Basic C++

Smart pointers

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- Resource Acquisition Is Initialization
- The idea: keep a resource is expressed by object lifetime

```
// is this correct?
void f()
{
    char *cp = new char[1024];
    g(cp);
    h(cp);

    delete [] cp;
}
```

- Resource Acquisition Is Initialization
- The idea: keep a resource is expressed by object lifetime

```
// is this maintainable?
void f()
    char *cp = new char[1024];
    try
      g(cp);
      h(cp);
      delete [] cp;
    catch (...)
      delete [] cp;
      throw;
```

- Constructor allocates resource
- Destructor deallocates

```
// RAII
struct Res
    Res(int n) { cp = new char[n]; }
    ~Res() { delete [] cp; }
    char *getcp() const { return cp; }
};
void f()
{
    Res res(1024);
    g(res.getcp());
    h(res.getcp());
// resources will be freed here
```

- Constructor allocates resource
- Destructor deallocates

```
// RAII
struct Res
    Res(int n) { cp = new char[n]; }
    ~Res() { delete [] cp; }
    char *getcp() const { return cp; }
}; // Copy? Move?
void f()
{
    Res res(1024);
    g(res.getcp());
    h(res.getcp());
// resources will be freed here
```

- Should be careful when implementing RAII
- Destructor calls only when living object goes out of scope
- Object lives only when constructor has successfully finished

```
// But be careful:
struct BadRes
{
    Res(int n) { cp = new char[n]; ... init(); ... }
    ~Res() { delete [] cp; }
    char *cp;
    void init()
    {
        /* ... */ if (error) throw XXX; /* ... */
    }
};
```

Smart pointers

- The deprecated auto pointer
- How smart pointers work?
- Unique_ptr
- Shared_ptr and weak_ptr
- Make_ functions
- Shared pointer from this
- Traps and pitfalls

How to handle ownership?

- Owner
 - Responsible releasing the resource
 - Single owner
 - Reference counting
 - Examples
 - Memory std::vector<>, std::array<>, std::shared_ptr<>, std::string
 - std::lock guard<>
 - std::ifstream
- Observer
 - Examples
 - std::weak_ptr<>
 - std::string_view<>

Auto_ptr

- The only smart pointer in C++98/03
- Cheap, ownership-based
- Not works well with STL containers and algorithms
- Not works with arrays
- Deprecated in C++11
- Removed from C++ since C++17

Unique_ptr

- Single ownership pointer (similar to auto_ptr)
- Carefully designed to work with STL and other language features
- Movable but not copyable
- Deleter is type parameter cannot be changed in run-time

Unique_ptr

#include <memory> void f() std::unique_ptr<Foo> up(new Foo{}); // up is the only owner std::unique_ptr<Foo> up2(up);// compile error: can't copy unique_ptr std::unique_ptr<Foo> up3; // nullptr: not owner const std::unique_ptr<Foo> up4(new Foo{}); // const pointer up3 = up; // compile error: can't assign unique_ptr up3 = std::move(up); // ownership moved to up3 up3 = std::move(up4); // compile error: const can't move std::vector<unique_ptr<int>> vi; vi.push_back(std::make_unique<int>(42)); } // vi destroyed: int{42} is destroyed // up4 destroyed: Foo object is destructed // up3 destroyed: Foo object is destructed // up destroyed: nop

How inheritance is implemented?

- Raw pointers: assign Derived* to Base* works
- But unique_ptr<Derived> is not inherited from unique_ptr<Base>
- The deleter is not copied different from shared_ptr !!!

```
template < class T, class D>
class unique_ptr
{
private:
    T* ap;    // refers to the actual owned object (if any)
public:
    typedef T element_type;

    explicit unique_ptr (T* ptr = 0) : ap(ptr) { }
    unique_ptr (unique_ptr&& rhs) : ap(rhs.release()) { }
    template < class Y> unique_ptr(unique_ptr<Y>&& rhs):ap(rhs.release()){}
    unique_ptr& operator=(unique_ptr&& rhs) { ... }
    template < class Y, class D>
    unique_ptr& operator=(unique_ptr<Y, D>&& rhs) { ... }
};
```

Polymorphism

```
struct Base {
  virtual void f() { std::cout << "Base::f\n"; }</pre>
          ~Base() { std::cout << "Base::~Base()\n"; }
struct Derived : Base {
  virtual void f() override { std::cout << "Derived::f\n"; }</pre>
                             { std::cout << "Derived::~Derived()\n"; }
          ~Derived()
};
void g() {
  auto dp = std::make_unique<Derived>(); // std::unique_ptr<Derived>
  std::unique_ptr<Base> bp = std::move(dp);
  std::vector<std::unique_ptr<Base>> v;
  v.push_back(std::make_unique<Base>());
  v.push back(std::make unique<Derived>());
  for ( auto& p : v ) p->f();
};
```

Polymorphism

```
struct Base {
 virtual void f() { std::cout << "Base::f\n"; }</pre>
          ~Base() { std::cout << "Base::~Base()\n"; }
struct Derived : Base {
 virtual void f() override { std::cout << "Derived::f\n"; }</pre>
          ~Derived()
                              { std::cout << "Derived::~Derived()\n"; }
};
void g() {
 auto dp = std::make_unique<Derived>();
  std::unique ptr<Base> bp = std::move(dp);
 std::vector<std::unique_ptr<Base>> v;
 v.push_back(std::make_unique<Base>());
 v.push_back(std::make_unique<Derived>());
 for ( auto& p : v ) p->f();
};
Base::f // v[1] is Base
Derived::f // v[2] is Derived
Base::~Base() // oops v[2] is Derived during destruction of v
Base::~Base() // ok v[1] is Base during destruction of v
Base::~Base() // oops
                                               delete bp
```

Polymorphism

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  virtual void f() { std::cout << "Base::f\n"; }</pre>
 virtual ~Base() { std::cout << "Base::~Base()\n"; }</pre>
struct Derived : Base {
  virtual void f() override { std::cout << "Derived::f\n"; }</pre>
 virtual ~Derived() override { std::cout << "Derived::~Derived()\n"; }</pre>
};
void g() {
  auto dp = std::make_unique<Derived>();
  std::unique_ptr<Base> bp = std::move(dp); // deleter is not copied
  std::vector<std::unique ptr<Base>> v;
  v.push_back(std::make_unique<Base>());
  v.push_back(std::make_unique<Derived>()); // deleter is not copied
  for ( auto& p : v ) p->f();
};
Base::f // v[1] is Base
Derived::f // v[2] is Derived
Base::~Base() // base part of v[2] Derived
Derived::~Derived() // derived part of v[2] since virtual destructor
Base::~Base()
             // v[1]
Derived::~Derived() // bp points to Derived with virtual destructor
Base::~Base() // base part of *bp
```

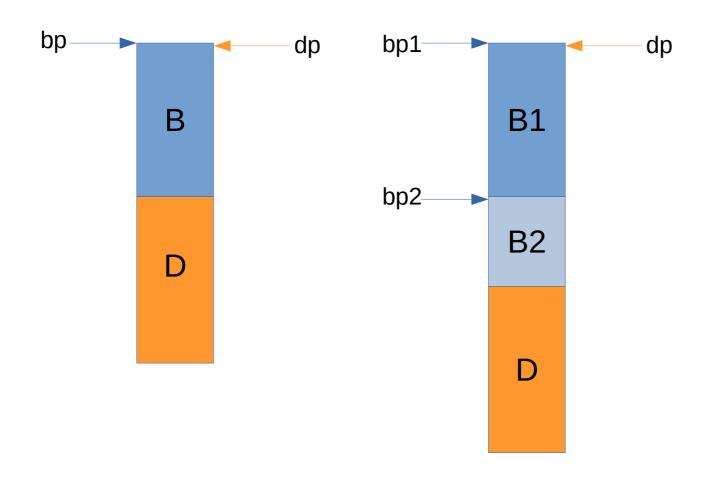
Polymorphism – shared_ptr

```
struct Base {
 virtual void f() { std::cout << "Base::f\n"; }</pre>
 virtual ~Base() { std::cout << "Base::~Base()\n"; }</pre>
struct Derived : Base {
 virtual void f() override { std::cout << "Derived::f\n"; }</pre>
 virtual ~Derived() override { std::cout << "Derived::~Derived()\n"; }</pre>
};
void g() {
  auto dp = std::make_shared<Derived>();
  std::shared_ptr<Base> bp = std::move(dp); // deleter is moved
  std::vector<std::shared_ptr<Base>> v;
 v.push back(std::make shared<Base>());
 v.push back(std::make shared<Derived>()); // deleter is copied
  for ( auto& p : v ) p->f();
};
Base::f  // v[1] is Base
Derived::f // v[2] is Derived
Base::~Base() // base part of v[2] Derived
Derived::~Derived() // derived part of v[2] since default_deleter<Derived>
Base::~Base()
             // v[1]
Derived::~Derived() // bp has default_deleter<Derived>
Base::~Base() // base part of *bp:
```

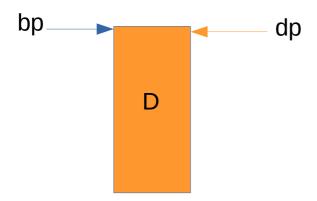
Default deleter empty base optimization

```
template < class  T, class  DeleterT = std::default delete < T>>
class unique_ptr
public:
  // public interface...
private:
  // using empty base class optimization to save space
  // making unique_ptr with default_delete the same size as pointer
  class UniquePtrImpl : private DeleterT
  public:
    constexpr UniquePtrImpl() noexcept = default;
   // some other constructors...
    deleter_type& _Deleter() noexcept { return *this; }
    const deleter_type& _Deleter() const noexcept { return *this; }
    pointer& _Ptr() noexcept { return _MyPtr; }
    const pointer _Ptr() const noexcept { return _MyPtr; }
  private:
     pointer _MyPtr;
  _UniquePtrImpl _MyImpl;
```

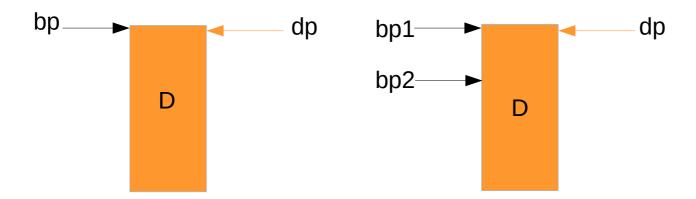
Structure of (sub)objects



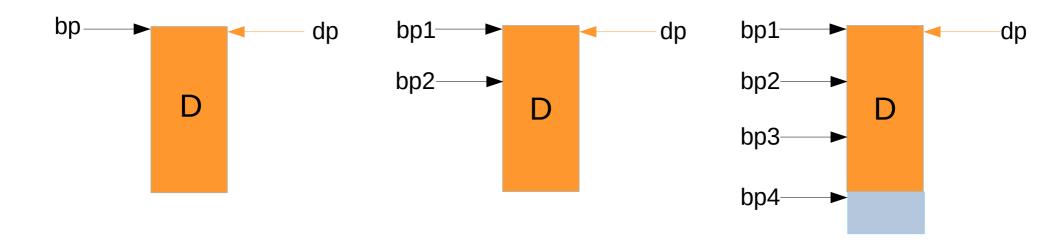
Empty base



Empty base



Empty base



Abstract factory pattern

```
#include <memory>
class Base { ... };
class Derived1 : public Base { ... };
class Derived2 : public Base { ... };

template <typename... Ts>
std::unique_ptr<Base> makeBase( Ts&&... params ) { ... }

void f() // client code:
{
   auto pBase = makeBase( /* arguments */ );
}
// destroy object
```

Abstract Factory Pattern

```
auto delBase = [](Base *pBase)
                   makeLogEntry(pBase);
                   delete pBase; // delete object
               };
template <typename ... Ts>
std::unique_ptr<Base, decltype(delBase)> makeBase( Ts&&... params)
  std::unique ptr<Base, decltype(delBase)> pBase(nullptr, delBase);
  if ( /* Derived1 */ )
    pBase.reset(new Derived1( std::forward<Ts>(params)...) );
  else if ( /* Derived2 */ )
    pBase.reset(new Derived2( std::forward<Ts>(params)...) );
  return pBase;
```

Evaluation

- Can be used in standard containers when polymorphic use needed
- The sizeof(unique_ptr<>) is sizeof(raw pointer) + deleter size
- If deault_deleter is used, then no extra size penalty
- If no deleter state (e.g. lambda with no capture): + sizeof(funptr)
- If deleter with state, the size increases
- Prefer unique_ptr when possible
- No copy of deleter :(
- No downcast operation :(

Downcast unique_ptr

```
template<typename Derived, typename Base, typename Del>
std::unique_ptr<Derived, Del>
dynamic_unique_ptr_cast( std::unique_ptr<Base, Del>&& p )
{
   if(Derived *r = dynamic_cast<Derived *>(p.get()))
   {
      p.release();
      return std::unique_ptr<Derived, Del>(r,std::move(p.get_deleter()));
   }
   return std::unique_ptr<Derived, Del>(nullptr, p.get_deleter());
}
```

shared_ptr

- Shared ownership pointer with reference counter
- Copy constructible and assignable
- Array specializations (shared_ptr<T[]>) since C++17
- Deleter type parameter "copied"

shared_ptr array specializaton

- Array spec. calls delete[]
- Only [] operator, no * and ->
- No conversion from shared_ptr<Der[]> to shared_ptr<Base[]>

```
struct Base {
  virtual void f() { std::cout << "Base::f\n"; }</pre>
  ~Base() { std::cout << "Base::~Base()\n"; }
struct Derived : Base {
  virtual void f() override { std::cout << "Derived::f\n"; }</pre>
  ~Derived() { std::cout << "Derived::~Derived()\n"; }
};
int main() {
  std::shared_ptr<Derived[]> sp(new Derived[5]);
  std::shared_ptr<Base[]> bp(sp); // compile error
  auto p = sp[0];
  auto d0 = *sp; // compile error
```

shared ptr

```
void f()
  std::shared_ptr<int> p1(new int{5});
  std::shared_ptr<int> p2 = p1; // now both own the memory.
  p1.reset(); // memory still exists, due to p2.
} // p2 out of scope: delete the memory, since no one else owns.
T* get() const noexcept;
T& operator*() const noexcept;
T* operator->() const noexcept;
T& operator[](idx) const noexcept; // returns get()[idx]
long use count() const noexcept;
bool unique() const noexcept;
explicit operator bool() const noexcept;
```

weak_ptr

- Not owns the memory
- But part of the "sharing group"
- No direct operation to access the memory
- Can be converted to shared_ptr with lock()

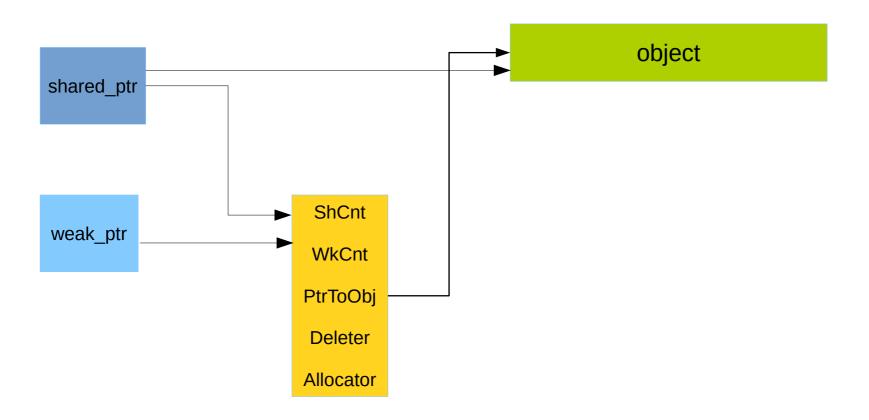
```
long use_count() const noexcept;
bool expired() const noexcept;  // use_count() == 0
shared_ptr<T> lock() const noexcept;
// return expired() ? shared_ptr<T>() : shared_ptr<T>(*this)
void reset() noexcept;
```

Using lock()

```
void f()
    std::shared_ptr<X> ptr1 = std::make_shared<X>();
    std::shared_ptr<X> ptr2 = ptr1;
    std::weak_ptr<X> wptr = ptr2;
    if ( auto sp = wptr1.lock() )
         // use sp
    } // destructor of sp called here: release X object
    else
         // expired
} // destructor of X object is called here
```

Using lock()

Typical shared_ptr implementation



```
#include <memory>
#include <cassert>
class Y
public:
    std::shared_ptr<Y> f()
    {
        return shared_ptr<Y>(this); // ???
};
int main()
    std::shared_ptr<Y> p(new Y);
    std::shared_ptr<Y> q = p->f();
    assert(p == q);
    assert(!(p < q \mid | q < p));
```

```
#include <memory>
#include <cassert>
class Y
public:
    std::shared_ptr<Y> f() // BAD!!!
    {
        return shared_ptr<Y>(this); // ???
};
int main()
    std::shared_ptr<Y> p(new Y);
    std::shared_ptr<Y> q = p->f();
    assert(p == q);
                                // failes
    assert(!(p < q \mid | q < p)); // failes
```

```
#include <memory>
#include <cassert>
class Y
public:
    Y(): ptr_to_me(std::shared_ptr<Y>(this)) { }
    std::shared_ptr<Y> f()
        return ptr_to_me; // ???
private:
    std::shared_ptr<Y> ptr_to_me;
};
int main()
{
    std::shared_ptr<Y> p(new Y);
    std::shared_ptr<Y> q = p->f();
    assert(p == q);
    assert(!(p < q \mid | q < p));
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```

```
#include <memory>
#include <cassert>
class Y
public:
    Y(): ptr_to_me(std::shared_ptr<Y>(this)) { }
    std::shared_ptr<Y> f() // BAD!!!
    {
        return ptr_to_me; // ???
private:
    std::shared_ptr<Y> ptr_to_me;
};
int main()
{
    std::shared_ptr<Y> p(new Y);
    std::shared_ptr<Y> q = p->f();
    assert(p == q);
    assert(!(p < q \mid | q < p));
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```

Enable shared from this

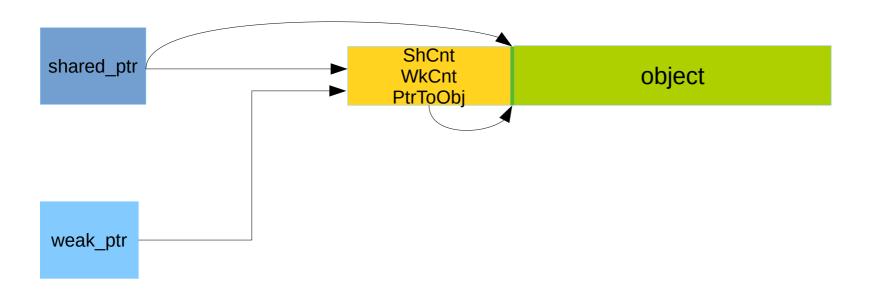
```
#include <memory>
#include <cassert>
class Y : public std::enable_shared_from_this<Y>
public:
    std::shared_ptr<Y> f() // OK
    {
        return shared_from_this();
};
int main()
    std::shared_ptr<Y> p(new Y);
    std::shared_ptr<Y> q = p->f();
    assert(p == q);
    assert(!(p < q | | q < p)); // p and q share ownership
```

Make functions

```
// For unique_ptr
// default constructor of T
std::unique_ptr<T> v1 = std::make_unique<T>();
// constructor with params
std::unique_ptr<T> v2 = std::make_unique<T>(x,y,z);
// array of 5 elements
std::unique_ptr<T[]> v3 = std::make_unique<T[]>(5);
// similar methods for shared_ptr
```

Make functions

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// default constructor of T
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// constructor with params
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// array of 5 elements
std::shared_ptr<T[]> v3 = std::make_shared<T[]>(5);
```



```
int f(); // may throw exception

// possible memory leak
std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>, int> foo()
{
   return std::make_pair(std::unique<MyClass>(new MyClass()), f());
}
```

```
int f(); // may throw exception

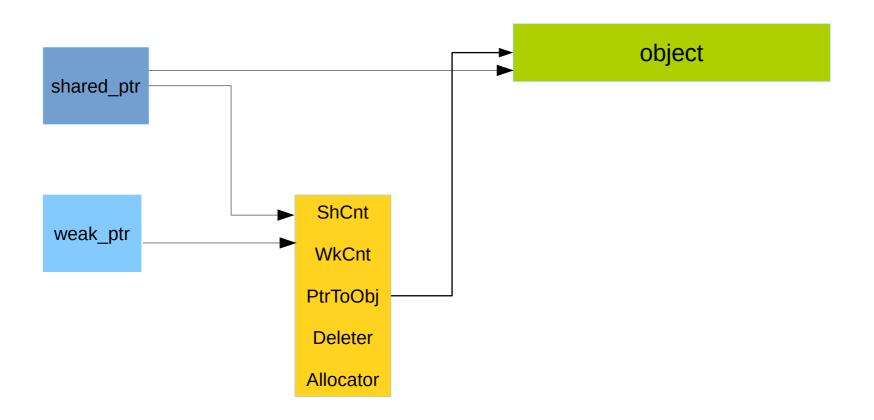
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std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>, int> foo()
{
   return std::make_pair(std::unique<MyClass>(new MyClass()), f());
}

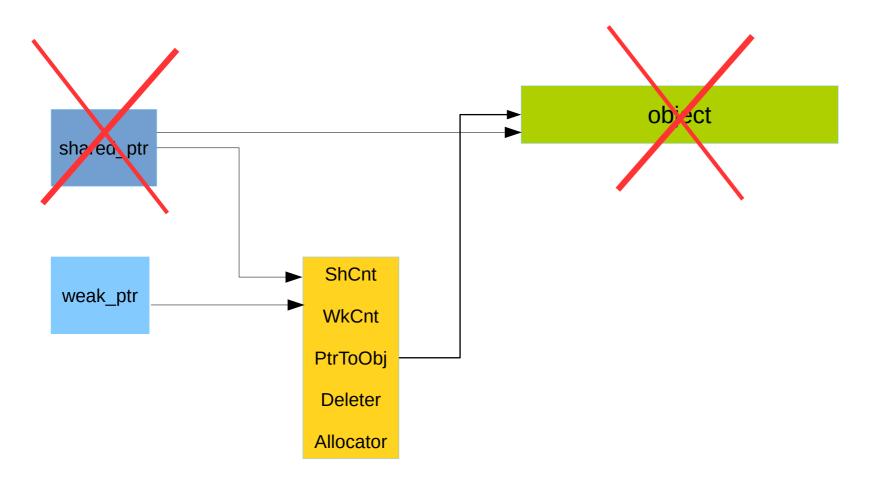
1. Runs new MyClass
2. Runs f() and throw exception
3. std::unique_ptr constructor is not called
```

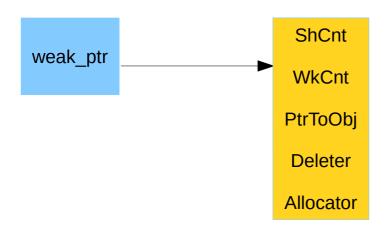
```
int f(); // may throw exception
// possible memory leak
std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>, int> foo()
  return std::make_pair(std::unique<MyClass>(new MyClass()), f());
int f(); // may throw exception
// safe
std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>,int> foo()
  return std::make_pair(std::make_unique<MyClass>(), f());
```

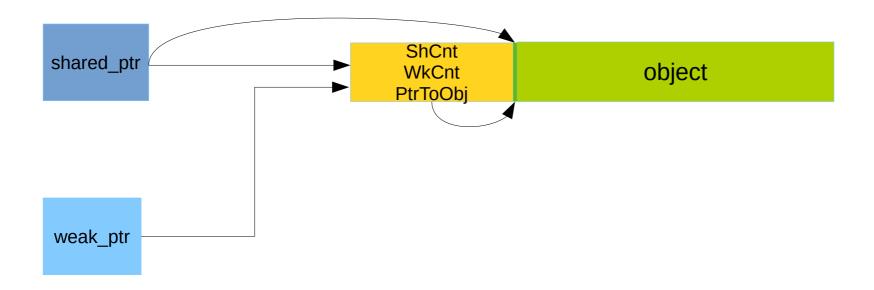
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// possible memory leak
std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>, int> foo()
  return std::make_pair(std::unique<MyClass>(new MyClass()), f());
int f(); // may throw exception
// safe
std::pair<std::unique_ptr<MyClass>,int> foo()
  return std::make_pair(std::make_unique<MyClass>(), f());
```

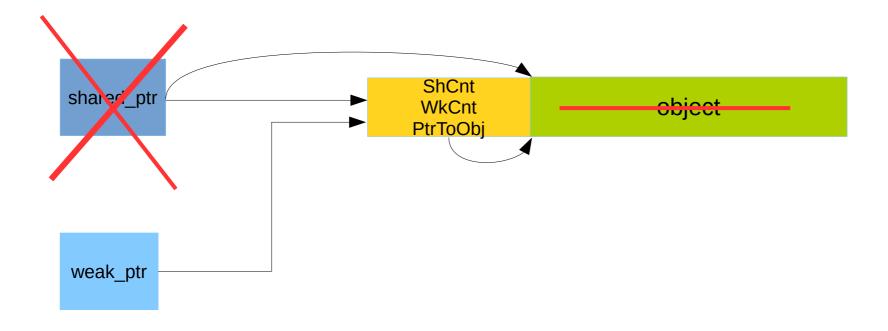
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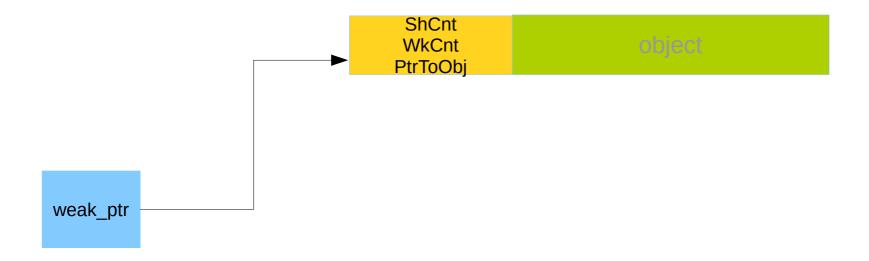












When NOT to use make_*

- Both
 - You need custom deleter
 - You want to use braced initializer
- std::unique_ptr
 - You want custom allocator
- std::shared_ptr
 - Long living weak_ptrs
 - Class-specific new and delete
 - Potential false sharing of the object and the reference counter

```
template< class Y >
shared_ptr( const shared_ptr<Y>& r, element_type* ptr ) noexcept;

// since C++20
template< class Y >
shared_ptr( shared_ptr<Y>&& r, element_type* ptr ) noexcept;
```

- Shares owneship with r
 - Reference counter is common with r
- Points to p
 - get() and > returns p

```
struct Data {
  int i;
  Data( int i) : _i{i} { }
  virtual ~Data() { std::cout<<"Data::~Data(): "<<_i<"\n"; }</pre>
};
struct Wrapper {
  Data _data;
  Wrapper(int i) : _data{i} { }
  ~Wrapper() { std::cout<<"Wrapper::~Wrapper(): "<<_data._i<<"\n"; }
int main()
    Wrapper{1};
    const Data &dr = Wrapper{2}._data;
    std::cout << "end block\n";
```

```
struct Data {
  int i;
  Data( int i) : _i{i} { }
  virtual ~Data() { std::cout<<"Data::~Data(): "<<_i<"\n"; }</pre>
};
struct Wrapper {
  Data _data;
  Wrapper(int i) : _data{i} { }
  ~Wrapper() { std::cout<<"Wrapper::~Wrapper(): "<<_data._i<<"\n"; }
int main()
    Wrapper{1};
    const Data &dr = Wrapper{2}._data; // lifetime extension
    std::cout << "end block\n";
Wrapper::~Wrapper(): 1
Data::~Data(): 1
end block
Wrapper::~Wrapper(): 2
Data::~Data(): 2
```

```
struct Data {
  int i;
  Data( int i) : _i{i} { }
  virtual ~Data() { std::cout<<"Data::~Data(): "<<_i<"\n"; }</pre>
};
struct Wrapper {
  Data _data;
  Wrapper(int i) : _data{i} { }
  ~Wrapper() { std::cout<<"Wrapper::~Wrapper(): "<<_data._i<<"\n"; }
int main()
    std::shared_ptr<Wrapper> wp = std::make_shared<Wrapper>(1);
    std::shared_ptr<Data> dp(wp, &wp->_data);
    wp.reset();
    std::cout << dp->_i << '\n';
    std::cout << "end block\n";</pre>
end block
Wrapper::~Wrapper(): 1
Data::~Data(): 1
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```

```
auto ap1 = std::make_unique<int[]>(1000); // creates 1000 int

for ( auto i = 0; i < 1000; ++i)
    ap1[i] = i; // overwrites the elements</pre>
```

```
auto ap1 = std::make_unique<int[]>(1000); // creates 1000 int
                                         // and initialize each to 0
for ( auto i = 0; i < 1000; ++i)
   ap1[i] = i; // overwrites the elements
auto ap2 = std::make_unique_for_overwrite<int[]>(1000); // creates 1000 int
                                         // elements are not initialized
for ( auto i = 0; i < 1000; ++i)
   ap2[i] = i; // overwrites the elements
// similarly for shared_ptr
auto ap3 = std::make_shared_for_overwrite<int[]>(1000); // creates 1000 int
                                         // elements are not initialized
auto ap4 = std::make_unique_for_overwrite<int[]>(1000); // creates 1000 int
++ap[4]; // undefied behavior
```

allocate_shared (C++20)

- Use the allocator's alloc to allocate memory (instead of ::new)
- Constructor called by std::allocator_traits<A2>::construct(a, pv, v)

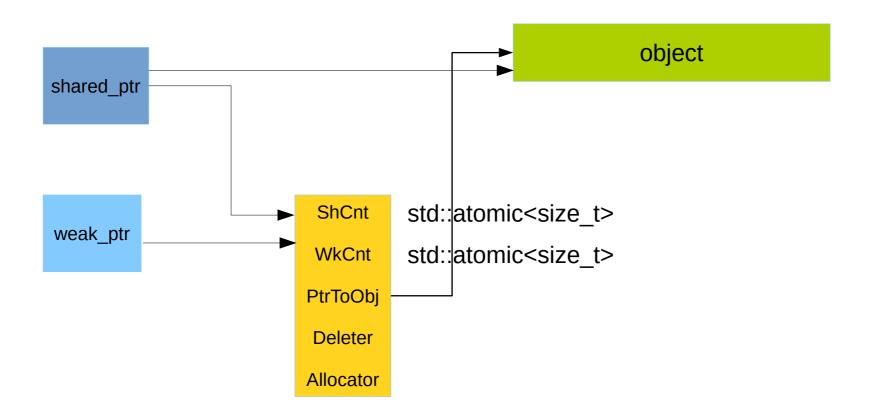
```
template <class T, class Alloc, class... Args>
shared_ptr<T> allocate_shared (const Alloc& alloc, Args&&... args);
#include <iostream>
#include <memory>
void f()
  std::allocator<int> alloc; // the default allocator for int
  std::default_delete<int> del; // the default deleter for int
  std::shared ptr<int> foo = std::allocate shared<int> (alloc, 10);
  auto bar = std::allocate_shared<int> (alloc, 20);
  auto baz = std::allocate_shared<std::pair<int,int>> (alloc,30,40);
  std::cout << "*foo: " << *foo << '\n';
  std::cout << "*bar: " << *bar << '\n';
  std::cout << "*baz: " << baz->first << ' ' << baz->second << '\n';
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```

- shared_ptr is not atomic and thread safe by default
- std::experimental::atomic_shared_ptr merged into std::atomic<std::shared_ptr>
- Supported g++ 12, MSVC 19.27
- shared_ptr atomic operations were used before auto<shared_ptr>

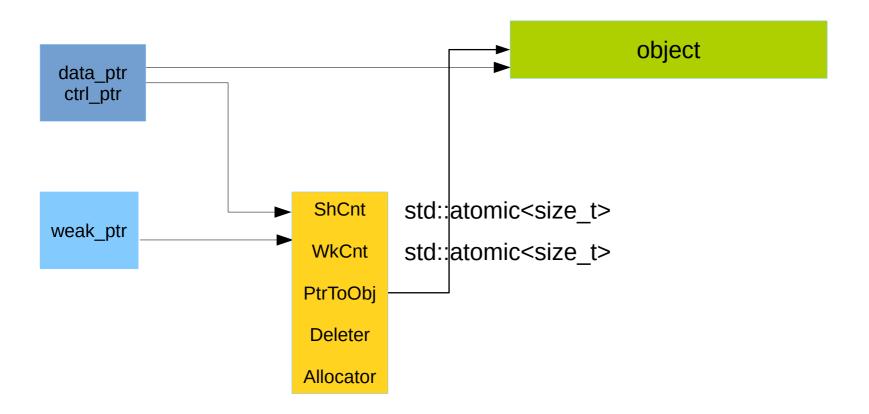
```
template <class T>
std::experimental::atomic_shared_ptr<T> // before C++20

template <class T>
std::atomic<std::shared_ptr<T>> // since C++20
```

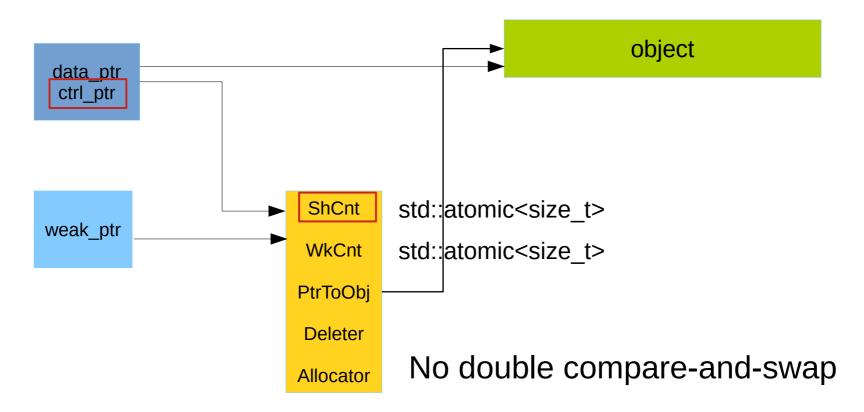
Shared_ptr implementation



Shared_ptr implementation lock-free?

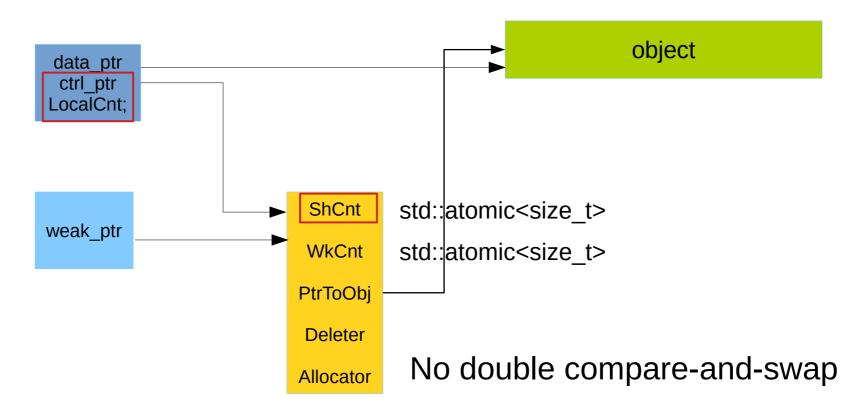


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```
template<typename T>
class atomic<shared ptr<T>>
    struct counter_ptr {
        ControlBlk* ctl_ptr;
        size_t localCnt;
    atomic<counter ptr> cptr;
    static_assert(decltype(cptr)::is_always_lock_free);
    shared_ptr<T> load()
        auto cptr_copy = cptr.load();
        while (true) {
            auto cptr new = cptr copy;
             ++cptr new.localCnt;
             if ( cptr.compare_exchange_weak(cptr_copy, cptr_new) )
                 break;
        ++cptr_copy.localCnt;
        auto ctl_ptr = cptr_copy.ctl_ptr;
```