

Section 3.1 C++11

Ref-Qualifiers

A `LockableStream` holds a reference to an `std::ostream` object and an `std::mutex`. The streaming operator, **`operator<<`**, constructs a `LockedStream` object and delegates the actual streaming operation to the `LockedStream`. The return value of **`operator<<`** is an *rvalue* of type `LockedStream`. We can then create a `LockableStream`, supplying it only with the wrapped `std::ostream`, and print to it:

```
LockableStream lockableCout(std::cout);

void f2()
{
    lockableCout << "Hello, " << 2021 << '\n';
}
```

Optimizing immutable types and builder classes

An **immutable type** is a type that has no modifying operations. Among other benefits, the representation of an **immutable type** can be shared by all objects that have the same **value**, including in concurrent threads. Every object that logically “modifies” an object of **immutable type** does so by returning a new object having the modified **value**; the original object remains unchanged. An `ImmutableString` class, for example, might have an **insert** member function that takes a second string **argument** and returns a copy of the original string with the second string inserted in the specified location:

```
#include <memory>    // std::shared_ptr
#include <string>    // std::string
#include <iostream>  // std::ostream, std::cout, std::endl

class ImmutableString
{
    std::shared_ptr<std::string> d_dataPtr;

    static const std::string s_emptyString;

public:
    using size_type = std::string::size_type;

    ImmutableString() {}

    ImmutableString(const char* s)
        : d_dataPtr(std::make_shared<std::string>(s)) { }

    ImmutableString(std::string s)
        : d_dataPtr(std::make_shared<std::string>(std::move(s))) { }

    ImmutableString& operator=(const ImmutableString&) = delete;
```