

# Perfect Forwarding

The classical problem: A function wants to get its arguments by reference.

```
struct BigData{  
    BigData(vector<int>& d): data(d) {}           // Lvalue-Ref  
    BigData(const vector<int>& d): data(d) {}     // const Lvalue-Ref  
    ...  
};
```

```
struct BigData2{  
    template<typename T>  
    BigData2(T&& d): data(std::forward<T>(d)) {} // Lvalue- and Rvalue-Ref  
};
```

 For n parameter  $2^n$  function overloads are necessary.

`perfectForwarding.cpp`

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Perfect forwarding enables it to write function that can identically forward its arguments.

➔ The lvalue and rvalue properties are respected.

- `std::forward`
  - Stroustrup: "*... a heretofore unsolved problem in C++.*"
  - Mighty tools for the writer of generic libraries
  - Typical use case:
    - Factory method
    - Constructor