

C++ type traits分析

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我们在平时常常会听到有人说traits/萃取等高大上的东西，有时候可能也会对此产生很大的疑问，觉得type traits很高大上，高深莫测；其实说到底这个东西很简单，总结为一句话就是在运行的时候识别类型（即类型萃取）。

本文我们大致看一下type traits的基本实现技术。

1. integral_constant

了解萃取机之前，我们先了解一下integral_constant, 这个在C++库中定义为一个常量的整数，定义如下：

```
1  template<class _Ty,  
2      _Ty _Val>  
3      struct integral_constant  
4      { // convenient template for integral constant types  
5          static constexpr _Ty value = _Val;  
6  
7          using value_type = _Ty;  
8          using type = integral_constant;  
9  
10         constexpr operator value_type() const noexcept  
11     { // return stored value  
12         return (value);  
13     }  
14  
15     _NODISCARD constexpr value_type operator()() const noexcept
```

```
16 { // return stored value
17     return (value);
18 }
19 };
```

这个的主要核心是定义了一个静态常量值：

```
1 static constexpr _Ty value = _Val;
```

为什么需要定义这样一个东西呢？我们不直接使用 `_Ty value = _Val` 定义一个全局的变量不是挺好的嘛，为啥需要搞的那么麻烦呢？

主要原因是：为了C++编译的时候能够使用模板初编译来确定其中的值。

从 `integral_constant` 引申出来了两个东西：

`true_type`

`false_type`

这两个东西分别代表 `TRUE` 和 `FALSE`，如下：

```
1 template<bool _Val>
2     using bool_constant = integral_constant<bool, _Val>;
3
4 using true_type = bool_constant<true>;
5 using false_type = bool_constant<false>;
```

2. C++库的type traits

2.1 Primary type categories

Primary type categories

is_array	Is array (class template)
is_class	Is non-union class (class template)
is_enum	Is enum (class template)
is_floating_point	Is floating point (class template)
is_function	Is function (class template)
is_integral	Is integral (class template)
is_lvalue_reference	Is lvalue reference (class template)
is_member_function_pointer	Is member function pointer (class template)
is_member_object_pointer	Is member object pointer (class template)
is_pointer	Is pointer (class template)
is_rvalue_reference	Is rvalue reference (class template)
is_union	Is union (class template)
is_void	Is void (class template)

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2.2 Composite type categories

is_arithmetic	Is arithmetic type (class template)
is_compound	Is compound type (class template)
is_fundamental	Is fundamental type (class template)
is_member_pointer	Is member pointer type (class template)
is_object	Is object type (class template)
is_reference	Is reference type (class template)
is_scalar	Is scalar type (class template)

2.3 Type properties

is_abstract	Is abstract class (class template)
is_const	Is const-qualified (class template)
is_empty	Is empty class (class template)
is_literal_type	Is literal type (class template)
is_pod	Is POD type (class template)
is_polymorphic	Is polymorphic (class template)
is_signed	Is signed type (class template)
is_standard_layout	Is standard-layout type (class template)
is_trivial	Is trivial type (class template)
is_trivially_copyable	Is trivially copyable (class template)
is_unsigned	Is unsigned type (class template)
is_volatile	Is volatile-qualified (class template)

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2.4 Type features

has_virtual_destructor	Has virtual destructor (class template)
is_assignable	Is assignable (class template)
is_constructible	Is constructible (class template)
is_copy_assignable	Is copy assignable (class template)
is_copy_constructible	Is copy constructible (class template)
is_destructible	Is destructible (class template)
is_default_constructible	Is default constructible (class template)
is_move_assignable	Is move assignable (class template)
is_move_constructible	Is move constructible (class template)
is_trivially_assignable	Is trivially assignable (class template)
is_trivially_constructible	Is trivially constructible (class template)
is_trivially_copy_assignable	Is trivially copy assignable (class template)
is_trivially_copy_constructible	Is trivially copy constructible (class template)
is_trivially_destructible	Is trivially destructible (class template)
is_trivially_default_constructible	Is trivially default constructible (class template)
is_trivially_move_assignable	Is trivially move assignable (class template)
is_trivially_move_constructible	Is trivially move constructible (class template)
is_nothrow_assignable	Is assignable throwing no exceptions (class template)
is_nothrow_constructible	Is constructible throwing no exceptions (class template)
is_nothrow_copy_assignable	Is copy assignable throwing no exceptions (class template)
is_nothrow_copy_constructible	Is copy constructible throwing no exceptions (class template)
is_nothrow_destructible	Is nothrow destructible (class template)
is_nothrow_default_constructible	Is default constructible throwing no exceptions (class template)
is_nothrow_move_assignable	Is move assignable throwing no exception (class template)
is_nothrow_move_constructible	Is move constructible throwing no exceptions (class template)

2.5 Type relationships

is_base_of	Is base class of (class template)
is_convertible	Is convertible (class template)
is_same	Is same type (class template)

2.6 Property queries

alignment_of	Alignment of (class template)
extent	Array dimension extent (class template)
rank	Array rank (class template)

2.7 Type transformations

Const-volatile qualifications

add_const	Add const qualification (class template)
add_cv	Add const volatile qualification (class template)
add_volatile	Add volatile qualification (class template)
remove_const	Remove const qualification (class template)
remove_cv	Remove cv qualification (class template)
remove_volatile	Remove volatile qualification (class template)

Compound type alterations

add_pointer	Add pointer (class template)
add_lvalue_reference	Add lvalue reference (class template)
add_rvalue_reference	Add rvalue reference (class template)
decay	Decay type (class template)
make_signed	Make signed (class template)
make_unsigned	Make unsigned (class template)
remove_all_extents	Remove all array extents (class template)
remove_extent	Remove array extent (class template)
remove_pointer	Remove pointer (class template)
remove_reference	Remove reference (class template)
underlying_type	Underlying type of enum (class template)

Other type generators

aligned_storage	Aligned storage (class template)
aligned_union	Aligned union (class template)
common_type	Common type (class template)
conditional	Conditional type (class template)
enable_if	Enable type if condition is met (class template)
result_of	Result of call (class template)

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3. type traits的例子

```
1  class CData1
2  {
3  public:
4      CData1() {}
5      virtual ~CData1() {}
6  };
7
8  class CData2
9  {
10 public:
11     CData2() {}
```

```

12     ~CData2() {}
13 };
14
15 class CData3
16 {
17 public:
18     int a;
19     int b;
20     int c;
21 };
22 int main(int args, char* argv[])
23 {
24     std::cout << "CData1 has_virtual_destructor : " << std::has_virtual_destructor<CData1>::value << std::endl;
25     std::cout << "CData2 has_virtual_destructor : " << std::has_virtual_destructor<CData2>::value << std::endl;
26     std::cout << "CData3 has_virtual_destructor : " << std::has_virtual_destructor<CData3>::value << std::endl;
27     std::cout << "CData1 is_pod : " << std::is_pod<CData1>::value << std::endl;
28     std::cout << "CData2 is_pod : " << std::is_pod<CData2>::value << std::endl;
29     std::cout << "CData3 is_pod : " << std::is_pod<CData3>::value << std::endl;
30     return 0;
31 }

```

输出结果如下：

```

1 CData1 has_virtual_destructor : 1
2 CData2 has_virtual_destructor : 0
3 CData3 has_virtual_destructor : 0
4 CData1 is_pod : 0
5 CData2 is_pod : 0
6 CData3 is_pod : 1

```

从上面我们可以看到type traits是非常厉害的，他能够在编译器的时候知道C++定义类型的所有属性。

4. type traits的实现

我们看几个例子来大致看一下type traits的实现原理.

4.1 std::is_integral

std::is_integral用来判断一个类型是否是整数，这个的实现原理如下：

```
1  // STRUCT TEMPLATE _Is_integral
2  template<class _Ty>
3      struct _Is_integral
4          : false_type
5      { // determine whether _Ty is integral
6      };
7
8  template<>
9      struct _Is_integral<bool>
10         : true_type
11     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
12     };
13
14 template<>
15     struct _Is_integral<char>
16         : true_type
17     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
18     };
19
20 template<>
21     struct _Is_integral<unsigned char>
22         : true_type
23     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
24     };
25
26 template<>
27     struct _Is_integral<signed char>
28         : true_type
29     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
30     };
31
32 #ifdef _NATIVE_WCHAR_T_DEFINED
33 template<>
34     struct _Is_integral<wchar_t>
```

```
35         : true_type
36     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
37     };
38 #endif /* _NATIVE_WCHAR_T_DEFINED */
39
40 template<>
41     struct _Is_integral<char16_t>
42         : true_type
43     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
44     };
45
46 template<>
47     struct _Is_integral<char32_t>
48         : true_type
49     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
50     };
51
52 template<>
53     struct _Is_integral<unsigned short>
54         : true_type
55     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
56     };
57
58 template<>
59     struct _Is_integral<short>
60         : true_type
61     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
62     };
63
64 template<>
65     struct _Is_integral<unsigned int>
66         : true_type
67     { // determine whether _Ty is integral
68     };
69
70 template<>
71     struct _Is_integral<int>
```



```

72     : true_type
73 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
74 };
75
76 template<>
77     struct _Is_integral<unsigned long>
78     : true_type
79 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
80 };
81
82 template<>
83     struct _Is_integral<long>
84     : true_type
85 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
86 };
87
88 template<>
89     struct _Is_integral<unsigned long long>
90     : true_type
91 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
92 };
93
94 template<>
95     struct _Is_integral<long long>
96     : true_type
97 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
98 };
99
100 // STRUCT TEMPLATE is_integral
101 template<class _Ty>
102     struct is_integral
103     : _Is_integral<remove_cv_t<_Ty>>::type
104 { // determine whether _Ty is integral
105 };

```

首先定义了一个`template<class _Ty> struct _Is_integral : false_type` 通用的模板，这个模板中有一个 `bool value = false` 的静态成员。

然后就是真的所有的整数类型，创建特化模块，例如如下：

```
1  template<>
2      struct _Is_integral<int>
3          : true_type
4      {    // determine whether _Ty is integral
5      };
```

这个模板中有一个bool value = true的静态成员。

从这里大致我们可以看出type traits是使用特化来确定特定的情况。

4.2 std::is_pod

对于简单类型的判断比较容易，我们实现所有类型的模板特化即可，但是对于类复杂类型的判断，就比较麻烦了，C++标准库的实现如下：

```
1  template<class _Ty>
2      struct is_pod
3          : bool_constant<__is_pod(_Ty)>
4      {    // determine whether _Ty is a POD type
5      };
6
7  template<class _Ty>
8      _INLINE_VAR constexpr bool is_pod_v = __is_pod(_Ty);
9
10     // STRUCT TEMPLATE is_empty
11  template<class _Ty>
12      struct is_empty
13          : bool_constant<__is_empty(_Ty)>
14      {    // determine whether _Ty is an empty class
15      };
16
17  template<class _Ty>
18      _INLINE_VAR constexpr bool is_empty_v = __is_empty(_Ty);
19
```

```

20     // STRUCT TEMPLATE is_polymorphic
21     template<class _Ty>
22     struct is_polymorphic
23     : bool_constant<__is_polymorphic(_Ty)>
24     { // determine whether _Ty is a polymorphic type
25     };

```

对于__is_podC++标准库并没有公开的代码，这里也不知道具体如何实现，跟编译器的底层实现细节有关，但是从我们所有的type traits来说，这个功能还是十分强大的。

5. iterator_traits

在萃取中，存在一个比较重要的萃取，如果上面的is_class, is_pod都没有用过的话，那么iterator_traits这个萃取机肯定是用过的，例如：

```

1     template<typename _InputIterator, typename _Size, typename _ForwardIter>
2     inline _ForwardIterator
3     uninitialized_copy_n(_InputIterator __first, _Size __n,
4                           _ForwardIterator __result)
5     { return std::__uninitialized_copy_n(__first, __n, __result,
6                                           std::__iterator_category(__first)

```

其中std::__iterator_category(__first))这个就是类型萃取机，这个实现如下：

```

1     template<typename _Iter>
2     inline _GLIBCXX_CONSTEXPR
3     typename iterator_traits<_Iter>::iterator_category
4     __iterator_category(const _Iter&)
5     { return typename iterator_traits<_Iter>::iterator_category(); }

```

iterator_traits 这个就是迭代器的萃取机，这个萃取机可以做如下事情：

萃取迭代器的类型。

萃取迭代器代表的值的类型。

萃取迭代器使用值的引用指针等类型。

这个迭代器实现如下：

```
1  template<typename _Iterator>
2      struct iterator_traits
3      {
4          typedef typename _Iterator::iterator_category iterator_category;
5          typedef typename _Iterator::value_type          value_type;
6          typedef typename _Iterator::difference_type     difference_type;
7          typedef typename _Iterator::pointer             pointer;
8          typedef typename _Iterator::reference           reference;
9      };
10
11  /// Partial specialization for pointer types.
12  template<typename _Tp>
13      struct iterator_traits<_Tp*>
14      {
15          typedef random_access_iterator_tag iterator_category;
16          typedef _Tp                        value_type;
17          typedef ptrdiff_t                  difference_type;
18          typedef _Tp*                      pointer;
19          typedef _Tp&                      reference;
20      };
21
22  /// Partial specialization for const pointer types.
23  template<typename _Tp>
24      struct iterator_traits<const _Tp*>
25      {
26          typedef random_access_iterator_tag iterator_category;
27          typedef _Tp                        value_type;
28          typedef ptrdiff_t                  difference_type;
29          typedef const _Tp*                pointer;
30          typedef ptrdiff_t                  difference_type;
31          typedef const _Tp*                pointer;
32          typedef const _Tp&                reference;
33      };
```

对于我们STL的迭代器，都需要定义这些类型：

`Iterator::iterator_category` 迭代器类型。

`Iterator::value_type` : 迭代器的值类型。

`Iterator::difference_type` : 迭代器的距离信息。

`Iterator::pointer` : 迭代器指针。

`Iterator::reference` : 迭代器的引用。

STL的迭代器其实就是模拟指针来实现的，所以指针，应该天生适合最合适的迭代器，因此给 `_Tp*` 和 `const _Tp*` 定义了特殊的萃取类型。

6. 总结

从上面分析，对于C++库，萃取的实现一般都是定义模板来实现，对于普通的类型，匹配这个模板的定义；然后针对特殊类型实现特化模板支持。

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