
Creative Software Design

12 – Template

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Final Exam Plans

- We'll choose one of the following options:
 - **a) Offline exam** (10:00 ~ 12:00, Dec 8)
 - **b) Online exam monitored using your laptop & cell phone's cameras to prevent cheating** (the same date and time)
 - **c) Alternative coding project**
- I'll announce the final choice soon.

Today's Topics

- Intro to Generic Programming
- Function Template
- Class Template
- Review Standard Template Library (STL)
 - A set of C++ template classes
- Templates and Inheritance

C++ Template

- A C++ feature that allows functions and classes to operate with *generic types*.
 - You can think of *generic type* as *to-be-specified-later type*.
- This allows a function or class to **work on many different data types without being rewritten** for each one.^[wikipedia]
- The C++ Standard Template Library (STL) provides many useful functions within a framework of connected **templates**.

Generic Programming

- Style of computer programming
 - Algorithms are written in terms of *to-be-specified-later* types that are then instantiated when needed for specific types provided as parameters.^[wikipedia]
 - C++ Standard Template Library (STL).
 - Best known example
 - Data containers such as vector, list, map, etc.
 - Algorithms such as sorting, searching, hashing, etc.

Direct Approach

- Need **K** sorting algorithms to handle **K** different data types

//Suppose we want to sort an integer array.

```
void SelectionSort(int* array, int size) {
    for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
        int min_idx = i;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
            if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
                min_idx = j;
        }
        // Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].
        int tmp = array[i];
        array[i] = array[min_idx];
        array[min_idx] = tmp;
    }
}
```

// We also want to sort a double array.

```
void SelectionSort(double* array, int size) {
    for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
        int min_idx = i;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {
            if (array[min_idx] > array[j])
                min_idx = j;
        }
        // Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].
        double tmp = array[i];
        array[i] = array[min_idx];
        array[min_idx] = tmp;
    }
}
```

Generic Approach

- C++ template allows us to avoid this repeated code.
- *Functions* and *classes* can be *templated*.

// Suppose we want to sort an array of type T.

template <typename T>

void SelectionSort(T* array, int size) {

for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {

int min_idx = i;

for (int j = i + 1; j < size; ++j) {

if (array[min_idx] > array[j])

min_idx = j;

}

// Swap array[i] and array[min_idx].

T tmp = array[i];

array[i] = array[min_idx];

array[min_idx] = tmp;

}

}

Function Template

- A generic function description
 - defines a *function* in terms of a *generic type*
 - A specific type, such as *int* or *double*, can be substituted.
- Pass a specific type as a parameter to a template
 - Compiler generates a function for that particular type
- Write functions of the same algorithm once for various types.

Function Template: Basics

- Example
 - Swap function

```
template <typename T> //naming the arbitrary type T. Programmers use simple  
names such as T.
```

```
void Swap(T &a, T &b)  
{  
    T temp;  
    temp = a;  
    a = b;  
    b = temp;  
}
```

- **The template does not create any functions**
 - Let the compiler know how to define a function

Function Template : Example

```
template <typename T>
void Swap(T &a, T &b)
{
    T temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

Output:

```
i, j = 10, 20.
compiler-generated int
swapper:
Now i, j = 20, 10.
x, y = 24.5, 81.7.
compiler-generated double
swapper:
Now x, y = 81.7, 24.5.
```

```
template <typename T> // or class T
void Swap(T &a, T &b);

int main()
{
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;
    cout << "i, j = " << i << ", " << j << ".\n";
    cout << "compiler-generated int swapper:\n";
    Swap<int>(i,j); // generates void Swap(int &, int
&)
    cout << "Now i, j = " << i << ", " << j << ".\n";
    double x = 24.5;
    double y = 81.7;
    cout << "x, y = " << x << ", " << y << ".\n";
    cout << "compiler-generated double swapper:\n";
    Swap<double>(x,y); // generates void
Swap(double &, double &)
    cout << "Now x, y = " << x << ", " << y << ".\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Function Template : Example

- Templates are "instantiated" at compile time.
- "Function template instance"

```
template <typename T>
T myMax(T x, T y)
{
    return (x > y)? x: y;
}

int main()
{
    cout << myMax<int>(3, 7) << endl;
    cout << myMax<char>('g', 'e') << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Compiler internally generates and adds below code

```
int myMax(int x, int y)
{
    return (x > y)? x: y;
}
```

Compiler internally generates and adds below code.

```
char myMax(char x, char y)
{
    return (x > y)? x: y;
}
```

Template Argument Deduction

- You can **omit** any template argument that the compiler can deduce by the usage and context of that template function call.

```
int i = 10;  
int j = 20;  
Swap<int>(i,j);
```

==

```
int i = 10;  
int j = 20;  
Swap(i,j);
```

Function Template : Overloading

- Overloading template functions

```
template <typename T>
void Swap(T &a, T &b)
{
    T temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

```
template <typename T>
void Swap(T* a, T* b, int
n)
{
    T temp;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        temp = a[i];
        a[i] = b[i];
        b[i] = temp;
    };
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int i = 10, j = 20;
    cout << "i, j = " << i << ", " << j << endl;
    cout << "Swap scalars" << endl;
    Swap(i,j); // generates Swap(int &, int &)
    cout << "i, j = " << i << ", " << j << ".\n";
    cout << "*****\n" ;
    int d1[] = {1,2};
    int d2[] = {3,4};
    int n = 2;
    cout << "d1[0]=" << d1[0] << ", d1[1]=" << d1[1] << endl;
    cout << "d2[0]=" << d2[0] << ", d2[1]=" << d2[1] << endl;
    cout << "Swap arrays" << endl;
    Swap(d1,d2, n); // generates void Swap(int *, int *, int)
    cout << "d1[0]=" << d1[0] << ", d1[1]=" << d1[1] << endl;
    cout << "d2[0]=" << d2[0] << ", d2[1]=" << d2[1] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Function Template : Overloading

- Overloading template functions; result

Output:

i, j = 10, 20

Swap scalars

i, j = 20, 10.

d1[0]=1, d1[1]=2

d2[0]=3, d2[1]=4

Swap arrays

d1[0]=3, d1[1]=4

d2[0]=1, d2[1]=2

Quiz #1

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Class Template

- Class members can be templated
 - Define a class in a generic fashion (type-independent)
 - Allow to reuse code
 - Inheritance & containment aren't always the solution

```
class Stack1 {  
    private:  
        enum {MAX = 10}; // constant specific to  
class  
        Item1 items[MAX]; // holds stack items  
        int top; // index for top stack item  
    public:  
        Stack();  
};
```

```
class Stack2 {  
    private:  
        enum {MAX = 10}; // constant specific to  
class  
        Item2 items[MAX]; // holds stack items  
        int top; // index for top stack item  
    public:  
        Stack();  
};
```


Class Template: Basic

- How to use

```
template <typename T> //let the compiler know that you're about to define a template
class Stack
{
    private:
        enum {MAX = 10}; // constant specific to class
        T items[MAX]; // holds stack items (type-independent)
        int top; // index for top stack item
    public:
        Stack();
};
```

- When a template is invoked, T will be replaced with a specific type
 - E.g., *int* or *string*
- **Generic type name**, T , to identify the type to be stored in the stack

Class Template: Example

```
template <typename T>
class mypair {
    T a, b;
public:
    mypair (T first, T second) {
        a=first; b=second;
    }
    T getmax ();
};
```

```
template < typename T>
T mypair<T>::getmax ()
{
    T retval;
    retval = a>b? a : b;
    return retval;
}
```

```
int main ()
{
    int a_i = 100, b_i = 75;
    mypair <int> myobject_i (a_i, b_i);
    cout << "max("<<a_i <<"," << b_i <<")=" <<
    myobject_i.getmax() << endl;

    double a_d = 1.5, b_d = -3.5;
    mypair <double> myobject_d (a_d, b_d);
    cout << "max("<<a_d <<"," << b_d <<")=" <<
    myobject_d.getmax() << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
max(100,75)=100
max(1.5,-3.5)=1.5
```

Class Template: Example

- Templates are "instantiated" at compile time.
- "Class template instance"

```
mypair <int> myobject_i (a_i, b_i);
```



```
class mypair {  
    int a, b;  
    public:  
        mypair (int first, int second) {  
            a=first; b=second;  
        }  
        int getmax ();  
};  
  
int mypair<int>::getmax ()  
{  
    int retval;  
    retval = a>b? a : b;  
    return retval;  
}
```

Class Template: Closer Look at

- Types for the **mypair** <T>
 - Both built-in types and classes are allowed
 - How about pointers?
 - Won't work very well without major modifications
 - Need to take care

```
int main () {  
  
    int a_i = 100, b_i = 75;  
    mypair <int*> myobject_i (&a_i, &b_i);  
    cout << "max("<<a_i <<"," << b_i <<")=" << myobject_i.getmax()  
<< endl;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:

```
max(100,75)=0x22fe  
2c
```

Member Function Template

- Can be used to provide additional template parameters other than those of the class template.

```
template<typename T>
class X
{
public:
    template<typename U>
    void mf(const U &u);
};

template<typename T>
template <typename U>
void X<T>::mf(const U &u)
{
}

int main()
{
}
```

typename & class keyword

- ‘typename’ can always be replaced by keyword ‘class’.

```
template <class First, class Second> // Same as <typename First, typename  
Second>.
```

```
class Pair {  
    First first;  
    Second second;  
};
```

```
template <class First, class Second>  
Pair<First, Second> MakePair(const First& first, const Second& second) {  
    return Pair<First, Second>(first, second);  
}
```

```
int main (){  
    Pair<int, int> p = MakePair(10, 10); // == MakePair<int,  
int>(10, 10);  
    Pair<int, int> q = Pair<int, int>(20, 20);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Non-type Template Parameter

- A non-type template parameter is a special type of parameter that is **replaced by a value**.

- e.g., `template<class T, int size>`

- A non-type template argument

- is provided within a template argument list
 - is **an expression whose value can be determined at compile time**

- *constant expressions*

- is treated as **const**

- e.g., `Myfilebuf<double, 200>`

Non-type Template Parameter

```
template<class T, int size>
class Myfilebuf {
    T* filepos;
    int array[size];
public:
    Myfilebuf() { /* ... */ }
    ~Myfilebuf() {}
    ...
};
```

```
int main (){
    Myfilebuf<double,200> x; // create object x of class
    Myfilebuf<double,200.0> y; // error, 200.0 is a double, not an int
    return 0;
}
```


Non-type Template Parameter

```
template<int i> class C
{
    public:
        Int array[i];
        int k;
        C() { k = i; }
};
```

```
int main (){
    C<100> a; //can be instantiated
    C<200> b;//can be instantiated
    return 0;
}
```

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STL Revisit

- STL defines powerful, **template-based**, reusable components
- STL uses **template-based generic programming**
- **A collection of useful templates** for handling various kinds of data structure and algorithms **with generic types**
 - Containers
 - Data structures that store objects of any type
 - Iterators
 - Used to manipulate container elements
 - Algorithms
 - Operations on containers for searching, sorting and many others

Containers Revisit

- Sequence: contiguous blocks of objects
 - Vectors: insertion at end, random access
 - List: insertion anywhere, sequential access
 - Deque (double-ended queue): insertion at either end, random access
- Container adapter
 - Stack: Last In Last Out
 - queue: First In First Out
- Associative container: a generalization of sequence
 - Indexed by any type (vs. sequences are indexed by integers)
 - Set: add or delete elements, query for membership...
 - Map: a mapping from one type (key) to another type (value)
 - Multimaps: maps that associate a key with several values

vector - a resizable array

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

int main(void){

    vector<int> intVec(10);

    for(int i=0; i< 10; i++){
        cout << "input!";
        cin >> intVec[i];
    }

    for(int i=0; i< 10; i++){
        cout << intVec[i] << " " ;
    }
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

STL: vector

- Standard library header <vector>
 - A class template
 - Templated member functions/variables

```
template <class T, class Allocator = allocator<T> >
class vector {
public:
    // types:
    typedef value_type& reference;
    typedef const value_type& const_reference;
    typedef T value_type;
    typedef Allocator allocator_type;
    typedef typedef allocator_traits<Allocator>::pointer pointer;
    typedef typedef allocator_traits<Allocator>::const_pointer const_pointer;
    typedef std::reverse_iterator<iterator> reverse_iterator;
    typedef std::reverse_iterator<const_iterator>
const_reverse_iterator;
}
```

STL: vector

- Standard library header <vector>
 - Constructors/destructor

```
template <class T, class Allocator = allocator<T> >
class vector {
public:
    // construct/copy/destroy:
    explicit vector(const Allocator& = Allocator());
    explicit vector(size_type n);
    vector(size_type n, const T& value, const Allocator& = Allocator());
    template <class InputIterator>
        vector(InputIterator first, InputIterator last, const Allocator& =
Allocator());
    vector(const vector<T, Allocator>& x);
    vector(vector&&);
    vector(const vector&, const Allocator&);
    vector(vector&&, const Allocator&);
    vector(initializer_list<T>, const Allocator& = Allocator());
    ~vector();
}
```

STL: vector

- Standard library header <vector>
 - Assignment operators / member functions

```
template <class T, class Allocator = allocator<T> >
class vector {
public:
    vector<T,Allocator>& operator=(const vector<T,Allocator>& x);
    vector<T,Allocator>& operator=(vector<T,Allocator>&& x);
    vector& operator=(initializer_list<T>);
    template <class InputIterator>
        void assign(InputIterator first, InputIterator last);
    void assign(size_type n, const T& t);
    void assign(initializer_list<T>);
    allocator_type get_allocator() const noexcept;
}
```


STL: vector

- Standard library header `<vector>`
 - Iterators
 - `begin()`, `end()`, `rbegin()`, `rend()`, ...
 - Capacity
 - `size()`, `resize()`, `capacity()`, `capacity()`, `empty()`, `reserve()`, ...
 - Element access
 - `[], at(), front(), back()`
 - Modifiers
 - `push_back()`, `pop_back()`, `insert()`, `erase()`, `swap()`, `clear()`, ...
 - **Everything is templated!!**

Class template vs. Template class

- C++ standard only uses the term "**class template**".
- Some people interchangeably use these two terms, but I recommend you to only use "**class template**".
 - E.g., a class template, but not a class

```
template<typename T>  
class MyClassTemplate { ... };
```

- E.g., a class, but not a class template

```
MyClassTemplate<int>
```

Templates and Inheritance

- Inheritance works the same as with ordinary classes.

```
template<class T>
class CountedQue : public QueType<T> {

    public:
        CountedQue();
        void Enqueue (T newItem);
        void Dequeue (T& item);
        int Lengths() const;

    private:
        int length;

};
```

Templates and Inheritance

- Overriding

```
template<class T>
class Base
{
    public:
        void set(const T& val) {data = val;}
    private:
        T data;
};
template<class T>
class Derived : public Base<T> //no class Base, only
class Base<T>
{
    public:
        void set(const T& val);
};
template<class T>
void Derived<T>::set(const T& v){
    Base<T>::set(v); //no class Base, only class Base<T>
}
```

Templates and Inheritance

- A **derived class template** may have its own template parameters.

```
template<class T>
class Base
{
    public:
        void set(const T& val) {data = val;}
    private:
        T data;
};
template<class T, class U>
class Derived : public Base<T> //no class Base, only class Base<T>
{
    public:
        void set(const T& val);
    private:
        U derived_data;
};
```

Templates and Inheritance

- A **derived class** may inherit from an explicit instance of the base class template.

```
template<class T>
class Base
{
    public:
        void set(const T& val) {data = val;}
        T get(){ return data;}
    private:
        T data;
};

class Derived : public Base<int> //explicit instance of the base
class
{
    public:
        int get(){ return Base<int>::get(); }
};
```

Templates and Inheritance

- Parameterized inheritance

```
class Shape
{
    public:
        void display() { cout << "show" << endl; }
};

template<class T>
class Rectangle : public T //base class is the template
parameter
{
    public:
        void display(){ T::display(); }
};

int main()
{
    Rectangle<Shape> rect;
};
```

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Templates and Static Members

- General classes
 - **static** member variables can be shared between all objects
- Classes template instances
 - Each class (e.g., `MyTemplate<int>`, `MyTemplate<double>`) has its own copy of **static** member variables
 - Each class template instance (== instantiated class) has its own copy of **static** member functions

Templates and Static Members

- Example

```
template <class T> class TemplatedClass{
    public:
        static T x;
};
template <class T> T TemplatedClass<T> ::x = 0;
int main()
{
    TemplatedClass<int>::x = 1;
    cout << TemplatedClass<int>::x << endl;
    cout << TemplatedClass<float>::x << endl;

    return 1;
}
```

Output:

1

0

Summary of Three Approaches

Naïve Approach	Function Overloading	Function Templates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="73 605 483 705">▪ Different function definitions<li data-bbox="73 776 618 819">▪ Different function names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="681 605 1091 705">▪ Different function definitions<li data-bbox="681 776 1137 819">▪ Same function name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1294 605 1854 705">▪ One function definition (a function template)<li data-bbox="1294 776 1734 876">▪ Compiler generates individual functions

Next Time

- Labs in this week:
 - Lab1: Assignment 12-1
 - Lab2: Assignment 12-2
- Next lecture:
 - 13 - Exception Handling (The last lecture)