

Modules

- Using external code in our program
- Libraries
 - Java: `import org.apache.hadoop.*;`
 - Python: `import networkx as nx`
 - Fortran: `use opengl_gl`
 - C++: `#include <vector>`
`#include <boost/program_options/cmdline.hpp>`
`g++ a.o -lboost_program_options@1.71.0 -o a.out`

C++ compilation model

- Separate translation
 - The compiler is always called on a single source file
- Several steps
 - Preprocessing
 - Locate include headers and transitively preprocessing ...
 - ... until no more preprocessor directives found
 - Translation unit / Input buffer is complete
 - Lexing → Parsing → Template instantiation ...
 - Code generation
 - Linking

Token leak

```
// header.hpp
#define APP_DATE __DATE__ /* Build date */
// main.cpp
int main()
{
    std::cout << APP_DATE << '\n';
}

// lib.hpp
#define APP_DATE "2020.01.01" // Licensing date
// lib.cpp
const char *LicenseStartDate()
{
    return APP_DATE;
}

// main.cpp
#include "header.hpp"
int main()
{
    std::cout << LicenseStartDate() << APP_DATE << '\n';
}
```

Name leak

```
// header1.hpp
namespace A {

    namespace {
        inline int detail() { return 1; }
    }
    class X { ... };
}
```

```
// header2.hpp
namespace A {

    namespace {
        inline int detail() { return 2; }
    }
    class Y { ... };
}
```

```
// What if we depend on both headers?
```

Name leak

```
// client.cpp

struct B, D; // forward declaration to avoid parsing large headers

int f(const void * vp) { return 1; }
int f(const B* bp) { return 0; }

int test(D* dp)
{
    return f(dp); // f(const void*)
}
```

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```
// d.h
```

```
struct D : B { ... };
```

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// client.cpp includes "d.h"
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// Google coding guidelines: never forward declare!
```

Input buffer

- Names placed to the input buffer remains there forever
 - Issue with linking
 - Tool support
- Hiding
 - Static
 - Anonymous namespace
- Templates?

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template <typename T>  
class X  
{  
private:  
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};
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MAYBE: with some hack

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static boost::regex rCppFiles{"\\.cpp\b"};

std::string sFilenameArgs{"/tmp/foo.cpp"};
boost::re_detail::matcher mBuf( sFilename.begin(), sFilename.end(),
    /* ... */
    &rCppFiles);

// no compiler error or warning using internal details
```

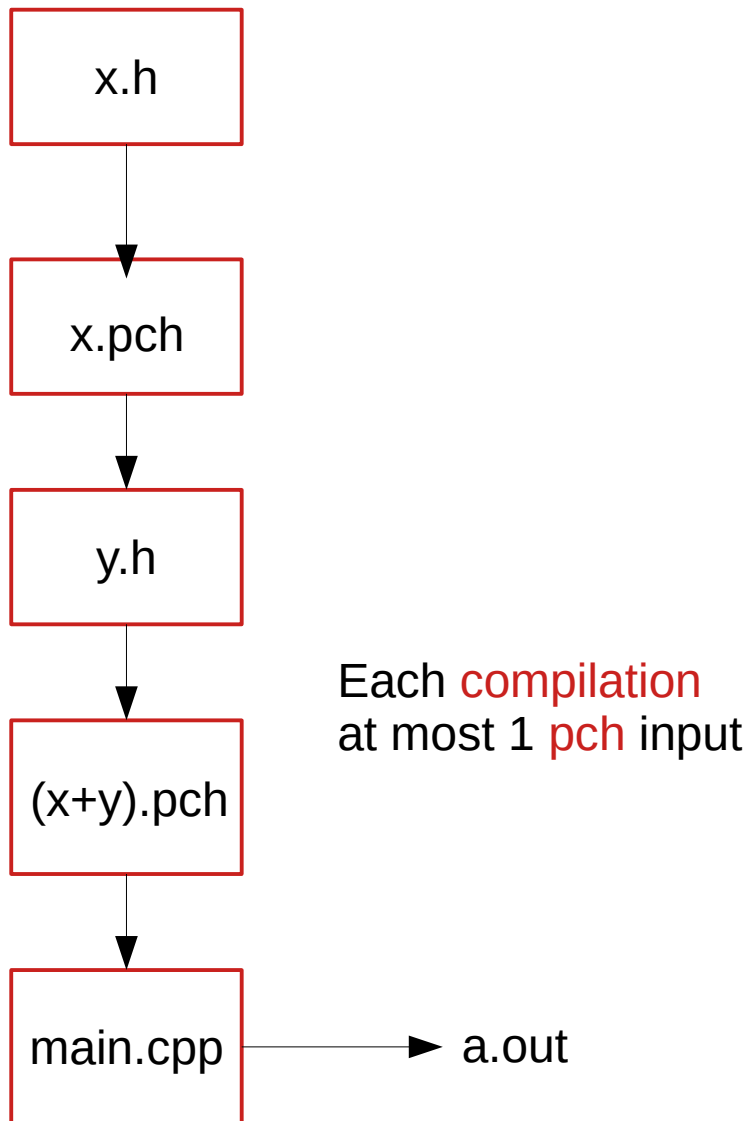
Build times

- Include directives read from “storage”
 - Not defined by the standard, but usually from disk
- A large part of the input buffer is copy-paste
 - Usually 90-97% of the input buffer is coming from headers
- Unity build is usually possible only by manual work
 - Token leak
 - Name leak
- Templates everywhere
- Weak references are just waste resources

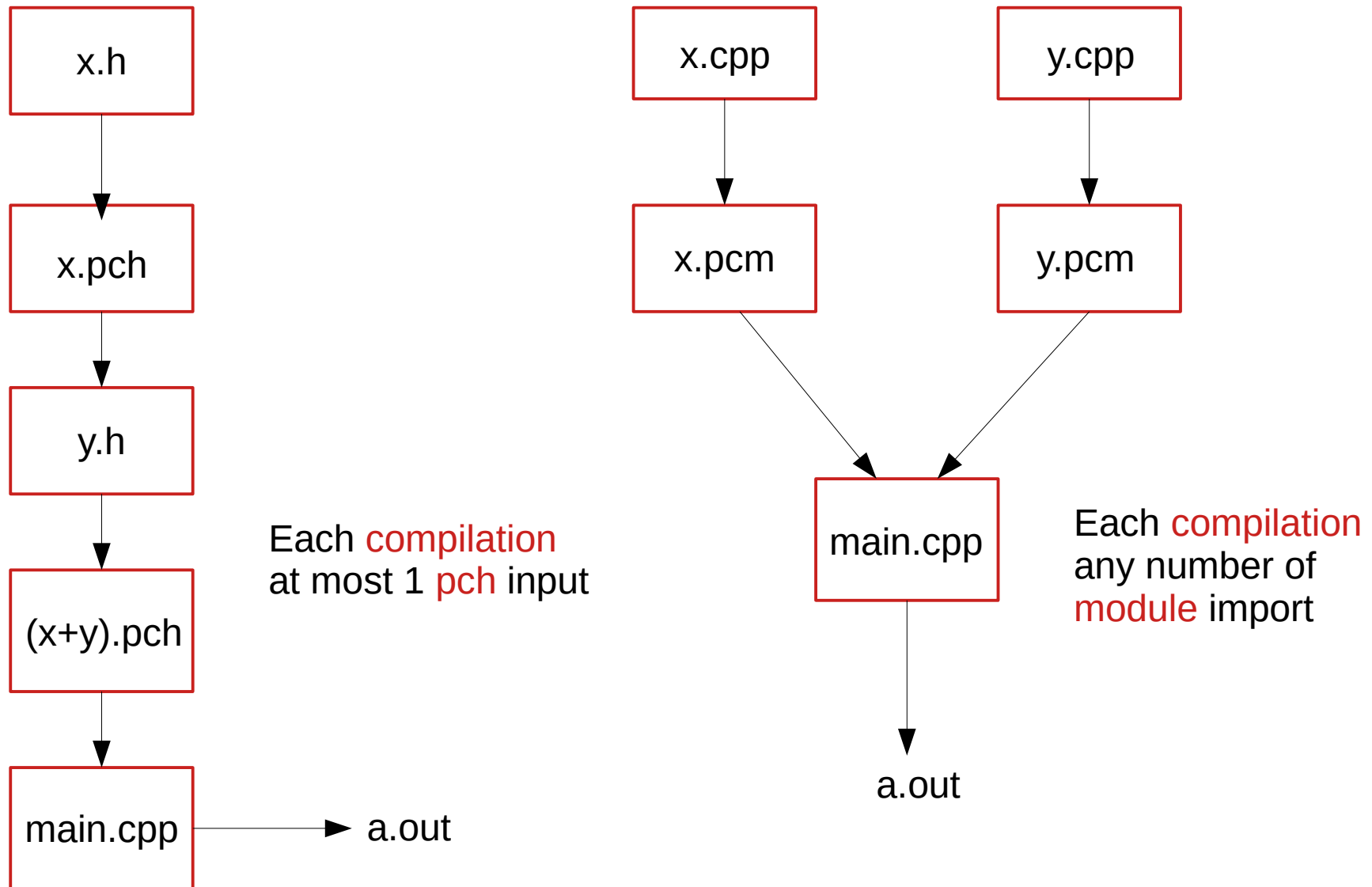
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- Precompiled headers (PCH)
 - Safe and reuse AST
 - PCH require build system support
- HP aCC compiler
 - Automatic generation of PCH

PCH vs Modules



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Modules

- Originally proposed in 2004
- Part of C++20
- Header mechanism -> logical packaging
- One module is (still) a (few) translation units
- No preprocessor effect between TUs
- Name of the module is NOT part of fully qualified name
 - `import M; M::std::vector`
- Standard wording is flexible for optimizations

Modules

- Module unit
 - Contains the module declaration
 - Module interface: `export`
 - Module implementation. No `export` keyword
- Module partition
 - Contains the “: <module-name>”
 - Can be interface or implementation partition
- Primary module interface unit (export + non-partition)
`[export] module module-name [: partition-name] [attrib-seq];`

Modules

```
// speech.cpp
export module speech;

export const char* get_phrase_en() { return "Hello, world!"; }
export const char* get_phrase_hu() { return "Szia vilag!"; }

// possible partitions:

// speech.cpp
export module speech;
export import :english;
export import :hungarian;

// speech_e.cpp
export module speech:english;
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// speech_h.cpp
export module speech:hungarian;
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// main.cpp
import <iostream>;
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export import :english;      // the primary interface unit must export all
export import :hungarian;    // interface partitions, otherwise ill-formed

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Modules - v2

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// speech.cpp
export module speech;

import :english;
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export const char* get_phrase_en(); // must be declared to be part
export const char* get_phrase_hu(); // of the module interface

// speech_e.cpp == module implementation partition
module speech:english;
const char* get_phrase_en() { return "Hello, world!"; }

// speech_h.cpp == module implementation partition
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Modules - v3

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// speech_impl.cpp
module speech;

const char* get_phrase_en() { return "Hello, world!"; }
const char* get_phrase_hu() { return "Szia vilag!"; }
```

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```
// module.cpp
```

```
export module myModule;
```

```
    int four() { return 4; }  
export int five() { return four()+1; } // but here four is available
```

```
// client.cpp
```

```
import MyModule;
```

```
int main()  
{  
    int i5 = five();  
    int i4 = four(); // compile error: no function named four()  
}
```

```
// Different from the private visibility: there is no name "four"
```

Modules – templates

```
// template.cpp
export template <typename T>
struct foo
{
    T value;
    foo(T const v) : value(v) {}
};
export template <typename T>
foo<T> make_foo(T const value)
{
    return foo<T>(value);
}

// client.cpp
import <iostream>;
import <string>;
import foo;

int main()
{
    auto fi = make_foo(42);
    std::cout << fi.value << '\n';

    auto fs = make_foo(std::string("modules"));
    std::cout << fs.value << '\n';
}
```


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// module.cpp

export module myModule;

struct S // not exported
{
    S(int i) : m_(i) {}
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    auto s2 = makeS(); // ok  
    s2.m_ = 1; // ok, works for anonymous types C++14  
}
```

Concepts

- Generic/Template: form of parametric polymorphism
- Constrained vs Unconstrained
- Java, ADA, Eiffel generics are constrained
 - Early error detection
 - Clear(er) error messages
- C++ templates are unconstrained (before C++20)
 - Duck typing (e.g. iterator adaptors)
 - Sometimes ugly error messages (but still in compile time)

Concepts history

- 2000 First Workshop on C++ Template Programming
 - Jeremy Siek and Andrew Lumsdaine.
[Concept Checking: Binding Parametric Polymorphism in C++](#) In Proceedings of the First Workshop on C++ Template Programming, Erfurt, Germany, 2000.
- Boost Concept Check Library
 - Jeremy Siek, Andrew Lumsdaine, David Abrahams.
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- OOPSLA 2003
 - R Garcia, J Jarvi, A Lumsdaine, JG Siek, J Willcock.
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- OOPSLA 2006
 - D Gregor, J Järvi, JG Siek, B Stroustrup, G Dos Reis, A Lumsdaine.
Concepts: linguistic support for generic programming in C++
ACM SIGPLAN Notices 41 (10), 291-310

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- 2009 No Concepts in C++0x
 - Stroustrup
<https://www.accu.org/journals/overload/17/92/overload92.pdf#page=34>
- 2012 C++Now, best talk
 - Andrew Sutton: Concepts Lite: Constraining Templates with Predicates
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1INd12uYjE>
- 2014 C++14 misses Concepts
- 2015 C++Now 2015 Keynote
 - Andrew Sutton: Generic Programming with Concepts
https://youtu.be/_rBhX-FJCdg
- 2017 C++17 misses Concepts
- 2018 CppCon 2018
 - Andrew Sutton: Concepts in 60
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeU6OPaGxwM>
- 2020 Finally!

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           && TotallyOrdered<iter_value_t<Iter>>
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Concepts usage

- Semantic requirements
 - not necessary for ALL values
 - Floating points are TotallyOrdered but NaN does not work that way
 - Integers are Arithmetic, but overflow may exist
- Concepts may be overconstrained and underconstrained

```
// example from Sutton 2018
template <ObjectType T, AllocatorOf<T> Alloc = std::allocator<T>>
class vector { /* ... */ };

vector<int>    v1;    // ok
vector<int&>  v2;    // error
vector<int&> *v3;    // error

template <FloatingPoint T> T pi = 3.14159265...;

namespace pmr {
    template <ObjectType T>
    using vector = std::vector<T, polymorphic_allocator<T>>;
}
```

Concepts usage

```
template <ObjectType T, ObjectType S>
struct pair
{
    template <ConvertibleTo<T> X, ConvertibleTo<S> Y>
    pair(const X& a, const Y& b) : first(a), second(b) { }

    pair() requires Defaultable<T> && Defaultable<S> : first(), second() { }

    pair(const pair& rhs) requires Copyable<T> && Copyable<S>
        : first(rhs.first), second(rhs.second) { }

    T first;
    S second;
};

pair<std::unique_ptr<int>, int> p1; // ok
pair<std::unique_ptr<int>, int> p2 = p1; // error
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename T, typename S>  
concept MyConcept =      std::same_as<T,S>  
                        && ( std::is_class_v<T> || std::is_enum_v<T> );
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template <typename... Args>  
requires are_same_v<Args...> // requires-clause  
auto add(Args&& ...args)  
{  
    return (... + args);  
}
```

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```
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requires are_same_v<Args...>    // requires-clause  
auto add(Args&& ...args)  
{  
    return (... + args);  
}
```

```
template <typename... Args>  
requires requires(Args... args) // requires-clause + requires-expression  
{  
    (... + args);           // simple requirement  
    requires are_same_v<Args...>; // nested requirement  
    requires sizeof...(Args) > 1; // nested requirement  
    { (... + args) } noexcept -> same_as<first_arg_t<Args...>>;  
}  
auto add(Args&& ...args)  
{  
    return (... + args);  
}
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename... Args>
concept Addable = requires(Args... args)
{
    (... + args); // simple requirement
    requires are_same_v<Args...>; // nested requirement
    requires sizeof...(Args) > 1; // nested requirement
    { (... + args) } noexcept -> same_as<first_arg_t<Args...>>;
};
```

```
template <typename... Args>
requires Addable<Args...>
    requires
{
    (... + args); // simple requirement
    requires are_same_v<Args...>; // nested requirement
    requires sizeof...(Args) > 1; // nested requirement
    { (... + args) } noexcept -> same_as<first_arg_t<Args...>>;
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auto add(Args&& ...args)
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template <typename T, typename S>  
concept MyConcept =      std::same_as<T,S>  
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template <typename T>  
concept Small =      sizeof(T) < 42;
```

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concept MyConcept =      std::same_as<T,S>
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template <typename T>
concept Small =      sizeof(T) < 42;

template <Small S>
int fun(S s) { return sizeof(s); }

struct big_t { char t[100]; };

int main()
{
    fun(1);
    fun( big_t{} );
    return 0;
}
```

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concept MyConcept =      std::same_as<T,S>
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```

```
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```

```
template <Small S>
int fun(S s) { return sizeof(s); }
```

```
struct big_t { char t[100]; };
```

```
int main()
{
    fun(1);
    fun( big_t{} );
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ clang++ -std=c++20 small.cpp
small.cpp:12:3: error: no matching function for call to 'fun'
    fun( big_t{} );
    ^~~
small.cpp:5:5: note: candidate template ignored: constraints not satisfied [with S = big_t]
int fun(S s) { return sizeof(s); }
    ^
small.cpp:4:11: note: because 'big_t' does not satisfy 'Small'
template <Small S>
    ^
small.cpp:2:22: note: because 'sizeof(big_t) < 42' (100 < 42) evaluated to false
concept Small =      sizeof(T) < 42;
                   ^
1 error generated.
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename T, typename S>
concept MyConcept =      std::same_as<T,S>
                        && ( std::is_class_v<T> || std::is_enum_v<T> );
```

```
template <typename T>
concept Small =      sizeof(T) < 42;
```

```
template <Small S>
int fun(S s) { return sizeof(s); }
```

```
struct big_t {
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
    fun(1);
    fun( big_t{} );
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ g++ -std=c++20 small.cpp
```

```
small.cpp: In function 'int main()':
```

```
small.cpp:12:6: error: no matching function for call to 'fun(big_t)'
```

```
12 | fun(big_t{});
```

```
   | ~~~~~^~~~~~
```

```
small.cpp:5:5: note: candidate: 'template<class S> requires Small<S> int fun(S)'
```

```
5 | int fun(S s) { return sizeof(s); }
```

```
   | ^~~
```

```
small.cpp:5:5: note: template argument deduction/substitution failed:
```

```
small.cpp:5:5: note: constraints not satisfied
```

```
small.cpp: In substitution of 'template<class S> requires Small<S> int fun(S) [with S = big_t]':
```

```
small.cpp:12:6: required from here
```

```
small.cpp:2:9: required for the satisfaction of 'Small<S>' [with S = big_t]
```

```
small.cpp:2:32: note: the expression 'sizeof(T) < 42 [with T = big_t]' evaluated to 'false'
```

```
2 | concept Small =      sizeof(T) < 42;
```

```
   | ~~~~~^~~~~~
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename T>  
void DoLock(T&& f)  
{  
    std::lock_guard lock{std::mutex};  
    f();  
}
```


Concepts definition

```
template <typename T>
void DoLock(T&& f)
{
    std::lock_guard lock{std::mutex};
    f();
}

void DoLock(std::invocable auto&& f)
{
    std::lock_guard lock{std::mutex};
    f();
}
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename T, typename U = void>  
struct is_container : std::false_type { };
```

```
template <typename T>  
struct is_container<  
    T,  
    std::void_t<typename T::value_type,  
                typename T::size_type,  
                typename T::allocator_type,  
                typename T::iterator,  
                typename T::const_iterator,  
                decltype(std::declval<T>().size()),  
                decltype(std::declval<T>().begin()),  
                decltype(std::declval<T>().end()),  
                decltype(std::declval<T>().cbegin()),  
                decltype(std::declval<T>().cend())  
    >> : std::true_type { };
```

```
struct A { };
```

```
static_assert(!is_container<A>::value);  
static_assert( is_container<std::vector<A>>::value);
```

Concepts definition

```
template <typename T>
concept container = requires(T t)
{
    typename T::value_type,
    typename T::size_type,
    typename T::allocator_type,
    typename T::iterator,
    typename T::const_iterator,
    t.size();,
    t.begin();
    t.end();
    t.cbegin();
    t.cend();
};
```

```
struct A { };
```

```
static_assert(!container<A>);
static_assert( container<std::vector<A>>);
```

Concepts refinement

- Concept C **refines** concept D if when C is satisfied, D is also satisfied
- C **strictly refines** D if C refines D but D is not refines C
 - e.g. BidirectionalIterator refines ForwardIterator
- Refine is not inheritance
 - A BidirectionalIterator may not inherit from a ForwardIterator
- P subsumes Q if we can prove that $P \Rightarrow Q$
- The compiler selects the most constrained declaration if all the types are equivalent
- Problems
 - Easy to write incomparable constraints ($!(P \Rightarrow Q) \ \&\& \ !(Q \Rightarrow P)$)
 - Easy to write ambiguous overloads

Concepts specialization

```
template <InputIterator Iter>
int distance(Iter first, Iter last)
{
    int n = 0;
    while (first++ != last)
        ++n;
    return n;
}
```

```
template <RandomAccessIterator Iter>
int distance(Iter first, Iter last)
{
    return last - first;
}
```

Concepts specialization

```
template <InputIterator In, OutputIterator<value_type_t<In>> Out>
Out copy(In first, In last, Out out)
{
    while (first != last)
        *out++ = *first++;
    return out;
}
```

```
template <TriviallyCopyable T>
T* copy(const T* first, const T* last, T* out)
{
    const int n = last - first;
    memcpy(out, first, n);
    return out + n;
}
```

```
const char *t1[10];
const char *t2[10];
copy( t1, t1+10, t2); // ambiguous
```