









### **Functions and Lambdas**

How can we make template functions even more general?

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#### **Announcements!**

- No class **next week** midquarter break!
  - Office hours during class time (3-4:30pm)
  - Review material from the lectures so far!
- After this lecture, you will be able to complete Assignment 1!
  - Due May 12th!









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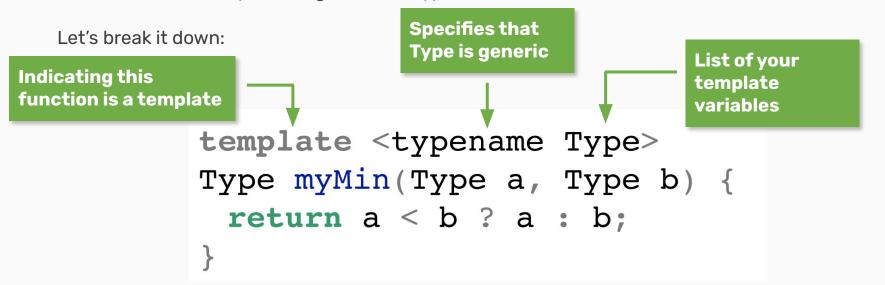






# Template functions are completely generic functions!

Just like classes, they work regardless of type!





# **Calling template functions**

We can **explicitly** define what type we will pass, like this:

```
template <typename Type>
Type myMin(Type a, Type b) {
  return a < b ? a : b;
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cout << myMin<int>(3, 4) << endl; // 3</pre>
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# **Review: Template Functions**

- Template functions allow you to parametrize the type of a function to be anything without changing functionality
- Generic programming can solve a complicated conceptual problem for any specifics – powerful and flexible!
- Template code is instantiated at compile time;
   template metaprogramming takes advantage of this to
   run code at compile time









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- They can be called like functions!







# Is this good enough?

Are there any ways this could be an issue?

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    return num > 5;
// a generalized version of the above
bool isMoreThan(int num, int limit) {
    return num > limit;
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If we could, it would be nice to use a binary predicate to handle this!

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template <typename InputIt, typename BinPred>
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How do we know what value to use? What about unary (or any other number of arguments) predicates?

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How can we pass along information without needing another parameter?









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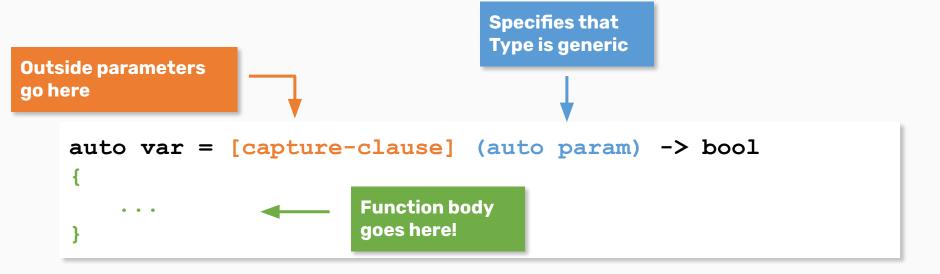
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### **Using Lambdas**

Lambdas are pretty computationally cheap and a great tool!

- Use a lambda when you need a short function or to access local variables in your function.
- If you need more logic or overloading, use function pointers.













# Let's do some practice!







A **functor** is any class that

provides an implementation of

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```
class functor {
public:
    int operator() (int arg) const { // parameters and function body
        return num + arg;
    }
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Much bigger and more expensive than a function pointer or lambda!







Be careful using function pointers with classes, especially if you have a subclass of another class!

```
class Animal {
  // constructors and other methods go here!
  void speak() {
    std::cout << "I'm an animal!" << std::endl;
  } // private information and the rest of the class goes here!
}
class Dog : Animal { // this syntax tells us we're a subclass of Animal!
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void func(Animal* animal) {  // can take in any animal and make it speak!
  animal->speak();
}
int main() {
  Animal* myAnimal = new Animal;
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  func(myAnimal);
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The function expects an Animal, so it will try to use the Animal speak function! It doesn't know it's been overridden!









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Virtual functions are functions in the superclass we expect to be overridden later on.







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Now calling speak() will use the correct subclass version!











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#### New toys!

The STL implements an entire library of algorithms written by C++ developers!

- To utilize, #include <algorithm> in your file!
- All algorithms are fully generic, templated functions!

```
Constrained algorithms and algorithms on ranges (C++20)
Constrained algorithms, e.g. ranges::copy, ranges::sort, ...
  Execution policies (C++17)
                           execution::seq
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                           execution::unsea
  Non-modifying sequence operations
all of (C++11)
                           count
                                                       search
any of (C++11)
                           count if
                                                       search n
none of (C++11)
                                                       lexicographical compare
                           mismatch
for each
                           equal
                                                       lexicographical compare three
                           adjacent find
for each n(C++17)
 Modifying sequence operations
                                                       remove
copy if (C++11)
                           fill n
                                                       remove if
CODV n (C++11)
                           generate
                                                       replace
                                                       replace if
copy backward
                           generate n
move(C++11)
                           swap
                                                       reverse
move backward (C++11)
                           iter swap
                                                       rotate
shift left (C++20)
                           swap ranges
                                                       unique
shift right (C++20)
                           sample (C++17)
                                                       random shuffle (until C++17)
transform
  Partitioning operations
is partitioned (C++11)
                           partition
                                                       stable partition
partition point (C++11)
                           partition copy (C++11)
 Sorting operations
                                                       partial sort
is sorted (C++11)
is sorted until (C++11)
                           stable sort
                                                       partial sort copy
  Binary search operations
lower bound
                           upper bound
                                                       binary search
 Set operations (on sorted ranges)
                           set difference
                                                       set symmetric difference
inplace merge
                           set intersection
                                                       set union
  Heap operations
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- search for specific elements or a range
- copy, remove, add elements from one container to another
- and much, much more!

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std::count\_if

```
template< class InputIt, class T >
typename iterator_traits<InputIt>::difference_type
    count( InputIt first, InputIt last, const T& value );
```







## **Algorithms**

All standard algorithms work on iterators.

- Efficient searching, sorting, complex data structure operations, smart pointers, and more are all there for you to use!
- Check out the documentation to get more information!









#### **Summary**

- Lambda functions are inline functions that let you pass outside variables in using capture clauses!
- Lambdas can be used to pass predicate function pointers to template functions for more generalizability.
- The STL implements tons of cool algorithms that we can use without rewriting them!















Next up: Operators!