

Lambdas, how to capture everything and stay sane

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Rule #1:

almost always

Capturing is about lifetime.

A casual occurrence

```
auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
    auto key{ generate_key() };  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [=]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
}
```

Capture-default, everything what's needed is copied into the lambda.

```
auto accessor{ add_record( record{ /* ~ ~ ~ */ } ) };
```

```
std::cout << accessor();
```

A casual occurrence

```
auto add_record(record const& rec) {
```

```
    terminate called after throwing an instance of 'std::bad_alloc'  
      what():  std::bad_alloc  
Aborted
```

```
std::cout << accessor();
```

Lambdas' anatomy

lambda introducer
(capture list)



[]

lambda declarator
(params & specifiers)



(int n)

compound statement
(lambda body)



{ return n + 42; }



template params
(C++20 only)



lambda params



specifiers



Lambdas & closures

Lambda expression

```
auto lambda = [](int n) {  
    return n + 42;  
};
```

Closure type

```
class __lambda_class {  
public:  
  
    int operator()(int n) const {  
        return n + 42;  
    };  
  
};
```

Lambdas & closures

Lambda expression

```
void func(){  
    auto k{42};  
  
    auto lambda = [](int n) {  
        return n + k;  
    };  
}
```

Closure type

```
class __lambda_class {  
public:  
  
    int operator()(int n) const {  
        return n + k;  
    };  
  
};
```

Lambdas & closures

Lambda expression

```
void func(){  
    auto k{42};  
  
    auto lambda = [k](int n) {  
        return n + k;  
    };  
}
```

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Closure type

```
class __lambda_class {  
public:  
  
    int operator()(int n) const {  
        return n + k;  
    };  
private:  
    int k;  
};
```


Simple captures & capture defaults

```
void func(){
```

```
    auto n = 42;
```

```
    auto k = 11;
```

```
    auto l1 = [=]      () { return k + n; }; ← capture default: n & k by copy
```

```
    auto l2 = [&]      () { return k + n; }; ← capture default: n & k by reference
```

```
    auto l3 = [n]     () { return k + n; }; ← capture default: only n by copy
```

```
    auto l4 = [=, &k] () { return k + n; }; ← mixed capture: k by reference  
                                         n by copy
```

```
}
```

Generalized captures a.k.a init captures

```
void func(){  
    auto answer = 42;  
  
    auto l1 = [&m=answer] (int a) {  
        return a + m;  
    };  
  
    auto l2 = [m=func()] (int a) {  
        return a + m;  
    };  
}
```

capture::operator()

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() const {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    int k;
};
```

error: assignment of read-only variable 'k'

capture::operator()


Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() const {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    int k;
};
```

illegal 
mutation

capture::operator() & references


Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, &k] () {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() const {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    int &k;
};
```

totally legal 

mutation

const vs. mutable

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() const {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    int k;
};
```

Simple captures by copy, type deduction

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    const auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    const int k;
};
```

error: assignment of read-only variable 'k'

Rule #2:

Get familiar with capture type deduction rules.

Capture type deduction rules

Capture	Equivalent syntax	<i>cv</i> - qualifiers
<code>&var</code>	<code>auto& var = var</code>	<i>cv</i> preserved
<code>&var=init</code>	<code>auto& var = init</code>	<i>cv</i> preserved
<code>var</code>	---	<i>cv</i> preserved
<code>var=init</code>	<code>auto var = init</code>	<i>cv</i> dropped

cv- cannot be added when capturing by copy.

Simple captures by copy, type deduction


Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    const auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    const int k;
};
```

illegal 
mutation

Dropping const with init capture

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    const auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str, k=k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    int k;
};
```

Adding const to a by-copy capture

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 42;

    auto l1 = [&str, k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(k);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    const int k;
};
```

Adding const to a by-copy capture

Won't work*:

- Adding qualifiers to the capture:

```
[&str, const k=k] () mutable { /* ~ ~ ~ */ };
```

- Using a cast and an init-capture:

```
[&str, k=std::as_const(k)] () mutable { /* ~ ~ ~ */ };
```

*this list is probably not exhaustive

Adding const to a by-copy capture

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    auto k = 42;
    const auto k_copy = k;

    auto l1 = [&str, k_copy] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(k_copy);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(k_copy);
    }
private:
    std::string& str;
    const int k_copy;
};
```

Adding const with init capture

Lambda expression

```
void func(){
    std::string str = "The answer is: ";
    const auto k = 43;

    auto l1 = [&str=std::as_const(str),
              k=k] () mutable {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    };
}
```

Closure type

```
class __l1_class {
public:
    int operator()() {
        return str + std::to_string(--k);
    }
private:
    std::string const& str;
    int k;
};
```

Rule #3:

**Understand when
not to capture.**

When (not) to capture

```
int square(int num){  
    return num * num;  
}
```

```
int main(){  
    const auto answer {42};  
    auto l1 = [=](){ return answer + square(answer); }; ✓ (capture is not needed)  
    auto l2 = [ ](){ return answer + square(answer); }; ✓  
}
```

When (not) to capture

```
int square(int num){
    return num * num;
}
```

```
int main(){
```

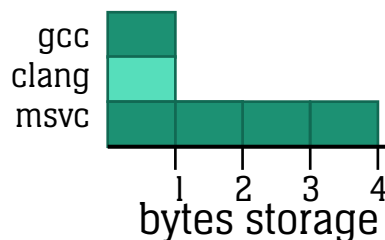
```
    const auto answer {42};
```

```
    auto l1 = [=](){ return answer + square(answer); }; ✓
```

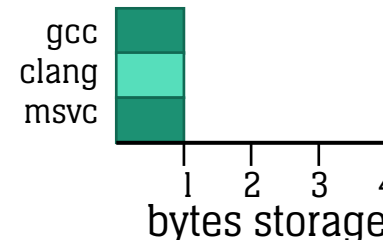
```
    auto l2 = [ ](){ return answer + square(answer); }; ✓
```

```
}
```

sizeof(11)



sizeof(12)

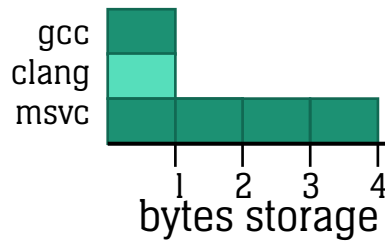


When (not) to capture

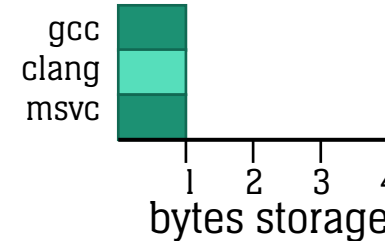
```
int square(int num){
    return num * num;
}
```

```
int main(){
    const auto answer {42};
    auto l1 = [=](){ return answer + square(answer); };
    auto l2 = [ ](){ return answer + square(answer); };
    auto l3 = [ answer ](){ return answer + square(answer); };
}
```

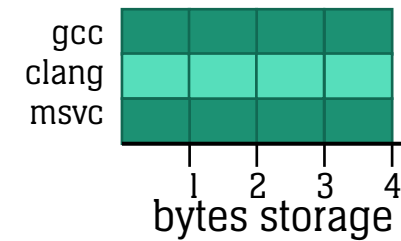
sizeof(11)



sizeof(12)




sizeof(13)



When ~~(not)~~ to capture

```
int square(int const& num){  
    return num * num;  
}
```

*Address of answer is
read when calling func*



```
int main(){  
    const auto answer {42};  
    auto l1 = [=](){ return answer + square(answer); };  
    auto l2 = [ ](){ return answer + square(answer); };  
    auto l3 = [ answer ](){ return answer + square(answer); };  
}
```

✘

When probably (not) to capture

```
constexpr    string_view sv{"Hello"};
```

```
auto l1 = [=]() { return std::string{sv} + " C++"; }; ← Works across the board
```

```
auto l2 = [] () { return std::string{sv} + " C++"; }; ← Works only with msvc
```

Rule #4:

**You never capture objects
with static storage duration.**

Static lifetime and captures

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {  
    auto key{ generate_key() };  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [=]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
}  
  
kv_proxy proxy{};  
  
auto accessor = proxy.add_record( record{"Hello, lambdas!"} );  
  
std::cout << accessor();
```

Capture-default, everything what's needed is copied into the lambda.

Static lifetime and captures

```
connection_context db_context{/*...*/};
```

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {
```


```
    auto key{ generate_key() };
```

```
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);
```

```
    return [=]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

```
}
```

*db_context has static
storage duration*



- What is db_context?
- What is copied into the lambda?

Static lifetime == no captures

```
connection_context db_context{/*...*/};
```

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {
```

```
    auto key{ generate_key() };
```

```
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);
```

```
    return [key, db_context]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

```
}
```

*db_context has static
storage duration*



- warning: capture of variable 'db_context' with non-automatic storage duration
- error: 'db_context' cannot be captured because it does not have automatic storage duration
- error C3495: 'db_context': a simple capture must be a variable with automatic storage duration declared in the reaching scope of the lambda

Static lifetime == no captures

```
connection_context db_context{/*...*/};
```

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {
```

```
    auto key{ generate_key() };
```

```
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);
```

```
    return [key]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

```
}
```


```
kv_proxy proxy{};
```

```
auto accessor = proxy.add_record( record{"Hello, lambdas!"} );
```

```
// on another thread: db_context.reset();
```

```
std::cout << accessor(); // 🤪 runtime error!
```

*db_context has static
storage duration*



Rule #5:

Copy objects with static lifetime using an init-capture if you depend on their state.

Init captures save the day

```
connection_context db_context{/*...*/};  
  
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {  
    auto key{ generate_key() };  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [key, db_context=db_context]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
}
```

db_context has static storage duration

How we came here

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) {  
    auto key{ generate_key() };  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [=]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
}
```

Capture-default, everything what's needed is copied into the lambda.

Rule #6:

Do not capture everything.

(Never use capture defaults.)

Do not capture everything

```
struct kv_proxy {
```

```
    database_context db_context{ /* ~~~ */ };
```

```
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {
```

```
        auto key{ generate_key() };
```

```
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);
```

```
        return [=]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

Q: What is captured here?

- a) key
- b) kv_proxy
- c) db_context
- d) some combination of above

Do not capture everything

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{ /* ~~~ */ };  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, this]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
    }  
};
```

*this captures a reference to
the enclosing kv_proxy object*

Do not capture everything

```
auto group_and_add(std::string_view group_name){
    record rec{ record_from_group(group_name) };
    kv_proxy proxy{ /* ~~~ */ }; // create a local proxy object
    return proxy.add_record(rec); // return a lambda that refers to it
}
```

```
auto accessor = group_and_add( "capturing" );
```

```
std::cout << accessor(); // 🤖 runtime error!
```

the local proxy object is gone after this line

Capturing this, by reference

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{ /* ~~~ */ };  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, this]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
    }  
};
```

this captures a reference to the enclosing kv_proxy object

Capturing this, by copy

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{ /* ~ ~ ~ */ };  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, *this]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };  
    }  
};
```

**this captures a copy of the enclosing kv_proxy object*

Capturing this

```
return [key, this]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

```
return [key, *this]() { return store_retrieve(db_context, key); };
```

Capturing this

```
return [key, this]() { return store_retrieve(this->db_context, key); };
```

```
return [key, *this]() { return store_retrieve(this->db_context, key); };
```

Rule #7:

Approach capturing **this
with caution.**

The magic of this

Lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [this]() {
            n += 42;
            return n;
        };
    }
};
```

Another lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [*this]() {
            n += 42;
            return n;
        };
    }
};
```

The magic of `this`

Lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [this]() {
            this->n += 42;
            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```

Another lambda within a class

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    }
};
```


The magic of `this`

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struct A{
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            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```



The magic of **this**


Lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [this]() {
            this->n += 42;
            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```

Its closure type

```
class __lambda_class{
public:

    int operator()() const {
        ref_to_this.n += 42;  mutation
        return ref_to_this.n;
    }

private:
    A& ref_to_this;
};
```

The magic of `this`

Another lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [*this]() mutable {
            this->n += 42;
            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```

Its closure type

```
class __lambda_class{
public:

    int operator()() const {
        copy_of_this.n += 42;
        return copy_of_this.n;
    }

private:
    A copy_of_this;
};
```

 ~~illegal~~
mutation

The magic of `this`

Lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [this]() {
            this->n += 42;
            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```

Another lambda within a class

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [*this]() mutable {
            this->n += 42;
            return this->n;
        };
    }
};
```

The magic of **this**

Lambda within a class

```
struct A{  
    int n;
```

Another lambda within a class

```
struct A{  
    int n;
```

this has different semantics within a lambda's body depending on the capture.

```
};
```

```
};
```

Capturing this

Capture	Automatic Variables	Enclosing Object (<code>*this</code>)	How it's normally expressed	How to Refer to Enclosing Object
<code>&</code>	by reference	by reference	← <i>That's a trap!*</i>	<code>this</code>
<code>=</code>	by copy	by reference		<code>this</code>
<code>this</code>	---	by reference	<code>&*this</code>	<code>this</code>
<i>C++17</i> <code>*this</code>	---	by copy	<code>*this</code>	<code>this</code>

** - deprecated in C++20*

Rule #8:

Use `init-captures` for capturing **this**.

Being explicit with this

Capturing this by reference

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [&ref_A=*this]() {
            ref_A.n += 42;
            return ref_A.n;
        };
    }
};
```

Capturing this by copy

```
struct A{
    int n;

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [copy_A=*this]() mutable {
            copy_A.n += 42;
            return copy_A.n;
        };
    }
};
```


Being explicit with this

Capturing this by reference

```
struct A{
    int n;
    char a_lot_of_data[1'024];

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [&ref_A=*this]() {
            ref_A.n += 42;
            return ref_A.n;
        };
    }
};
```

Capturing this by copy

```
struct A{
    int n;
    char a_lot_of_data[1'024];

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [copy_A=*this]() mutable {
            copy_A.n += 42;
            return copy_A.n;
        };
    }
};
```

Rule #9:

**Consider cherry-picking
member variables.**

Being explicit with this

Capturing this by reference

```
struct A{
    int n;
    char a_lot_of_data[1'024];

    auto make_lambda(){
        return [&ref_A=*this]() {
            ref_A.n += 42;
            return ref_A.n;
        };
    }
};
```

Cherry-picking by copy

```
struct A{
    int n;
    char a_lot_of_data[1'024];

    auto make_lambda() {
        return [copy_of_n=n]() mutable {
            copy_of_n += 42;
            return copy_of_n;
        };
    }
};
```

Being explicit with this

```
class A{  
    int n_{0};
```

public:

```
int number() const { return n_; }  
void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }
```

```
auto make_lambda() {  
    return [this]() {  
        this->increment_by(42);  
        return this->number();  
    };  
};
```

Being explicit with this

```
class A{
    int n_{0};

public:
    int number() const { return n_; }
    void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }

    auto make_lambda() const {
        return [*this]() mutable {
            this->increment_by(42);
            return this->number();
        };
    }
};
```

Being explicit with this

```
class A{  
    int n_{0};
```

public:

```
    int number() const { return n_; }  
    void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }
```

```
    auto make_lambda() const {  
        return [*this]() mutable {  
            this->increment_by(42);  
            return this->number();  
        };  
    }  
};
```

```
    auto make_lambda() const {  
        return [copy_A=*this]() mutable {  
            copy_A.increment_by(42);  
            return copy_A.number();  
        };  
    }
```

Being explicit with this

```
class A{  
    int n_{0};
```

public:

```
int number() const { return n_; }  
void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }
```

```
auto make_lambda() const {  
    return [*this]() mutable {  
        this->increment_by(42);  
        return this->number();  
    };  
};
```



Compile does not

```
auto make_lambda() const {  
    return [copy_A=*this]() mutable {  
        copy_A.increment_by(42);  
        return copy_A.number();  
    };  
};
```



Compiles

Being explicit with this

```
class A{
    int n_{0};
```

public:

```
int number() const { return n_; }
void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }
```

```
auto make_lambda() const {
    return [this]() mutable {
        this->increment_by(42);
        return this->number();
    };
};
```



Compile does not

```
auto make_lambda() const {
    return [&ref_A=*this]() mutable {
        ref_A.increment_by(42);
        return ref_A.number();
    };
};
```



And this also not

Being explicit with this

```
class A{  
    int n_{0};
```

public:

```
    int number() const { return n_; }  
    void increment (int inc) { n_ += inc; }
```

```
    auto make_lambda() {  
        return [this]() mutable {  
            this->increment_by(42);  
            return this->number();  
        };  
    }  
};
```

```
    auto make_lambda() {  
        return [&ref_A=*this]() mutable {  
            ref_A.increment_by(42);  
            return ref_A.number();  
        };  
    }
```

Cherry-picking member variables

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{/*~~~*/};  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, dbc_copy=db_context]() { return store_retrieve(dbc_copy, key); };  
    }  
  
};
```

Cherry-picking member variables

```
struct kv_proxy {
```

error: use of deleted function

```
'database_context::database_context(database_context const&)'
```

Cherry-picking move-only objects

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{ /* ~~~ */ };  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, dbc=std::move(db_context)]()  
            {  
                return store_retrieve(dbc, key);  
            };  
    }  
};
```

Moving and lifetime

```
auto some_function(){  
    record rec{/*~~~*/};  
    kv_proxy proxy{/*~~~*/};  
    return proxy.add_record(rec);  
}
```

OK *proxy* (or its part) is moved into a lambda, and that's fine

```
void some_other_function(kv_proxy& proxy, const std::vector<record>& records){  
    for (auto const& rec: records)  
        proxy.add_record( rec );  
}
```

NO *proxy* (or its part) is moved into a lambda, but it's still needed

Rule #9:

Use different capture modes to support different lifetime requirements.

Moving conditionally with ref-qualified functions

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) && { ← will be called for  
    auto key{ generate_key() };                    rvalue kv_proxy objects  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [key, dbc=std::move(db_context)]{ return store_retrieve(dbc, key); };  
}
```

```
auto kv_proxy::add_record(record const& rec) & { ← will be called for  
    auto key{ generate_key() };                    lvalue kv_proxy objects  
    store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
    return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context]{ return store_retrieve(dbc_ref, key); };  
}
```

Moving and lifetime

```
auto some_function(){  
    record rec{/*~~~*/};  
    kv proxy proxy{/*~~~*/};  
    return std::move(proxy).add_record(rec);  
}
```

OK *proxy* (or its part) is moved into a lambda, and that's fine

```
void some_other_function(kv_proxy& proxy, const std::vector<record>& records){  
    for (auto const& rec: records)  
        proxy.add_record( rec );  
}
```

OK *proxy* (or its part) is captured by reference

There's more ...

So many database, so much code...

```
struct kv_proxy {  
  
    database_context db_context{ };  
  
    auto add_record(record const& rec) & {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context]()  
            {  
                return store_retrieve(dbc_ref, key);  
            };  
    }  
};
```

So many database, so much code...

```
template <typename DBContext>
```

```
struct kv_proxy {
```

```
    DBContext db_context{ };
```

```
    auto add_record(record const& rec) & {  
        auto key{ generate_key() };  
        store_update(db_context, key, rec);  
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context]()  
            {  
                return store_retrieve(dbc_ref, key);  
            };  
    }  
};
```

So many database, so much code...

```
template <>
struct kv_proxy<configurable_db>{

    configurable_db db_context{ };

    auto add_record(record const& rec, store_policy const& pol) & {
        auto key{ generate_key() };
        store_update(db_context, key, rec, policy);
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context, pol]()
            {
                return store_retrieve(dbc_ref, key, pol);
            };
    }
};
```

So many database, so much code...

```
template <>
struct kv_proxy<secure_db> {

    secure_db db_context{ };

    auto add_record(record const& rec, store_policy const& pol, auth_token token) & {
        auto key{ generate_key() };
        store_update(db_context, key, rec, pol, token);
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context, pol, token=std::move(token)]()
            {
                return store_retrieve(dbc_ref, key, pol, token);
            };
    }
};
```

Rule #10:

Use parameter packs to store multiple objects in generic code.

Parameter...packs

```
auto consume(std::vector<int> a);  
auto consume(std::string const& a, int b);  
auto consume(int a, int b, int c);
```

```
auto take_many_arguments(      ? ? ? ) {  
  
    return consume( ? ? ? );  
  
}
```

Parameter...packs

```
auto consume(std::vector<int> a);  
auto consume(std::string const& a, int b);  
auto consume(int a, int b, int c);
```

```
template <typename...Args>  
auto take_many_arguments(Args const&...args){  
  
    return consume(args...);  
}
```

 Parameter pack expansion

```
take_many_args(1, 2, 3);  
take_many_args("answer", 42);
```


Capturing parameter...packs

```
template <typename DBContext>
struct kv_proxy {
```

```
    DBContext db_context{ };
```

```
    template <typename...StoreArgs>
```

```
    auto add_record(record const& rec, StoreArgs const&...sargs) & {
```

```
        auto key{ generate_key() };
```

```
        store_update(db_context, key, rec, sargs...);
```

```
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context, sargs...]()
```

```
        {
```

```
            return store_retrieve(dbc, key, sargs...);
```

```
        };
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

Capture of a parameter pack (by copy)

Parameter pack expansion

Capturing parameter...packs

```
kv_proxy<json_store> proxy;
```

```
auto policy = storage_policy::default_json_policy();
```

```
/*~~~*/
```

```
auto auth = token::with_expiry(std::chrono::seconds{60});
```

```
proxy.add_record(some_record, policy, std::move(auth));
```

Capturing parameter...packs

```
template <typename DBContext>
struct kv_proxy {

    DBContext db_context{ };

    template <typename...StoreArgs>
    auto add_record(record const& rec, StoreArgs&&...sargs) & {
        auto key{ generate_key() };
        store_update(db_context, key, rec, sargs...);
        return [key, &dbc_ref=db_context, ...sargs=std::forward<StoreArgs>(sargs)]()
        {
            return store_retrieve(dbc, key, sargs...);
        };
    }
};
```

&& stands for forwarding reference

Capturing parameter...packs

```
kv_proxy<json_store> proxy;
```


```
auto policy = storage_policy::default_json_policy();
```

```
/*~~~*/
```


```
auto auth = token::with_expiry(std::chrono::seconds{60});
```

```
proxy.add_record(some_record, policy, std::move(auth));
```

policy will be copied
into a lambda



auth will be moved
into a lambda



Secret Rule #11:

Have fun with lambdas!

Lambdas, how to capture everything and stay sane



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