

## 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

Unicode separates the mapping issue (and also defines several standard ways)

## 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	...
...	[	\	]	...	ä	...	û	ü	ý	...

ISO 8859-15 (8 bit)

...	5A	5B	5C	...	A4	...	DB	DC	DD	...
...	[	\	]	...	€	...	û	ü	ý	...

Combining vs. Precomposed Characters (value examples from Unicode)

...	44	...	55	...	5D	5C	...	65	...	308	...	20AC	...	20E5	...
...	c	...	u	...	\	]	...	e	...	...	...	€	...	\	...

Initial Unicode Specification (16 bits)

**UCS2 =  $2^{16}$  = 65536 Code Points**

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

**UCS4 =  $2^{20} + 2^{16} - 2^{11}$   
= more than 1 Million Code Points**

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)

no precomposed form

not unique from code points

- 1) not all characters available at the same time
- 2) future needs not anticipated
- 3) combining characters introduced flexibility ...
- 4) ... but in combination with their precomposed variants also introduce ambiguities



- 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.

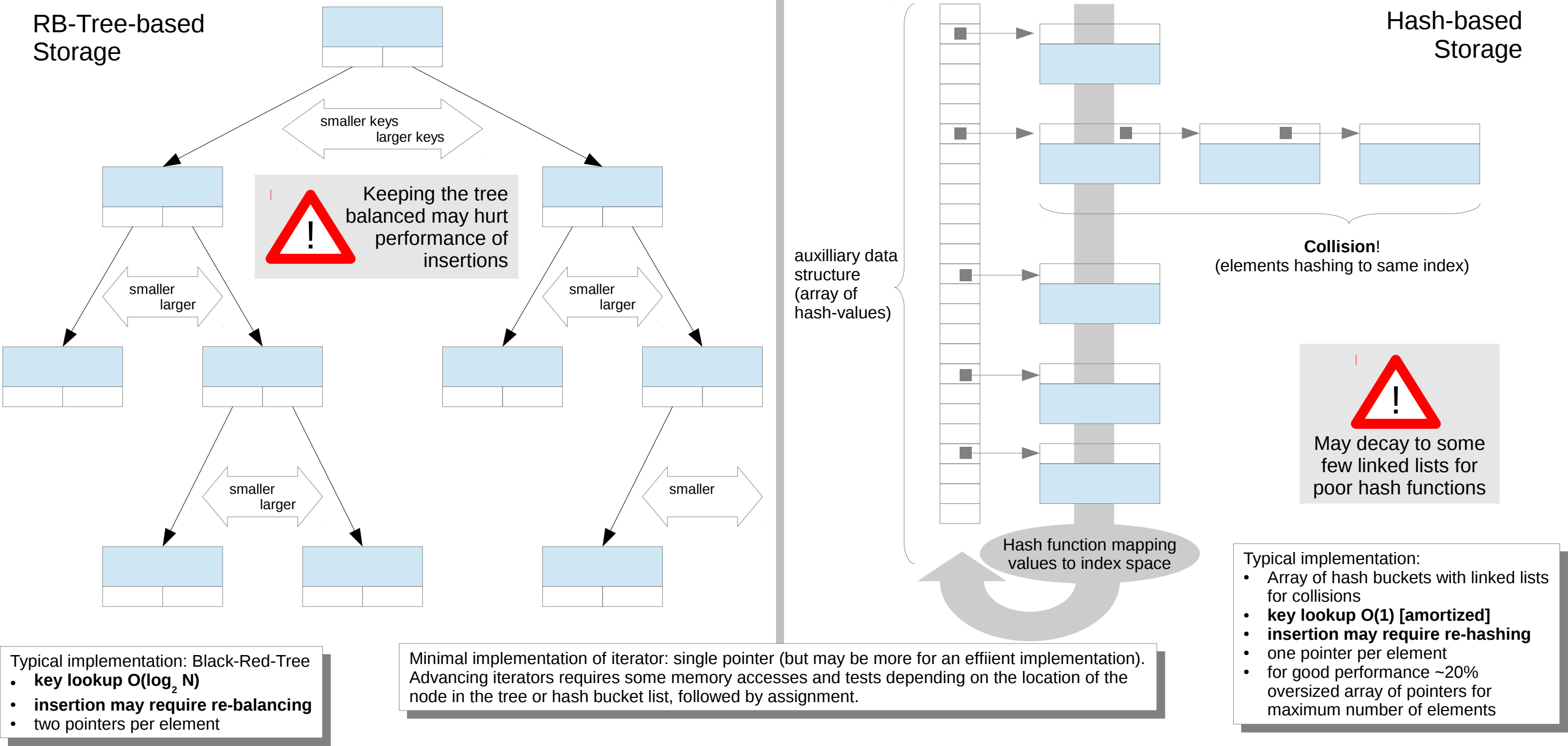


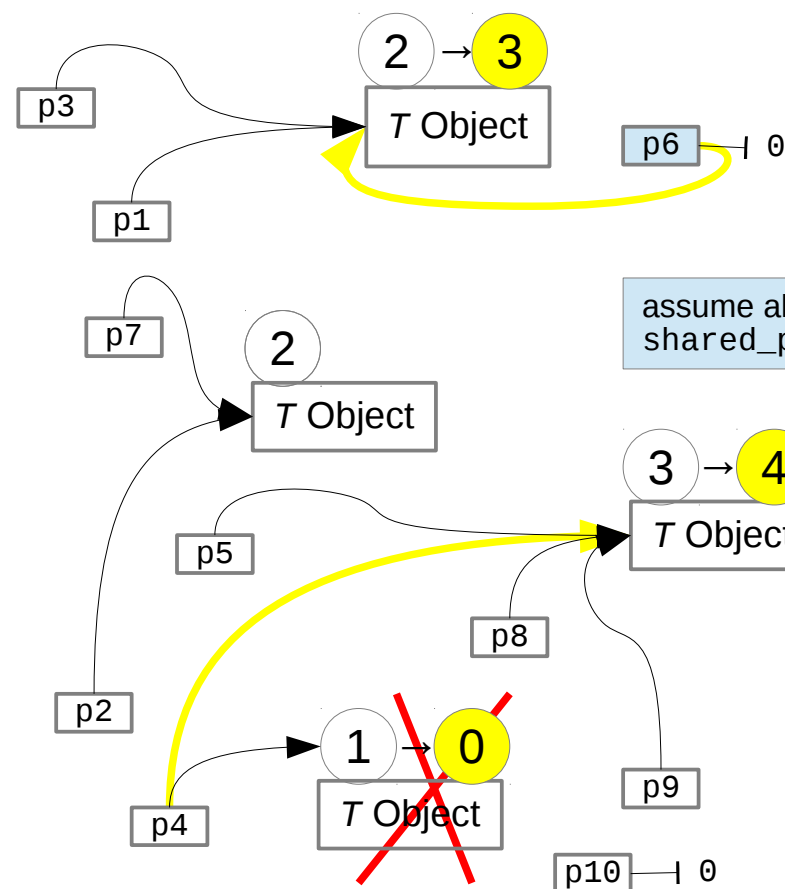
- Behaviour of rendering engine and input method configured externally.
- File I/O-conversions may apply globally.

## Code-Units vs. Code-Points

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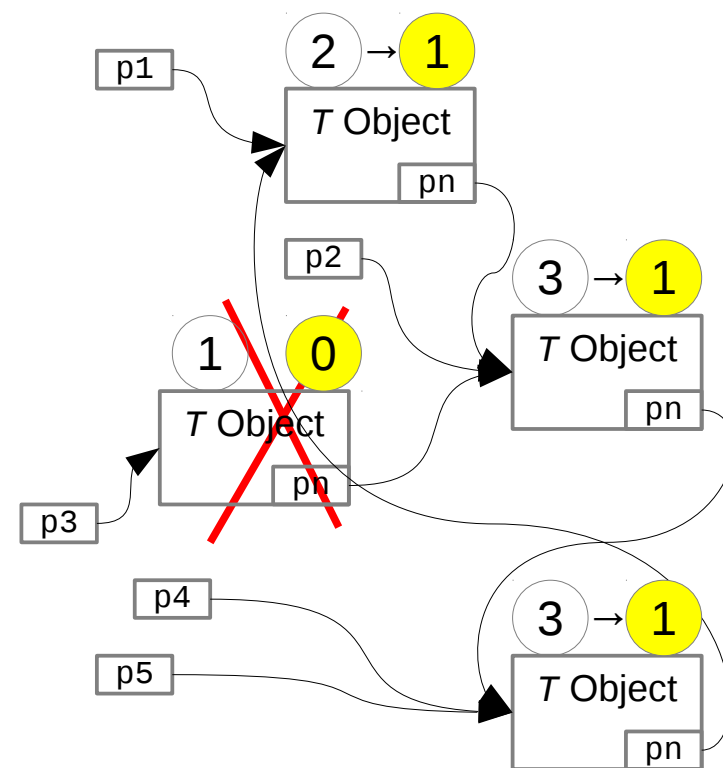
Contained elements	STL Class Name		Restrictions
objects of type $T$	<code>std::set</code>	<code>std::unordered_set</code>	unique elements guaranteed
	<code>std::multiset</code>	<code>std::unordered_multiset</code>	multiple elements possible (comparing equal to each other)
pairs of objects of type $T_1$ (key) and type $T_2$ (associated value)	<code>std::map</code>	<code>std::unordered_map</code>	unique keys guaranteed
	<code>std::multimap</code>	<code>std::unordered_multimap</code>	multiple keys possible (comparing equal to each other)





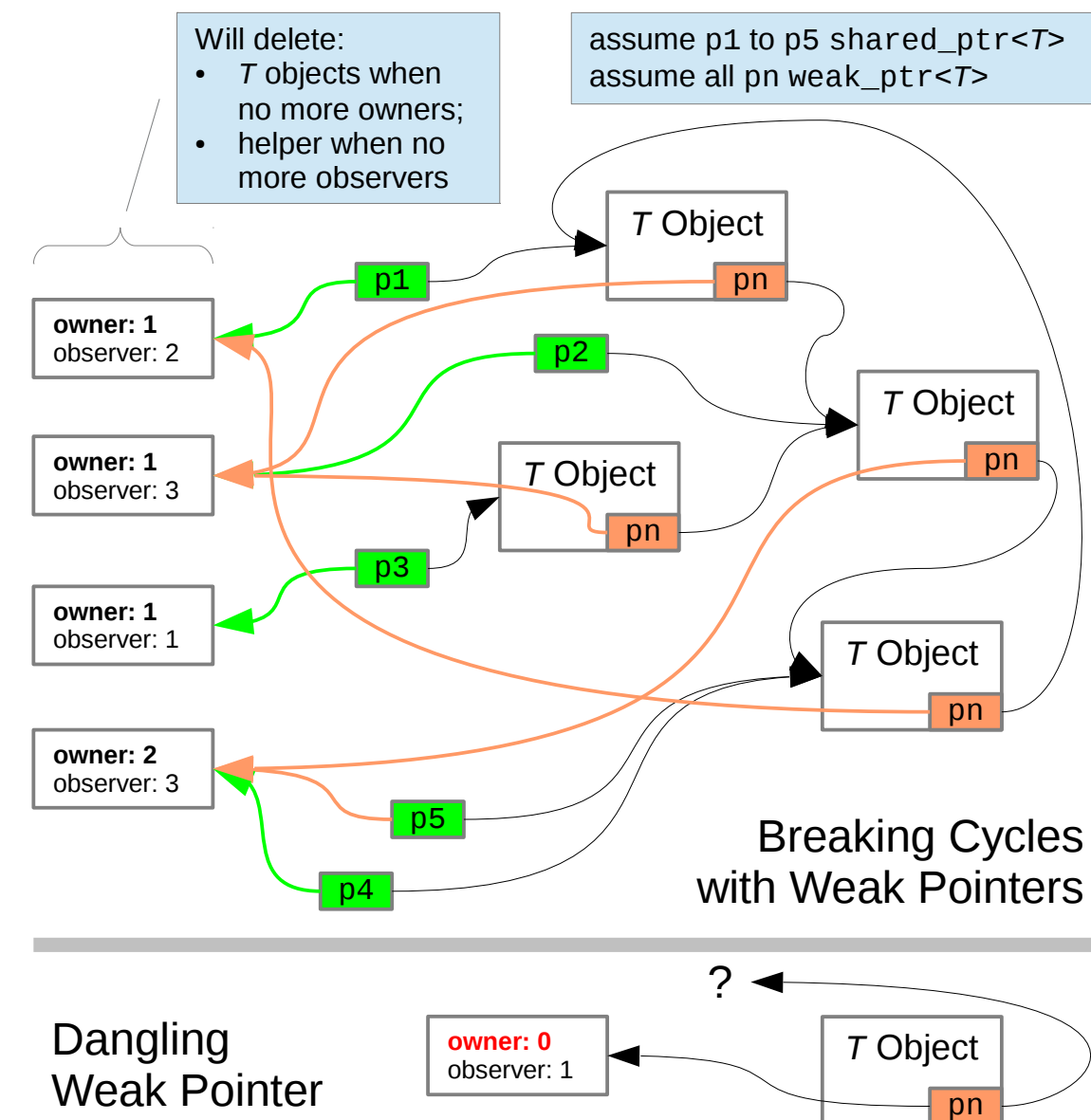
```
// assume assignments
p6 = p3;
p4 = p5;
```

Reference Counting Principle



```
// assume life-time
// of p1 to p5 ends
```

Problem of Cyclic References



Dangling Weak Pointer

owner: 0  
observer: 1

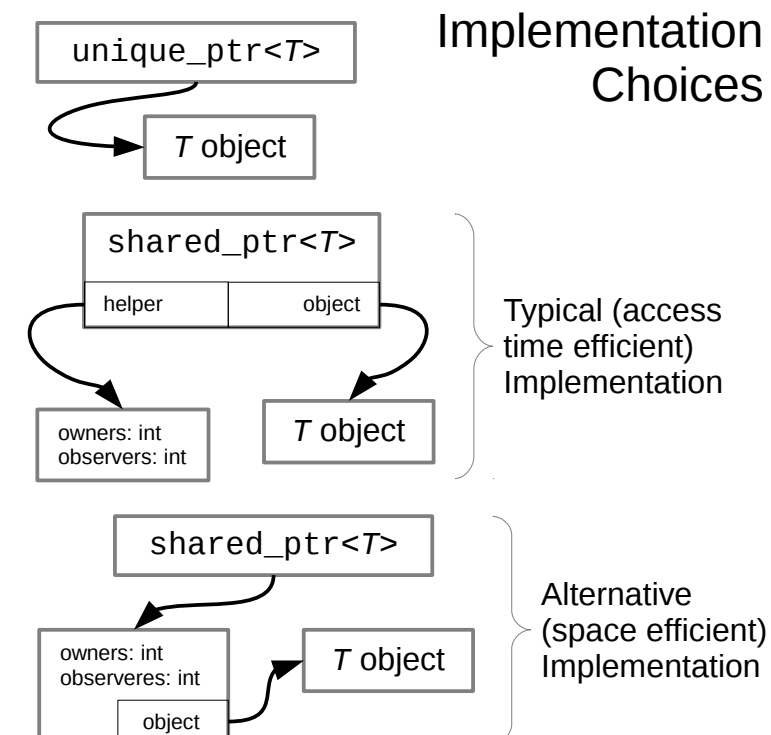
Breaking Cycles with Weak Pointers

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

\*: explicit use of `std::move` for argument is possible

## Smart Pointer Comparison

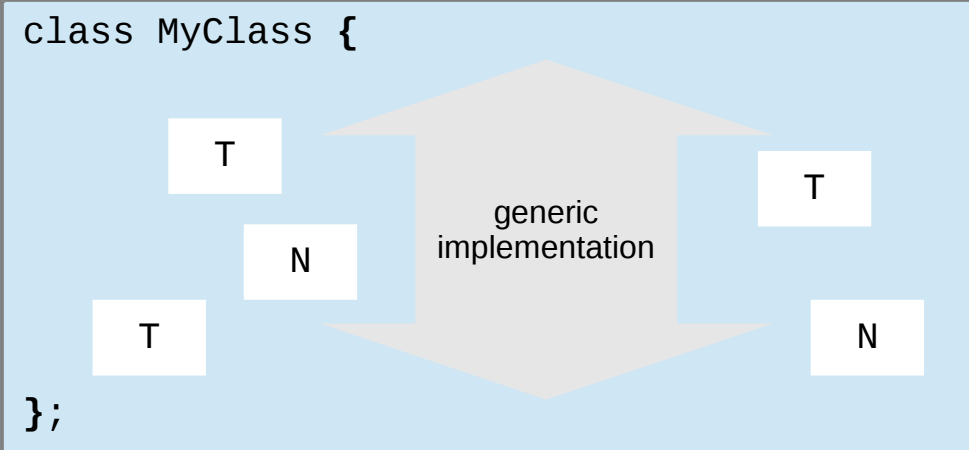
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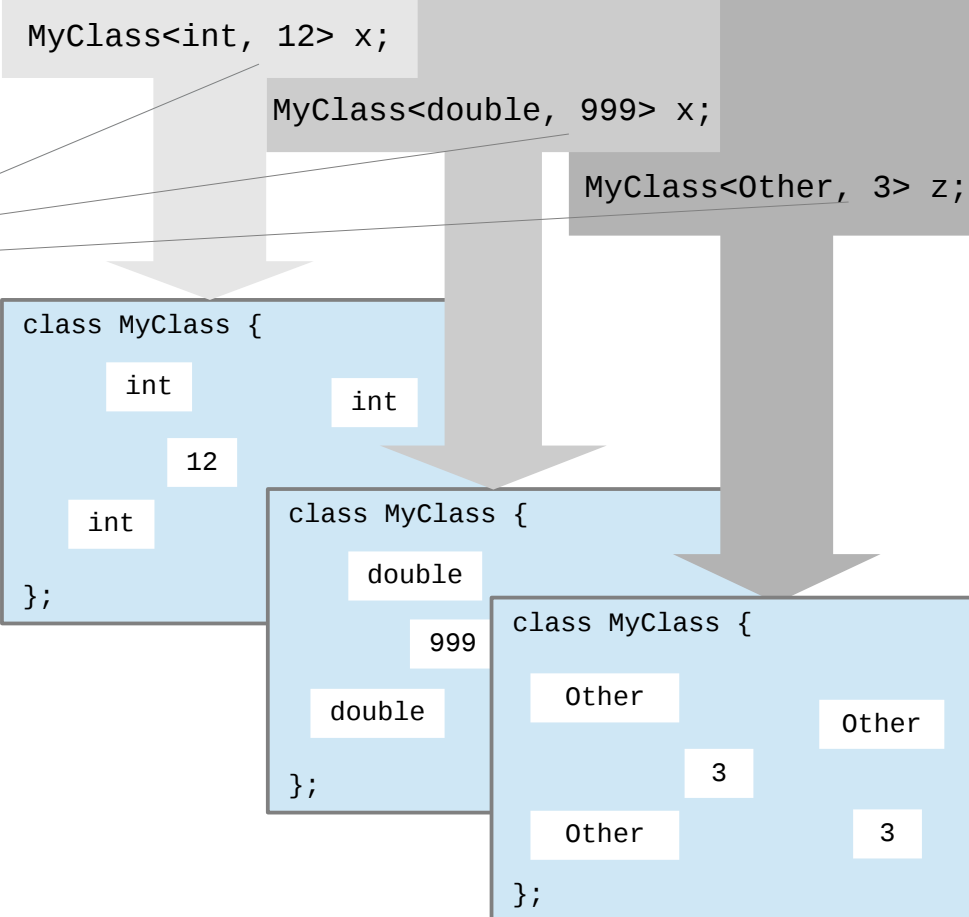
keywords class and typename have the same meaning in template parameter lists

## Template Class

```
template<typename T, int N>
```



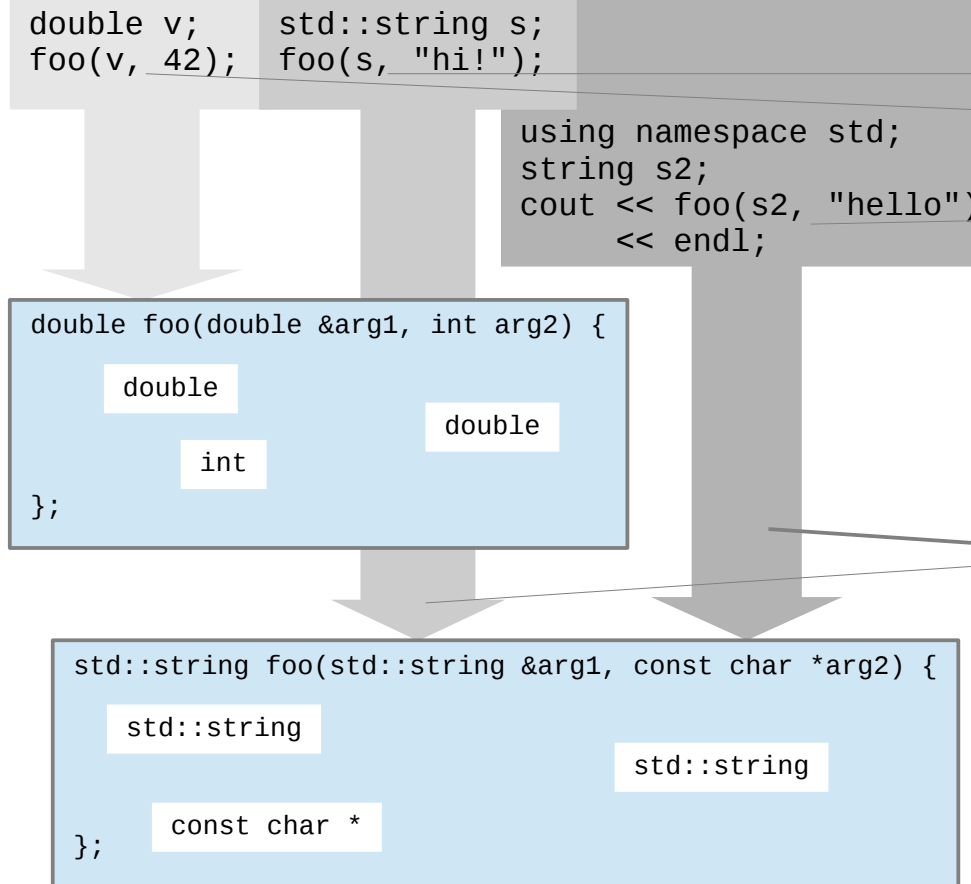
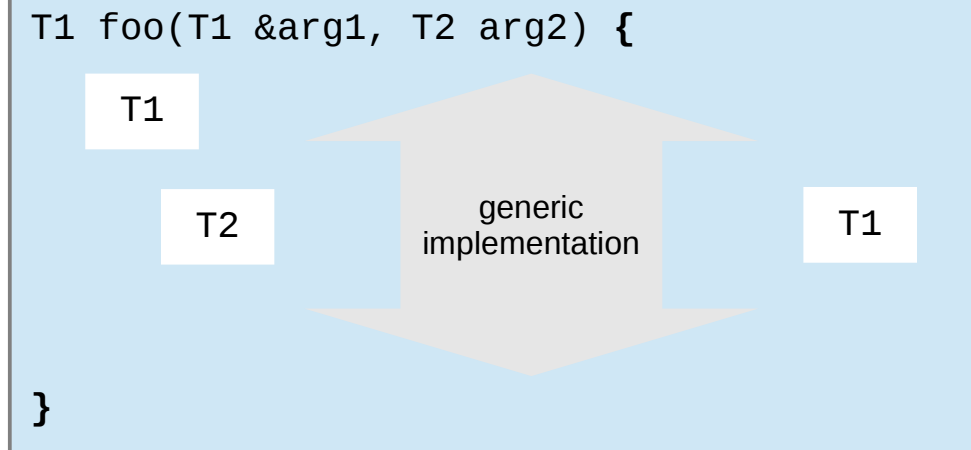
Compiler-Dependant Intermediate Representation



Code Compiled and Optimised for Specific Template Arguments

## Template Function

```
template<typename T1, typename T2>
```



typically only types are parameterized

Template definition extends to end of block (i.e. class or function body)

for template functions

- types are typically deduced at the call site;
- may optionally be supplied, or
- must** be supplied if **not** present in parameter list (syntax then as for classes: concrete types in angle bracket list following identifier)

duplicated non-inline versions of functions (with identical set of instantiation types) are usually "optimized out" at link time

## Template Basics



## Parametrizing *Type* (*double* → *T*) and *Size* (11 → *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;
    }
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())
            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());
        return data[wrap(idx + offset)];
    }
};
```

Parametrizing *Type*

```
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>
Type RingBuffer<Type>::peek(std::size_t offset = 0) const {
    ...
}
```

RingBuffer<double> b;  
RingBuffer<MyClass> z;

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;

RingBuffer b;

```
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);
}

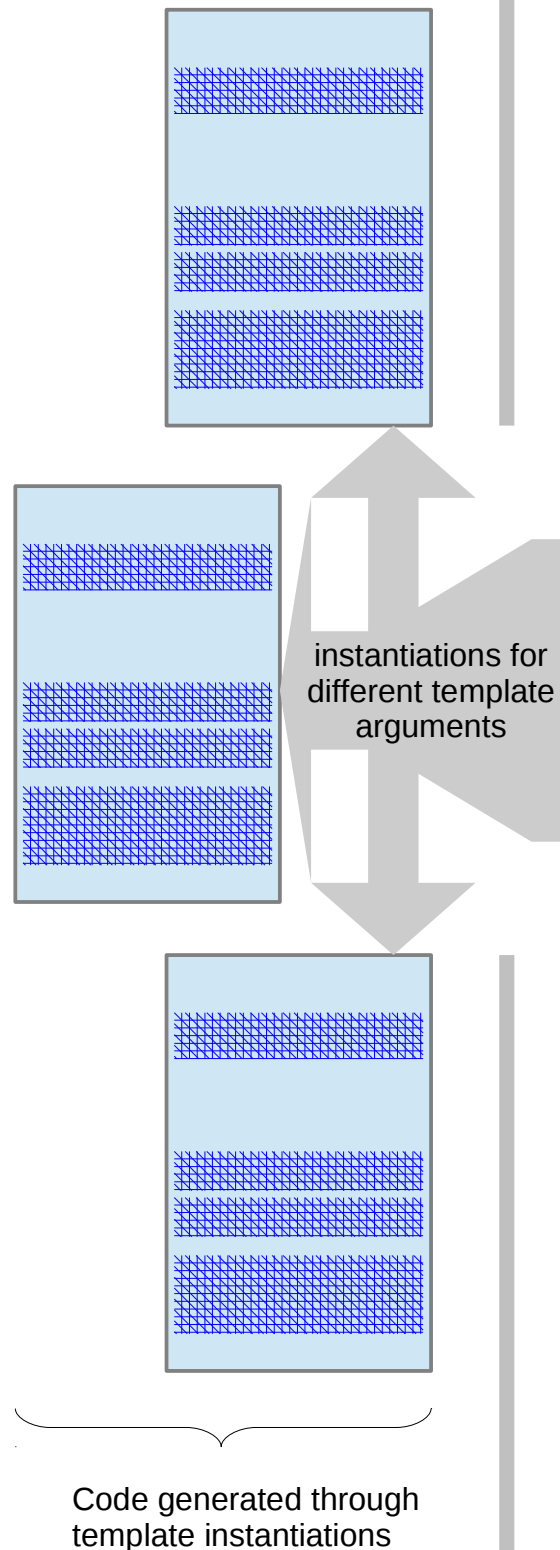
template<typename T, std::size_t N>
void RingBuffer<T, N>::get(T &e) {
    assert(!empty());
    e = data[iget];
    iget = wrap(iget+1);
}

template<typename T, std::size_t N>
T RingBuffer<T, N>::peek(std::size_t offset = 0) const {
    assert(offset < size());
    return data[wrap(idx + offset)];
}
```

RingBuffer<double, 10> b;  
RingBuffer<int, 10000> x;  
RingBuffer<string, 42> y;  
RingBuffer<MyClass, 9> z;

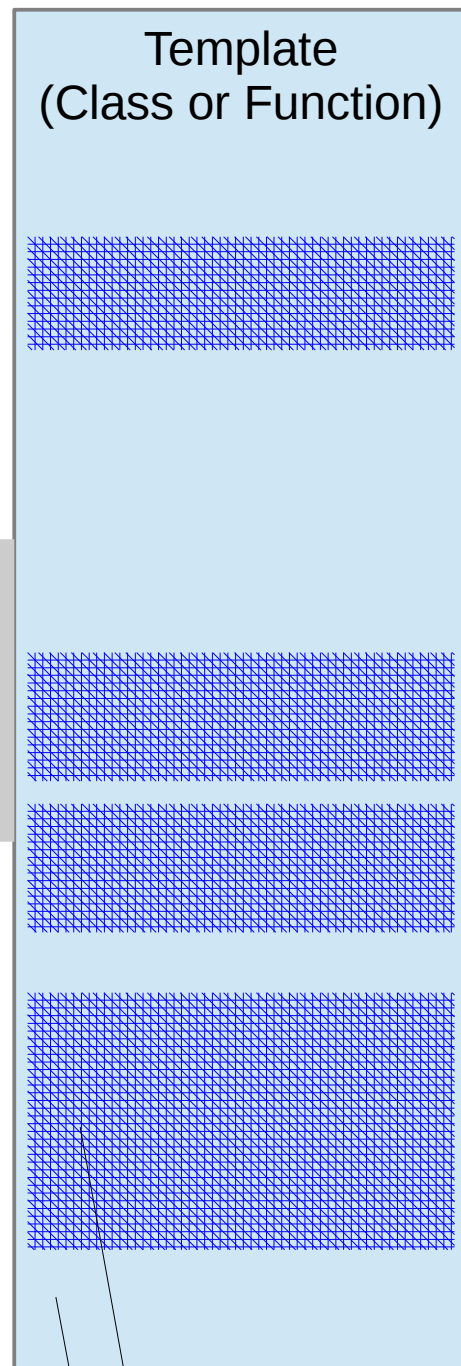
## Parametrizing Types and Sizes

## Code Bloat Risk



Code sections not depending on template arguments generated again and again for each instantiation.

## Initial Version

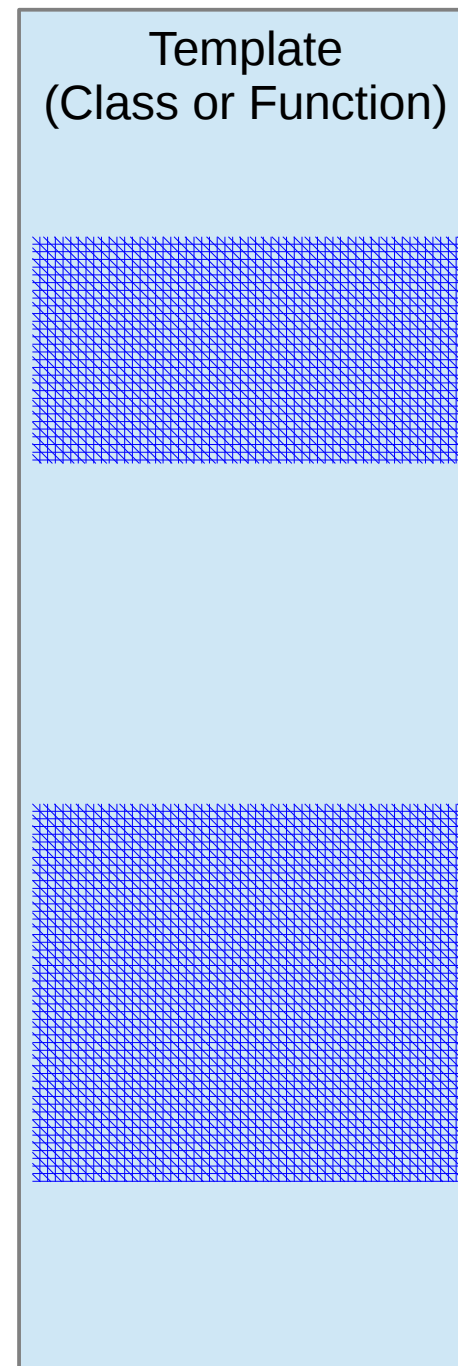


generated code actually depends on template arguments

generated code does not depend on template arguments

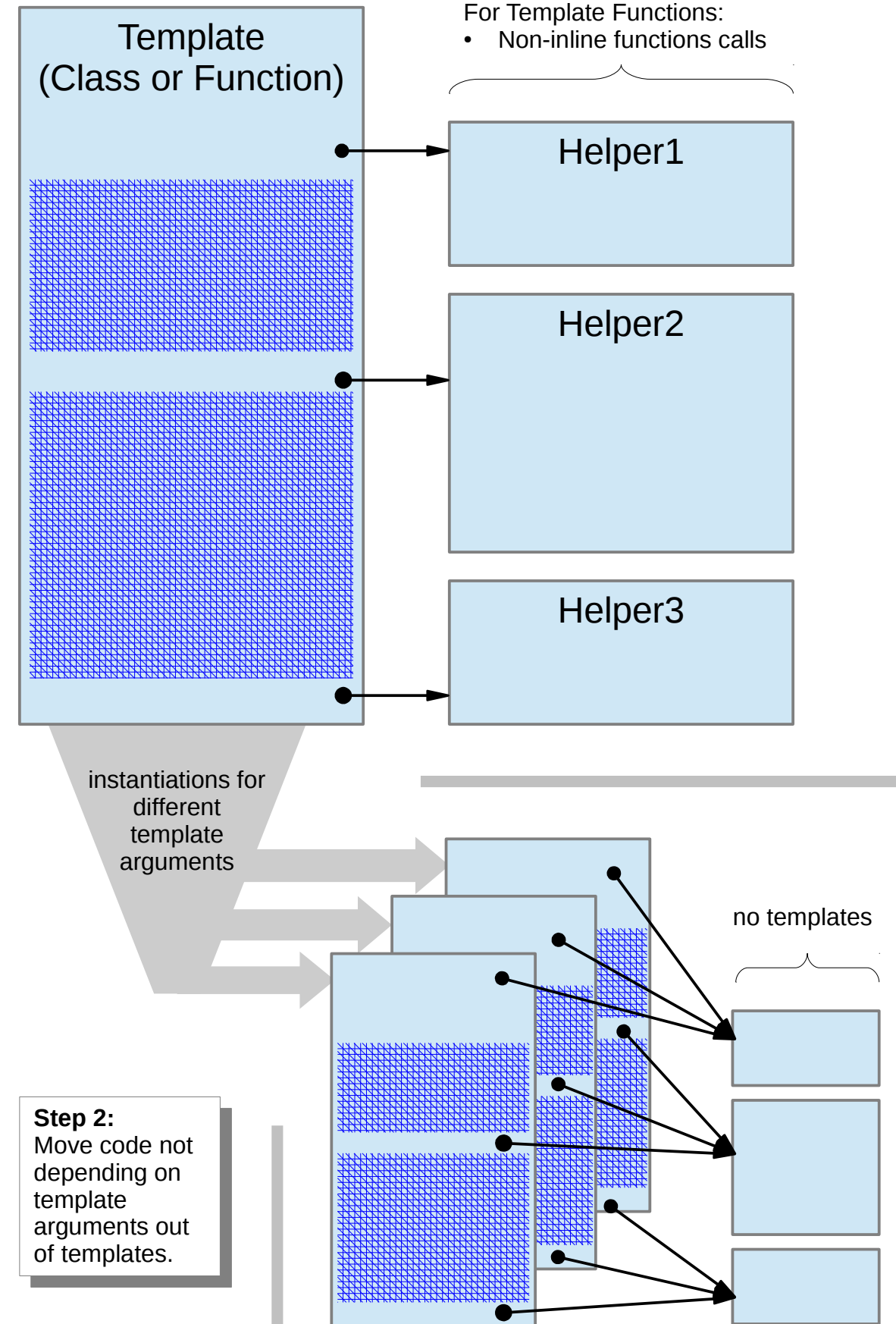
Source code with mixed parts depending and not depending on template arguments.

## Intermediate Version



**Step1:**  
Where possible restructure code to concentrate parts depending and parts not depending on template arguments.

## Improved Final Version



**Step 2:**  
Move code not depending on template arguments out of templates.

Code sections not depending on template arguments not any more in templates.

## Reducing Code Bloat