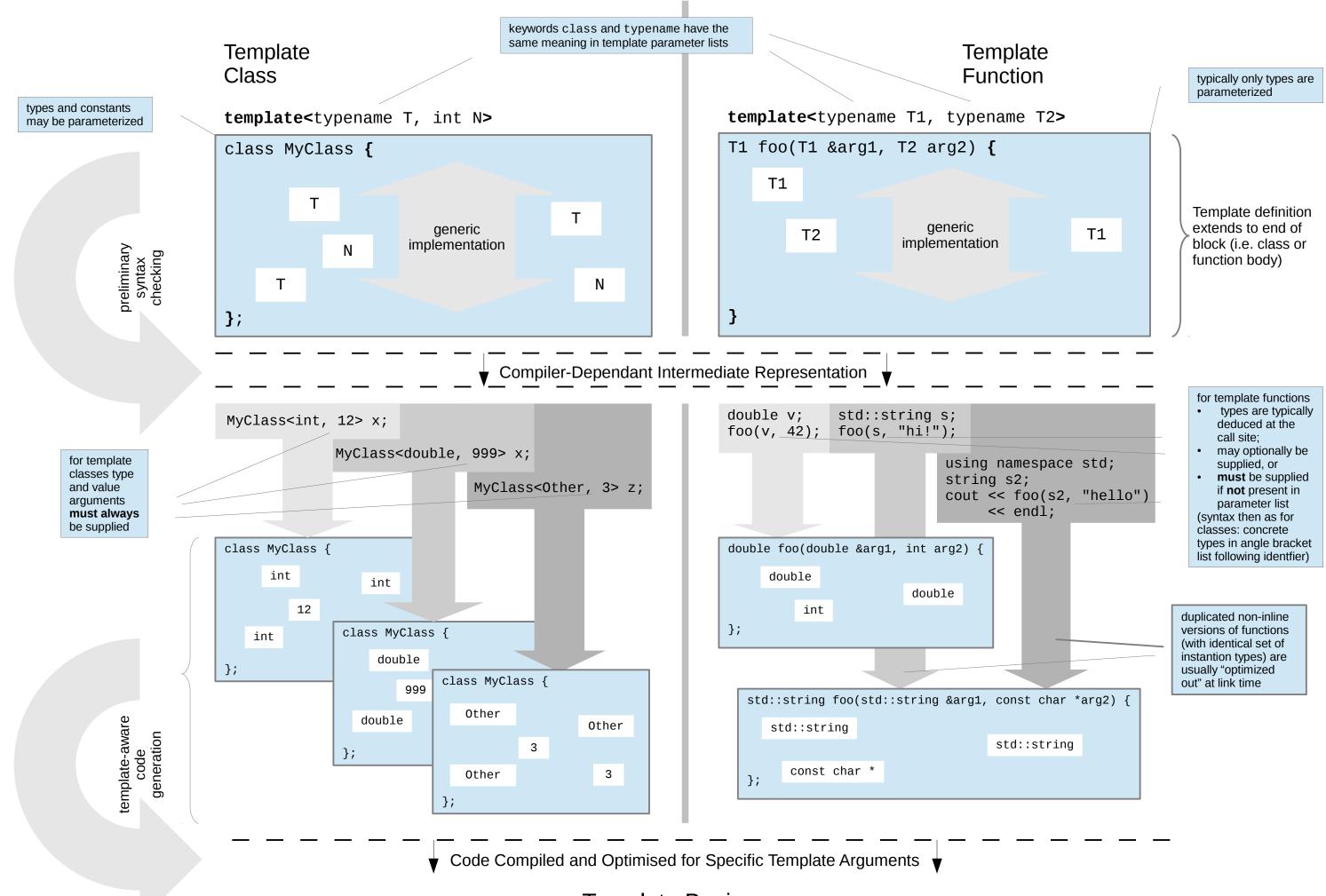
Beware of the Penguins

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Test Browser Navigation

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Parametrizing *Type* (double \rightarrow T) and *Size* (11 \rightarrow N+1)

```
class RingBuffer {
     double data[11];
protected:
     std::size_t iput;
     std::size_t iget;
     static std::size_t wrap(std::size_t idx) {
          return idx % 11;
                                   Parametrizing Type
public:
     RingBuffer()
          : iput(0), iget(0)
     bool empty() const {
          return (iput == iget);
     bool full() const {
          return (wrap(iput+1) == iget);
     std::size_t size() const {
          return (iput >= iget)
               ? iput - iget
               : iput + 11 - iget;
     void put(const double &);
     void get(double &);
     double peek(std::size t) const;
};
void RingBuffer::put(const double &e) {
     if (full())
                                    Parametrizing Size
          iget = wrap(iget+1);
     assert(!full());
     data[iput] = e;
     iput = wrap(iput+1);
void RingBuffer::get(double &e) {
     assert(!empty());
     e = data[iget];
     iget = wrap(iget+1);
double RingBuffer::peek(std::size t offset = 0) const {
     assert(offset < size());</pre>
     return data[wrap(idx + offset)];
                                             RingBuffer b;
```

```
template<typename Type>
class RingBuffer {
    Type data[11];

    void put(const Type &),
    void get(Type &);
    Type peek(std::size_t) const;
};

template<typename Type>
void RingBuffer<Type>::put(const Type &e) {
    ...
}

template<typename Type>
void RingBuffer<Type>::get(Type &e) {
    ...
}

template<typename Type>
void RingBuffer<Type>::get(Type &e) {
    ...
}
template<typename Type>
rype RingBuffer<Type>::peek(std::size_t offset = 0) const {
    ...
}
```

It makes sense to use the net-size here as leaving the last slot empty to differ between an empty and a full buffer can be considered to be an implementation detail.

```
template<std::size_t Size>
class RingBuffer {
       double data[Size+1];
       static std::size_t wrap(std::size_t idx) {
              return Size+1;
       std::size t size() const {
              return (iput >= iget)
                     ? iput - iget
                     : iput + (Size+1) - iget;
      }
template<std::size_t Size>
void RingBuffer<Size>::put(const double &e) {
template<std::size_t Size>
void RingBuffer<Size>::get(double &e) {
template<std::size_t Size>
double RingBuffer<Size>::peek(std::size_t offset = 0) const {
                              RingBuffer<100> b;
                              RingBuffer<30> b2;
```

```
template<typename T, std::size_t N>
class RingBuffer {
     T data[N+1];
protected:
     std::size_t iput;
     std::size t iget;
     static std::size t wrap(std::size t idx) {
          return idx % (N+1);
public:
     RingBuffer()
          : iput(0), iget(0)
     {}
     bool empty() const {
          return (iput == iget);
     bool full() const {
          return (wrap(iput+1) == iget);
     std::size t size() const {
          return (iput >= iget)
               ? iput - iget
               : iput + (N+1) - iget;
     void put(const T &);
     void get(T \&);
     T peek(std::size_t) const;
};
template<typename T, std::size_t N>
void RingBuffer<T, N>::put(const T &e) {
     if (full())
          iget = wrap(iget+1);
     assert(!full());
     data[iput] = e;
     iput = wrap(iput+1);
template<typename T, std::size_t N>
void RingBuffer<T, N>::get(T &e) {
     assert(!empty());
     e = data[iget];
     iget = wrap(iget+1);
template<typename T, std::size_t N>
T RingBuffer<T, N>::peek(std::size_t offset = 0) const {
     assert(offset < size());</pre>
     return data[wrap(idx + offset)];
                              RingBuffer<double, 10> b;
                              RingBuffer<int, 10000> x;
                              RingBuffer<string, 42> y;
                              RingBuffer<MyClass, 9> z;
```

Execution Path taken for Exception Exception Class Hierarchies function catching Ex1 maybe function possibly throwing Ex1 run-time function maybe startup main more calls Standard C++ std:: exception exception classes global initialisation std:: if (...) runtime_error throw Ex1(..) try { only as an example fx(...); f1(...) local Execption class cleanup extensions specific to an application or library catch (Ex1 &e) { global cleanup Ex1 Ex2 Ex3 ... if (...) try { try { throw Ex1(...); throw Ex1(...); throw Ex1(...); catch (Ex2 &e) { catch (Ex1 &e) { try { catch (Ex2 &e) { catch (Ex &e) { if (...) catch (Ex1 &e) { if (...) throw Ex1(...); throw Ex2(...); throw Ex2(...); ... if (...) if (...) throw Ex3(...); **Enabling Handler Blocks** thrów Ex3(...); **Exception Classes** Grouping Viewn as Labels **Exceptions** ... if (...) throw 42; if (...) throw Ex1(...); Catch Any try { try { try { if (...) Exception throw Ex1(...); catch (___.) { catch (Ex1 &e) { catch (Ex1 &e) {

Exception Basics
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throw std::runtime_error(...);

partial recovery only

throw;

Re-throw exception

Code-Units (as Stored in Memory)

Historically:

- narrow (8 bit) or
- wide (16 bit) characters or
- switching character sets or
- variable length encodings

UTF-8

- code units are 8 bit wide
- 7 bit ASCII requires a single (8 bit) byte only
- characters used in most western languages can be represented in two bytes
- characters from most languages still in use do not require more than three bytes (24 bit)
- no code point uses more than four bytes (32 bit)

UTF-16

- code units are 16 bit wide
- characters from most languages still in use are represented in one Code-Unit (16 bits)
- no code point uses more than two code units (32 bit)
- since UCS2 was dropped in favour of UCS4 the mapping between code points and code units is not any more a 1:1

UTF-32

- code units are 32 bit wide
- mapping is always 1:1 (as UCS4 uses 21 bits only, an application might store other character specific data in the remaining 11 bits)

As the mappings are standardized there are library solutions (now also in C++11)

> most technical solutions aimed for a 1:1 mapping of code points and code units

Code-Points (as defined for the Character Set)

classic (7-Bit) ASCII

... 59 5A 5B 5C 5D 5E 5F 60 Y Z [\] ^ _

ISO 646-DE ("German" 7-bit ASCII Variant)

... 59 5A 5B 5C 5D 5E 5F 60 Y Z Ä Ö Ü ^ ` ...

ISO 8859-1 (8 bit)

... 5A 5B 5C ... A4 ... DB DC DD [\] ... ¤ ... Û Ü Ý ...

ISO 8859-15 (8 bit)

... 5A 5B 5C ... A4 ... DB DC DD [\] € Û Ü Ý ...

Initial Unicode Specification (16 bits)

UCS2 = 216 = 65536 Code Points

Later Unicode Extension (0x0 ... 0x10FFFF with some unused ranges)

UCS4 = 220 + 216 - 211= more than 1 Million Code Points 1) not all characters available at the same time

not unique from code points

2) future needs not anticipated

no precomposed form

Various Problems to be solved mainly by

Rendering Engine and Input Methods, and

some with additional Libraries like ICU

(http://ibm.com/software/globalization/icu/)

Visual Appearance

(as perceived by user)

- 3) combining characters introduced flexibility ...
- 4) ... but in combination with their precomposed variants also introduce ambiguities



Unicode

ways)

separates the

mapping issue

(and also defines several standard

- C++ character and string types are templated on the code unit size.
- No information about the character set is carried in the type!
- Furthermore, type wchar_t is implementation defined.

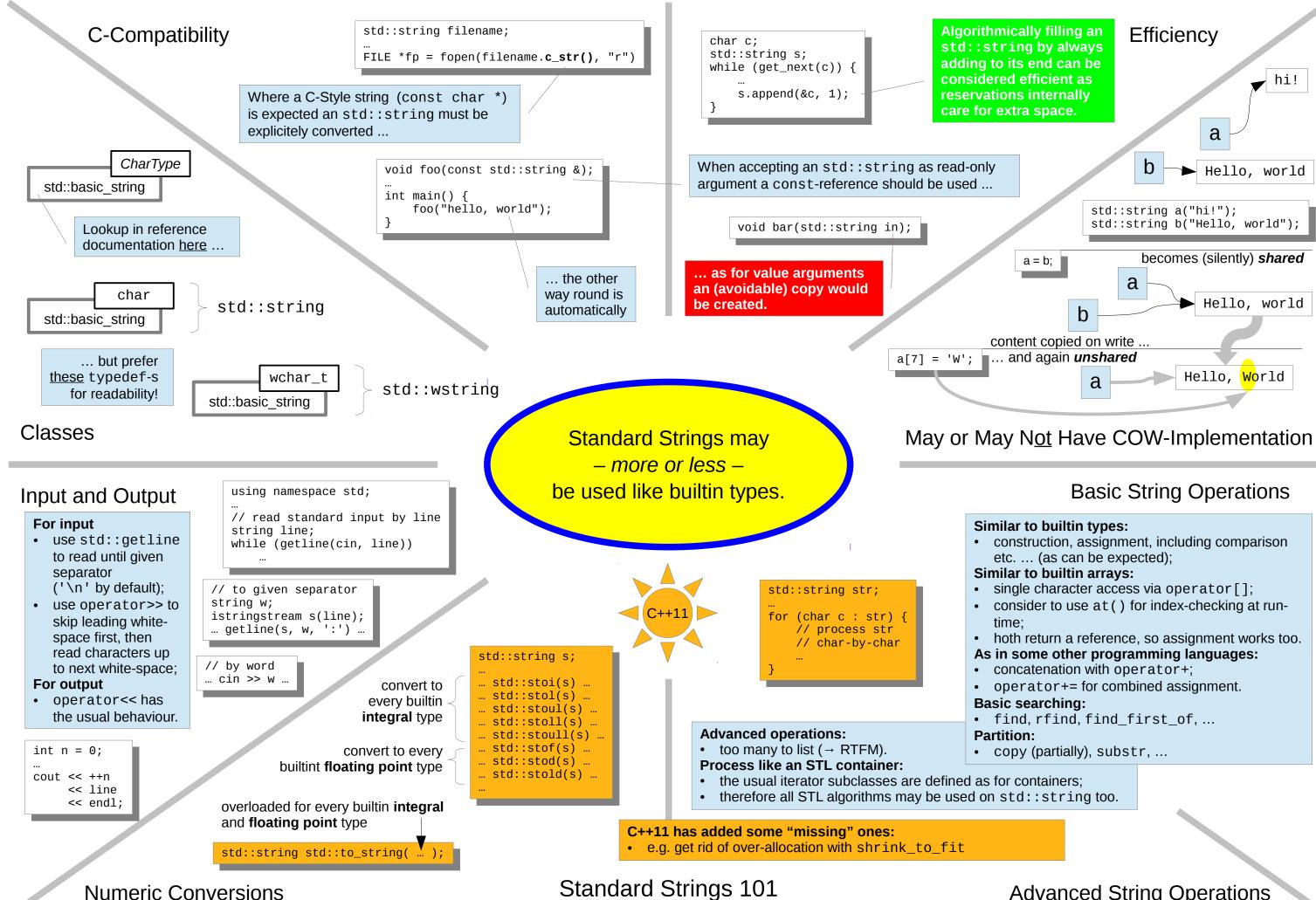
Code-Units vs. Code-Points

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- Behaviour of rendering engine and input method configured externally.
- File I/O-conversions may apply globally.



Standard Strings 101

Advanced String Operations





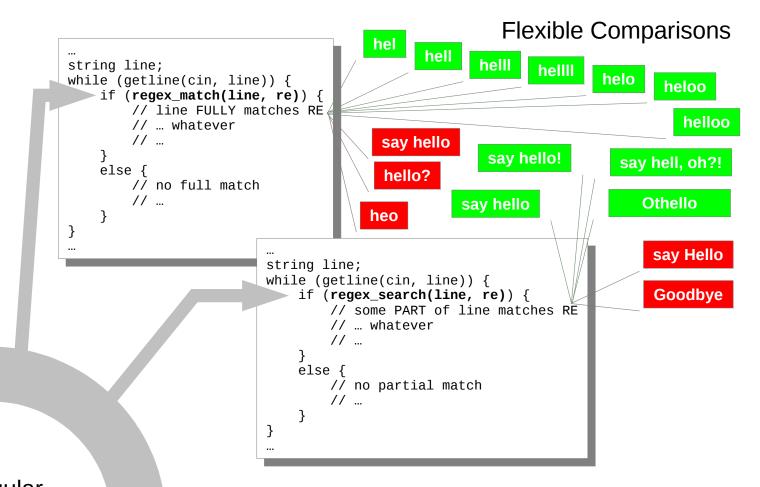
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <regex>
using namespace std;
...
int main() {
 regex re("he(l+)(o*)");
...
 string line;
 while (getline(cin, line)) {
 ... re ... // execute FSM
}

Regular Expression represented in Text Form

constructor

Regex-Object

(FSM representing the RE)



Substitution Format:

- may contain any text
- plus the placeholders \$0, \$1, ... for parts of the compared string matching parts of the reguler expression put in parentheseses.

```
...
const char fmt[] = R("
complete match: $0
matching el-s: $1
matching o-s: $2
...
)";
...
... regex_replace(line, re, fmt) ...
...
```

complete match: helloo matching el-s: ll matching o-s: oo Regular Expression Object

Match-Object:

- allows to access the parts of a string matching the parts of a regular expression put into round parentheses;
- has also a size() member function.



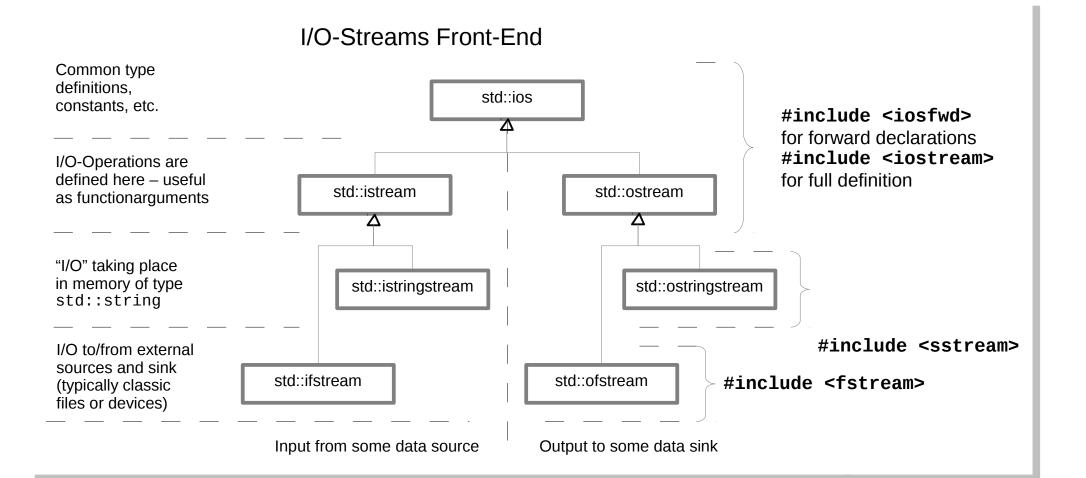
smatch m;

... m[0] m[1] ...

√m[2] ...

if (regex_search(line, m, re)) {
 // access matching parts

ions



Set ... Name is set? set explicitely all unset? unset all ios::failbit s.fail() s.clear(ios::failbit) ... on end of input ios::eofbit s.eof() s.clear(ios::eofbit) s.good() s.clear() ... on format error ios::badbit s.bad() s.clear(ios::badbit) (implem. defined) For keyboard input use: CTRL-D (Unix) or CTRL-Z (DOS) \n | \t | 6 \n int x; cin >> x; cin >> x; sets fail-bit cin >> x; cin.clear(); unset fail-bit cin.ignore(1); advance over non-digit cin >> x; __ cin >> x; cin >> x; __ _ _ cin.good() cin.good() = skip white.space = extract data characters

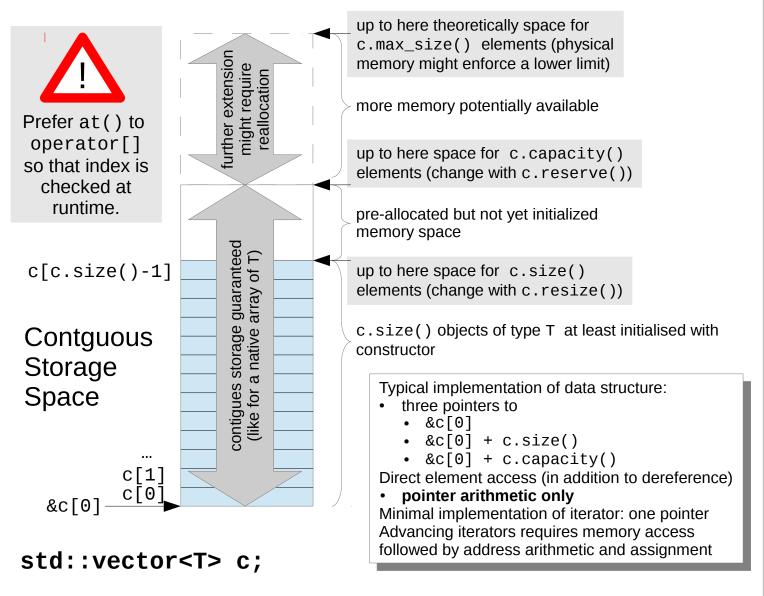
I/O-Stream States (assuming namespace std and stream named s)

used in standard library for implementation of std::istringstream std::ostringstream std::ifstreams std::ofstream

> useful for individual extensions though specal knowledge must be acquired

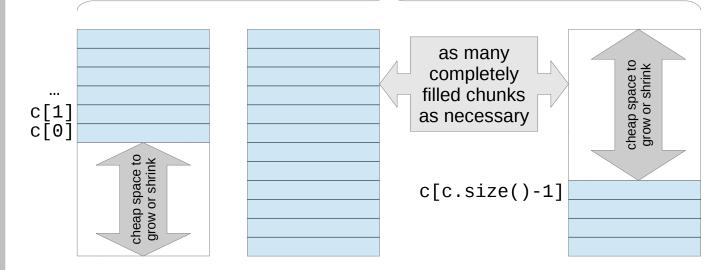
"day to day" use of C++ **User API** Input **Output** getc, gets ... • putc, puts ... operator< operator>> • ... **Buffer-Management** std::streambuf underflow() xsgetn() overflow() xsputn() specialisations for non-standard specialisations for standard sources sources and sinks and sinks available for in-memory I/O with std::string-s and classic files/devices Mandatory overrides: • underflow for input (provide one more character when buffer is exhausted) overflow for output (extract one character when buffer is full) More overrides may improve performance: xsgetn (provide more than one character) xsputn (extract more than one character)

I/O-Stream Basics



Double-Ended Queue

c.size() objects of type T at least initialised with constructor and typically some pre-allocated space before first and after last element





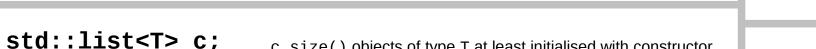
Typical implementation of data structure:

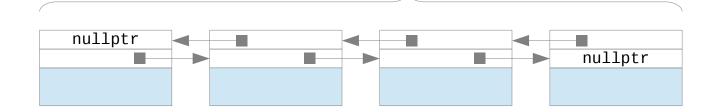
- pointer to first and last element
- one more pointer to
 - additional block holding pointers to chunks
- integral value for number of elements

Direct element access (in addition to dereference):

- presumably some "masking and shifting"
- indirect memory access
- address arithmetic

Minimal implementation of iterator: one pointer Advancing iterators requires memory access and test followed by either address arithmetic or assignment





Typical implementation:

- two pointers per element
- · pointer to first and last element
- integral value for number of elements

Direct element access not supported! Minimal implementation of iterator: one pointer Advancing iterators requires memory access followed by assignment

Substantial overhead if sizeof(T) is small.

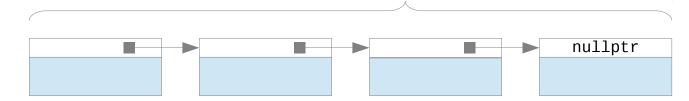
Double Linked List

c.size() objects of type T at least initialised with constructor

std::deque<T> c;

std::forward_list<T> c;

objects of type T initialised with constructor



Singly Linked List



Use c.empty() to check wether elements exist.

Typical implementation:

- one pointer per element
- only pointer to first element
- number of elements not stored!

Direct element access not supported!

Minimal implementation of iterator: one pointer Advancing iterators requires memory access followed by assignment

STL – Sequence Container Classes

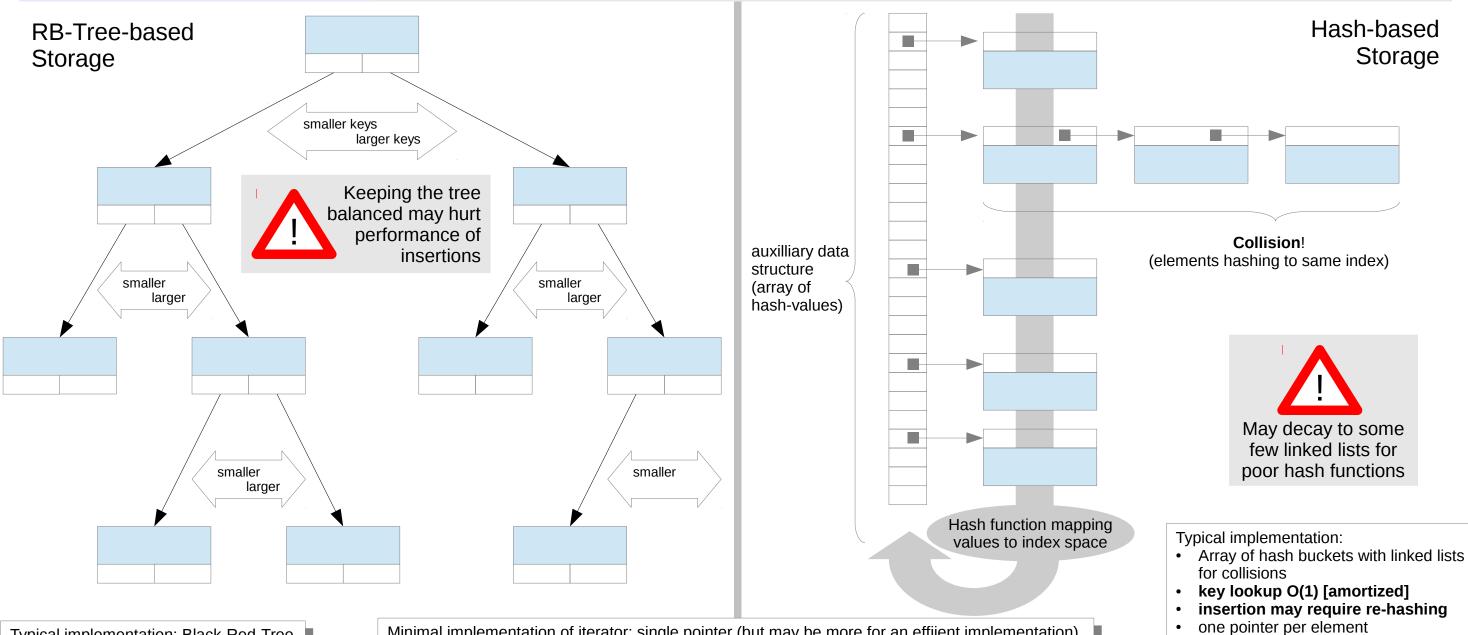
Contained elements	STL Cla	Restrictions	
objects of type T	std::set	std::unordered_set	unique elements guaranteed
	std::multiset	std::unordered_multiset	multiple elements possible (comparing equal to each other)
pairs of objects of type <i>T1</i> (key) and type <i>T2</i> (associated value)	std::map	std::unordered_map	unique keys guaranteed
	std::multimap	std::unordered_multimap	multiple keys possible (comparing equal to each other)

Storage

• for good performance ~20%

oversized array of pointers for

maximum number of elements

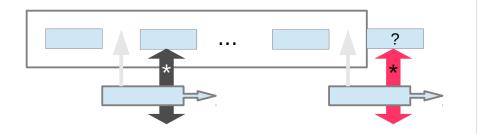


Typical implementation: Black-Red-Tree

- key lookup O(log₂ N)
- insertion may require re-balancing
- two pointers per element

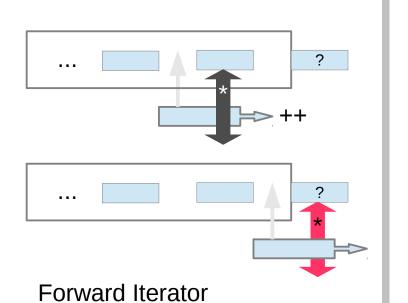
Minimal implementation of iterator: single pointer (but may be more for an efficient implementation). Advancing iterators requires some memory accesses and tests depending on the location of the node in the tree or hash bucket list, followed by assignment.

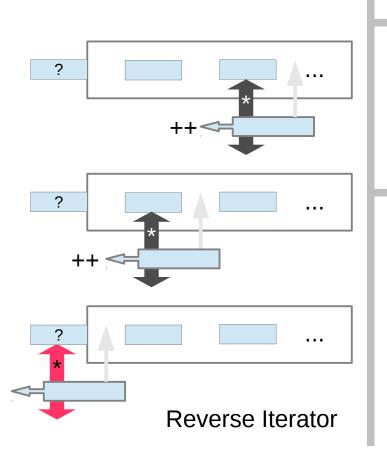
STL – Associative Container Classes

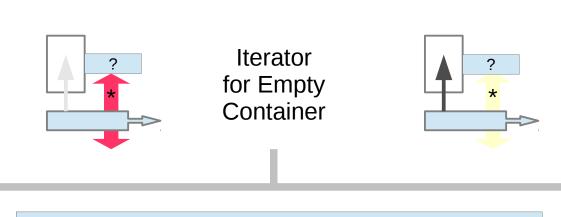


Emphasizing Element Access:

- Iterator points **onto** elements
- must not be derefenrenced in end position!

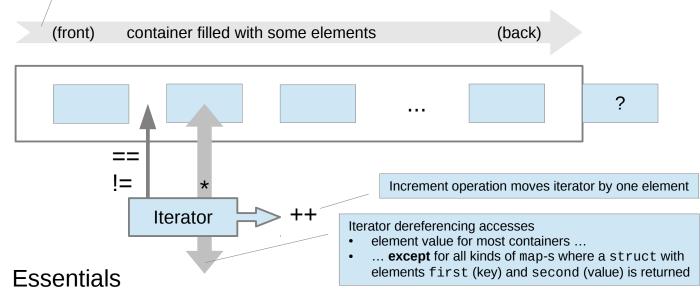


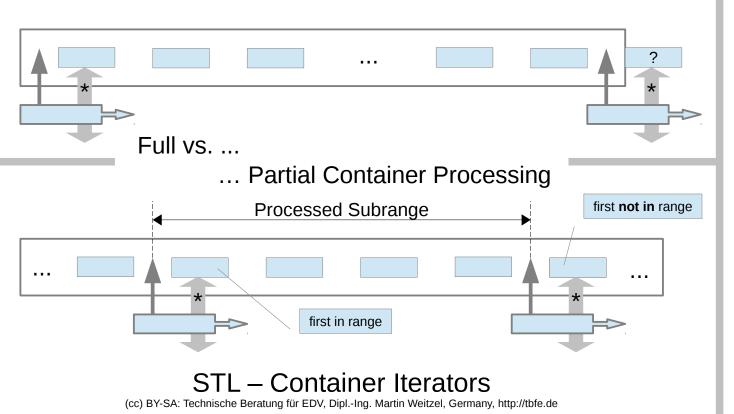


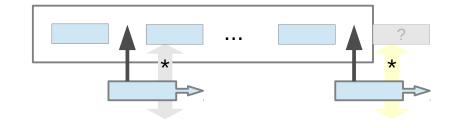


Order defined by

- insertion (deletion, explicit sorting ...) for vector, deque, list, forward_list
- **element order** for set and multiset
- **key order** for map and multimap
- implementation for unordered_-containers(i.e. technically unspecified)

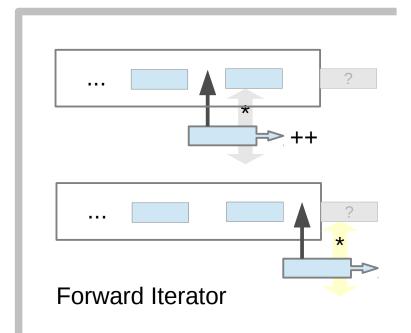


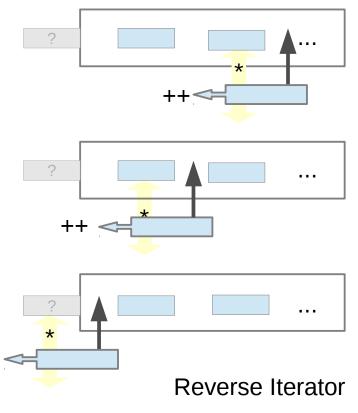


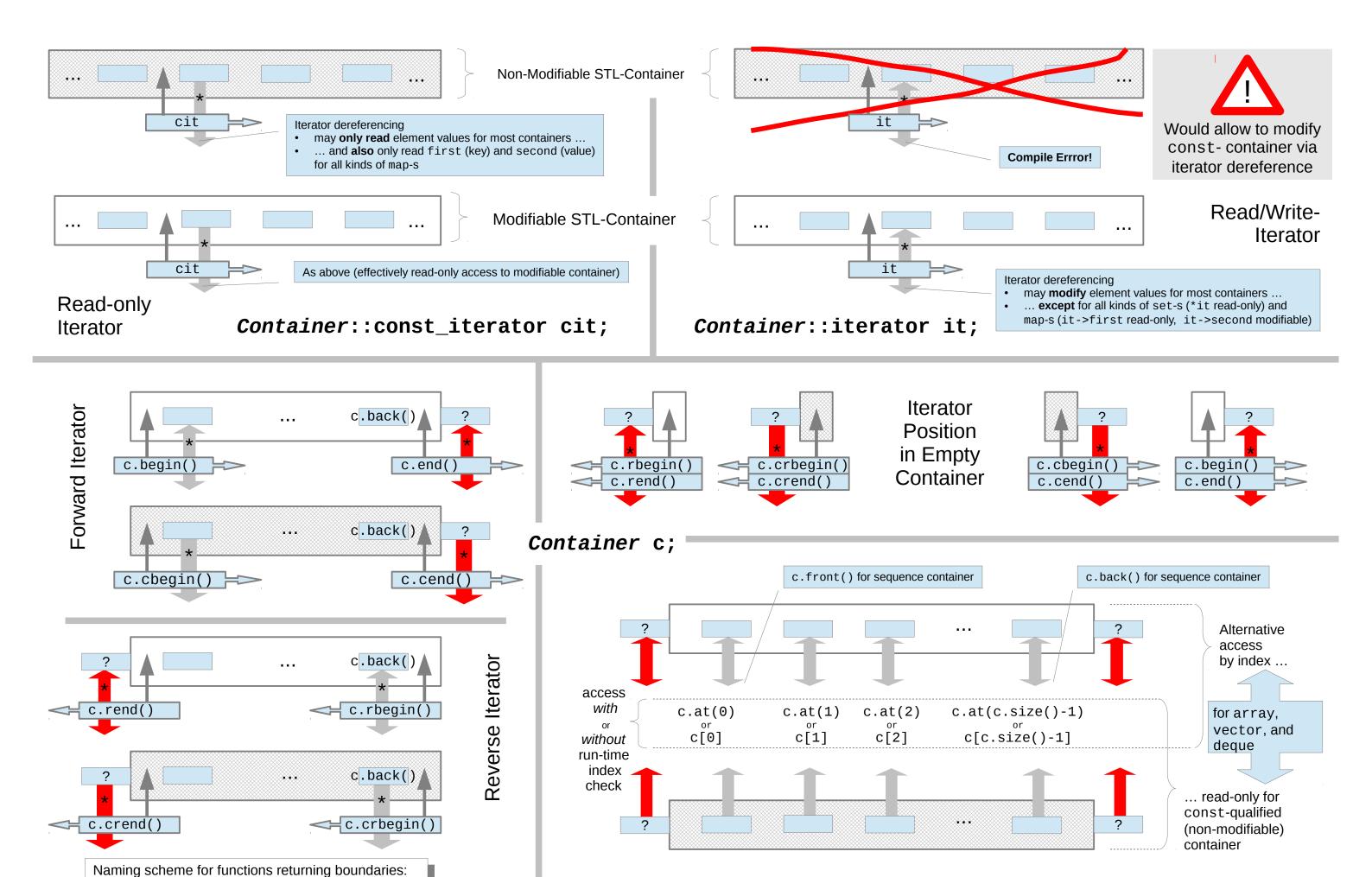


Emphasizing Current Position:

- Iterator points **between** elements
- accessed element lies in direction of move





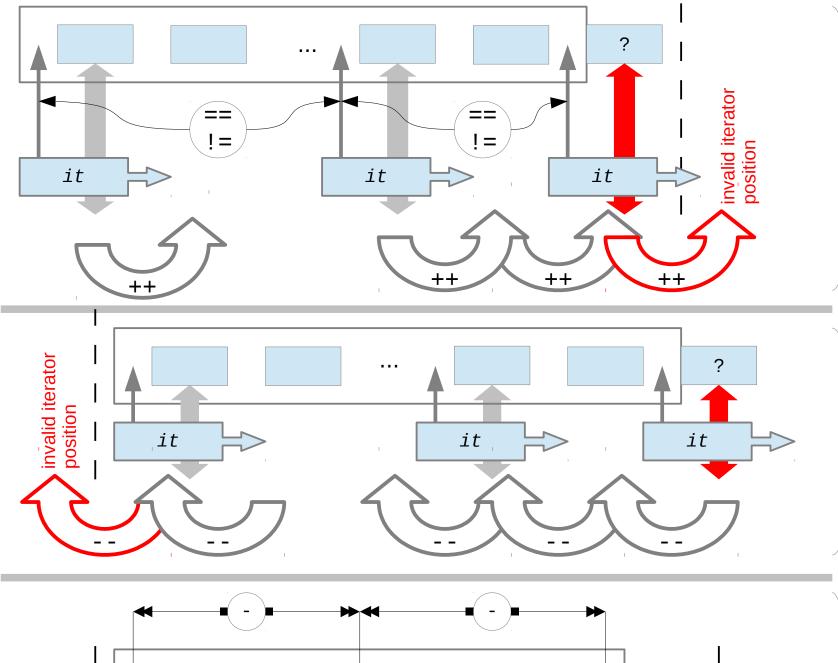


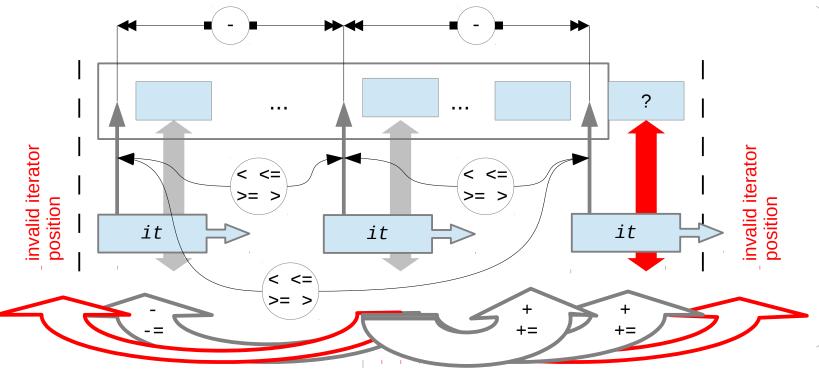
STL - Iterator Details

c... and **c**r... have **c**onst iterator results;

r... and c**r**... return **r**everse iterator-s.

Accessing Element via Index





Operations of **Unidirectional Iterators**

	Effect	Remarks
*it	access referenced element	undefined at
++it it++	advance to next element (usual semantic for pre-/postfix version)	container end
it == it	compare for identical position	operands must denote
it != it	compare for different position	existing element or end of same container

Additional Operations of **Bidirectional Iterators**

	Effect	Remarks
it it	advance to previous element (usual semantic for pre-/postfix version)	undefined at container begin

Additional Operations of **Random Access Iterators**

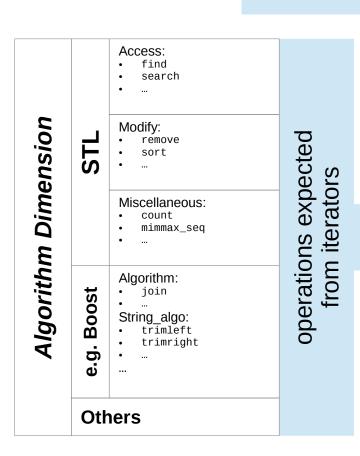
	Effect	Remarks		
it + n it += n	<i>it</i> advanced to n -th next element (previous if $n < 0$)	resulting iterator position must be inside container		
it - n it -= n	<i>it</i> advanced to n -th previous element (next if $n < 0$)	(denoze existing element or end)		
it - it	number of increments to reach rhs <i>it</i> from lhs <i>it</i>	operands must denote existing		
it < it	true lhs it before rhs it	element or end of same container		
it <= it	true if lhs <i>it</i> not after rhs <i>it</i>			
it >= it	true if lhs it not before rhs it			
it > it	true if lhs <i>it</i> after rhs <i>it</i>			

Library	$\left\{ \right.$
Kind of Container	$\left\{ \right.$
Data Structure	$\left\{ \right\}$
Class Name	
Iterator Category Dereferenced Iterator	

Container Dimension														
STL						Standard Strings	10010001		e.g. Boost Oth	Others				
Sequential Containers Associative Containers				Strings										
Ran	ndom Acc	ess	Sequenti	al Access	Tree	Hash	Tree	Hash		//O operations for some type T • ptr_set • More Maps			•	
array	vector	deque	list	forward_	set	unordered_ set	map	unordered_ map	string wstring			• bimap • multi_index		
array	Vector	ueque	TISC	list	multiset	unordered_ multiset	multimap	unordered_ multimap	wstring 			•		
Ra	ndom Acce Iterators	SS	Bidirectional Iterators	Unidirectional Iterators	Bidirectional Iterators		Random Access Iterators	Input Iterators	Output Iterators					
			accesses	s element			accesses k	ey-value-pair	single character	single iter	n of type <i>T</i>			

operations available via iterators

Iterators as "Glue"

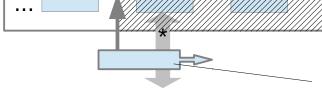


Failure to comply will cause a compile-time error, typically with respect to the header file that defines the algorithm.

Failure to comply will either cause a compiletime error or show at runtime and may depend on the kind of container.

to connect Containers with Algorithms

elements still physically present though no longer logically part of the container



"Removing" Elements ... returns "New End"

STL – Iterator Usages

Searching ... **Processed Elements** always valid for dereferencing ... Return Success ... not necessarily valid ... or Failure for dereferencing!

Filling ... Return State

Use of iterators to specify container elements to process:

whole container is specified via its begin() and end()

ending point is the first element **not** to process

• starting point is the first element to process

must only be used for write access

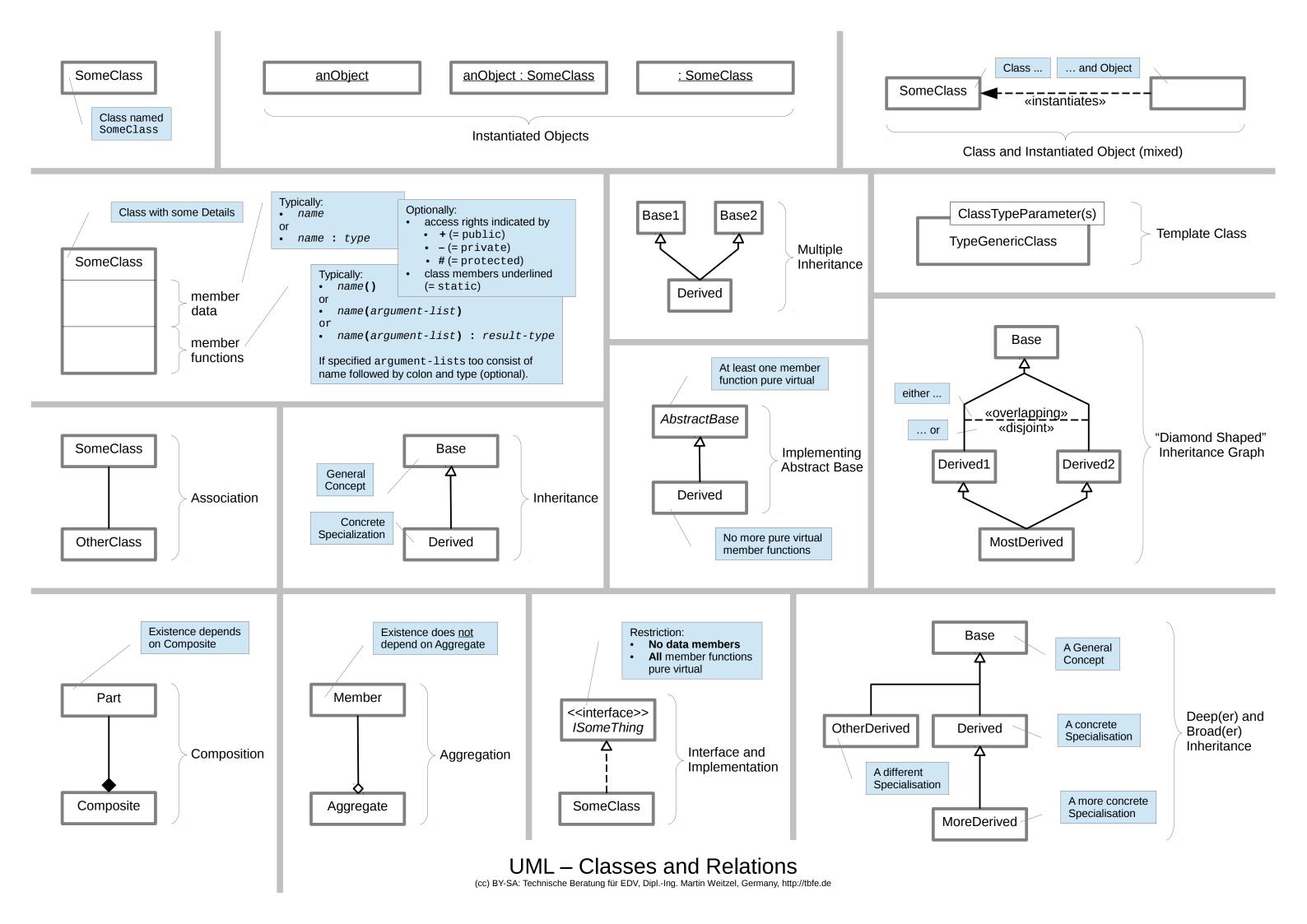
must only be used for read access

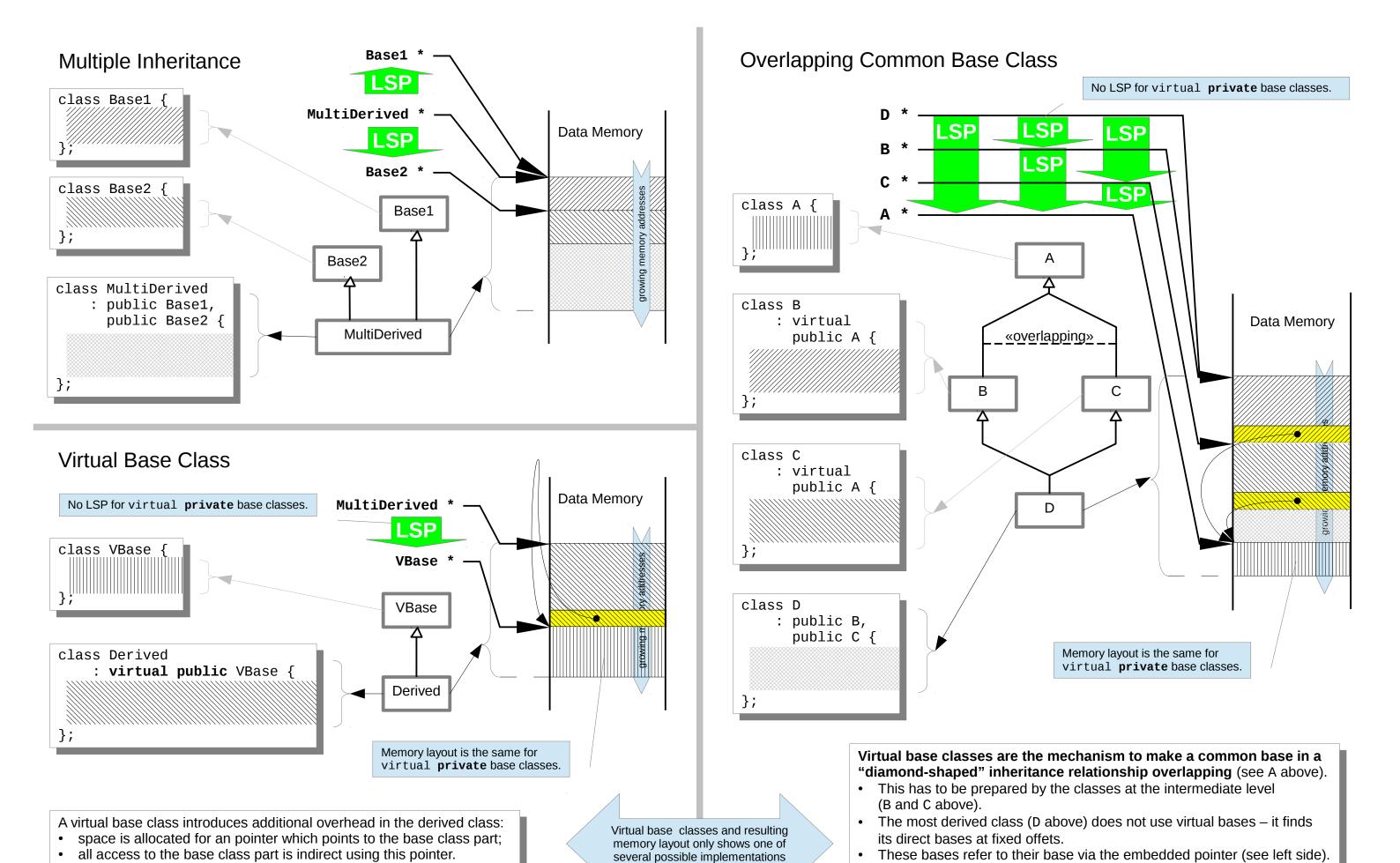
must follow each read exactly once

Input Iterators Semantic Restrictions

Output Iterators Semantic Restrictions

must follow each write exactly once

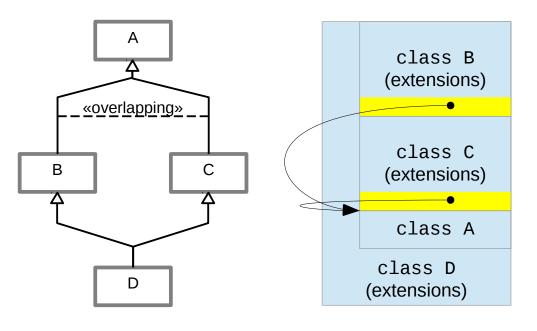




Multiple Inheritance and Virtual Base Classes

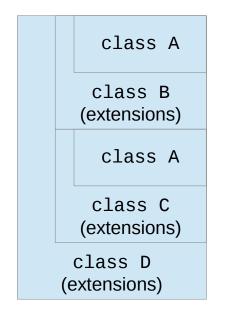
Both pointers are set to point to the same (embedded) base object.

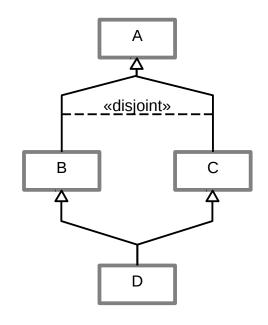
As far as is shown virtual base classes have no advantage.



Automatic Type Conversions					
to ←	from	→ to			
Α	Α	Α			
А	В	Α			
Α	С	Α			
A, B, C	D	B, C			

Up-Casts by LSP





UML Class Graph

Member Data to Memory Mapping

(showing one of several possible solutions)

Member Data to Memory Mapping (showing the *straight forward* solution)

UML Class Graph

C++ Source

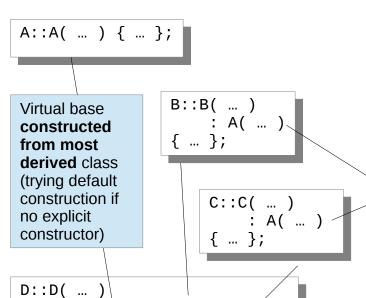
Order of Constructor Calls

A::A(...) MI-List, then Body

Creation and Destruction of D objects

C++ Source

class A {
}; class B : virtual public A {
}; class C : virtual public A {
}; class D : public B, public C {
};



: A('...'), B(...), C(...)

{ ... };

	·
B::B()	(remaining) MI-List except A::A(), then Body
C::C()	(remaining) MI-List except A::A(), then Body
D::D()	MI-list, then Body
Order or	f Destructor Calls
D::~D()	Body, chaining to
C::~C()	Body, chaining to
B::~B()	Body, chaining to
A::~A()	

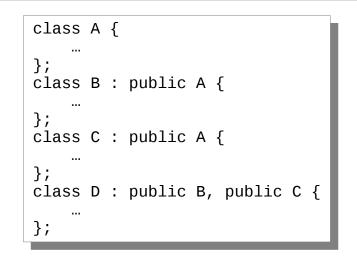
Special rule for calling virtual base class constructors:

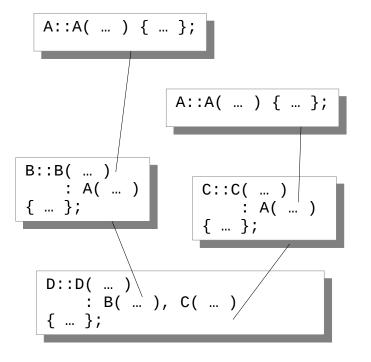
- executed when a B or C object is created stand-alone;
- ignored when a B or C base of class of D is created.

Order of Constructor Calls						
A::A()	base of B	MI-List, then Body				
B::B()		(remaining) MI-List, then Body				
A::A()	base of C	MI-List, then Body				
C::C()		(remaining) MI-List, then Body				
D::D()		(remaining) MI-List, then Body				
Orde	er of Destru	ictor Calls				
D::~D()		Body, chaining to				
C::~C()		Body, chaining to				
A::~A()	base of C	Body, chaining to				
B::~B()		Body, chaining to				
A::~A()	base of B	Body				

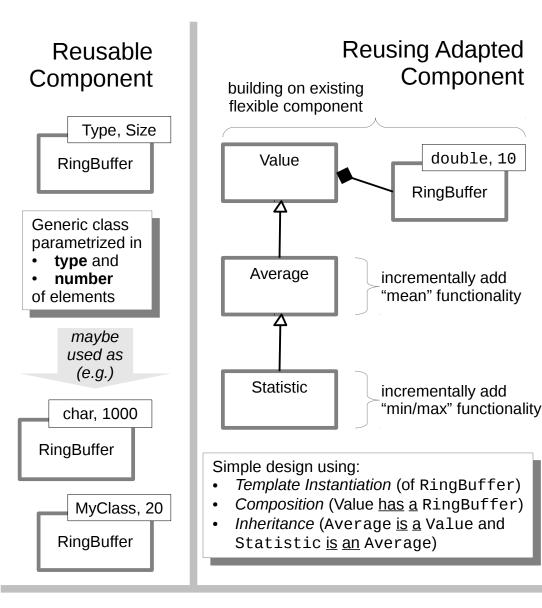
No special rule for calling (non-virtual) base class constructors:

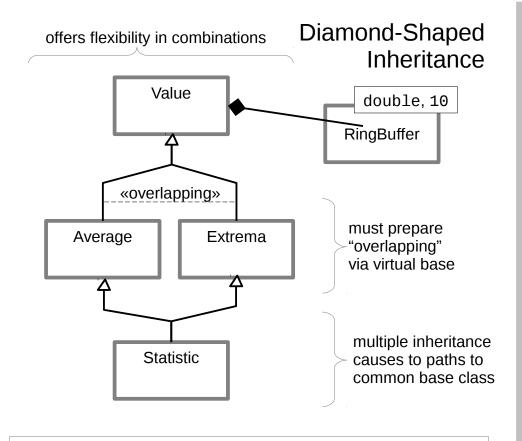
- each class cares for its direct base(s);
- · no knowledge wrt. indirect bases.





Diamond Shaped Inheritance





More flexible design with "diamond shaped" inheritance:

• ... for simple re-use in the most derived class (Statistic)

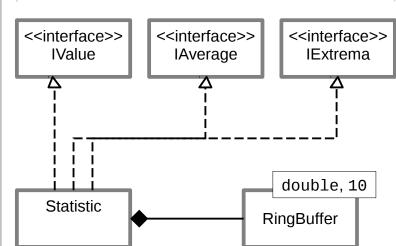
be used on its own

each of the classes (Value, Average, Extrema, Statistic) may

intermediate classes (Average, Value) must pay the "price" ...

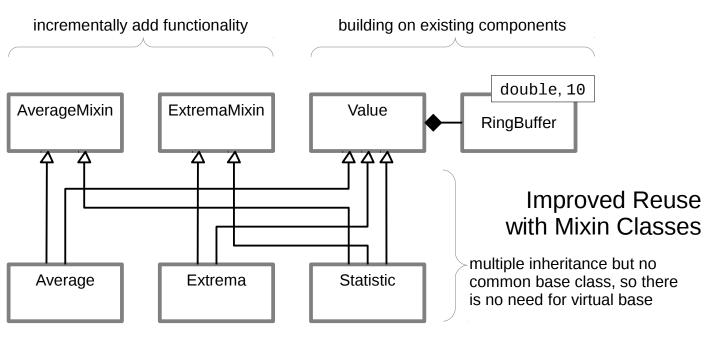
Three Interfaces

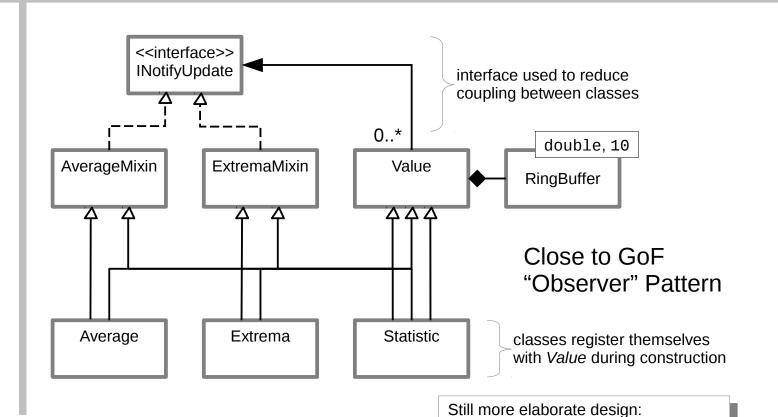
simplifies view for specific sub-systems



Alternative design with interfaces reducing coupling to clients, that do not need to know all the details:

- some clients may only need to handle Values
 (→ to know IValue is sufficient)
- others may need to handle Averages
 (→ to know IAverage is sufficient)
- Yetl others may need to handle Extremas
 (→ to know IExtrema is sufficient)



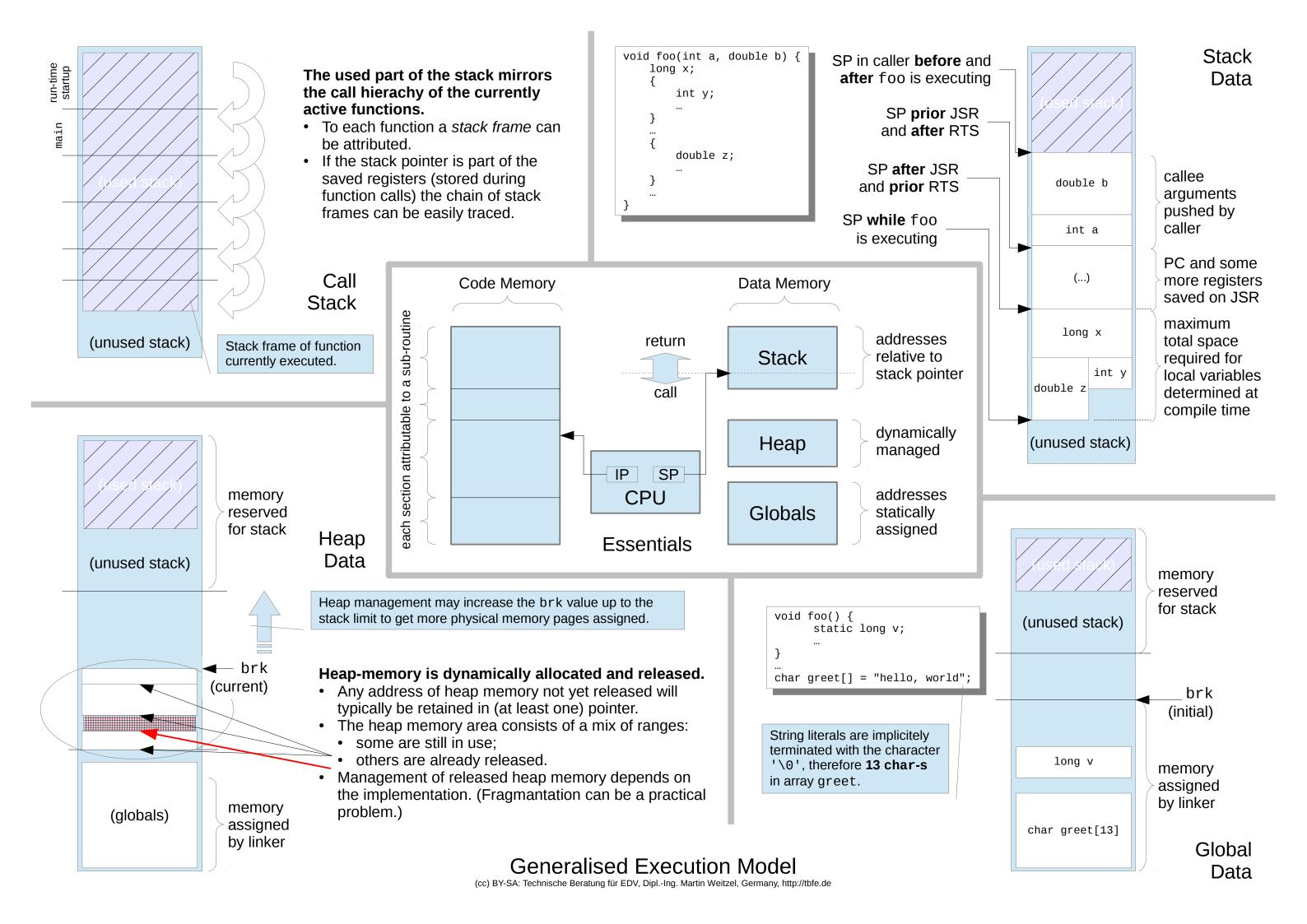


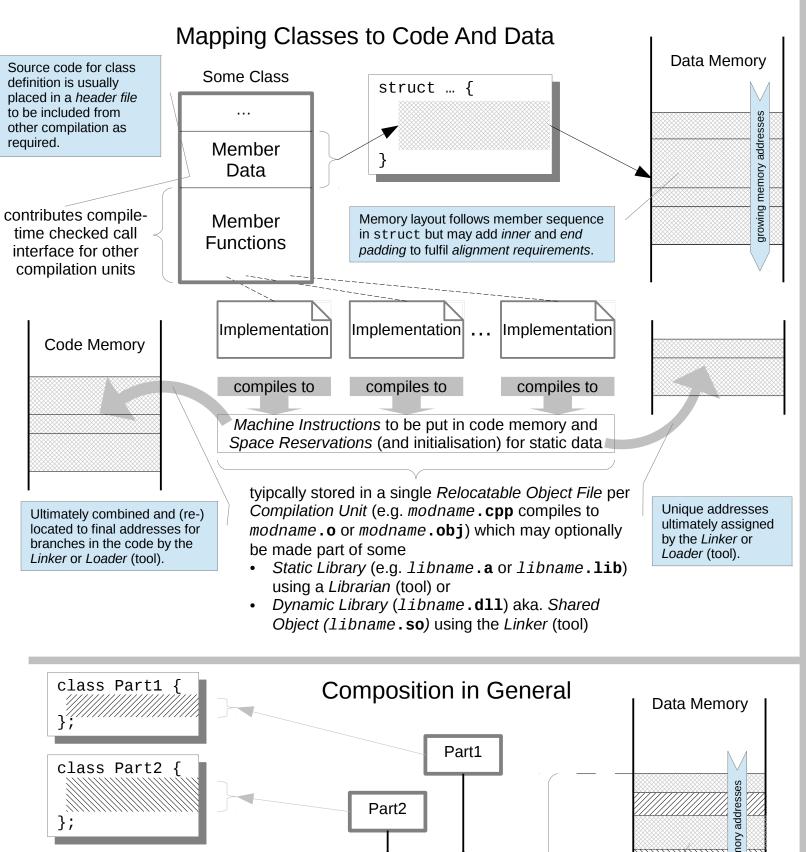
More elaborate design:

- · flexibility achieved with "mixin" classes
- multiple inherintance but not "diamand shaped"

Examples – Classes and Relations

Mixins notified via generic interface
Value only handles INotifyUpdate





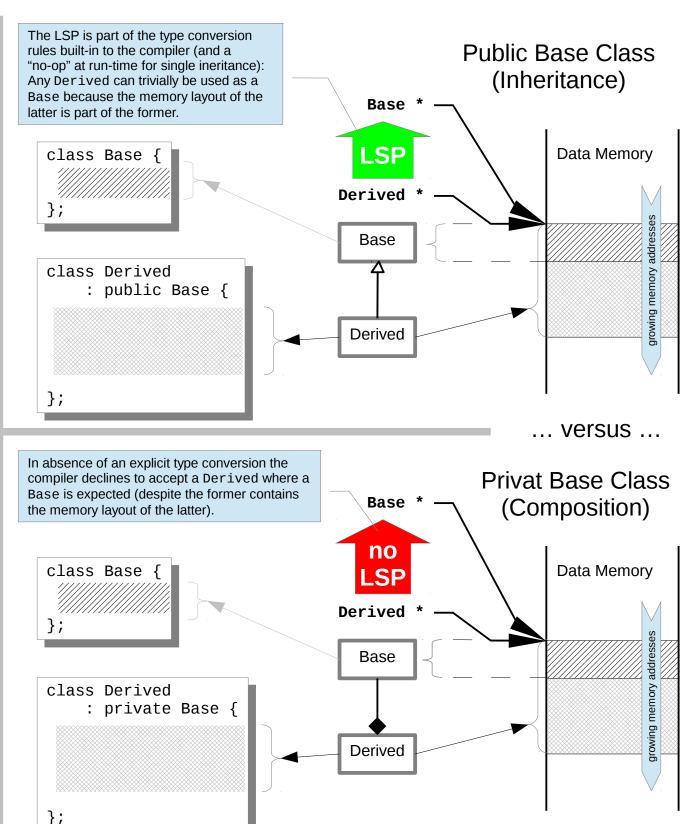
Composite

Individual parts of a composite retain

their place in the struct in memory.

class Composite {

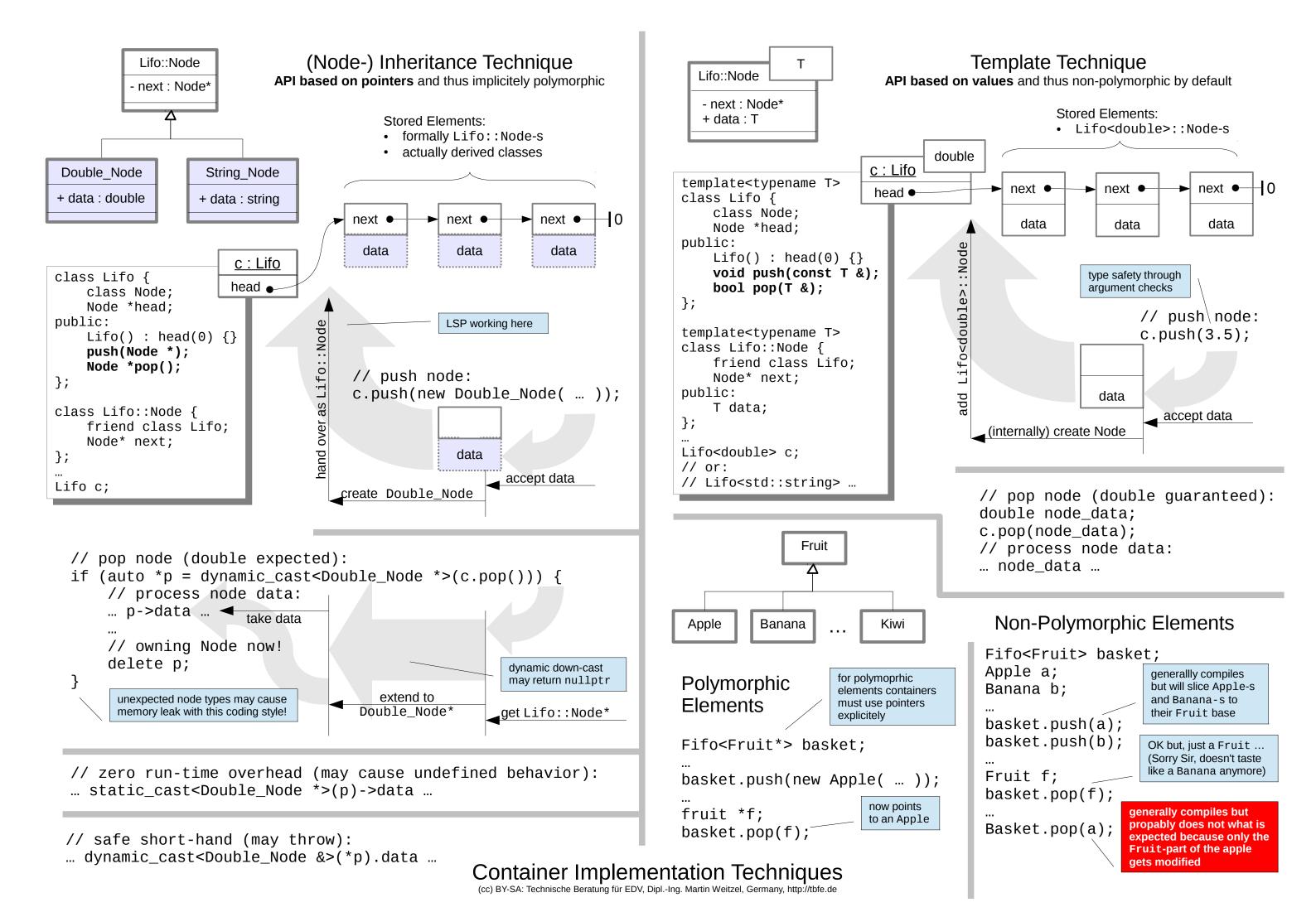
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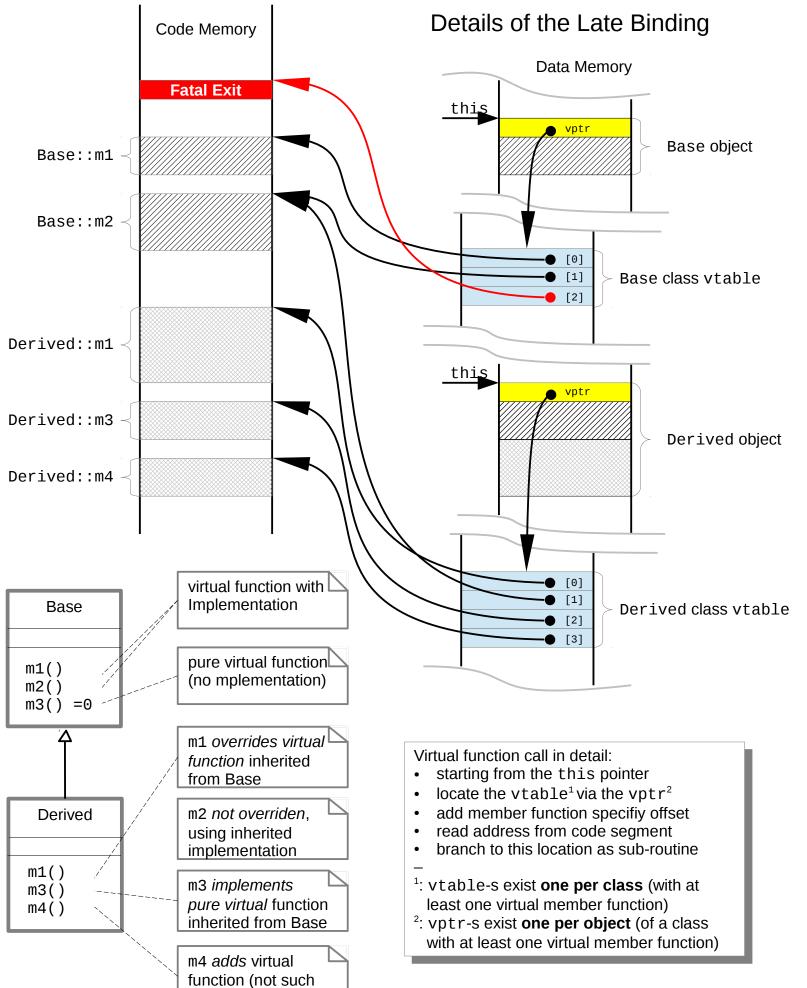


The LSP – short for "Liskov Substitution Principle" - was formulated by *Barbara Liskov* and demands:

 Any object of a derived class should be a valid substitute for an object of its – direct or indirect – base classes.
 As long as only single inheritance is used the LSP is effectively a "no-op" in C++ since base class objects start at the same memory address as their derived classes.
 For private base classes there is no LSP in C++, hence they should be viewn as Composition, not Inheritance!

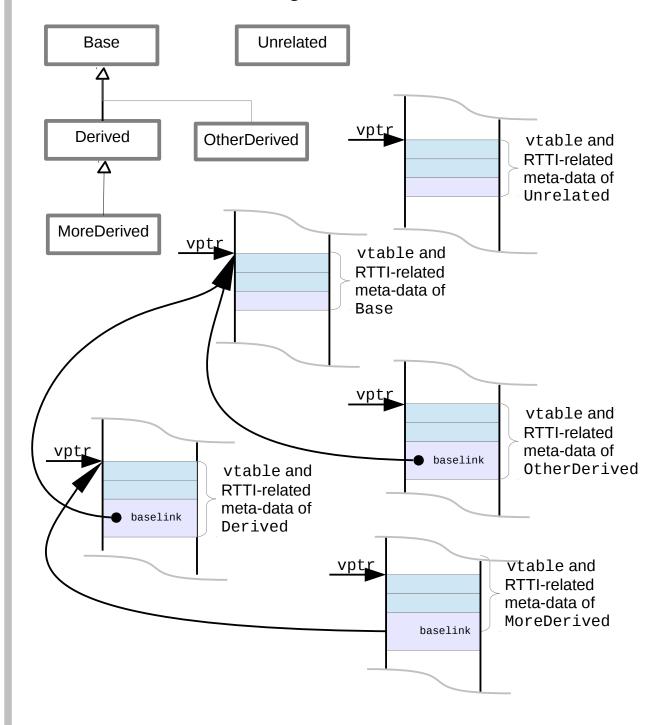
Class to Memory Mapping
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function in Base)

Storing RTTI-Related Meta-Data

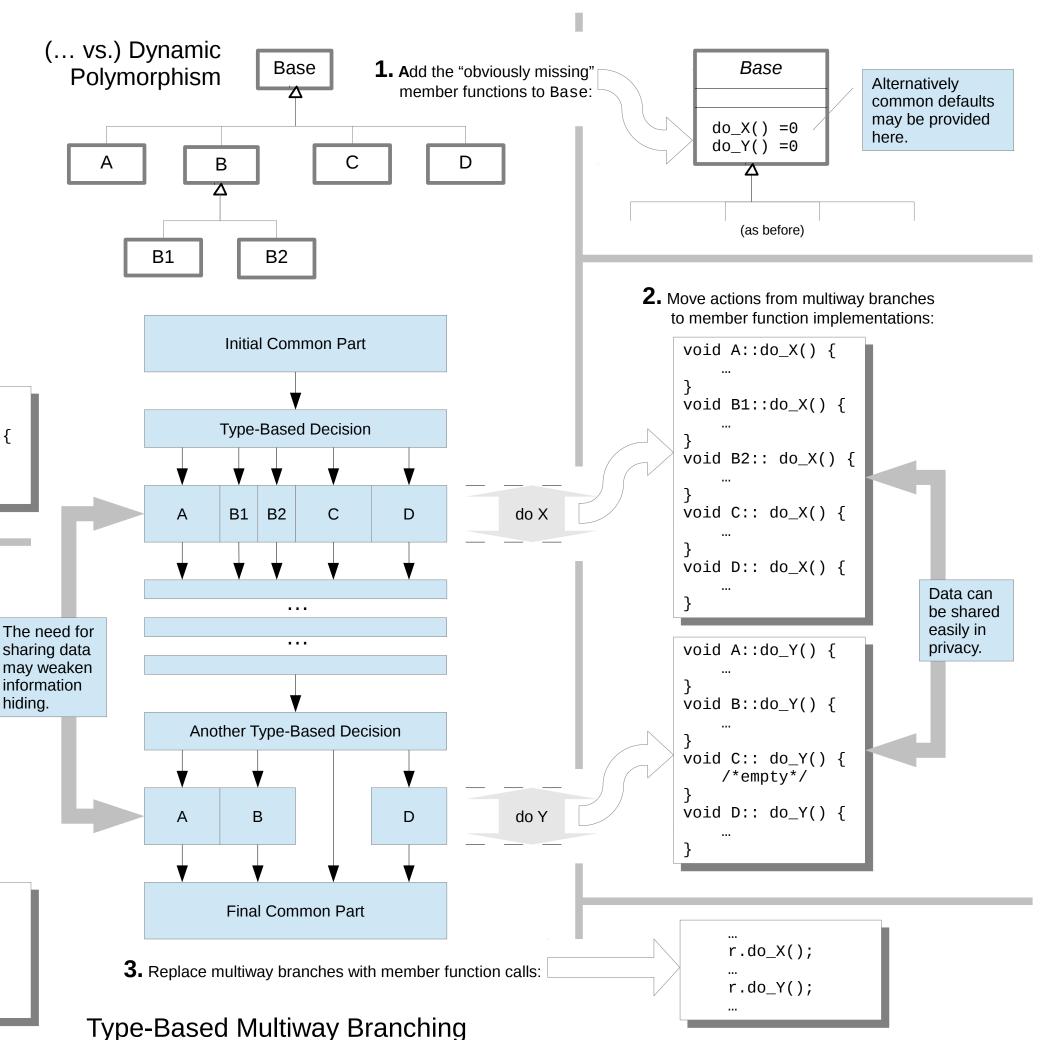


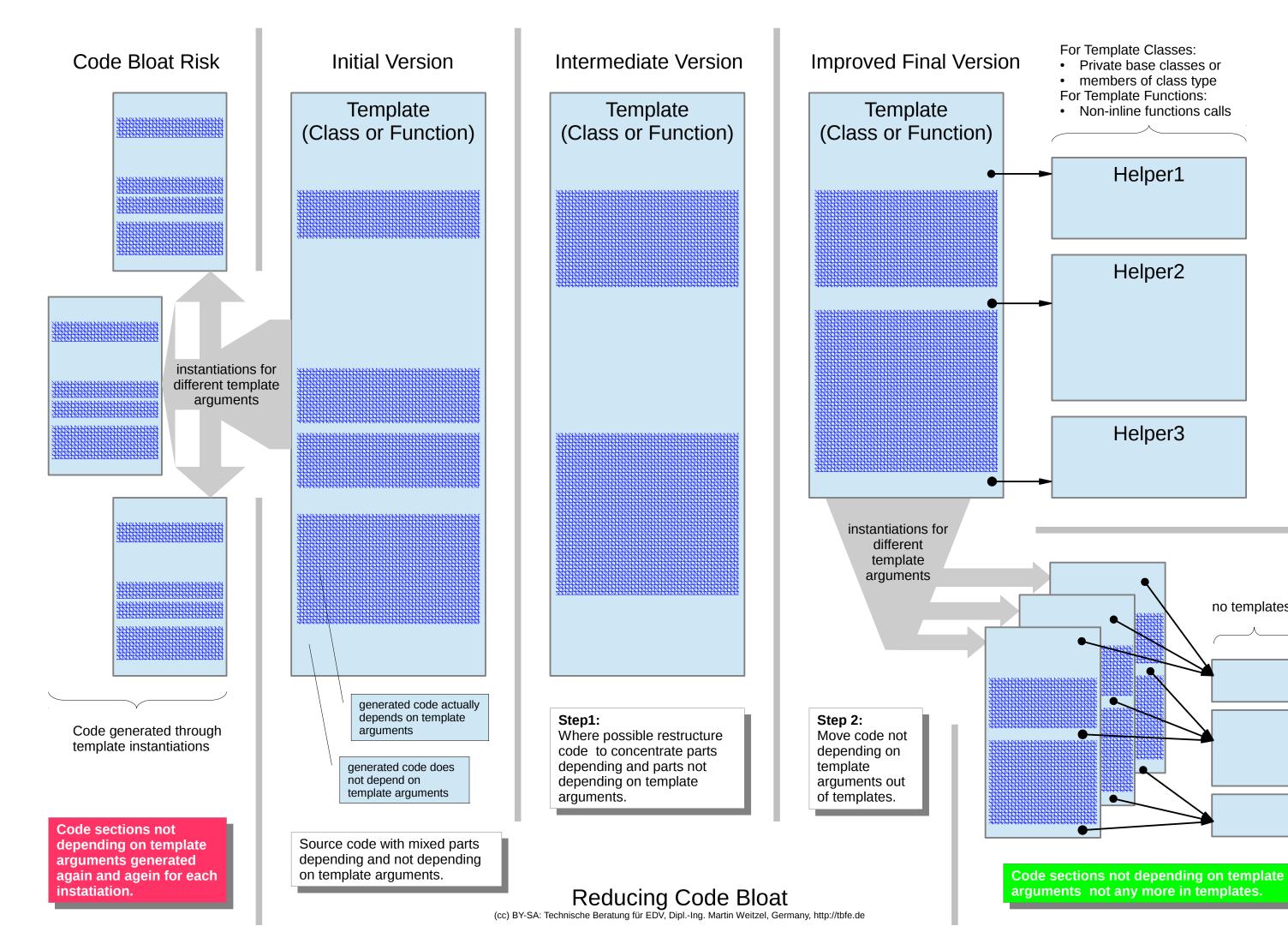
RTTI is limited to classes with at least one virtual member function:

- This avoids overhead which would otherwise occur per object.
- Meta-data is stored in the vincinity of (or linked with) the vtable.
 RTTI-related meta-data is used by:
- dynamic_cast checks for given class or derived ("usable as"):
 - in pointer syntax nullptr is returned in case of failure;
 - in reference syntax an exception is thrown in case of failure.
- typeid checks for exact class and gives some more information (see struct std::type info defined in header <typeinfo> for details).

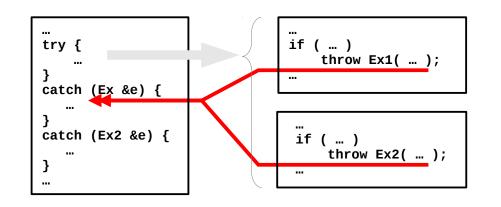
Run-time Type Identification

Type-dependent Flow of Control



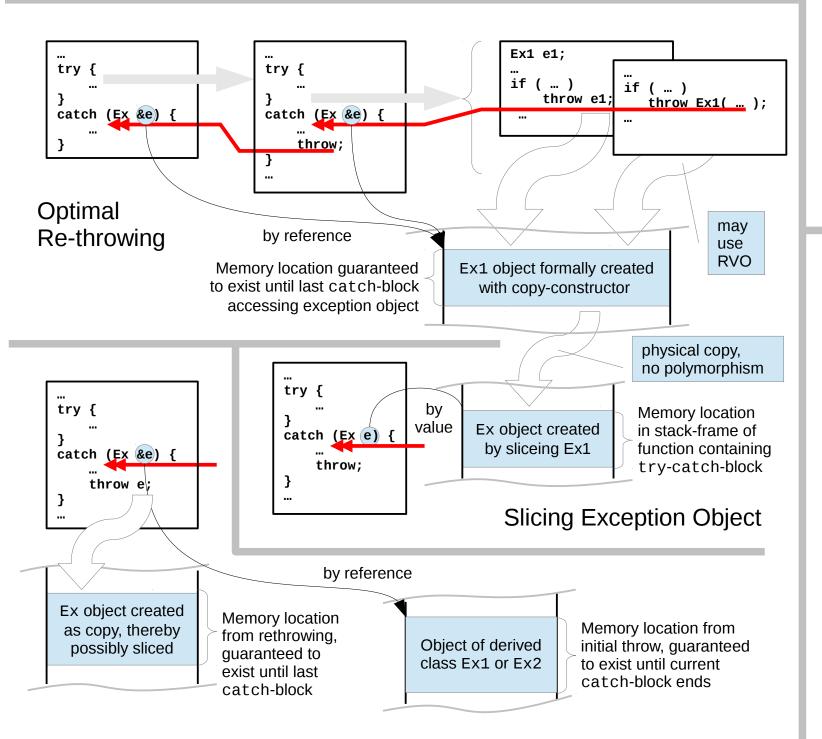


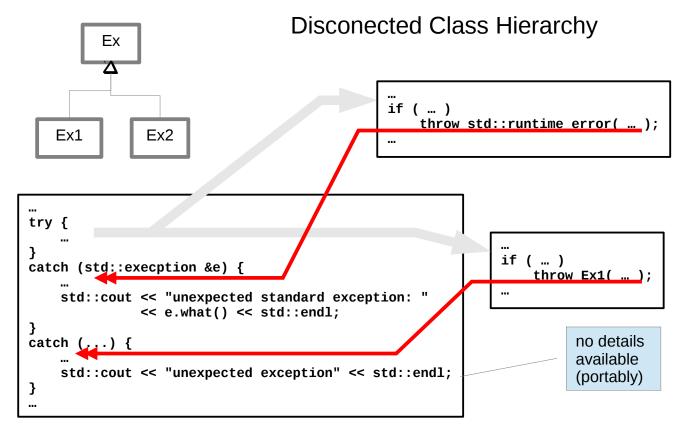
no templates

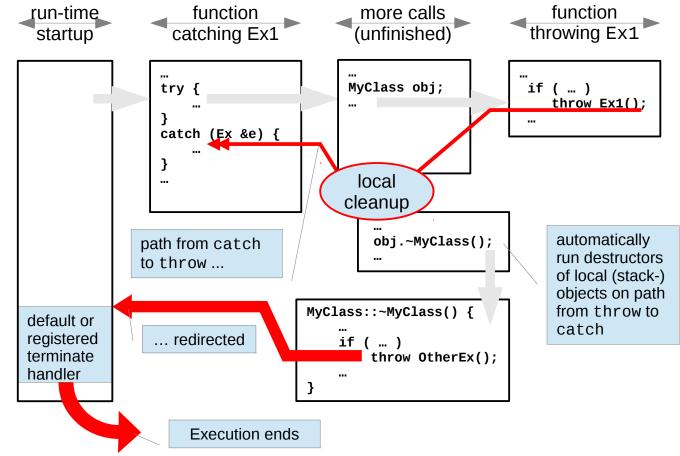


Bad Order of Handlers

The compiler may issue a warning that the second catch-clause is shadowed by the first but this is not mandatory.







	Examples						
Principles	Processes Files Files		С	C Free Me	C++11		
			Files	C++ Free Memory (Heap)		<pre>std::mutex m;</pre>	
Operation to acquire	fork()	creat(),	fopen(),	malloc(), call	loc(), realloc()	m.lock(),	
returns		open()	freopen()	new T	new $T[N]$	<pre>m.try_lock()</pre>	
some handle to identify resource	resource (some	int FILE * (pointer to some struct with		generic pointer (void*) to otherwise unused storage for (at least) as many bytes as requested		no special return value (instead state of object is changed)	
	integer)		opaque content)	T* denoting a pointer to otherwise unused storage for (at least) one object of type T	T* denoting a pointer to otherwise unused storage for (at least) N objects of type T at adacent memory locations like in a builtin array	is changeu)	
in subsequent operations like	<pre>kill(), read(), ptrace(), write(),</pre>		<pre>fread(), fwrite(),</pre>	after conversion to the target type all builtin pointer operations		<pre>m.native_handle()</pre>	
		seek(), poll(), 	<pre>fseek(), ftell(), fflush(),</pre>	all builtin pointer operations			
until final release	wait(),	<pre>close() fclose()</pre>		fro	ee()	<pre>m.unlock()</pre>	
(eventually returning resource to a pool)	waitpid()			delete	delete[]		
Standard Wrapper	none	none	none	std::unique_ptr <t></t>	std::unique_ptr <t[]></t[]>	std::lock_guard	

Resource Handle

```
class FileRes {
    File *fp;
    ...
};
```

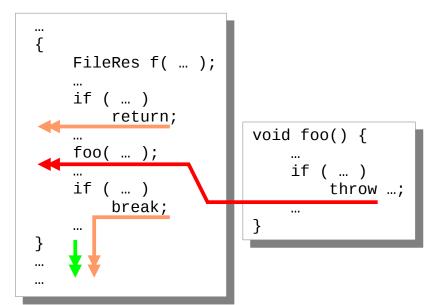
Acquisition

```
FileRes::FileRes(
    const char n[],
    const char m[]
) : fp(fopen(n, m) {}
```

Release

```
FileRes::~FileRes() {
    fclose(fp);
}
```

Acquire Resource for Code Segment



Acquire Resource for Object Lifetime

```
class MyClass {
    ...
    FileRes fr;
    ...
public:
    MyClass( ... )
        : fr( ... )
        { ... }
};
```

```
FileRes f( ... );
...
char s[80];
fgets(s, sizeof s, f);
...
if (!ferror(f))
...
```

Wrapped

Resource

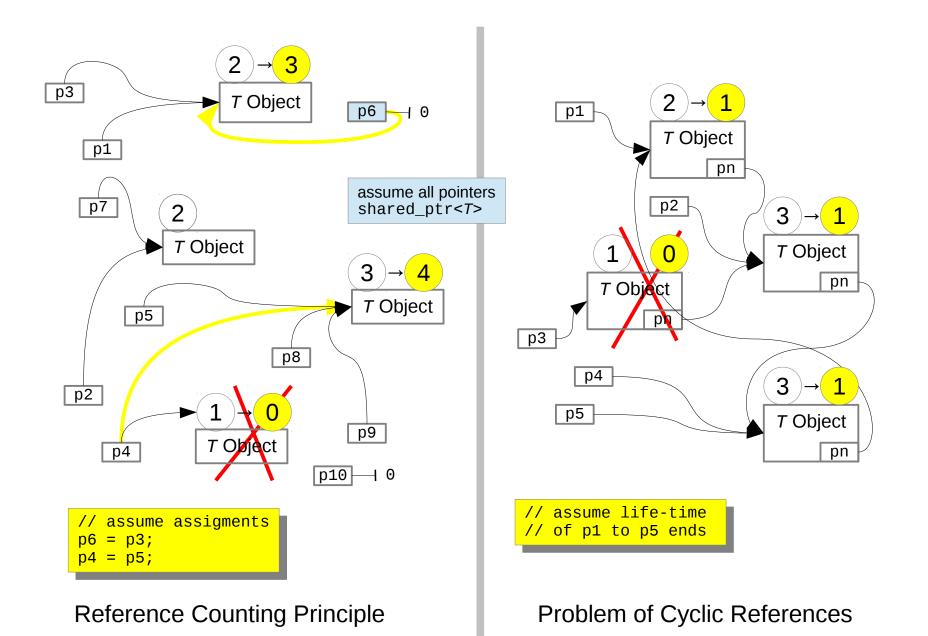
Optionally add Convenience Operations

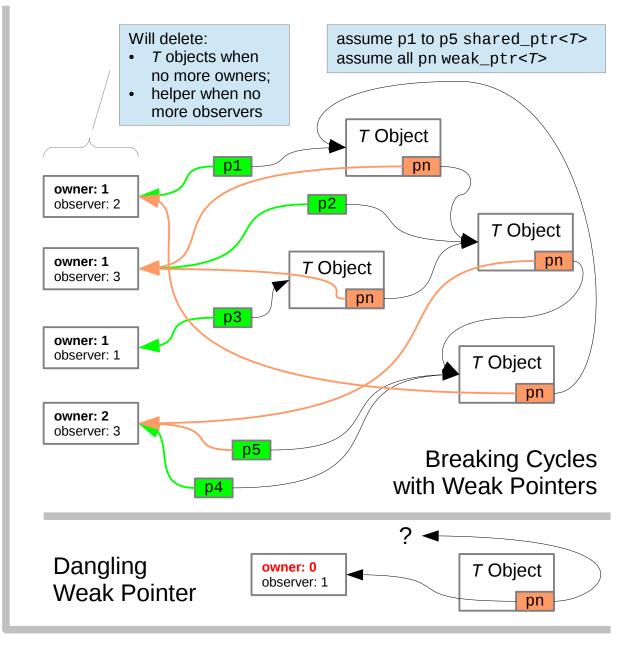
```
bool FileRes::is_open() const {
    return (fp != nullptr);
}
```

Easy and Secure Use via Automatic Conversion

FileRes::operator File*() {
 if (!is_open())
 throw std::runtime_error("not open");
 return fp;
}

Classic Resource Management vs. RAII





unique_ptr<T>

T object

shared_ptr<*T*>

owners: int observers: int

owners: int

observeres: int

object

T object

T object

shared_ptr<T>

Implementation

Typical (access time efficient) Implementation

Alternative (space efficient)

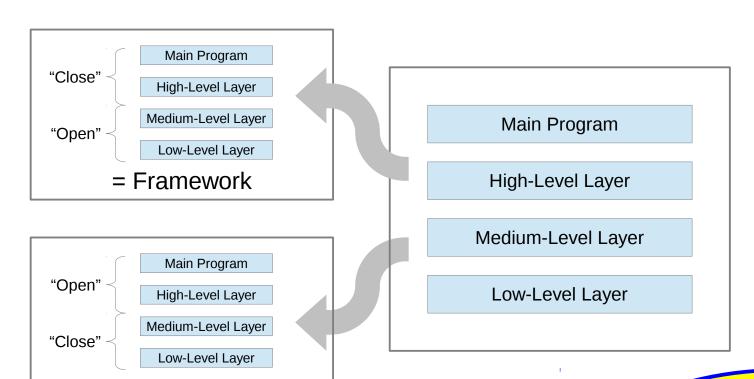
Implementation

Choices

Comparing	std::unique_ptr <t></t>	std::shared_ptr <t></t>	Remarks	
Characteristic	refers to a single object of type <i>T</i> , uniquely owned	refers to a single object of type <i>T</i> , possibly shared with other referrers	may also refer to "no object" (like a nullptr)	
Data Size	same as plain pointer	same as a plain pointer <u>plus</u> some extra space per referred-to object		
Copy Constructor	no*		particularly efficient as only pointers are involved	
Move Constructor	yes	VOC		
Copy Assignment	no*	yes	a T destructor must also be	
Move Assignment	yes		called in an assignment if the current referrer is the only one referring to the object	
Destructor (when referrer life-time ends)	always called for referred- to object	called for referred-to object when referrer is the <u>last</u> (and only) one		

^{*:} explcit use of std::move for argument is possible

Smart Pointer Comparison



Design for Reusability

- Libraries or Frameworks for common components
- Classes for common services or abstractions
- C++-Templates for genericity in types

Use Available Tools and Libraries, e.g.

- Doxygen (or similar) to create good-looking documentation from embedded comments
- The Boost Platform for a extremely rich choice of "what seems to be missing or forgotten" in the C/C++ Standard Library

Parametrize for Flexibility with

- Run-Time arguments for functions and subroutines
- Compile-Time arguments for templates

Apply Best Practices, e.g.

- Standard Design Patterns (from GoF) like
 - Composite

= Library

- Template Methode
- ..
- Well-known C++ Idioms like
 - PIMPL (Pointer to Implementation)
 - RAII (Ressource Acquisition is Initialisation)
 - CRTP (Curiosly Recurring Template Pattern)
 - ...
- Handy Little Techniques where useful
 - "Named Argument" (from C++ FAQ)
 - "Safe delete" (from Boost)
 - ...



Pick the Best from Agility, at least

- integrate continuoesly
- automate boring tests
- (maybe try "pair-programming"?)

Consider to Write Your Own Tools, e.g. to

- create a C/C++ header file from a spreadsheet or vice versa
- create a CSV- or XML-document from a source file, or even
- create both, source code and auxilliary documents from a DSL (domain specific language)

But always judiciously decide ... and Don't Overdo!

- Not each and every global variable needs to be turned into a Singleton.
- Not each and every little config file needs to be parsed as full XML.
- Not each and every small class needs type genericity.

...

If you can't avoid a complex design in the end, at least provide some easy to use defaults for the most common use cases!

