

`std::tuple`

the std::tuple template

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple {  
public:  
    template< typename ... Types2>  
    tuple( Types2 && ...);  
    /* black magic */  
};
```

- example

```
using my_tuple = tuple< int, double, std::string>;  
my_tuple t1( 1, 2.3, "Hello");  
auto t2 = std::make_tuple(1, 2.3, std::string("Hello"));  
my_tuple t3 = {1, 2.3, "Hello"};
```

- with C++17 deduction guides, the compiler can determine the template parameters
 - from the types of the arguments to the constructor
 - beware of implicit conversions

```
std::tuple t4(1, 2.3, std::string("Hello"));  
auto t5 = std::tuple(1, 2.3, std::string("Hello"));
```

the std::tuple template

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple /*...*/;
```

- element access: std::get

```
template < size_t I, typename ... Types>
```

```
/*...???...*/ get( tuple< Types ...> & t);
```

```
template < typename T, typename ... Types>
```

```
/*...???...*/ get( tuple< Types ...> & t);
```

- example

```
using my_tuple = tuple< int, double, std::string>;
```

```
my_tuple t1( 1, 2.3, "Hello");
```

- access by constant index

```
double v = std::get< 1>( t1);
```

```
std::get< 1>( t1) = 3.14;
```

- access by type - only if there is exactly one member of the type

```
double v2 = std::get< double>( t1);
```

the std::tuple template

- ▶ std::get is a global function
 - applicable to std::tuple, std::pair, std::array, std::complex, std::ranges::subrange
 - why not a member function?

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple
```

```
{ public:
```

```
    template<std::size_t I>
```

```
    /*...???...*/ get();
```

```
}
```

- a more complex example

```
template< typename TPL>
```

```
void print_something( TPL&& t)
```

```
{
```

```
    std::cout << t.get<1>();           // SYNTAX ERROR: Unexpected ")"
```

```
    std::cout << t.template get<1>(); // WOULD BE CORRECT IF get WAS A MEMBER
```

```
    std::cout << std::get<1>(t);      // CORRECT
```

```
}
```

the std::tuple template

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple /*...*/;
```

- determining element type: tuple_element
 - this is a *traits* class

```
template < size_t I, typename T> struct tuple_element {  
    using type = /* black magic */;  
};
```

- type alias for easier use

```
template < size_t I, typename T>  
    using tuple_element_t = typename tuple_element< I, T>::type;
```

- example

```
using my_tuple = tuple< int, double, int>;  
using alias_to_double = typename tuple_element< 1, my_tuple>::type;  
using alias2_to_double = tuple_element_t< 1, my_tuple>;
```

the std::tuple template

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple /*...*/;
```

- accessing an element

```
template <size_t I, typename ... Types>
```

```
tuple_element_t< I, tuple< Types ...>> & get( tuple< Types ...> & t);
```

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?

```
template< typename T, typename F>
void for_each_element( T && t, F && f)
{
    static constexpr N = std::tuple_size_v<std::remove_reference_t<T>>;
    for ( std::size_t I = 0; I < N; ++ I)
        f( std::get< I>( t));
}
```

- **No!** `std::get< I>` requires **constant I**
 - `std::get< I>` returns different types for different I

the std::tuple template – usage

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?

```
template< typename ... Types, typename F>
void for_each_element( std::tuple< Types ...> & t, F && f)
{
    f( std::get< Types>( t)) ...;    // SYNTAX ERROR
}
```

- `std::get< T>(t)` returns the element which has the type T from the tuple t
 - but it **fails** when T is present more than once
 - **statement** is **not** a correct place for **pack expansion**

the std::tuple template – usage

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?

```
template< typename ... Types, typename F>
void for_each_element( std::tuple< Types ...> & t, F && f)
{
    sink( f( std::get< Types>( t)) ...);
}
```

- historic trick: argument list may contain pack expansion

```
template< typename ... Types>
void sink( Types && ...) {}
```

- but argument list does **not** ensure **left-to-right order** of evaluation
- it still **fails** when T is present more than once

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?

```
template< typename ... Types, typename F>
void for_each_element( std::tuple< Types ...> & t, F && f)
{
    ( f( std::get< Types>( t)) , ... );
}
```

- C++17 fold expression

- expands to an expression with comma operator - left-to-right evaluation guaranteed
- it still **fails** when T is present more than once

the std::tuple template – usage

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?
 - `std::get<T>(t)` **fails** when T is present more than once
 - we must use `std::get<I>(t)` with an index
 - we need to generate the indices `<0,...,sizeof...(Types)-1>`
 - C++14 library contains this:

```
template< std::size_t ... IL>
```

```
using index_sequence = std::integer_sequence<std::size_t, IL...>;
```

- Just an alias to a more general tag class

```
template< std::size_t N>
```

```
using make_index_sequence = /* black magic */;
```

- The black magic ensures that `make_index_sequence<N> == index_sequence< 0, 1, ..., N-1>`
- But what it is good for?

the std::tuple template – usage

- ▶ How do we iterate over the elements of a tuple?
 - C++14 ensures that
`make_index_sequence<N> == index_sequence<0, 1, ..., N-1>`

```
template< typename ... Types, typename F>
void for_each_element( std::tuple< Types ...> & t, F && f)
{
    helper( t, f, std::make_index_sequence< sizeof...( Types)>{});
}
```

- The third argument to helper is an empty temporary object
 - Only the type of the object is referenced inside helper
 - Compilers will (probably) optimize the object out

```
template< typename T, typename F, typename ... Indexes>
void helper( T & t, F && f, std::index_sequence< Indexes ...>)
{
    ( f(std::get<Indexes>(t)) , ... );
}
```

the std::tuple template – details and explanation

- ▶ How to store the values in the tuple?

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple : Types ... {/**/};
```

- This will not work!
 - Non-class types may not be inherited
 - The same class may not be inherited twice

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple : wrapper< Types> ... {/**/};
```

- It does not solve the duplicity

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple : wrapper< I, Types> ... {/**/};
```

- Where do we get the index I?

- ▶ We may need recursion!

the std::tuple template – details and explanation

- ▶ How to store the values in the tuple?
- ▶ Recursive solution:

- Declaration

```
template <typename ... Types> class tuple;
```

- Partial specialization – recursive inheritance

```
template <typename T0, typename ... Types> class tuple< T0, Types ...>
```

```
    : public tuple< Types ...>
```

```
{
```

```
    T0 v_;
```

```
};
```

- Explicit specialization – stop recursion

```
template<> class tuple<> {};
```

the std::tuple template – details and explanation

- ▶ How to retrieve I-th element from a parameter pack?
- ▶ Recursion again!

- Declaration

```
template <std::size_t I, typename ... Types> class get_ith;
```

- Partial specialization – recursive inheritance

```
template <std::size_t I, typename T0, typename ... Types> class get_ith< T0, Types ...>  
: public get_ith< I-1, Types ...> {};
```

- Partial specialization – stop recursion and "return a type"

- This specialization has priority due to lower number of arguments

```
template <typename T0, typename ... Types> class get_ith< 0, T0, Types ...>  
{ using type = T0; };
```

- What happens if $I \geq \text{sizeof}...(Types)$?

- No definition for `get_ith< J>` for $J = I - \text{sizeof}...(Types)$

the std::tuple template – details and explanation

- ▶ Tuple element does not receive a parameter pack!

```
using my_tuple = tuple< int, double, int>;
```

```
using alias_to_double = typename tuple_element< 1, my_tuple>::type;
```

- ▶ Use specialization

- Declaration

```
template <std::size_t I, typename T> class tuple_element;
```

- Partial specialization

```
template <std::size_t I, typename ... Types> class tuple_element< I, tuple<Types ...>>  
: public get_ith< I, Types ...> {};
```

- tuple_element is also implemented for pair and array