

noexcept Specifier

Chapter 3 Unsafe Features

In the example above, the first call to `fun` binds to `overload (1)` as the first argument binds to `x`, deducing `T` to be `X` and `T::type` to be `int`. The second call to `fun` binds to `overload (2)`, as each of its parameters is an exact match with the types of its respective arguments being passed in. The third call to `fun` is not an exact match to `overload (2)`, so `overload (1)` is considered, but because the deduced type `int::type` is ill formed, `SFINAE` causes (1) to be removed from the `overload set`, leaving (2) as the only function remaining in the `overload set` still suitable for invocation.

Attempting to use `SFINAE` in a similar manner on an `exception specification` does not work because the `exception specification` itself is not involved in `overload resolution` and is not evaluated until the function has already been selected, at which point `SFINAE` no longer applies and the `ill-formed` value causes a hard error:

```
template <typename T>
void func(T x) noexcept(T::value); // (1) function template
void func(double x);              // (2) ordinary function

struct Y { static const bool value = true; }; // compile-time constant value

void test_func() // Demonstrate how SFINAE fails to work with exception specs.
{
    func(Y()); // OK, calls (1), evaluating T::value as true
    func(0.0); // OK, calls (2) by means of an exact match
    func(0);   // Error, value is not a member of int
}
```

The first two calls to `func` are similar to those for `fun` (above): The first call, not being an exact match for the ordinary function `overload`, makes the `function template` a better match, while the second call is an exact match to the ordinary function, so it is preferred. For the third call to `func`, the templated `overload (1)` is the best match during `overload resolution`; because the (conditional) `noexcept` specifier is not considered by `SFINAE`, the `function template` is not removed from consideration, resulting in an `ill-formed` program that attempts to reference `int::value`.