

Enhanced typename

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1 Introduction

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Quick glance

```
// declare some materials
struct Color { void apply() {} };
struct Texture { void apply() {} };
struct Glass { void apply() {} };

// define a type alias
typename Material { void apply(); };

int main() {
    {
        // use Material as a pointer
        Color color;
        Material* material = color;
        material->apply();
    }
    {
        // use Material as a reference
        Texture texture;
        Material& material = texture;
        material.apply();
    }
    {
        // host a Material in unique ptr
        std::unique_ptr<Material> material{new Glass()};
        material->apply();
    }
}
```

Type alias can also combine with other type aliases to form a new type alias.

```
typename Gettable{ void get(); };
typename Settable{ void set(); };

typename GetSet : Gettable, Settable {};
typename GetSetEquivalent {
    void get();
    void set();
};
static_assert(std::is_same_v<GetSet, GetSetEquivalent>);
```

Type alias can also have specific constraints to control its copiability, relocatability, etc.

```
typename NoCopyNoMove {  
    NoTrivial(const NoTrivial&) = delete;  
    NoTrivial(NoTrivial&&) = delete;  
};  
  
void foo(NoCopyNoMove& a, NoCopyNoMove& b) {  
    a = b; // compile error  
    a = std::move(b); // compile error  
}
```

3 Motivation