# Chapter . The Type Traits Introspection Library 1.3

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Type Traits Introspection library version 1.2.

The Type Traits Introspection library, or TTI for short, is a library of macros generating metafunctions, and a set of parallel nullary type metafunctions, which provide the ability to introspect by name the elements of a type at compile time.

The name of the library is chosen because the library offers compile time functionality on a type, as does the Boost Type Traits library, and because the functionality the library offers is the ability to introspect a type about the existence of a specific element.

I use the word "introspect" in a very broad sense here. Normally language introspection means initially asking for information to be returned by name, which can then further be used to introspect for more specific information. In the TTI library one must always supply the name, and use the functionality for the correct type of inner element to find out if the particular named entity exists. You may prefer the term "query" instead of "introspection" to denote what this library does, but I use terminology based on the word "introspect" throughout this documentation.

The functionality of the library may be summed up as:

- Provide the means to introspect a type at compile time using a set of macros. Each macro takes the name of the type's element and generates a metafunction which can be subsequently invoked to determine whether or not the element exists within the type. These metafunctions will be called "macro metafunctions" in the documentation.
- Provide corresponding metafunctions which can operate on nearly each of the macro metafunctions generated. These secondary
  metafunctions provide nearly the same set of introspection as the macro metafunctions but allow for an easier to use syntax, where
  the types being passed are in the form of nullary metafunctions themselves. They always work with individual types when specifying



function and data syntax rather than a composite type. These metafunctions are called 'nullary type metafunctions' in the documentation.

Provide a set of macros for all of the macro metafunctions which create metafunction classes, so the metafunctions generated by
the macro metafunctions can be passed as metadata. These can be used by the nullary type metafunctions, and may find other uses
for the template metaprogrammer.

The library is a header only library.

There are two separate headers in the library, divided depending on whether or not the library functionality supporting variadic macros is to be used.

- 1. The main header, which does not require using the library support for variadic macros, is 'tti.hpp'. This can be used for the vast majority of functionality in the library.
- 2. The secondary header, which uses a very small subset of the library functionality, providing an alternate use of a particular macro with variadic macro support, is 'tti\_vm.hpp'.

Furthermore there is a third header file which both of the header files above include, called 'mf\_template\_params.hpp' but this should never be included itself but only through either of the main header files.

The library is dependent on Boost PP, Boost MPL, Boost Type Traits, and Boost Function Types.

If the secondary header is used the library is also dependent on the variadic\_macro\_data library currently in the sandbox. If the secondary header is not used there is no need to download the variadic\_macro\_data library and use it in any way.

Since the dependencies of the library are all header only libraries, there is no need to build anything in order to use the TTI library.

# Why the TTI Library?

In the Boost Type Traits library there is compile time functionality for querying information about a C++ type. This information is very useful during template metaprogramming and forms the basis, along with the constructs of the Boost MPL library, and some other compile time libraries, for much of the template metaprogramming in Boost.

One area which is mostly missing in the Type Traits library is the ability to determine what C++ inner elements are part of a type, where the inner element may be a nested type, function or data member, static function or static data member, or class template.

There has been some of this functionality in Boost, both in already existing libraries and in libraries on which others have worked but which were never submitted for acceptance into Boost. An example with an existing Boost library is Boost MPL, where there is functionality, in the form of macros and metafunctions, to determine whether an enclosing type has a particular nested type or nested class template. An example with a library which was never submitted to Boost is the Concept Traits Library from which much of the functionality of this library, related to type traits, was taken and improved upon.

It may also be possible that some other Boost libraries, highly dependent on advanced template metaprogramming techniques, also have internal functionality to introspect a type's elements at compile time. But to the best of my knowledge this sort of functionality has never been incorporated in a single Boost library. This library is an attempt to do so, and to bring a recognizable set of interfaces to compile-time type introspection to Boost so that other metaprogramming libraries can use them for their own needs.

# **Terminology**

The term "enclosing type" refers to the type which is being introspected. This type is always a class, struct, or union.

The term "inner xxx", where xxx is some element of the enclosing type, refers to either a type, template, function, or data within the enclosing type. The term "inner element" also refers to any one of these entities in general.

I use the term "nested type" to refer to a type within another type. I use the term "member function" or "member data" to refer to non-static functions or data that are part of the enclosing type. I use the term "static member function" or "static member data" to refer to static functions or data that are part of the enclosing type. I use the term "nested class template" to refer to a class template nested within the enclosing type.



Other terminology may be just as valid for the notion of C++ language elements within a type, but I have chosen these terms to be consistent.

# **General Functionality**

The elements about which a template metaprogrammer might be interested in finding out at compile time about a type are:

- Does it have a nested type with a particular name?
- Does it have a nested type with a particular name which is a typedef for a particular type?
- Does it have a nested class template with a particular name?
- Does it have a nested class template with a particular name and a particular signature?
- Does it have a member function with a particular name and a particular signature ?
- Does it have a member data with a particular name and of a particular type?
- Does it have a static member function with a particular name and a particular signature?
- Does it have a static member data with a particular name and of a particular type?

These are the compile-time questions which the TTI library answers.

All of the questions above attempt to find an answer about an inner element with a particular name. In order to do this using template metaprogramming, macros are used so that the name of the inner element can be passed to the macro. The macro will then generate an appropriate metafunction, which the template metaprogrammer can then use to introspect the information that is needed. The name itself of the inner element is always passed to the macro as a macro parameter, but other macro parameters may also be needed in some cases.

All of the macros start with the prefix BOOST\_TTI\_, create their metafunctions in a namespace called 'boost::tti', and come in two forms:

- 1. In the simplest form the 'name' of the inner element is used directly to generate the name of the metafunction as well as serving as the 'name' to introspect. To generate the name of the metafunction the 'name' is appended to the name of the macro, with the BOOST\_TTI\_ prefix removed, a final underscore added, and the macro part of the name in lower case. As an example, for the macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE(MyType) the name of the metafunction is 'boost::tti::has\_type\_MyType' and it will look for an inner type called 'MyType'.
- 2. In the slightly more complicated form, which I call the complex form, the macro starts with BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_ and a 'trait' name is passed as the first parameter, with the 'name' of the inner element as the second parameter. The 'trait' name serves only to completely name the metafunction in the boost::tti namespace. As an example, for the macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE(MyTrait,MyType) the name of the metafunction is 'boost::tti::MyTrait' and it will look for an inner type called 'MyType'. Every macro has a corresponding complex form.



#### **Important**

When introspecting a particular inner element any given macro metafunction generated can be reused with any combination of template parameters which involve the same type of inner element. Furthermore once a macro metafunction is generated, attempting to generate another macro metafunction of the same name will create ODR violations since two C++ constructs with the same name/type in the same namespace will have been created. This latter possibility has much less chance of occurence if you use the simple form of each macro and just reuse the macro metafunction. You can even do this if you are introspecting for two entities of the same name in different enclosing types, or in the same enclosing type but with different signatures, as with overloaded member functions.

Once either of these two macro forms are used for a particular type of inner element, the corresponding macro metafunction has the exact same functionality.



In the succeeding documentation all macro metafunctions will be referred by their simple form name, but remember that the complex form name can always alternatively be used.

## **Macro Metafunctions**

The TTI library uses macros to create metafunctions, in the boost::tti' namespace, for introspecting an inner element by name. Each macro for a particular type of inner element has two forms, the simple one where the first macro parameter designating the 'name' of the inner element is used to create the name of the metafunction, and the complex one where the first macro parameter, called 'trait', designates the name of the metafunction and the second macro parameter designates the 'name' to be introspected. Other than that difference, the two forms of the macro produce the exact same results.

To use these metafunctions you need to include the main header file 'tti.hpp', unless otherwise noted.

A table of these macros is given, with the inner element whose existence the metaprogrammer is introspecting. A more detailed explanation can be found in the reference section, and examples of usage can be found in the "Using the Macro Metafunctions" section. In the Template column only the name generated by the simple form of the template is given since the name generated by the complex form is always boost::tti::trait where 'trait' is the first parameter to the corresponding complex form macro. All of the introspecting metafunctions in the table below return a boolean constant called 'value', which specifies whether or not the inner element exists.



**Table 1. TTI Macro Metafunctions** 

Inner Element	Macro	Template
Туре	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE(name)	boost::tti::has_type_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
Type with check	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE(name)	boost::tti::has_type_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
		class U = type to check against
Class Template	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE(name)	boost::tti::has_template_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
		All of the template parameters must be 'class' ( or 'typename' ) parameters
Class Template with params	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name,ppSeq <sup>a</sup> )	b o o s t : : t t i : : h a s _ t e m - plate_check_params_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
Class Template with params using variadic macros <sup>b</sup>	BOOST_TTI_VM_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, <sup>c</sup> )	b o o s t : : t t i : : h a s _ t e m - plate_check_params_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
Member data or function	BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER(name)	boost::tti::has_member_'name'
		class $T$ = pointer to data or function member
		The form for T is 'Type Class::*' for member data
		The form for T is 'ReturnType (Class::*)(Zero or more comma-separated parameter types)' for member function
Member data as individual types	BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(name)	boost::tti::has_member_data_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
		class R = data type



Inner Element	Macro	Template
Member function as individual types	BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_FUNC-TION(name)	boost::tti::has_member_function_'name'  class T = enclosing type  class FS = (optional) function parameter types as a Boost MPL forward sequence. If there are no function parameters this does not have to be specified. Defaults to boost::mpl::vector<>.  class TAG = (optional) Boost func- tion_types tag type. Defaults to boost::function_types::null_tag.
Static member data or static member function	BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEM-BER(name)	boost::tti::has_static_member_'name'  class T = enclosing type  class Type = data or function type  The form for Type is just 'Type' as a data type  The form for Type is 'ReturnType (Zero or more comma-separated parameter types)' as a function type
Static member function as individual types	BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEM-BER_FUNCTION(name)	boost::tti::has_static_member_function_'name'  class T = enclosing type  class FS = (optional) function parameter types as a Boost MPL forward sequence. If there are no function parameters this does not have to be specified. Defaults to boost::mpl::vector<>.  class TAG = (optional) Boost function_types tag type. Defaults to boost::function_types::null_tag.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A Boost PP data sequence with each comma separated portion of the template parameters as its own sequence element.

There is one other macro which creates a metafunction which does not introspect for the existence of an inner element type, but is very useful nonetheless. Instead the macro metafunction created returns the nested type if it exists, else it returns an unspecified type.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Header file is tti\_vm.hpp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The template parameters as variadic data.

**Table 2. TTI Nested Type Macro Metafunction** 

Inner Element	Macro	Template
Туре	BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(name)	boost::tti::member_type_'name'
		class T = enclosing type
		returns = the type of 'name' if it exists, else an unspecified type, as a typedef 'type'.

Along with this macro metafunction we have another metafunction which, when passed a 'type', which can be any type but which will generally be used with the type returned by invoking the metafunction generated by BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE, will tell use whether the type exists or not as a boolean constant.

**Table 3. TTI Nested Type Macro Metafunction Existence** 

Inner Element	Macro	Template
Туре	None	boost::tti::valid_member_type
		class $T = a$ type
		returns = true if the type exists, false if it does not. 'Existence' is determined by whether the type does not equal an unspecified type.

The usefulness of the BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE macro metafunction will be shown in the next topic when I explain the problem of specifying nested types and how TTI solves it.

# **Nested Types**

## The problem

The goal of the TTI library is never to produce a compiler error by just using the functionality in the library, whether it is invoking its function-like macros or instantiating the macro metafunctions created by them, and whether the inner element exists or not. In this sense The TTI library macros for introspecting an enclosing type for an inner element work very well. But there is one exception to this general case. That exception is the crux of the discussion regarding nested types which follows.

The metafunctions generated by the TTI macros all work with types, whether in specifying an enclosing type or in specifying the type of some inner element, which may also involve types in the signature of that element, such as a parameter or return type of a function. The C++ notation for a nested type, given an enclosing type 'T' and an inner type 'InnerType', is 'T::InnerType'. If either the enclosing type 'T' does not exist, or the inner type 'InnerType' does not exist within 'T', the expression 'T::InnerType' will give a compiler error if we attempt to use it in our template instantiation of one of TTI's macro metafunctions.

We want to be able to introspect for the existence of inner elements to an enclosing type without producing compiler errors. Of course if we absolutely know what types we have and that a nested type exists, and these declarations are within our scope, we can always use an expression like T::InnerType without error. But this is often not the case when doing template programming since the type being passed to us at compile-time in a class or function template is chosen at instantiation time.

One solution to this is afforded by the library itself. Given an enclosing type 'T' which we know must exist, either because it is a top-level type we know about or it is passed to us in some template as a 'class T' or 'typename T', and given an inner type named 'InnerType' whose existence we would like ascertain, we can use a BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE(InnerType) macro and it's related boost::tti::has\_type\_InnerType metafunction to determine if the nested type 'InnerType' exists. This solution is perfectly valid and, with Boost MPL's selection metafunctions, we can do compile-time selection to generate the correct template code.



However this does not scale that well syntactically if we need to drill down further from a top-level enclosing type to a deeply nested type, or even to look for some deeply nested type's inner elements. We are going to be generating a great deal of boost::mpl::if\_ and/or boost::mpl::eval\_if type selection statements to get to some final condition where we know we can generate the compile-time code which we want.

#### The solution

The TTI library offers a better solution in the form of constructs which work with nested types without producing a compiler error if the nested type does not exist, but still are able to do the introspecting for inner elements that our TTI macro metafunctions do.

We have already seen one of those constructs, the macro BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE, which generates a metafunction based on the name of an inner type. But instead of telling us whether that inner type exists it instead returns a typedef 'type' which is that inner type if it exists, else it is an unspecified type if it does not. In this way we have created a metafunction, very similar in functionality to boost::mpl::identity, but which still returns some unspecified marker 'type' if our nested type is invalid.

We can use the functionality of BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE to construct nested types for our other macro metafunctions, without having to use the T::InnerType syntax and produce a compiler error if no such type actually exists within our scope. We can even do this in deeply nested contexts by stringing together, so to speak, a series of these macro metafunction results.

As an example, given a type T, let us create a metafunction where there is a nested type FindType whose enclosing type is eventually T, as represented by the following structure:

```
struct T
{
   struct AType
   {
     struct BType
        {
        struct CType
        {
        struct FindType
        {
        };
     };
};
```

In our TTI code we first create a series of member type macros for each of our nested types:

```
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(FindType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(AType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(BType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(CType)
```

Next we can create a typedef to reflect a nested type called FindType which has the relationship as specified above by instantiating our macro metafunctions.



We can use the above typedef to pass the type as FindType to one of our macro metafunctions. FindType may not actually exist but we will not generate a compiler error when we use it.

As one example, let's ask whether FindType has a static member data called MyData of type 'int'. We add:

```
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(MyData)
```

Next we create our metafunction:

and use this in our metaprogramming code. Our metafunction now tells us whether the nested type FindType has a static member data called MyData of type 'int', even if FindType does not actually exist as we have specified it as a type.

We can also directly find out whether the deeply nested type 'FindType' actually exists in a similar manner. Our metafunction would be:

Because this duplicates much of our code for the 'MyFindType' typedef to create our nested type, we can instead, and much more easily, pass our type 'MyFindType', since we already have it in the form of a type, to another metafunction called 'boost::tti::val-id\_member\_type', which returns a boolean constant which is 'true' if our nested exists or 'false' if it does not.



Using this functionality with our 'MyFindType' type above we could create the nullary metafunction:

directly instead of replicating the same functionality with our 'boost::tti::has\_type\_FindType' metafunction.

The using of BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE to create a nested type which may or may not exist, and which can subsequently be used with our macro metafunctions whenever a nested type is required, without producing a compiler error when the type does not actually exist, is the main reason we have separate but similar functionality among our macro metafunctions to determine whether a member data, a member function, or a static member function exists within an enclosing type.

In the more general case, when using BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER and BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER, the signature for the member data, member function, and the function portion of a static member function is a composite type. This makes for a syntactical notation which is easy to specify, but because of that composite type notation we can not use the nested type functionality in BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE very easily. But when we use the BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA, BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION, and BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION the composite types in our signatures are broken down into their individual types so that using BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE, if necessary, for one of the individual types is easy.

#### A more elegant solution

Although using BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE represents a good solution to creating a nested type without the possible compile-time error of the T::InnerType syntax, reaching in to specify all those ::type expressions, along with their repeated 'typename', does get syntactically tedious.

Because of this the TTI library offers a parallel set of metafunctions to the macro metafunctions where the 'types' specified are themselves nullary metafunctions. This parallel set of metafunctions, using nullary metafunctions to specify individual types, rather than the actual types themselves, are called 'nullary type metafunctions'. In this group there is also a nullary metafunction paralleling our BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE macro metafunction, and therefore a further construct making the specifying of nested types easy and error-free to use.

This group of nullary type metafunctions will be fully explained later.

# **Using the Macro Metafunctions**

Using the macro metafunctions can be illustrated by first creating some hypothetical user-defined type with corresponding nested types and other inner elements. With this type we can illustrate the use of the macro metafunctions. This is just meant to serve as a model for what a type T might entail from within a class or function template.



```
// An enclosing type
struct AType
  // Type
  typedef int AnIntType; // as a typedef
  struct BType // as a nested type
    struct CType
    };
  // Template
  template <class> struct AMemberTemplate { };
  template <class,class,int,class,template <class> class InnerTemplate,class,long> struct ManyPara →
meters { };
 template <class,class,int,short,class,template <class,int> class InnerTemplate,class> struct MoreJ
Parameters { };
  // Data
  BType IntBT;
  // Function
  int IntFunction(short) { return 0; }
  // Static Data
  static short DSMember;
  // Static Function
  static int SIntFunction(long,double) { return 2; }
  };
```

I will be using the type above just to illustrate the sort of metaprogramming questions we can ask of some type T which is passed to the template programmer in a class template. Here is what the class template might look like:

```
#include <boost/tti.hpp>

template<class T>
struct OurTemplateClass
{
   // compile-time template code regarding T
};
```

Now let us create and invoke the macro metafunctions for each of our inner element types, to see if type T above corresponds to our hypothetical type above. Imagine this being within 'OurTemplateClass' above. In the examples below the same macro is invoked just once to avoid ODR violations.



#### **Type**

Does T have a nested type called 'AnIntType'?

Does T have a nested type called 'BType'?

#### Type checking the typedef

Does T have a nested typedef called 'AnIntType' whose type is an 'int'?

## **Template**

Does T have a nested class template called 'AMemberTemplate' whose template parameters are all types ('class' or 'typename')?

## **Template with params**

Does T have a nested class template called 'MoreParameters' whose template parameters are specified exactly?



#### Template with params using variadic macros



#### Note

Include the 'tti\_vm.hpp' header file when using this macro.

Does T have a nested class template called 'ManyParameters' whose template parameters are specified exactly?

#### Member data with composite type

Does T have a member data called 'IntBT' whose type is 'AType::BType'?

#### Member data with individual types

Does T have a member data called 'IntBT' whose type is 'AType::BType'?

## Member function with composite type

Does T have a member function called 'IntFunction' whose type is 'int (short)'?

## Member function with individual types

Does T have a member function called 'IntFunction' whose type is 'int (short)'?



#### Static member data

Does T have a static member data called 'DSMember' whose type is 'short'?

#### Static member function with composite type

Does T have a static member function called 'SIntFunction' whose type is 'int (long,double)'?

## Static member function with individual types

Does T have a static member function called 'SIntFunction' whose type is 'int (long,double)'?

## **Member type**

Create a nested type T::BType::CType without creating a compiler error if T does not have the nested type BType::CType ?



#### Member type existence

Does a nested type T::BType::CType, created without creating a compiler error if T does not have the nested type BType::CType, actually exist?

## **Macro Metafunctions as Metadata**

As specified in the Boost MPL library, there are two ways to pass metafunctions as metadata, and both ways fall under the Boost MPL terminology of 'lambda expressions':

- · As a metafunction class
- · As a placeholder expression

Using a placeholder expression is the easiest way and does not require the programmer to create a metafunction class for passing the metadata. The syntax for this is fairly simple. The syntax for passing a macro metafunction becomes 'macrometafunction<\_>' etc. depending on how many parameters are bring passed. Thus for two parameters we would have 'macrometafunction<\_,\_>' etc., with another placeholder ('\_') added for each subsequent parameter.

However using a placeholder expression may not be the fastest way when considering compile-time speed. Because of this the TTI library provides a set of macros for each of the macro metafunctions which generate a corresponding metafunction class. We will call this set of macros the 'metafunction class macros'.

These macros take exactly the same macro parameters as their corresponding macro metafunctions. They generate a corresponding metafunction class rather than a metafunction itself, which allows us to pass our macro metafunctions as metadata, just as using placeholder expressions allows us to do.



For these metafunction class macros there is a simple form and a complex form name just as there is for the macro metafunctions. For each macro metafunction, the name for the corresponding metafunction class macro is the macro metafunction name with the sequence 'MTFC\_' ( for "MeTaFunction Class" ) following the BOOST\_TTI\_ ( or BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_ ) portion of the macro metafunction name. The subsequent metafunction class name, using the simple form, is the same name as the corresponding macro metafunction name but with 'mtfc\_' prepended to the name.

As with the complex form name of the macro metafunctions, the complex form name of the corresponding metafunction class macros is completely determined by the first 'trait' parameter.

In the following table I do not specify the macro parameters as they are exactly the same as those for their corresponding macro metafunction:



**Table 4. TTI Metafunction Classes** 

Macro Metafunction	<b>Metafunction Class Macro</b>	Metafunction Class Name
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TYPE	boost::tti::mtfc_has_type_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE	boost::tti::mtfc_has_template_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEM- PLATE	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	boost::tti::mtfc_has_tem- plate_check_params_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_VM_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	BOOST_TTI_VM_MTFC_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	boost::tti::mtfc_has_tem- plate_check_params_'name'
BOOST_TTI_VM_TRAIT_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	BOOST_TTI_VM_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER	boost::tti::mtfc_has_member_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_DATA	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_DATA	boost::tti::mtfc_has_member_data_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_DATA	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEM- BER_DATA	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_FUNC-TION	boost::tti::mtfc_has_member_function_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEM- BER	boost::tti::has_static_member_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEM- BER	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STAT-IC_MEMBER	boost::tti::'trait'
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEM-BER_FUNCTION	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION	boost::tti::has_static_member_function_'name'
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION	BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STAT-IC_MEMBER_FUNCTION	boost::tti::'trait'

# **Nullary Type Metafunctions**

The macro metafunctions provide a complete set of functionality for anything one would like to do using the TTI library. Why then do we have another set of parallel functionality as nullary type metafunctions?



The nullary type metafunctions parallel those macro metafunctions in which types are specified individually rather than in a composite manner. The individual types are passed to the nullary type metafunctions as nullary metafunctions, hence the name of this group of metafunctions. They more easily allow a syntax where nested types can be specified without needing to manually reach into the 'type' member of BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE or the 'type' member of its nullary type metafunction equivalent called boost::tti::mf\_member\_type.

In a very real way the nullary type metafunctions exist just to provide syntactic improvements over the macro metafunctions and are not needed to use the library, since all of the library functionality is already provided with the macro metafunctions. Nonetheless syntactic ease of use is a very real goal of the TTI library and therefore these metafunctions are provided to allow that syntactic improvement.

The nullary type metafunctions reuse the metafunctions generated by the macro metafunctions. To do this the result of a corresponding macro metafunction needs to be passed as metadata to a given nullary metafunction.

A lambda expression, in the form of a metafunction class or a placeholder expression, is passed as the first parameter to our nullary type metafunctions. We have already seen how the TTI library supplies metafunction classes through the use of metafunction class macros for each of the macro metafunctions. The end-user can use these metafunction classes directly, or can use placeholder expressions with the metafunctions generated by the macro metafunctions.

The remaining parameters are 'types'. These 'types' always consist first of the enclosing type and then possibly other types which make up the signature of whatever inner element we are introspecting. Each of these 'types' is passed as a nullary metafunction whose typedef 'type' is the actual type.

The only exception to this use of nullary type metafunctions when specifying 'types' is when a Boost function\_types tag type, which is optional, is specified as an addition to the function signature. Also when dealing with a function signature and parameter types being passed, while the parameter 'types' themselves are in the form of nullary metafunctions, the MPL forward sequence which contains the parameter 'types' is a plain type and should not be wrapped as a nullary metafunction.

For a type which is in scope, we can always use boost::mpl::identity to create our nullary metafunction, and there can never be a compiler error for such known types as long as declarations for them exist or it is a built-in C++ type. For nested types, which may or may not exist, we can pass the result of BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE or its equivalent nullary type metafunction boost::tti::mf\_member\_type ( explained later ).

To use these metafunctions you need to include the main header file 'tti.hpp', unless otherwise noted.



#### Tip

The header file <boost/mpl/identity.hpp> is included by the TTI header files so you need not manually include it in order to use boost::mpl::identity to wrap a known type as a nullary metafunction for the nullary type metafunctions. Also the header file <boost/mpl/vector.hpp> is included by the main TTI header file 'tti.hpp' so if you use an MPL vector as your forward sequence wrapper for parameter types, you need not manually include the header file. Finally the header file <boost/mpl/placeholders.hpp> is also included by 'tti.hpp' so you need not manually include it yourself in order to use placeholder expressions.

A table of these metafunctions is given, based on the inner element whose existence the metaprogrammer is introspecting. A more detailed explanation can be found in the reference section, and examples of usage can be found in the "Using the Nullary Type Metafunctions" section. All of the metafunctions are in the top-level 'boost::tti' namespace, all have a particular name based on the type of its functionality, and all begin with the prefix 'mf\_' so as not to conflict with the macro metafunction names generated by the library.



**Table 5. TTI Nullary Type Metafunctions** 

Inner Element	Template	Parameters	Macro Equivalent
Туре	boost::tti::mf_has_type	class HasType = macro metafunction as lambda expres- sion class T = enclosing type nul-	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE
		lary metafunction	
Type with check	boost::tti::mf_has_type	class HasType = macro metafunction as lambda expres- sion	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
		class U = type to check against nullary metafunction	
Class Template	<pre>boost::tti::mf_has_tem- plate</pre>	class HasTemplate = macro metafunction as lambda expres- sion	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEM- PLATE
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
Class Template with params	boost::tti::mf_has_tem- plate_check_params	class HasTemplateCheck- Params = macro metafunction	BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS
		as lambda expression  class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	BOOST_TTI_VM_HAS_TEM- PLATE_CHECK_PARAMS
Member data	boost::tti::mf_has_mem- ber_data	class HasMemberData = macro metafunction as lambda expression	BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEM- BER_DATA
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
		class R = type of member data nullary Metafunction	



Inner Element	Template	Parameters	Macro Equivalent
Member function	boost::tti::mf_has_mem- ber_function	class HasMemberFunction = macro metafunction as lambda expression	BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEM- BER_FUNCTION
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
		class R = return value nullary metafunction	
		class FS = (optional) a Boost MPL forward sequence of parameter types as nullary metafunctions. The forward sequence as a type is not presented as a nullary metafunction. If there are no parameters, this may be omitted.	
		class TAG = (optional) a Boost function_types tag type.	
Static data	boost::tti::mf_has_stat- ic_data	class HasStaticMember = macro metafunction as lambda expression	BOOST_TTI_HAS_STAT-IC_MEMBER
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
		class R = type of static data nullary metafunction	
Static function	boost::tti::mf_has_stat- ic_member_function	class HasStaticMemberFunc- tion = macro metafunction as lambda expression	BOOST_TTI_HAS_STAT-IC_MEMBER_FUNCTION
		class T = enclosing type nullary metafunction	
		class R = return value nullary metafunction	
		class FS = (optional) a Boost MPL forward sequence of parameter types as nullary metafunctions. The forward sequence as a type is not presented as a nullary metafunction. If there are no parameters, this may be omitted.	
		class TAG = (optional) a Boost function_types tag type.	



Other than the use of nearly all types as nullary metafunctions, one other difference in the nullary type metafunctions from their macro metafunction counterparts is that the signature for member functions, member data, and static member functions always involves individual types rather than the combined type notation which some of the macro metafunctions use. This allows us to specify nested types in those signatures without using the T::InnerType notation.

#### Nullary type metafunction member\_type equivalent

Just as there is the macro BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE for creating a macro metafunction which returns a nested type if it exists, else an unspecified type, there is also the equivalent nullary type metafunction.

**Table 6. TTI Nested Type Nullary Type Metafunction** 

Inner Element	Template	Parameters	Macro Equivalent
Туре	<pre>boost::tti::mf_mem- ber_type</pre>	class MemberType = macro metafunction as lambda expres- sion	BOOST_TTI_MEM- BER_TYPE
		class $T =$ enclosing type nullary metafunction	

The difference between the macro metafunction BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE and boost::tti::mf\_member\_type is simply that, like the other nullary type metafunctions, the latter takes its enclosing type as a nullary metafunction. Both produce the exact same result.

The use of this metafunction allows us to created deeply nested types, which may or may not exist, as nullary metafunctions in much the same way that BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE can. The difference is the simpler syntax when using boost::tti::mf\_member\_type.

As an example, given the theoretical relationship of types we used before:

We can use boost::tti::mf\_member\_type as follows. First we create our corresponding macro metafunctions:

```
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(FindType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(AType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(BType)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(CType)
```

Next we can create a typedef to reflect a nested type called FindType, as a nullary metafunction, which has the relationship as specified above by using boost::tti::mf\_member\_type.



The nested type created can be used with the other nullary type metafunctions above. The key information above is that the enclosing type, as in all of the nullary type metafunctions, is a nullary metafunction itself, which means that the enclosing type can be specified as the result of using BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE as well as the result of using mf\_member\_type itself.

Both techniques are shown in the example above, and the same technique for creating nested types as nullary metafunctions can be used with the other functionality of the nullary type metafunctions when nested types are needed as 'types'.

Also similar to the macro metafunctions, we have an easy way of testing whether or not our boost::tti::mf\_member\_type nested type actually exists.

Table 7. TTI Nested Type Nullary Type Metafunction Existence

Inner Element	Template	Parameters
Туре	<pre>boost::tti::mf_valid_mem- ber_type</pre>	class $T=a$ type as a nullary metafunction returns = true if the nullary metafunction's inner 'type' exists, false if it does not. 'Existence' is determined by whether the type does not equal an unspecified type.

Again note the difference here from the equivalent macro metafunction boost::tti::valid\_member\_type. In the example above the type T is passed as a nullary metafunction holding the actual type, where for the macro metafunction equivalent the type T is passed as the actual type being tested.

In our next section we will look at examples of nullary type metafunction use.

# **Using the Nullary Type Metafunctions**

Using the nullary type metafunctions can be illustrated by first creating some hypothetical user-defined type with corresponding nested types and other inner elements. This user-defined type will be weighted toward showing deeply nested types and elements within those nested types. With this type we can illustrate the use of the nullary type metafunctions. This is just meant to serve as a model for what a type T might entail from within a class or function template.



```
// An enclosing type
struct T
  // Type
  struct BType // as a nested type
    // Template
    template <class,class,int,class,template <class> class InnerTem→
plate,class,long> struct ManyParameters { };
    // Type
    struct CType // as a further nested type
      // Template
      template <class> struct AMemberTemplate { };
      // Type
      struct DType // as a futher nested type
        // Type
        typedef double ADoubleType;
        // Template
        template <class,class,int,short,class,template <class,int> class InnerTemJ
plate,class> struct MoreParameters { };
        // Function
        int IntFunction(short) const { return 0; }
        // Static Data
        static short DSMember;
        // Static Function
        static int SIntFunction(long,double) { return 2; }
        };
    };
  // Data
  BType IntBT;
  };
```

I will be using the type above just to illustrate the sort of metaprogramming questions we can ask of some type T which is passed to the template programmer in a class template. Here is what the class template might look like:



```
#include <boost/tti.hpp>

template<class T>
struct OurTemplateClass
{
   // compile-time template code regarding T
};
```

Now let us create and invoke the nested metafunctions for each of our inner element types, to see if type T above corresponds to our hypothetical type above. Imagine this being within 'OurTemplateClass' above. In the examples below the same macro is invoked just once to avoid ODR violations.

I will also be mixing the way the macro metafunction metadata is passed to our nullary type metafunctions, whether as a metafunction class or as a placeholder expression. Both will work just fine since our nullary type metafunctions work with any lambda expression as the first template parameter.

#### **Member type**

We start off by creating typedef's, as nullary metafunctions, for our theoretical inner types in relation to T . None of these typedefs will produce a compiler error even if our structure does not correspond to T's reality. This also illustrates using 'boost::tti::mf\_member\_type'.

```
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(BType)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_MEMBER_TYPE(CType)
{\tt BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE}\,(\,{\tt DType}\,)
typedef
boost::tti::mf_member_type
  boost::tti::member_type_BType<_>,
  boost::mpl::identity<T>
BTypeNM;
typedef
boost::tti::mf_member_type
  boost::tti::mtfc_member_type_CType,
  {\tt BTypeNM}
CTypeNM;
typedef
boost::tti::mf_member_type
  boost::tti::member_type_DType<_>,
  {\tt CTypeNM}
DTypeNM;
```

We will use these typedefs in the ensuing examples.

## **Type**

Does T have a nested type called 'DType' within 'BType::CType'?



We could just have easily used the boost::tti::mf\_valid\_member\_type metafunction to the same effect:

## Type checking the typedef

Does T have a nested typedef called 'ADoubleType' within 'BType::CType::DType' whose type is a 'double'?

## **Template**

Does T have a nested class template called 'AMemberTemplate' within 'BType::CType' whose template parameters are all types ('class' or 'typename') ?

## **Template with params**

Does T have a nested class template called 'ManyParameters' within 'BType' whose template parameters are specified exactly?



#### Template with params using variadic macros

Does T have a nested class template called 'MoreParameters' within 'BType::CType' whose template parameters are specified exactly 2



#### Note

Include the 'tti\_vm.hpp' header file when using this macro.

#### Member data

Does T have a member data called 'IntBT' whose type is 'BType'?

#### **Member function**

Does T have a member function called 'IntFunction' within 'BType::CType::DType' whose type is 'int (short) const'?

#### Static member data

Does T have a static member data called 'DSMember' within 'BType::CType::DType' whose type is 'short'?



#### Static member function

Does T have a static member function called 'SIntFunction' within 'BType::CType::DType' whose type is 'int (long,double)'?

```
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(SIntFunction)

boost::tti::mf_has_static_member_function

boost::tti::has_static_member_function_SIntFunction<_,_,_,>,
DTypeNM,
boost::mpl::identity<int>,
boost::mpl::vector<boost::mpl::identity<long>,boost::mpl::identity<double> >
>
```

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# Header <boost/tti/mf\_template\_params.hpp>

```
namespace boost {
  namespace tti {
    template<typename HasTemplateCheckParams, typename T>
        struct mf_has_template_check_params;
  }
}
```



#### Struct template mf\_has\_template\_check\_params

boost::tti::mf\_has\_template\_check\_params — A metafunction which checks whether a class template with its parameters exists within an enclosing type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/mf_template_params.hpp>
template<typename HasTemplateCheckParams, typename T>
struct mf_has_template_check_params {
};
```

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its enclosing type as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

HasTemplateCheckParams = a Boost MPL lambda expression using the metafunction generated from either the TTI\_HAS\_TEM-PLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ( TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ) or TTI\_VM\_HAS\_TEM-PLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ( TTI\_VM\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ) macros.

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_>'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by either the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ( TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ) macro or the TTI\_VM\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ( TTI\_VM\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS ) macro.

T =The enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

returns = 'value' is true if the template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



## Header <boost/tti/tti.hpp>

```
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TYPE(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_MEMBER_TYPE(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, tpSeq)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, tpSeq)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, tpSeq)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, tpSeq)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(name)
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(name)
BOOST TTI TRAIT HAS STATIC MEMBER FUNCTION(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
```



```
namespace boost {
 namespace tti
    template<typename T> struct valid_member_type;
    template<typename T> struct mf_valid_member_type;
    template<typename HasType, typename T,
             typename U = boost::mpl::identity<detail::notype> >
      struct mf_has_type;
    template<typename MemberType, typename T> struct mf_member_type;
    template<typename HasTemplate, typename T> struct mf_has_template;
    template<typename HasMemberFunction, typename T, typename R,
             typename FS = boost::mpl::vector<>,
             typename TAG = boost::function_types::null_tag>
      struct mf_has_member_function;
    template<typename HasMemberData, typename T, typename R>
      struct mf_has_member_data;
    template<typename HasStaticMemberFunction, typename T, typename R,
             typename FS = boost::mpl::vector<>,
             typename TAG = boost::function_types::null_tag>
      struct mf_has_static_member_function;
    template<typename HasStaticMember, typename T, typename R>
      struct mf_has_static_data;
```



#### Struct template valid\_member\_type

boost::tti::valid\_member\_type — A metafunction which checks whether the member 'type' returned from invoking the macro metafunction generated by TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) or from invoking boost::tti::mf\_member\_type is a valid type.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename T>
struct valid_member_type {
};
```

#### **Description**

The metafunction types and return:

 $T = returned inner 'type' from invoking the macro metafunction generated by TTI_MEMBER_TYPE (TTI_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE ) or from invoking boost::tti::mf_member_type.$ 

returns = 'value' is true if the type is valid, otherwise 'value' is false.



#### Struct template mf\_valid\_member\_type

boost::tti::mf\_valid\_member\_type — A metafunction which checks whether the member 'type' returned from invoking the macro metafunction generated by TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) or from invoking boost::tti::mf\_member\_type is a valid type.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename T>
struct mf_valid_member_type {
};
```

#### **Description**

The metafunction types and return:

 $T = the nullary metafunction from invoking the macro metafunction generated by TTI_MEMBER_TYPE ( TTI_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE ) or from invoking boost::tti::mf_member_type.$ 

returns = 'value' is true if the type is valid, otherwise 'value' is false.



#### Struct template mf\_has\_type

boost::tti::mf\_has\_type — A metafunction which checks whether a type exists within an enclosing type and optionally is a particular type.

## **Synopsis**

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its specific types as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

HasType = a Boost MPL lambda expression using the metafunction generated from the TTI\_HAS\_TYPE ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE ) macro.

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_>' ( or optionally 'metafunction<\_,\_>' ). You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TYPE ( or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

U = the type of the inner type as a nullary metafunction, as an optional parameter.

returns = 'value' is true if the type exists within the enclosing type and, if type U is specified, the type is the same as the type U, otherwise 'value' is false.



#### Struct template mf\_member\_type

boost::tti::mf\_member\_type — A metafunction whose typedef 'type' is either the internal type or an unspecified type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename MemberType, typename T>
struct mf_member_type {
};
```

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its enclosing type as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

MemberType = a Boost MPL lambda expression using the metafunction generated from the TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) macro.

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_>'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) macro.

T = the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

returns = 'type' is the inner type of the 'name' in TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) if the inner type exists within the enclosing type, else 'type' is an unspecified type.

'valid' is true if the inner type of 'name' exists within the enclosing type, else 'valid' is false.

The purpose of this metafunction is to encapsulate the 'name' type in TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) as the typedef 'type' of a metafunction, but only if it exists within the enclosing type. This allows for a lazy evaluation of inner type existence which can be used by other metafunctions in this library.

Furthermore this metafunction allows the enclosing type to be return type from either the metafunction generated from TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE ) or from this metafunction itself.



#### Struct template mf\_has\_template

boost::tti::mf\_has\_template — A metafunction which checks whether a class template exists within an enclosing type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename HasTemplate, typename T>
struct mf_has_template {
};
```

#### Description

This metafunction takes its enclosing type as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

HasTemplate = a Boost MPL lambda expression using the metafunction generated from the TTI\_HAS\_TEMPLATE ( TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE ) macro.

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_>'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE (TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

returns = 'value' is true if the template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



#### Struct template mf\_has\_member\_function

boost::tti::mf\_has\_member\_function — A metafunction which checks whether a member function exists within an enclosing type.

## **Synopsis**

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its specific types, except for the optional parameters, as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

 $Has Member Function = a\ Boost\ MPL\ lambda\ expression\ using\ the\ metafunction\ generated\ from\ the\ TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION\ (\ or\ TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION\ )\ macro.$ 

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_,\_> (or optionally 'metafunction<\_,\_,> or ' 'metafunction<\_,\_,> )'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION (or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

R = the return type of the member function as a nullary metafunction.

FS = an optional parameter which is the parameters of the member function, each as a nullary metafunction, as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

This parameter defaults to boost::mpl::vector<>.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the member function.

This parameter defaults to boost::function\_types::null\_tag.

returns = 'value' is true if the member function exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Struct template mf\_has\_member\_data

boost::tti::mf\_has\_member\_data — A metafunction which checks whether a member data exists within an enclosing type.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename HasMemberData, typename T, typename R>
struct mf_has_member_data {
};
```

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its specific types as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

 $Has Member Data = a\ Boost\ MPL\ lambda\ expression\ using\ the\ metafunction\ generated\ from\ the\ TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA\ (\ or\ TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA\ )\ macro.$ 

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_,\_>'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA (or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

R =the type of the member data as a nullary metafunction.

returns = 'value' is true if the member data exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Struct template mf\_has\_static\_member\_function

boost::tti::mf\_has\_static\_member\_function — A metafunction which checks whether a static member function exists within an enclosing type.

## **Synopsis**

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its specific types, except for the optional parameters, as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

 $Has Static Member Function = a\ Boost\ MPL\ lambda\ expression\ using\ the\ metafunction\ generated\ from\ the\ TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION\ (\ or\ TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION\ )\ macro.$ 

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_,\_> (or optionally 'metafunction<\_,\_,> or ' 'metafunction<\_,\_,> )'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION ( or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION ) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

R = the return type of the static member function as a nullary metafunction.

FS = an optional parameter which is the parameters of the static member function, each as a nullary metafunction, as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the static member function.

returns = 'value' is true if the member function exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Struct template mf\_has\_static\_data

boost::tti::mf\_has\_static\_data — A metafunction which checks whether a static member data exists within an enclosing type.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
template<typename HasStaticMember, typename T, typename R>
struct mf_has_static_data {
};
```

#### **Description**

This metafunction takes its specific types as nullary metafunctions whose typedef 'type' member is the actual type used.

The metafunction types and return:

HasStaticMember = a Boost MPL lambda expression using the metafunction generated from the TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER ( or TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER ) macro.

The easiest way to generate the lambda expression is to use a Boost MPL placeholder expression of the form 'metafunction<\_,\_>'. You can also use the metafunction class generated by the TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER ( or TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER ) macro.

T =the enclosing type as a nullary metafunction.

R = the type of the static member data as a nullary metafunction.

returns = 'value' is true if the member data exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner type with a particular name exists and optionally is a particular type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

U = the type of the inner type named 'name' as an optional parameter.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner type with a particular name exists and optionally is a particular type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TYPE(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metfunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

U = the type of the inner type named 'name' as an optional parameter.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner type with a particular name exists and optionally is a particular type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TYPE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_type\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

U = the type of the inner type named 'name' as an optional parameter.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TYPE

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner type with a particular name exists and optionally is a particular type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TYPE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_type\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

U = the type of the inner type named 'name' as an optional parameter.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction whose typedef 'type' is either the named type or an unspecified type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.

returns = 'type' is the inner type of 'name' if the inner type exists within the enclosing type, else 'type' is an unspecified type.

The purpose of this macro is to encapsulate the 'name' type as the typedef 'type' of a metafunction, but only if it exists within the enclosing type. This allows for a lazy evaluation of inner type existence which can be used by other metafunctions in this library.



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BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_MEMBER\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction class whose typedef 'type' is either the named type or an unspecified type.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_MEMBER_TYPE(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.

returns = 'type' is the inner type of 'name' if the inner type exists within the enclosing type, else 'type' is an unspecified type.

The purpose of this macro is to encapsulate the 'name' type as the typedef 'type' of a metafunction class, but only if it exists within the enclosing type. This allows for a lazy evaluation of inner type existence which can be used by other metafunctions in this library.



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## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MEMBER_TYPE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner type.

 $returns = a \ metafunction \ called \ "boost::tti::member\_type\_name" \ where \ 'name' \ is \ the \ macro \ parameter.$ 

The metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.

returns = 'type' is the inner type of 'name' if the inner type exists within the enclosing type, else 'type' is an unspecified type.

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BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_MEMBER\_TYPE — Expands to a metafunction class whose typedef 'type' is either the named type or an unspecified type.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_MEMBER_TYPE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner type.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_member\_type\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.

returns = 'type' is the inner type of 'name' if the inner type exists within the enclosing type, else 'type' is an unspecified type.

The purpose of this macro is to encapsulate the 'name' type as the typedef 'type' of a metafunction class, but only if it exists within the enclosing type. This allows for a lazy evaluation of inner type existence which can be used by other metafunctions in this library.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE(trait, name)
```

#### Description

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner template.

 $returns = a \ metafunction \ called \ "boost::tri::trait" \ where \ 'trait' \ is \ the \ macro \ parameter.$ 

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner template.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TEMPLATE

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# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner template.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_template\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'. returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



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## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner template.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_template\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' template exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, tpSeq)
```

#### Description

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner class template.

tpSeq = a Boost PP sequence which has the class template parameters. Each part of the template parameters separated by a comma (,) is put in a separate sequence element.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, tpSeq)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner class template.

tpSeq = a Boost PP sequence which has the class template parameters. Each part of the template parameters separated by a comma (,) is put in a separate sequence element.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, tpSeq)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner class template.

 $tpSeq = a \ Boost \ PP$  sequence which has the class template parameters. Each part of the template parameters separated by a comma ( , ) is put in a separate sequence element.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_template\_check\_params\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, tpSeq)
```

#### Description

name = the name of the inner class template.

tpSeq = a Boost PP sequence which has the class template parameters. Each part of the template parameters separated by a comma (,) is put in a separate sequence element.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_template\_check\_params\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member data or member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member data or member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member data or member function with a particular name and type exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_member\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member data or member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_member\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:



# Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member function with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the member function.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member function with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the member function.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member function with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_member\_function\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the member function.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member function with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_member\_function\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the member function.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member data with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the type of the member data.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member data with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the type of the member data.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a member data with a particular name and type exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_member\_data\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the type of the member data.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a member data with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_MEMBER_DATA(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_member\_data\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the type of the member data.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a static member data or a static member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a static member data or a static member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a static member data or a static member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_static\_member\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a static member data or a static member function with a particular name and type exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_static\_member\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T =the enclosing type.



## Macro BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a static member function with a particular name and signature exists.

## **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
```

#### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the static member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the static member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the static member function.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a static member function with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(trait, name)
```

### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R = the return type of the static member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the static member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the static member function.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' exists, with the appropriate type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether a static member function with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
```

### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_static\_member\_function\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the return type of the static member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the static member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the static member function.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' exists, with the appropriate type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION

BOOST\_TTI\_MTFC\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether a static member function with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_MTFC_HAS_STATIC_MEMBER_FUNCTION(name)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner member.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_static\_member\_function\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

R =the return type of the static member function.

FS = an optional parameter which are the parameters of the static member function as a boost::mpl forward sequence.

TAG = an optional parameter which is a boost::function\_types tag to apply to the static member function.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' exists, with the appropriate type, otherwise 'value' is false.

# Header <boost/tti/tti\_vm.hpp>

```
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### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti_vm.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_VM_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, ...)
```

### **Description**

trait = the name of the metafunction within the tti namespace.

name = the name of the inner class template.

... = variadic macro data which has the class template parameters.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' class template, with the signature as defined by the '...' variadic macro data, exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_MTFC\_TRAIT\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti_vm.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_VM_MTFC_TRAIT_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(trait, name, ...)
```

#### Description

trait = the name of the metafunction class within the tti namespace. name = the name of the inner class template.

 $\dots$  = variadic macro data which has the class template parameters.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::trait" where 'trait' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' class template, with the signature as defined by the '...' variadic macro data, exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti_vm.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_VM_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, ...)
```

### **Description**

name = the name of the inner class template.

... = variadic macro data which has the class template parameters.

returns = a metafunction called "boost::tti::has\_template\_check\_params\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' class template, with the signature as defined by the '...' variadic macro data, exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.



### Macro BOOST TTI VM MTFC HAS TEMPLATE CHECK PARAMS

BOOST\_TTI\_VM\_MTFC\_HAS\_TEMPLATE\_CHECK\_PARAMS — Expands to a metafunction class which tests whether an inner class template with a particular name and signature exists.

# **Synopsis**

```
// In header: <boost/tti/tti_vm.hpp>
BOOST_TTI_VM_MTFC_HAS_TEMPLATE_CHECK_PARAMS(name, ...)
```

#### **Description**

name = the name of the inner class template.

... = variadic macro data which has the class template parameters.

returns = a metafunction class called "boost::tti::mtfc\_has\_template\_check\_params\_name" where 'name' is the macro parameter.

The metafunction class's 'apply' metafunction types and return:

T = the enclosing type in which to look for our 'name'.

returns = 'value' is true if the 'name' class template, with the signature as defined by the '...' variadic macro data, exists within the enclosing type, otherwise 'value' is false.

# **Testing TTI**

In the libs/tti/test subdirectory there is a jamfile which can be used to test TTI functionality.

Executing the jamfile without a target will run tests for both basic TTI and for the variadic macro portion of TTI. To successfully do that you need to get the variadic\_macro\_data library from the sandbox. You can run tests for only the basic TTI, which is the vast majority of TTI functionality, by specifying only the 'tti' target when executing the jamfile, and therefore you would not need the variadic\_macro\_data library. If you just want to run the tests for the variadic macro portion of TTI, specify the target as 'ttiVM'.

The TTI library has been tested with VC++ 8, 9, 10 and with gcc 3.4.2, 3.4.5, 4.3.0, 4.4.0, 4.5.0-1, and 4.5.2-1.

# **History**

#### Version 1.3

- · Breaking changes
  - The names of the main header files are shortened to 'tti.hpp' and 'tti\_vm.hpp'.
  - The library follows the Boost conventions.
    - · Changed the filenames to lower case and underscores.
    - The top-level tti namespace has become the boost::tti namespace.
    - The macros now start with BOOST\_TTI\_ rather than just TTI\_ as previously.
  - The variadic macro support works only with the latest version of the variadic\_macro\_library, which is version 1.4+.

#### Version 1.2

• Added the set of metafunction class macros for passing the macro metafunctions as metadata. This complements passing the macro metafunctions as metadata using placeholder expressions.



#### Version 1.1

- Library now also compiles with gcc 3.4.2 and gcc 3.4.5.
- Examples of use have been added to the documentation.
- In the documentation the previously mentioned 'nested type metafunctions' are now called "nullary type metafunctions'.
- BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE and boost::tti::mf\_has\_type now have optional typedef checking.
- New macro metafunction functionality which allows composite typed to be treated as individual types has been implemented.
   These include:
  - BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA
  - BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION
  - BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STATIC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION
- New nullary type metafunction boost::tti::mf\_has\_static\_member\_function uses the new underlying BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_STAT-IC\_MEMBER\_FUNCTION macro metafunction. Its signature uses an optional MPL forward sequence for the parameter types and an optional Boost function\_types tag type.
- New nullary type metafunctions boost::tti::valid\_member\_type and boost::tti::mf\_valid\_member\_type for checking if the 'type' returned from invoking the BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE or boost::tti::mf\_member\_type metafunctions is valid.
- · Breaking changes
  - BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE\_CHECK\_TYPEDEF and boost::tti::mf\_has\_type\_check\_typedef have been removed, and the functionality in them folded into BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_TYPE and boost::tti::mf\_has\_type.
  - BOOST\_TTI\_MEMBER\_TYPE and boost::tti::mf\_member\_type no longer also return a 'valid' boolean constant. Use boost::tti::valid\_member\_type or boost::tti::mf\_valid\_member\_type metafunctions instead ( see above ).
  - boost::tti::mf\_has\_static\_function has been removed and its functionality moved to boost::tti::mf\_has\_static\_member\_function ( see above ).
  - boost::tti::mf\_member\_data uses the new underlying BOOST\_TTI\_HAS\_MEMBER\_DATA macro metafunction.
  - The signature for boost::tti::mf\_has\_member\_function has changed to use an optional MPL forward sequence for the parameter types and an optional Boost function\_types tag type.
  - All nullary type metafunctions take their corresponding macro metafunction parameter as a class in the form of a Boost MPL lambda expression instead of as a template template parameter as previously. Using a placeholder expression is the easiest way to pass the corresponding macro metafunction to its nullary type metafunction.

#### Version 1.0

Initial version of the library.

# **ToDo**

- See if function templates can be introspected.
- · Improve tests
- Improve documentation



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