



## Section 2.1 C++11

Importantly, using std::forward to construct the object means that the arguments passed to make\_shared will be used to find the appropriate matching two-parameter constructor of OBJECT\_TYPE. When those arguments are *rvalues*, the constructor found will again search for one that takes an *rvalue*, and the arguments will be moved from. What's more, because this function wants to forward exactly the constness and reference type of the input arguments, we would have to write 12 distinct overloads, one for each argument, if we were not using perfect forwarding — the full Cartesian product of const (or not), volatile (or not), and & or && (or neither). A full implementation of just this two-parameter variation would require 144 distinct overloads, all almost identical and most never used. Using forwarding references reduces that to just one overload for each number of arguments.

## Wrapping initialization in a generic factory function

Occasionally we might want to initialize an object with an intervening function call wrapping the actual construction of that object. Suppose we have a tracking system that we want to use to monitor how many times certain initializers have been invoked:

```
struct TrackingSystem
{
    template <typename T>
    static void trackInitialization(int numArgs);
        // Track the creation of a T with a constructor taking numArgs
        // arguments.
};
```

Now we want to write a general utility function that can be used to construct an arbitrary object and notify the tracking system of the construction for us. Here we will use a variadic pack (see Section 2.1. "Variadic Templates" on page 873) of forwarding references to handle calling the constructor for us:

```
template <typename OBJECT_TYPE, typename... ARGS>
OBJECT_TYPE trackConstruction(ARGS&&... args)
{
    TrackingSystem::trackInitialization<OBJECT_TYPE>(sizeof...(args));
    return OBJECT_TYPE(std::forward<ARGS>(args)...);
}
```

This use of a variadic pack of forwarding references lets us add tracking easily to convert any initialization to a tracked one by inserting a call to this function around the constructor arguments:

```
void myFunction()
{
    BigObject untracked("Hello", "World");
    BigObject tracked = trackConstruction<BigObject>("Hello","World");
}
```

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