

- Examples

We'll discuss the examples for application of type traits in this lesson.

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Example 1

Here is the application of the primary type categories:

```
// typeTraitsTypeCategories.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

using namespace std;

int main(){

    cout << endl;
    cout << boolalpha;

    cout << "is_void<void>::value: " << is_void<void>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_integral<short>::value: " << is_integral<short>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_floating_point<double>::value: " << is_floating_point<double>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_array<int []>::value: " << is_array<int []>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_pointer<int*>::value: " << is_pointer<int*>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_null_pointer<std::nullptr_t>::value: " << is_null_pointer<std::nullptr_t>::value << endl;
    struct A{
        int a;
        int f(double){return 2011;}
    };
    cout << "is_member_object_pointer<int A::*>::value: " << is_member_object_pointer<int A::*>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_member_function_pointer<int (A::*)(double)>::value: " << is_member_function_pointer<int (A::*)(double)>::value << endl;
    enum E{
        e = 1
    };
}
```

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    };
    cout << "is_enum<E>::value: " << is_enum<E>::value << endl;
    union U{
        int u;
    };
    cout << "is_union<U>::value: " << is_union<U>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_class<string>::value: " << is_class<string>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_function<int * (double)>::value: " << is_function<int * (double)>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_lvalue_reference<int&>::value: " << is_lvalue_reference<int&>::value << endl;
    cout << "is_rvalue_reference<int&&>::value: " << is_rvalue_reference<int&&>::value << endl;

    cout << endl;

}

```



Explanation

Due to the flag `boolalpha` in line 10, the program displays either `true` or `false` instead of 1 or 0. Each call of the 14 primary type categories returns `true`.

Example 2

```

// typeTraitsCopy.cpp

#include <string.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <type_traits>

namespace my{

    template<typename I1, typename I2, bool b>
    I2 copy_imp(I1 first, I1 last, I2 out, const std::integral_constant<bool, b>&){

        while(first != last){
            *out = *first;
            ++out;
            ++first;
        }

        std::cout << "elementwise." << std::endl;
        return out;
    }

    template<typename T>
    T* copy_imp(const T* first, const T* last, T* out, const std::true_type&){

        memcpy(out, first, (last-first)*sizeof(T));
        std::cout << "bitwise." << std::endl;
        return out+(last-first);
    }
}

```



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}

template<typename I1, typename I2>
I2 copy(I1 first, I1 last, I2 out){
    typedef typename std::iterator_traits<I1>::value_type value_type;
    return copy_imp(first, last, out, std::is_trivially_copy_assignable<value_type>());
}
}

const int arraySize = 1000;

// initialize all elements to 0
int intArray[arraySize] = {0, };
int intArray2[arraySize]={0, };

int* pArray = intArray;
const int* pArray2 = intArray2;

int main(){

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::cout << "Copying pArray ";

    my::copy(pArray2, pArray2 + arraySize, pArray);

    std::cout << "\n" << "Copying intArray ";

    my::copy(intArray2, intArray2 + arraySize, intArray);

}

```



Explanation

- `my::copy`, in line 36, makes the decision of which implementation of `my::copy_imp` is applied.
- In lines 13-16, we use a simple `while` loop to iterate through the array and copy elements.
- In line 27, we use `std::memcpy` to copy all the elements bitwise from the `first` to `last` and store it in `out`.

Example 3

```

// gcd_3_smaller.cpp

#include <iostream>

```



```

#include <type_traits>
#include <typeinfo>

template<typename T1, typename T2>
typename std::conditional <(sizeof(T1) < sizeof(T2)), T1, T2>::type gcd(T1 a, T2 b){
    static_assert(std::is_integral<T1>::value, "T1 should be an integral type!");
    static_assert(std::is_integral<T2>::value, "T2 should be an integral type!");
    if( b == 0 ){ return a; }
    else{
        return gcd(b, a % b);
    }
}

int main(){

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::cout << "gcd(100,10)= " << gcd(100,10) << std::endl;
    std::cout << "gcd(100,33)= " << gcd(100,33) << std::endl;
    std::cout << "gcd(100,0)= " << gcd(100,0) << std::endl;

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::cout << "gcd(100,10LL)= " << gcd(100,10LL) << std::endl;

    std::conditional <(sizeof(100) < sizeof(10LL)), long long, long>::type uglyRes= gcd(100,10LL);
    auto res= gcd(100,10LL);
    auto res2= gcd(100LL,10L);

    std::cout << "typeid(gcd(100,10LL)).name(): " << typeid(res).name() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "typeid(gcd(100LL,10L)).name(): " << typeid(res2).name() << std::endl;

    std::cout << std::endl;

}

```



Explanation

- The key line of the program is line 8 with the return type of the `gcd` algorithm. The algorithm can also handle template arguments of the same type. We can see this process both in lines 21 - 24 and in the output of the program.
- What about line 27?
- We use the number 100 of type `int` and the number 10 of type `long long int`. The result for the greatest common divisor is 10. We must repeat the expression `std::conditional <(sizeof(100) < sizeof(10LL)), long long, long>::type` to determine the right type of the variable `uglyRes`.

- Automatic type deduction with `auto` resolves this problem (line 30 and 31).
 - The `typeid` operator in line 33 and 34 shows us two things. Firstly, the result type of the arguments of type `int` and `long long int` is `int`. Secondly, that the result type of the types `long long int` and `long int` is `long int`.
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Let's test our understanding of this topic with an exercise in the next lesson.