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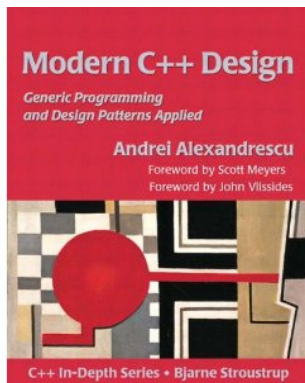
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Alternate Title

The session I wish I had on my first BoostCon visit

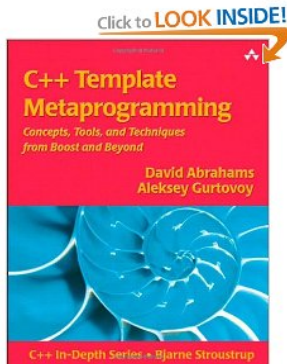
Books



Modern C++ Design Generic Programming and Design Patterns Applied

Andrei Alexandrescu

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C++ Template Metaprogramming

Concepts, Tools, and Techniques from
Boost and Beyond

David Abrahams
Aleksey Gurtovoy

People / Libraries

- ▶ Joel de Guzman and Boost.Fusion
- ▶ Hartmut Kaiser and Boost.Spirit - Karma
- ▶ Barend Gehrels and Boost.Geometry
- ▶ Steven Watanabe and Boost.Units

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Modern C++ Overview

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Functor

A functor is a *function object*
or
It is an object that we can treat as if it is callable

Functor

Why would we do this?

- ▶ Objects can contain state

Functor

There are a slew of algorithms that want something that is Callable.

How do we make an object callable?

Functor

```
struct mod
{
    mod(int m) : m_(m) {}
    int operator()(int i) { return i%m; }

    int m_;
};
```

```
mod f(4);
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RAII

Resource Aquisition Is Initialization

- ▶ Invented by Stroustrup to handle resource deallocation
- ▶ Constructor / Destructor
- ▶ Essential for writing exception-safe code

RAII - Example

```
void foo()
{
    boost::mutex::scoped_lock lock( queue_mutex );
    if( !my_queue.empty() )
    {
        bar( my_queue.front() );
        my_queue.pop_front();
    }
}
```

RAII - Exercise

```
void amazingly_bad_function()  
{  
    special_resource.get();  
    special_resource.update( some_call() );  
    special_resource.release();  
}
```

RAII - Exercise

```
template< typename T >
struct raii_helper : boost::noncopyable
{
    raii_helper(T& v) : v_(v) { v_.get(); }
    ~raii_helper() { v_.release(); }

private:
    T& v_;
};

void better_function()
{
    raii_helper<special_t> lock(special_resource);
    special_resource.update( some_call() );
}
```

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Concepts

How will users know how to use our helper?

```
template< typename T >
struct raii_helper
{
    raii_helper(T & v);
};
```

Concepts

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- ▶ Types meeting the requirements *model* the *concept*
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Concept - example ForwardIterator

| Characteristic | Valid Expressions |
|---|---|
| Can be default-constructed | <code>X a;</code> <code>X ();</code> |
| Can be copied and copy-constructed | <code>X b(a);</code> <code>b = a;</code> |
| Accepts equality/inequality comparisons. Equal iterators imply the same element is pointed | <code>a == b</code> <code>a != b</code> |
| Can be dereferenced (when not null) | <code>*a</code> <code>a->m</code> |
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Concept - BidirectionalIterator *refinement*

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Run-time Policy

A *Policy* allows us to specialize behavior.

```
template< typename T >
void fill( vector<int> & v, T done )
{
    int i = 0;
    while( !done() )
    {
        v.push_back( i++ );
    }
}

vector<int> stuff;
fill( stuff,
      [&]{ return stuff.size() >= 8; } );
```

Policy Class

A *Policy Class* is a template parameter that specializes behavior and is selected at compile time.

```
std::basic_string< charT, traits, Alloc >
```

```
namespace std {  
    typedef basic_string<char> string;  
}
```

Policy Class - Example

```
template< typename T
          , typename CheckingPolicy=NoChecking
          , typename BadPointerPolicy=BadPointerDoNothing >
class pointer_wrapper
{
public:
    pointer_wrapper() : value_(0) {}
    explicit pointer_wrapper(T* p) : value_(p) {}

    operator T*()
    {
        if( ! CheckingPolicy::check_pointer(value_) )
        {
            return BadPointerPolicy::handle_bad_pointer(value_);
        }
        else{ return value_; }
    }

private:
    T* value_;
};
```

Policy Class - Example

```
struct NoChecking
{
    template< typename T >
    static bool check_pointer( T* ){ return true; }
};

template< typename T
          , typename CheckingPolicy=NoChecking
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class pointer_wrapper
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        {
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        }
        else{ return value_; }
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}
```

Policy Class - Example

```
struct NullChecking
{
    template< typename T >
    static bool check_pointer( T* p ){ return(p!=0); }
};

template< typename T
          , typename CheckingPolicy=NoChecking
          , typename BadPointerPolicy=BadPointerDoNothing >
class pointer_wrapper
{
    operator T*()
    {
        if( ! CheckingPolicy::check_pointer(value_) )
        {
            return BadPointerPolicy::handle_bad_pointer(value_);
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```

Policy Class - Example

```
struct BadPointerDoNothing
{
    template< typename T >
    static T* handle_bad_pointer( T* p )
    {
        std::cout << "pointer is moldy" << std::endl;
        return p;
    }
};

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*your_number = 42;
std::cout << "your_number: " << *your_number << std::endl;
```

```
pointer_wrapper<int> my_number;
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your_number: 42
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Static Polymorphism

Curiously Recurring Template Pattern

```
template <class Derived>
struct base
{
    void interface()
    {
        // ...
        static_cast<Derived*>(this)->implementation();
        // ...
    }
};

struct derived : base<derived>
{
    void implementation();
};
```

Static Polymorphism

```
template <typename Derived>
struct cloneable
{
    Derived* clone() const
    {
        return new Derived(static_cast<Derived const*>(*this));
    }
};

struct bar : cloneable<bar>
{
    int value;
};

bar my_bar;
my_bar.value = 42;
bar* my_clone = my_bar.clone();
std::cout << "my_clone: " << my_clone->value << std::endl;
```

Output

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Inject Behaviour

```
struct handler : boost::enabled_shared_from_this<handler>
{
    ...
};
```

Inject Behaviour

```
template<class T>
class enable_shared_from_this
{
public:
    shared_ptr<T> shared_from_this()
    {
        shared_ptr<T> p( weak_this_ );
        return p;
    }

    shared_ptr<T const> shared_from_this() const
    {
        shared_ptr<T const> p( weak_this_ );
        return p;
    }

private:
    mutable weak_ptr<T> weak_this_;
};
```

Exercise

Using CRTP, write a base class that add a method:

```
float profit();
```

Such that profit is calculated as:

$$profit = 42 \times \frac{output}{input}$$

and output and input are members of the derived type

Exercise

```
template< class Derived >
struct enable_profit
{
    float profit()
    {
        Derived const & derived =
            static_cast<Derived const&>(*this);

        return 42 * derived.output / derived.input;
    }
};

struct department : enable_profit<department>
{
    int output;
    int input;
};
```

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Type Traits

- ▶ Query characteristics about types
- ▶ Template specialization is pattern matching

Type Traits

Check if we have an int

```
template< typename T >
struct is_int
{
    static const bool value = false;
};
```

```
template<>
struct is_int<int>
{
    static const bool value = true;
};
```

```
cout << "float : " << is_int<float>::value << " ";
cout << "int   : " << is_int<int>::value   << " ";
cout << "bar   : " << is_int<bar>::value   << endl;
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Two types the same?

```
template< typename T1, typename T2 >
struct is_same
{
    static const bool value = false;
};
```

```
template<typename T>
struct is_same<T,T>
{
    static const bool value = true;
};
```

```
cout << "same: " << is_same<int,bar>::value << endl;
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```

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same: 0
same: 1
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Type Traits

- ▶ Boost.TypeTraits
- ▶ C++11 : `<type_traits>`

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struct is_shared_ptr
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};

template< typename T >
struct is_shared_ptr< boost::shared_ptr<T> >
{
    static const bool value = true;
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Common base class.

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Generic to the Max - the point

```
struct mypoint
{
    double x, y;
};

double distance(mypoint const& a, mypoint const& b)
{
    double dx = a.x - b.x;
    double dy = a.y - b.y;
    return sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

Generic to the Max - a different point

```
struct yourpoint
{
    double x, y;
};

template <typename P1, typename P2>
double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    double dx = a.x - b.x;
    double dy = a.y - b.y;
    return std::sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

Generic to the Max - hidden points

```
class secret_point
{
    public:
        double get_x() const;
        double get_y() const;

    private:
        ...
};

template <typename P1, typename P2>
double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    double dx = get<0>(a) - get<0>(b);
    double dy = get<1>(a) - get<1>(b);
    return std::sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

Generic to the Max - traits

```
namespace traits
{
    template <typename P, int D>
    struct access {};
}

namespace traits
{
    template <>
    struct access<mypoint, 0>
    {
        static double get(mypoint const& p)
        {
            return p.x;
        }
    };
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```

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Generic to the Max - specializing

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{
    template <>
    struct access<mypoint, 0>
    {
        static double get(mypoint const& p)
        {
            return p.x;
        }
    };

    template <>
    struct access<mypoint, 1>
    {
        static double get(mypoint const& p)
        {
            return p.y;
        }
    };
}
```

Generic to the Max - specializing

```
namespace traits
{
    template <>
    struct access<secret_point, 0>
    {
        static double get(secret_point const& p)
        {
            return p.get_x();
        }
    };

    template <>
    struct access<secret_point, 1>
    {
        static double get(secret_point const& p)
        {
            return p.get_y();
        }
    };
}
```

Generic to the Max - a lot of typing

```
namespace traits
{
    template <typename P, int D>
    struct access {};
}

template <typename P1, typename P2>
double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    double dx =
        trait::access<P1,0>::get(a) -
        trait::access<P2,0>::get(b);

    double dy =
        trait::access<P1,1>::get(a) -
        trait::access<P2,1>::get(b);

    return std::sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

Generic to the Max - use a proxy

```
namespace traits
{
    template <typename P, int D>
        struct access {};
}

template <int D, typename P>
inline double get(P const& p)
{
    return traits::access<P, D>::get(p);
}
```

Generic to the Max - We did it!?

```
template <typename P1, typename P2>
double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    double dx = get<0>(a) - get<0>(b);
    double dy = get<1>(a) - get<1>(b);
    return std::sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

```
template <int D, typename P>
inline double get(P const& p)
{
    return traits::access<P, D>::get(p);
}
```

Factorial - with Lambda

```
std::function<int(int)> fact;

fact =
    [&fact](int n)->int
    {
        if(n==0){ return 1; }
        else
        {
            return (n * fact(n-1));
        }
    };

cout << "factorial(4) : " << fact(4) << endl;
```

Factorial - Compile Time

Using TMP, calculate the factorial of N at compile time.

- ▶ Print result for factorial of 3
- ▶ Print result for factorial of 5

Factorial - Compile Time

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
template< int N >
```

```
struct factorial
```

```
{
```

```
    enum{ value = N*factorial<N-1>::value };
```

```
};
```

```
template<>
```

```
struct factorial<0>
```

```
{
```

```
    enum{ value = 1 };
```

```
};
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    std::cout << "fact of 5: " << factorial<5>::value << "\n";
```

```
    std::cout << "fact of 3: " << factorial<3>::value << "\n";
```

```
    return 1;
```

```
}
```


Factorial - Compile Time

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
template< int N >
```

```
struct factorial
```

```
{
```

```
    static const int value = N*factorial<N-1>::value;
```

```
};
```

```
template<>
```

```
struct factorial<0>
```

```
{
```

```
    static const int value = 1;
```

```
};
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    std::cout << "fact of 5: " << factorial<5>::value << "\n";
```

```
    std::cout << "fact of 3: " << factorial<3>::value << "\n";
```

```
    return 1;
```

```
}
```

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Was:

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double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    double dx = get<0>(a) - get<0>(b);
    double dy = get<1>(a) - get<1>(b);
    return std::sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy);
}
```

Now:

```
template <typename P1, typename P2>
double distance(P1 const& a, P2 const& b)
{
    BOOST_STATIC_ASSERT(
        ( dimension<P1>::value == dimension<P2>::value ) );

    return sqrt(
        pythagoras<P1,P2, dimension<P1>::value>::apply(a,b) );
}
```

Generic to the Max - more traits

```
namespace traits
{
    template <typename P>
    struct dimension {};
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Generic to the Max - Now we did it!?

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Generic to the Max - Coordinate Type

```
namespace traits
{
    template <typename P>
    struct coordinate_type{};

    // specialization for our mypoint
    template <>
    struct coordinate_type<mypoint>
    {
        typedef double type;
    };
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Generic to the Max - Generic Pythagoras

```
template <typename P1, typename P2, int D>
struct pythagoras
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    typedef typename select_most_precise
        <
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            typename coordinate_type<P2>::type
        >::type computation_t;

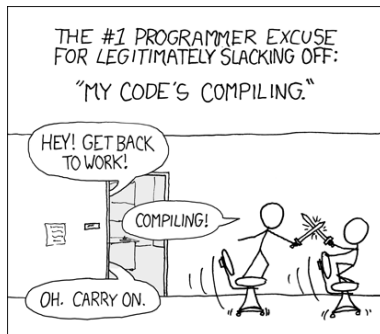
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Modern C++ - Abuse Your Compiler



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```
namespace tag
{
    template< typename T >
    struct profit{};

    template<>
    struct profit<vendor_type>
    {
        static int output( vendor_type const& v){ return v.output; }
        static int input( vendor_type const& v){ return v.input; }
    };

    template<>
    struct profit<department>
    {
        static int output( department const& v){ return v.get_widgets(); }
        static int input( department const& v){ return v.get_managers(); }
    };

    template<>
    struct profit<sw_engineer>
    {
        static int output( sw_engineer const& v)
        { return v.cppnow_attend_count()
          * v.daily_cups_of_coffee(); }
        static int input( sw_engineer const& v){ return v.manager_count(); }
    };
}

template< typename T >
float profit( T const & v )
{
    return 42 * tag::profit<T>::output(v) / tag::profit<T>::input(v) ;
}
```

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SFINAE

Substitution Failure is Not an Error

How to abuse SFINAE

```
typedef Foo foo_t;
```

```
make_instance<foo_t> f;  
foo_t foo = f( config );
```

```
typedef boost::shared_ptr<Bar> shared_bar_t;
```

```
make_instance<shared_bar_t> f;  
shared_bar_t bar = f( config );
```

enable_if

```
template< typename InstType
          , class SharedEnabled = void
        >
struct make_instance
{
    InstType operator() (special::value& v) const
    {
        InstType inst;
        fill_adapted<InstType>::apply(inst, v);
        return inst;
    }
};
```

enable_if

```
template< typename InstType  >
struct make_instance
    <  InstType
      , typename enable_if< is_shared_ptr<InstType> >::type
    >
{
    InstType operator() (special::value& v) const
    {
        InstType
            inst( new typename InstType::element_type );

        fill_adapted<typename InstType::element_type>
            ::apply(*inst, v);

        return inst;
    }
};
```

enable_if from cire::json

```
template <typename T>
value( T val,
      typename enable_if<is_floating_point<T>, T>::type* = 0)
    : base_type( (double_t(val)) )
{}

```

```
template <typename T>
value( T val,
      typename enable_if<
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          is_integral<T>
          , is_enum<T>
        >, T>::type* = 0)
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```

enable_if

- ▶ Learn `boost::enable_if`
- ▶ Learn about existing type traits
- ▶ Use judiciously

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Dimensional Analysis

The Word Problem

Butler drops a slushie from the second story cottage window. The window is 6-meters above the garden.

How long does it take for the slushie to plummet to the tomato bush?

Dimensional Analysis

Equation

$$h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

Where

$$g \approx 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$h = 6 \text{ m}$$

Dimensional Analysis

Units

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{m}{\frac{m}{s^2}}} \rightarrow \sqrt{s^2} \rightarrow s = s$$

Dimensional Analysis

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$$s = \frac{m}{\frac{m}{s^2}} \rightarrow s^2 \neq s$$

Dimensional Analysis - In Code

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Dimensional Analysis - At Compile-Time

- ▶ No runtime execution cost
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typedef mpl::vector_c<int,0,1,0,0,0,0,0> length;  
typedef mpl::vector_c<int,0,0,1,0,0,0,0> time;  
...  
  
typedef mpl::vector_c<int,0,2, 0,0,0,0,0> area;  
typedef mpl::vector_c<int,0,1,-2,0,0,0,0> acceleration;
```

Dimensional Analysis - Representations

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```

Dimensional Analysis - Wrapper for Quantities

```
template <class T, class Dimensions>
struct quantity
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    {}

    T value() const { return value_; }

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};

quantity<double,length>    d( 1.0 );
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quantity<double,time> t( 3.4 );
d = t;
```

Output - clang

```
units_adhoc.cpp:36:6: error: no viable overloaded '='
    d = t;
    ~ ^ ~
```

Dimensional Analysis - Addition

```
template <class T, class D>
quantity<T,D>
operator+(quantity<T,D> x, quantity<T,D> y)
{
    return quantity<T,D>(x.value() + y.value());
}
```

```
template <class T, class D>
quantity<T,D>
operator-(quantity<T,D> x, quantity<T,D> y)
{
    return quantity<T,D>(x.value() - y.value());
}
```


Dimensional Analysis - Addition

```
quantity<double,si::time>      t1( 1.0 );  
quantity<double,si::time>      t2( 3.4 );  
quantity<double,si::length>    l1( 2.8 );  
  
t1 = t2 + l1;  
  
std::cout << "t1: " << t1.value() << std::endl;
```

Output - clang

```
units_adhoc.cpp:84:12: error: invalid operands to binary  
expression ('quantity<double, si::time>'  
and 'quantity<double, si::length>')  
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quantity<double,si::time>    t2( 3.4 );  
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Example

```
t1: 6.2
```

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Dimensional Analysis - The Price

```
double add_test(double x, double y, double z)
{
    quantity<double,si::time>    t1( x );
    quantity<double,si::time>    t2( y );
    quantity<double,si::time>    t3( z );

    t1 = t2 + t3;
    return t1.value();
}
```

```
double add_double(double x, double y, double z)
{
    double    d1( x );
    double    d2( y );
    double    d3( z );

    d1 = d2 + d3;
    return d1;
}
```

Dimensional Analysis - The Price : g++ -O2

```

**** double
**** add_double(double x,
****           double y,
****           double z)
**** {
            .loc 1 93 0
            .cfi_startproc
            .cfi_personality 0x3,
                __gxx_personality_v0
            .LVL2:
            .loc 1 93 0
0020 660F28C1  movapd %xmm1, %xmm0
            .LVL3:
0024 F20F58C2  addsd %xmm2, %xmm0
****     double    d1(x);
****     double    d2(y);
****     double    d3(z);
****
****     d1 = d2 + d3;
****     return d1;
**** }
            .loc 1 100 0
0028 C3      ret
            .cfi_endproc

```

```

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****          double z)
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            .loc 1 80 0
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0014 F20F58C2  addsd %xmm2, %xmm0
****     quantity<double,time> t1(x);
****     quantity<double,time> t2(y);
****     quantity<double,time> t3(z);
****
****     t1 = t2 + t3;
****     return t1.value();
**** }
            .loc 1 87 0
0018 C3      ret
            .cfi_endproc

```

Dimensional Analysis - Multiply

```
template <class T, class D1, class D2>
quantity< T,
          typename mpl::transform< D1,D2,
                                   mpl::plus<_1,_2> >::type
>
operator*( quantity<T,D1> x, quantity<T,D2> y )
{
    typedef typename
        mpl::transform<D1,D2,
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    return quantity<T,dim>( x.value() * y.value() );
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quantity<double,si::length>    d3( 1.7 );  
quantity<double,si::area>      a( 1.0 );  
  
a = d2 * d3;
```

Output - clang

```
units_adhoc.cpp:153:6: error: no viable overloaded '='  
    a = d2 * d3;  
    ~ ^ ~~~~~
```

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```


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```
template <class T, class Dimensions>
struct quantity
{
    template <class OtherDimensions>
    quantity(quantity<T, OtherDimensions> const& rhs)
        : value_(rhs.value())
    {
        BOOST_STATIC_ASSERT((
            mpl::equal<Dimensions, OtherDimensions>::type::value
        ));
    }

    ...
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Dimensional Analysis - Check out Boost.Units

- ▶ No runtime execution cost
- ▶ Errors reported at compile time
- ▶ Scaled Units
- ▶ Conversion Factors

Explore

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- ▶ Boost.MPL - Meta Programming Library
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