

Forgetting to use the noexcept operator in the noexcept specifier

The **noexcept** specifier is commonly used in conjunction with the **noexcept** *operator* to compute the **exception specification** of a function (or function template) from the **exception specification** of a particular **expression**. The tested **expression** typically involves **variables** of a type dependent on the **template arguments**, as otherwise the answer is known a priori given specific types:

```
template <typename T, typename U>
void grow(T& lhs, const U& rhs) noexcept(noexcept(lhs += rhs))
{
    lhs += rhs;
}
```

Using a nested **noexcept** — i.e., **noexcept(noexcept(*expression*))** — looks odd but is necessary; forgetting the inner **noexcept** — i.e., writing just **noexcept(*expression*)** — can, in some cases, lead to code that still compiles but not with the expected semantics. Such flawed **exception specifications** are easy to write yet often hard to spot in code review as they look like the familiar **noexcept** specifier. The **noexcept** specifier expects a **constant expression** that is **contextually convertible to bool**. Fortunately, when the inner **noexcept** is accidentally omitted, the common case is that *expression* is not a compile-time **constant expression** and will thus trigger a compiler error. There are a few such mistakes that do constitute valid code, however, and those mistakes can easily result in the function **declaration** having the wrong **exception specification**.

Consider, for example, a pair of **inline** functions **g1** and **g2** that simply return **false**, both declared as **noexcept**, but with **g2** defined as **constexpr** (see Section 2.1. “**constexpr Functions**” on page 257) while **g1** is not. We then **define** two functions, **f1** and **f2**, that simply delegate to **g1** and **g2**, respectively. Each tries to infer its corresponding **exception specification** from the **exception specification** of its called function but neglects to nest the **noexcept** operator within the **noexcept** specification:

```
bool g1() noexcept { return false; }
constexpr bool g2() noexcept { return false; }

bool f1() noexcept(g1()) { return g1(); } // Error, g1() not a constant expr.
bool f2() noexcept(g2()) { return g2(); } // Bug, noexcept(false)

static_assert(noexcept(f2()) == noexcept(g2()), ""); // Error, f2 not noexcept
```

In the example above, the declaration of **f1** is ill formed, producing a compilation error, because the **argument**, **g1()**, to its **noexcept** specifier is not a **constant expression**. Hence, the compiler prevents us from this pitfall in this common case. In the case of **f2**, however, the **expression specifier** is valid because **g2()** is a **constant expression** returning a type convertible