

"The Rubber Duck knows no frontiers, it doesn't discriminate people and doesn't have a political connotation."

"The friendly, floating Rubber Duck has healing properties: it can relieve mondial tensions as well as define them. The Rubber Duck is soft, friendly and suitable for all ages!"

On a 1-9 rubber duck scale, how are things going today?





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FALSE: `auto` is resolved at compile-time, but your program at run-time is the same speed.

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FALSE: A string literal is a C-string (`const char*`), and `auto` will deduce `s` is a C-string.

3. A (Stanford) vector behaves like a tuple where all the members have the same type.

FALSE: the size of the vector can change, but a tuple is fixed size.

4. Structured binding unpacks the members of a struct in the order the members were declared in the struct declaration.

TRUE: we demonstrated this in lecture 3 as well in the `find` and `shift` functions!

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FALSE: related to #3 - you can only know the number of elements of a vector at run-time.

6. You should always pass parameters by reference, unless you actually want a copy created.

FALSE: see the last section of this lecture.

7. The line `"auto i;"` compiles.

FALSE: `auto` does not allow uninitialized variables (can't figure out the type)

Asking questions!

- Ask your questions onto the chat on the webinar Q&A.
- Anna will monitor and answer questions.
- I'll stop at set points in the presentation and Anna will pick the most common/important questions for me to answer.
- Use Piazza to ask questions as well after class!
- Use non-verbal feedback, such as faster or slower and I'll adjust.

References

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Game Plan



- uniform initialization
- references
- parameters and return
- (C++ library walkthrough)

Key questions we will answer today

- what is a reference?
 - how do references help with safety and efficiency?
 - where are references used in the STL?
-
- (random facts we'll also cover: `size_t`, `auto`, `const`, casts)

C++ details we will cover

Language

- uniform initialization
- references
- auto, const, and references
- (maybe) conversion/casts



Library

- `std::vector`
- `std::string`
- `std::chrono` (maybe)

Aside: size_t

Ever get this annoying warning message about unsigned integers?

```
string str = "Hello World!";  
for (int i = 0; i < str.size(); ++i) {  
    cout << str[i] << endl;  
}
```

 comparison of integers of different signs: 'int' and 'std::__1::basic_string<char, std::__1::char_traits<char>, std::__1::allocator<char> >::size_type' (aka 'unsigned long')	main.cpp	8
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This comparison is dangerous since it compares signed (i) with unsigned (str.size()).

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```
string str = "Hello World!";  
for (size_t i = 0; i < str.size(); ++i) {  
    cout << str[i] << endl;  
}
```

Used mostly for
dealing with indices.

What's the bug in this function?

```
string chopBothEnds(const string& str) {  
    string result = "";  
    for (size_t i = 1; i < str.size()-1; ++i) {  
        result += str[i];  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

std::vector vs. Stanford Vector - super basic intro

```
Vector<int> v;  
Vector<int> v(n, k);
```

```
v.add(k);  
v[i] = k;  
auto k = v[i];
```

```
v.isEmpty();  
v.size();  
v.clear();
```

```
v.insert(i, k);  
v.remove(i);
```

```
std::vector<int> v;  
std::vector<int> v(n, k);
```

```
v.push_back(k);  
v[i] = k;  
auto k = v[i];
```

```
v.empty();  
v.size();  
v.clear();
```

```
// need iterators  
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```

Recap: auto and structures

auto directs the compiler figure the type for you

```
// return type: string, notice can't use auto for parameter
auto calculateSum(const vector<string>& v) {
    auto multiplier = 2.4;                // double
    auto name = "Ito-En";                 // char* (c-string)
    auto betterName1 = string{"Ito-En"};  // string
    const auto& betterName2 = string{"Ito-En"}; // const string&
    auto copy = v;                        // vector<string>
    auto& refMult = multiplier;           // double&
    auto func = [](auto i) {return i*2;}; // ???

    return betterName1;
}
```

Careful: auto discards const
and references!

pair/tuple functions

```
// make_pair/tuple (C++11) automatically deduces the type!
auto prices = make_pair(3.4, 5);           // pair<double, int>
auto values = make_tuple(3, 4, "hi");      // tuple<int, int, char*>

// access via get/set
prices.first = prices.second;              // prices = {5.0, 5};
get<0>(values) = get<1>(values);           // values = {4, 4, "hi"};

// structured binding (C++17) – extract each component
auto [a, b] = prices;                     // a, b are copies of 5.0 and 5
const auto& [x, y, z] = values;           // x, y, z are const references
                                           // to the 4, 4, and "hi".
```

struct functions

```
struct Discount {  
    double discountFactor;  
    int expirationDate;  
    string nameOfDiscount;  
}; // don't forget this semicolon :/  
  
// Call to Discount's constructor or initializer list  
auto coupon1 = Discount{0.9, 30, "New Years"};  
Discount coupon2 {0.75, 7, "Valentine's Day"};  
  
coupon1.discountFactor = 0.8;  
coupon2.expirationDate = coupon1.expirationDate;  
  
// structured binding (C++17) – extract each component  
auto [factor, date, name] = coupon1;
```

Find the course with the desired course code.

```
struct Course {
    string code;
    pair<Time, Time> time;
    vector<string> instructors;
};
```

```
struct Time {
    int hour, minute;
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};
```

```
pair<Course, bool> find(vector<Course>& courses, string& target) {  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < courses.size(); ++i) {  
        auto [code, time, instructors] = courses[i];  
        if (code == target) {  
            return {courses[i], true};  
        }  
    }  
    return { {}, false};  
}
```

Even better: for-each loop!

```
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    string code;  
    pair<Time, Time> time;  
    vector<string> instructors;  
};
```

```
struct Time {  
    int hour, minute;  
};
```

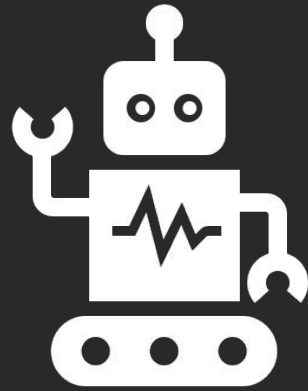
```
pair<Course, bool> find(vector<Course>& courses, string& target) {  
    for (auto course : courses) {  
        auto [code, time, instructors] = course;  
        if (code == target) {  
            return {course, true};  
        }  
    }  
    return { {}, false};  
}
```

Even even better: structured binding in a for-each loop!

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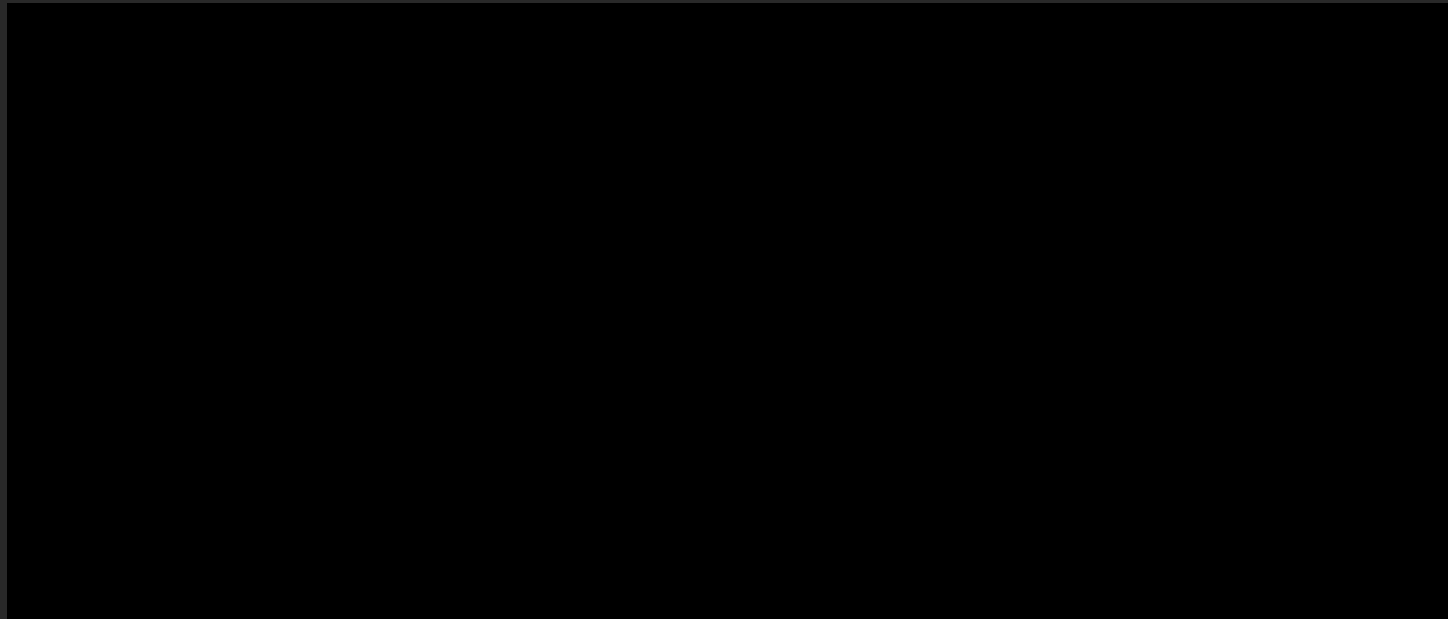
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pair<Course, bool> find(vector<Course>& courses, string& target) {  
    for (auto [code, time, instructors] : courses) {  
        if (code == target) {  
            // returning the course slightly more awkward :/  
            return {{code, time, instructors}, true};  
        }  
    }  
    return { {}, false};  
}
```

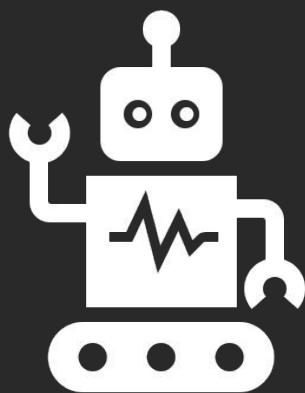


Questions

topic 1: uniform initialization

initialization in C++ is complicated





Switch to Live Coding

Uniform Initialization

uniform initialization is the way to initialize anything

```
1. std::vector<string> default_init;  
2. std::vector<string> value_init{};  
3. std::vector<string> direct_init{3, "init"};  
4. std::vector<string> copy_init = {3, "init"};  
5. std::vector<string> list_init{"1", "2", "3"};  
6. std::vector<string> aggr_init = {"1", "2", "3"};  
7. // and many more
```

(5) and (6) use an `std::initializer_list`, so the vector is constructed with those elements.

Sidenote: some benefits of uniform initialization:

- no issues of uninitialized values
- no narrowing conversions possible

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We'll typically use these three constructors.

- 1. Default
- 3. Uniform Initialization
- 5. Initializer List

be careful with these initializer list gotcha's

Sometimes there are ambiguities with the `initializer_list`.

Use the parenthesis instead to avoid the `initializer_list`.

```
std::vector<int> list_init{3, 2}; // {3, 2}
std::vector<int> fill_ctor(3, 2); // {2, 2, 2}
```

auto + `initializer_list` = </3

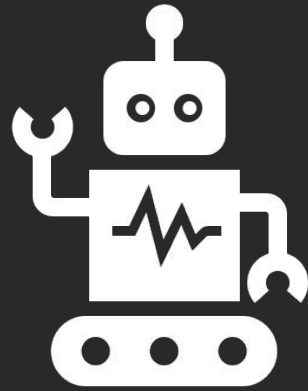
```
auto list_init{3, 2}; // type = initializer_list, not vector
```

Find the course with the desired course code.

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    string code;  
    pair<Time, Time> time;  
    vector<string> instructors;  
};
```

```
struct Time {  
    int hour, minute;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    Course now {"CS106L", { {13, 30}, {14, 30} }, {"Wang", "Zeng"} };  
  
}
```



Questions

Summary of Uniform Initialization

Use uniform initialization as your default way
to call any constructor.

Be careful of ambiguities with `initializer_list`.

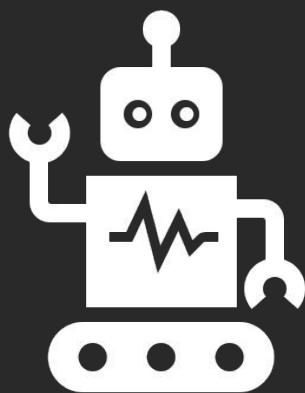
Write function that shifts all Courses forward by one hour.

```
struct Course {  
    string code;  
    pair<Time, Time> time;  
    vector<string> instructors;  
};
```

```
struct Time {  
    int hour, minute;  
}
```

```
void shift(vector<Course>& courses) {
```

```
}
```



Switch to Live Coding

Uniform Initialization

This is a buggy implementation!

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    vector<string> instructors;  
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```

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struct Time {  
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}
```

```
void shift(vector<Course>& courses) {  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < courses.size(); ++i) {  
        auto [code, time, instructors] = courses[i];  
  
        time.first.hour++;  
        time.second.hour++;  
    }  
}
```

This creates a copy.



This is updating the copy.



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}
```

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    }  
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topic 2: references

Reference parameters: caller and callee share the same variable in memory.

```
1.  int doubleValue(int& x) {  
2.      x *= 2;  
3.      return x;  
4.  }  
5.  
6.  int main() {  
7.      int myValue = 5;  
8.      int result = doubleValue(myValue);  
9.      cout << myValue << endl;  
10.     cout << result << endl;  
11. }
```

The variable myValue is passed by reference into doubleValue.

x inside doubleValue is an alias for result in main.

A change to x is a change to result.

Aside: Chris's observation that you can't write an expression `doubleValue(15)` is really interesting.

The error message mentions something called an l-value. We'll get back to this!

a reference is an alias for another variable

```
1. vector<int> original{1, 2};
2. vector<int> copy = original;
3. vector<int>& lref = original;
4.
5. original.push_back(3);
6. copy.push_back(4);
7. lref.push_back(5);
8.
9. // original (lref) = {1, 2, 3, 5}
10. // copy = {1, 2, 4}
```

More generally, you can use (l-value) references as another name for another variable.

Notice where we put the ampersand(&) - similar to how declared a reference parameter.

sidenote: why is it called an l-value reference? Is it related to the sidenote on the previous slide? Of course there is!

Poll Quiz Time!



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7. lref.push_back(5);
8.
9. // original (lref) = {1, 2, 3, 5}
10. // copy = {1, 2, 4}
11. lref = copy;
12. copy.push_back(6);
13. lref.push_back(7);
14. // Q1: what are contents of original?
15. // Q2: what are contents of copy?
```

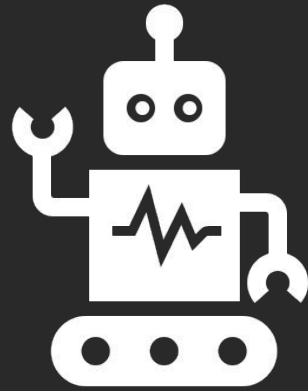
you cannot reassign a reference after construction

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3. vector<int>& lref = original;
4.
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7. lref.push_back(5);
8.
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10. // copy = {1, 2, 4}
11. lref = copy;
12. copy.push_back(6);
13. lref.push_back(7);
14. // original = {1, 2, 4, 7}
15. // copy = {1, 2, 4, 6}
```

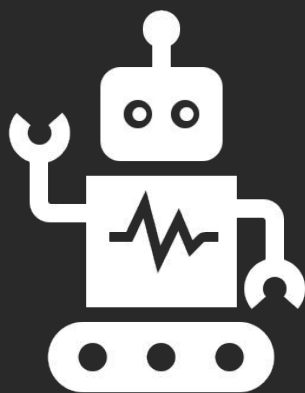
Continuing from previous slide...

What happens if you try to reassign a reference? As in (11), you are actually calling copy assignment.

A reference remains an alias to whatever variable it was bound to.



Questions



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Const and Const Reference

a const variable cannot be modified after construction

```
1. std::vector<int> vec{1, 2, 3};
2. const std::vector<int> c_vec{7, 8};
3. std::vector<int>& lref = vec;
4. const std::vector<int>& c_lref = vec;
5.
6.
7. vec.push_back(3);           // OKAY
8. c_vec.push_back(3);         // BAD - const
9. lref.push_back(3);          // OKAY
10. c_lref.push_back(3);       // BAD - const
```

We have a regular reference (3) and a const reference (4).

We can modify the non-const vector or non-const reference (7, 9).

We can't modify the const vector or const reference (8, 10).

You can't declare a non-const reference to a const vector.

How do we know if a certain operation for an object is const? Member functions are labelled "const" in their header.

auto drops const/reference unless explicitly specified

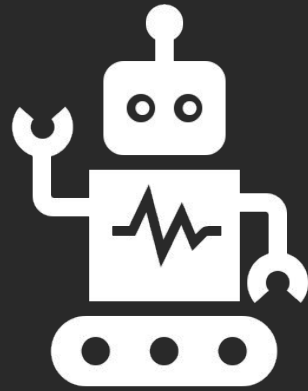
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2. const std::vector<int> c_vec{7, 8};
3. std::vector<int>& lref = vec;
4. const std::vector<int>& c_lref = vec;
5.
6.
7. auto copy = c_lref;
8. const auto copy = c_lref;
9. auto& alref = lref;
10. const auto& c_alref = lref;
```

Without the const, (7) creates a non-const copy. (8) creates a const copy.

Without the reference, (7) and (8) create copies, while (9) and (10) create references.

c_alref is an alias to lref, which is an alias to vec. So c_alref is functionally an alias to vec.

Sidenote: auto also drops a volatile qualifier, which is important for embedded systems programming.



Questions



Announcements

Logistics

- Sign up for Piazza! Exercises are released on Piazza.
- GraphViz (optional project 1) has been released.

2-min stretch break!

returning references in the STL

Lots of STL classes have methods which return a reference to an element, allowing you to change that element.

```
1. std::vector<int> vec{5, 6};    // {5, 6}
2. vec[1] = 3;                  // {5, 3}
3.
4. std::string str = "Ito-En";   // str = "Ito-En"
5. str[0] = 'M';                 // str = "Mto-En"
```

returning references in the STL

Another example: streams with the << operator.

```
1. std::cout << "First" << "Second";
```

This is secretly calling the following function, which you'll notice is returning a reference (in fact, to os itself).

```
2. ostream& operator<<(ostream& os, const string& rhs);
```

The result of the first << returns cout itself, allowing the second << to occur. This is why you can chain <<'s!

```
3. (std::cout << "First") << "Second";
```

```
4. std::cout << "Second";
```

you can return references yourself as well.

```
1. int& front(const std::vector<int>& vec) {  
2.     // assuming vec.size() > 0  
3.     return vec[0];  
4. }  
5.  
6. int main() {  
7.     std::vector<int> numbers{1, 2, 3};  
8.     front(numbers) = 4; // vec = {4, 2, 3}  
9. }
```

vec (1) is a const reference for numbers, so front returns a reference to the first element of numbers.

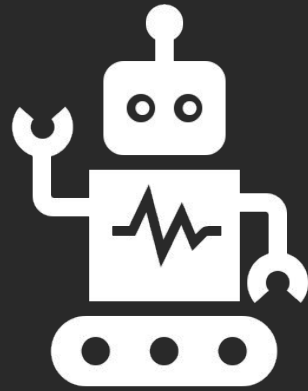
When we assign that reference to 4 (8), we are changing the first element of numbers.

Sidenote: I agree, it feels kinda strange to return references to stuff inside the parameters. However, in classes like std::vector, we're returning references to private members, giving the client a way to modify them.

dangling refs: references to variables out of scope

```
1. int& front(const std::string& file) {  
2.     std::vector<int> vec = readFile(file);  
3.     return vec[0];  
4. }  
5.  
6. int main() {  
7.     front("text.txt") = 4; // undefined behavior  
8. }
```

Never return a reference to a local (automatic) variable (3), as they will go out of scope when you try to read/write to the reference (7).



Questions

This is the correct implementation of shift.

```
struct Course {  
    string code;  
    pair<Time, Time> time;  
    vector<string> instructors;  
};
```


```
struct Time {  
    int hour, minute;  
}
```

```
void shift(vector<Course>& courses) {  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < courses.size(); ++i) {  
        auto& [code, time, instructors] = courses[i];  
  
        time.first.hour++;  
        time.second.hour++;  
    }  
}
```

This creates a reference
to the Course.



This updates the Time
inside the Course.




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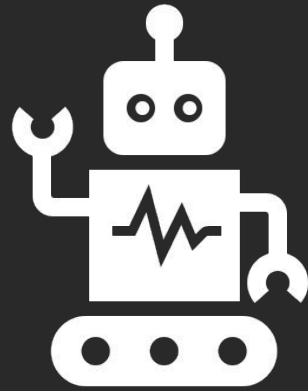
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```
// non-const reference to each element in courses  
for (auto& course : courses) {  
  
}
```

```
for (auto& [code, time, instructors] : courses) {  
  
}
```

```
// const reference to each element in courses  
for (const auto& course : courses) {  
  
}
```

```
for (const auto& [code, time, instructors] : courses) {  
  
}
```



Questions

Summary of References

reference: an alias

const: can't modify

auto: drops const/reference

only return references to non-local vars

topic 3: parameters and return

C++ guidelines: parameter and return rules

	Cheap or impossible to copy (e.g., int, unique_ptr)	Cheap to move (e.g., vector<T>, string) or Moderate cost to move (e.g., array<vector>, BigPOD) or Don't know (e.g., unfamiliar type, template)	Expensive to move (e.g., BigPOD[], array<BigPOD>)
Out	X f() <small>Pre-C++11 (eg. CS 106B) prefers f(X&) in this case.</small>		
In/Out	f(X&)		
In	f(X)	f(const X&)	
In & retain "copy"			

Source: <https://www.modernescpp.com/index.php/c-core-guidelines-how-to-pass-function-parameters>

General guidelines from experience

Cheap to copy: size < 4*sizeof(int)
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Sidenote: the return statement creates a copy of a local, which is bad if expensive to copy, which explains the note.

In C++11, copy-elision causes the copy to be skipped.

Design Philosophy of C++

- Allow the programmer full control, responsibility, and choice if they want it.
- Express ideas and intent directly in code.
- Enforce safety at compile time whenever possible.
- Do not waste time or space.
- Compartmentalize messy constructs.

breakout discussion: designing headers

In your groups, discuss a header for a function that solves each of problem.

1. Count the number of occurrences of an element in a vector.
2. Read the lines of a filestream into a vector.

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Out	X f()		
In/Out	f(X&)		
In	f(X)	f(const X&)	
In & retain "copy"			



Breakout Discussion

Designing headers for functions.

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```
size_t count_occurrences(const vector<int>&, int);  
vector<string> read_lines ifstream&);
```

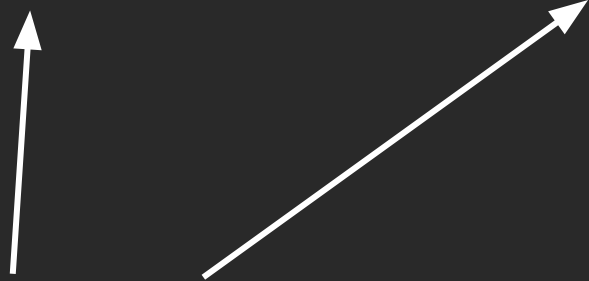
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sneak peak: templates

```
size_t count_occurrences(const vector<int>&, int);
```

what if we wanted to write a template version of count_occurrences?

```
template <typename Collection, typename DataType>  
size_t count_occurrences(const Collection&, const DataType&);
```



unfamiliar type: assume
expensive to copy.

Preview of week 7: moving instead of copying

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In/Out	f(X&)		
In	f(X)	f(const X&)	
In & retain copy	f(X)	f(const X&) + f(X&&) & move **	
In & move from	f(X&&) **		

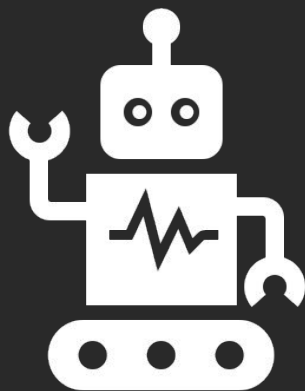
* or return unique_ptr<X>/make_shared_<X> at the cost of a dynamic allocation

** special cases can also use perfect forwarding (e.g., multiple in+copy params, conversions)

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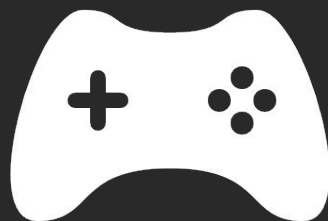


Deep Dive into Documentation

reference and const references as parameter/return
const member functions

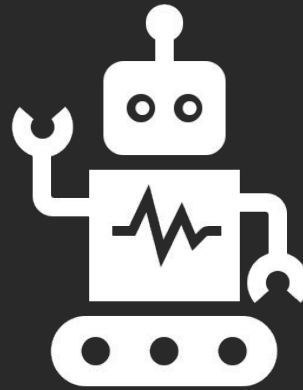
Where we've been today:

- `size_t`
- uniform initialization
- references (`auto&`, `const`, `return`, STL)
- parameters and return



Next time

Streams (i.e. C++ i/o)



Homework

GraphViz