

## Generalized PODs '11

## Chapter 2 Conditionally Safe Features

2. The type has no virtual base classes:

```
// Type                               Is standard layout?
struct B1 { }; // yes
struct S1a : B1 { }; // Yes, base class is not virtual.
struct S1b : virtual B1 { }; // No, base class is virtual.
```

3. The type has no virtual functions:

```
// Type                               Is standard layout?
struct S2a { void f(); }; // yes, has function that is not virtual
struct S2b { virtual void f(); }; // no, has virtual function
```

4. All **nonstatic** data members, including bit fields, within the type have the same access control, i.e., any of **public**, **protected**, or **private**:

```
// Type                               Is standard layout?
struct S3a { private: int x; private: int y; }; // yes, all members private
struct S3b { private: int x; public: int y; }; // no, not same access
struct S3c { int x; private: public: int y; }; // yes, all members public
```

5. All **nonstatic** data members, including **bit fields**, of the type, e.g., class **S**, are direct members of a single class within the class hierarchy of **S**; i.e., if any **nonstatic** data members reside in any direct or indirect base class of **S**, then no **nonstatic** data members reside in **S** or any other base class of **S**. Otherwise, any base classes of **S** must be empty:

```
// Type                               Is standard layout?
struct A4 { }; // yes, empty class
struct B4 { char c; }; // yes, no base classes
struct S4a : A4 { }; // Yes, base and derived classes are empty.
struct S4b : B4 { }; // Yes, only base class is nonempty.
struct S4c : A4 { int i; }; // Yes, only derived class is nonempty.
struct S4d : B4 { int i; }; // no, nonempty base and derived classes
struct S4e : A4, B4 { }; // Yes, only one base class is nonempty.
struct S4f : B4, S4c { }; // No, two base classes are nonempty.
```

6. The type has no direct or indirect base classes with the same type as a subobject that would have a 0 offset within the type, e.g., the first **nonstatic** data member of a **class** type, any member of a **union** type, and any base classes of those members. This requirement of **standard-layout types** is a consequence of the **unique-object-address** requirement, which states that no two *distinct* objects of the same type **B** within a class **C** are ever permitted to share the same address, even if **B** is an empty class type; hence, if this criterion would otherwise be violated, the compiler is required to adjust the object layout in a way that necessarily prevents **C** from satisfying the required property of **standard-layout types** that the address of an object is the same as the address of its first **nonstatic** data member (see *Standard-layout class special properties* on page 420):