## Section 2.1 C++11

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Forwarding References
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```
void f()
{
    Dictionary d;
    std::string s = "car";
    d.addWord(s); // instantiates addWord<std::string&>
    const std::string cs = "toy";
    d.addWord(cs); // instantiates addWord<const std::string&>
    d.addWord("house"); // instantiates addWord<char const(&)[6]>
    d.addWord("garage"); // instantiates addWord<char const(&)[7]>
    d.addWord(std::string{"ball"}); // instantiates addWord<std::string&>
}
```

Depending on the variety of argument types supplied to addword, having many call sites could result in an undesirably large number of distinct template instantiations, perhaps significantly increasing object code size, compilation time, or both.

## std::forward<T> can enable move operations

Invoking std::forward<T>(x) is equivalent to conditionally invoking std::move if T is an *lvalue* reference. Hence, any subsequent use of x is subject to the same caveats that would apply to an *lvalue* cast to an unnamed *rvalue* reference; see Section 2.1."*Rvalue* References" on page 710:

```
template <typename T>
void f(T&& x)
{
    g(std::forward<T>(x)); // OK
    g(x); // Oops! x could have already been moved from.
}
```

Once an object has been passed as an argument using std::forward, it should typically not be accessed again because it could now be in a moved-from state.

## A perfect-forwarding constructor can hijack the copy constructor

A single-parameter constructor of a class S accepting a forwarding reference can unexpectedly be a better match during overload resolution compared to S's copy constructor:

```
struct S
{
    S(); // default constructor
    template <typename T> S(T&&); // forwarding constructor
    S(const S&); // copy constructor
};
```

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