

The Power of Reflection

with Facebook's Thrift

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- We won't look at how reflection library is implemented
 - We're just interested in how to use it
 - You can later check the source code
 - Or come find me after the talk

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- Before we start
- Examples using static reflection
 - Pretty printer
 - Serialization
 - Untyped -> Typed Data conversion
- Enabling reflection in Thrift
- Closing words
- Before we go

Before we start

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```
list<
    std::integral_constant<int, 10>,
    std::integral_constant<int, 7>,
    std::integral_constant<int, 15>
>
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>
```

Abbreviated as

-> **list<10, 7, 15>**

Abbreviations - String list

```
list<
    sequence<char, 'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'>,
    sequence<char, 'w', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd'>
>
```

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>
```

Abbreviated as

-> **list<"hello", "world">**

JSON Ugly Printer

JSON Printer - Public Interface

```
template <typename T>
void print(T const &what);
```

JSON Printer - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void print(T const &what) {
}
```

JSON Printer - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void print(T const &what) {
    reflect_type_class<T>
}
```

Type Class

reflect_type_class<T>

type_class:

integral
floating_point
enumeration
structure

list
set
map
variant

...

JSON Printer - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void print(T const &what) {
    printer<reflect_type_class<T>>
}
```

JSON Printer - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void print(T const &what) {
    printer<reflect_type_class<T>>::print(what);
}
```

JSON Printer - General case

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct printer {

};
```

JSON Printer - General case

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct printer {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
    }
};

};
```

JSON Printer - General case

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct printer {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << what;
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Booleans

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct printer {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
```

```
        std::cout << what;
    }
```

bool
true **false**

```
};
```

JSON Printer - Booleans

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct printer {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << what;
    }

    static void print(bool const what) {
        std::cout << (what ? "true" : "false");
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - String

"string value"

JSON Printer - String

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::string> {
};
```

JSON Printer - String

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::string> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << "" << what << "";
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - List

```
[  
    "value 1",  
    "value 2",  
    "value 3",  
    "value 4"  
]
```

JSON Printer - List

```
template <                                >
struct printer<type_class::list<           >> {
```

```
};
```

JSON Printer - List

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
```

```
};
```

JSON Printer - List

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '[';
            std::cout << ']';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - List

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '[';

        for (auto const &i: what) {

        }
        std::cout << ']';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - List

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
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        }
        std::cout << ']';
    }
};
```

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struct printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
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        bool first = true;
        for (auto const &i: what) {
            if (first) { first = false; } else { std::cout << ','; }

                printer<ValueTypeClass>::print(i);
            }
        std::cout << ']';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Set

```
[  
  "value 1",  
  "value 2",  
  "value 3",  
  "value 4"  
]
```

JSON Printer - Set

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>>
```

JSON Printer - Set

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>>:
    public printer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>>
{};
```

JSON Printer - Map

```
{  
    "key 1": "value 1",  
    "key 2": "value 2",  
    "key 3": "value 3",  
    "key 4": "value 4"  
}
```

JSON Printer - Map

```
template <                                     >
struct printer<type_class::map<           >> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        }
    };
}
```

JSON Printer - Map

```
template <typename KeyTypeClass, typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::map<KeyTypeClass, ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        }
};
```

JSON Printer - Map

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template <typename KeyTypeClass, typename ValueTypeClass>
struct printer<type_class::map<KeyTypeClass, ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
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            i.print();
        }
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        }
        std::cout << '}';
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template <typename KeyTypeClass, typename ValueTypeClass>
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    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        bool first = true;
        for (auto const &i: what) {
            if (first) { first = false; } else { std::cout << ','; }
            printer<KeyTypeClass>::print(i.first);
            std::cout << ':';
            printer<ValueTypeClass>::print(i.second);
        }
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Enum

"enum_field_name"

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```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Enum

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '"' <<
                                << '"';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Enum

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '\'' << fatal::enum_to_string(what) << '\'';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Struct

```
{  
    "member1": "value 1",  
    "member2": 2,  
    "member3": [ 3, 5 ],  
    "member4": "value 4"  
}
```

JSON Printer - Struct

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        }
};
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        std::cout << what;
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Struct

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        using struct_info = reflect_struct<T>;
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

Reflected struct

```
struct reflected_struct {  
    using name = ...;  
    using members = list<...>;  
    using annotations = ...;  
    ...  
};
```

Reflected struct

```
struct reflected_struct {  
    using name = ...;  
    using members = list<...>;  
    using annotations = ...;  
    ...  
};  
  
struct reflected_struct_data_member {  
    using name = ...;  
    using type = ...;  
    using getter = ...;  
    using annotations = ...;  
};
```

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    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        using struct_info = reflect_struct<T>;
        using members_info = typename struct_info::members;

        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

Iterating type lists

```
list<int, bool, double, float>
```

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```
foreach<list<int, bool, double, float>>(  
);
```

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```
foreach<list<int, bool, double, float>>(  
    visitor  
) ;
```

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```
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    visitor<br/>
);<br/>-> visitor(indexed<int, 0>() )
```

Iterating type lists

```
foreach<list<int, bool, double, float>>(<br/>
    visitor,<br/>
    additional_args...<br/>
);<br/>-> visitor(indexed<int, 0>(), additional_args...)
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    visitor,
    additional_args...
);

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    visitor(indexed<double, 2>(), additional_args...)
```

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    additional_args...
);

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    visitor(indexed<double, 2>(), additional_args...)
    visitor(indexed<float, 3>(), additional_args...)
```

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        fatal::foreach<members_info>(
            );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
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        fatal::foreach<members_info>(
            struct_member_printer()

        );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

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        fatal::foreach<members_info>(
            struct_member_printer(),
            what
        );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Struct member

```
struct struct_member_printer {
```

```
};
```

JSON Printer - Struct member

```
struct struct_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        }
};
```

JSON Printer - Struct member

```
struct struct_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        if (Index) { std::cout << ','; }

    }
};
```

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struct struct_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        if (Index) { std::cout << ','; }

        auto const name = Member::name ; ;
        std::cout << " " << name << "\":";
    }
};
```

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    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        if (Index) { std::cout << ','; }

        auto const name = fatal::z_data<typename Member::name>();
        std::cout << " " << name << "\":";
    }
};
```

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```
struct struct_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        if (Index) { std::cout << ','; }

        auto const name = fatal::z_data<typename Member::name>();
        std::cout << " " << name << "\":";
    }

    auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(what);
};

};
```

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struct struct_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        if (Index) { std::cout << ','; }

        auto const name = fatal::z_data<typename Member::name>();
        std::cout << " " << name << "\":";
    }

    auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(what);
    printer<typename Member::type_class>::print(value);
}
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
{  
  "which": "the value"  
}
```

Variant traits

```
struct variant_traits {  
    using name = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
  
    ...  
};
```

Variant traits

```
struct variant_traits {  
    using name = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
  
    ...  
};  
  
    variant_traits<SomeVariant>
```

Variant traits

```
struct variant_traits {  
    using name = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
  
}; ...  
  
using info = variant_traits<SomeVariant>;  
    info::name
```

Variant traits

```
struct variant_traits {  
    using name = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
  
    ...  
};  
  
using info = variant_traits<SomeVariant>;  
std::cout << z_data<info::name>();  
  
-> "SomeVariant"
```

Variant traits - Reflecting members

```
struct variant_traits {  
    using name = ....;  
    using id = ....;  
    using descriptors = ....;  
    ...  
};
```

Variant member descriptors

```
struct variant_member_descriptor {  
    using type = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
    static auto get(T &variant);  
    static void set(T &variant, Args &&...args);  
    ...  
};
```

Variant member descriptors

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    using type = ...;  
    using id = ...;  
    static auto get(T &variant);  
    static void set(T &variant, Args &&...args);  
    ...  
};  
  
auto variant = some_variant;  
  
std::cout << Descriptor::get(variant);
```

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    using type = ...;
    using id = ...;
    static auto get(T &variant);
    static void set(T &variant, Args &&...args);
    ...
};

auto variant = some_variant;
if (variant.getType() == Descriptor::id::value) {
    std::cout << Descriptor::get(variant);
}
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        ...
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
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struct printer<type_class::variant> {
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    }
};
```

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    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        what.getType();
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

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```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors
            what.getType()
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

Indexing types at runtime

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };
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template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };
```

```
list<some_type<1, 99>, some_type<2, 42>>
```

Indexing types at runtime

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

int needle = 2;

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get_type::foo
```

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template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

int needle = 2;

sorted_search<
    list<some_type<1, 99>, some_type<2, 42>>,
    get_type::foo
>()
```

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    get_type::foo
>(needle)
```

Indexing types at runtime

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

int needle = 2;

sorted_search<
    list<some_type<1, 99>, some_type<2, 42>>,
    get_type::foo
>(needle, visitor )
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)
-> visitor(
    tag<some_type<2, 42>>()
)
)
```

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    get_type::foo
>(needle, visitor, additional_args...)

-> visitor(
    tag<some_type<2, 42>>(),
    additional_args...
)
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors
            what.getType()
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

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        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors
            fatal::sorted_search<
                what.getType()
            );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

```
fatal::get_type::id>(
```

Sorting lists

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };
```

```
list<some_type<2, 42>, some_type<1, 99>>;
```

Sorting lists

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };
```

```
list<some_type<2, 42>, some_type<1, 99>>>
```

```
get_type::foo
```

Sorting lists

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

sort<
    list<some_type<2, 42>, some_type<1, 99>>,
    get_type::foo
>
```

Sorting lists

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

sort<
    list<some_type<2, 42>, some_type<1, 99>>,
    less,
    get_type::foo
>
```

Sorting lists

```
template <typename Foo, typename Bar>
struct some_type { using foo = Foo; using bar = Bar; };

sort<
    list<some_type<2, 42>, some_type<1, 99>>,
    less,
    get_type::foo
>

-> list<some_type<1, 99>, some_type<2, 42>>
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
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    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors
            fatal::sorted_search<
                what.getType()
            );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

```
fatal::get_type::id>(
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
                                fatal::sort<
        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
                                fatal::get_type::id
    >
    fatal::sorted_search<                                fatal::get_type::id>(
        what.getType()
    );
    std::cout << '}';
}
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        using members_by_id = fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        fatal::sorted_search<members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id>(
            what.getType()
        );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant

```
template <>
struct printer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void print(T const &what) {
        std::cout << '{';
        using members_by_id = fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        fatal::sorted_search<members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id>(
            what.getType(), variant_member_printer(), what
        );
        std::cout << '}';
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant member

```
struct variant_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        ...
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant member

```
struct variant_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        auto const name = fatal::enum_to_string(what.getType());
        std::cout << " " << name << "\":";
    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant member

```
struct variant_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        auto const name = fatal::enum_to_string(what.getType());
        std::cout << " " << name << ":";

        auto const &value = Member::get(what);

    }
};
```

JSON Printer - Variant member

```
struct variant_member_printer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what
    ) const {
        auto const name = fatal::enum_to_string(what.getType());
        std::cout << " " << name << ":";

        auto const &value = Member::get(what);

        using type_class = typename Member::metadata::type_class;
        printer<type_class>::print(value);
    }
};
```

Sample Output - Using an external formatter

```
{  
    "int_field": 98,  
    "bool_field": true,  
    "floating_point_field": 7.2,  
    "string_field": "HELLO, WORLD",  
    "struct_list_field": [  
        { "the_int": 0, "the_enum": "field0" },  
        { "the_int": 1, "the_enum": "field1" },  
        { "the_int": 2, "the_enum": "field2" }  
    "map_field": {  
        "hard": false,  
        "works": true,  
        "worth it": true  
    "set_field": [],  
    "variant_field": { "floating_point_data": 0.5 }  
}
```

Serialization

Serialization - Public Interface

```
template <typename T>
void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer);
```

```
template <typename T>
void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader);
```

Serialization - Data Writer

```
struct data_writer {
    template <typename T>
    void write_raw(T const &value);

    template <typename T>
    void write_string(T const *data, std::size_t size);
};
```

Serialization - Data Reader

```
struct data_reader {
    template <typename T>
    T read_raw();

    template <typename T>
    void read_string(std::basic_string<T> &out);
};
```

Serialization - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

}

template <typename T>
void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {

}
```

Serialization - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
    reflect_type_class<T> what
}
```

```
template <typename T>
void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    reflect_type_class<T> out
}
```

Serialization - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
    serializer<reflect_type_class<T>> what
}

template <typename T>
void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    serializer<reflect_type_class<T>> out
}
```

Serialization - Implementation

```
template <typename T>
void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
    serializer<reflect_type_class<T>>::serialize(what, writer);
}

template <typename T>
void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    serializer<reflect_type_class<T>>::deserialize(out, reader);
}
```

Serializer - General case serialize

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct serializer {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }

};
```

Serializer - General case serialize

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct serializer {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what);
    }
};
```

Serializer - General case deserialize

```
template <typename TypeClass>
struct serializer {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what);
    }

    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    }
};
```

Serializer - General case deserialize

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template <typename TypeClass>
struct serializer {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what);
    }

    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        out = reader.read_raw<T>();
    }
};
```

Serializer - String serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::string> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }

};
```

Serializer - String serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::string> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_string(what.data(), what.size());
    }
};
```

Serializer - String deserialize

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template <>
struct serializer<type_class::string> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_string(what.data(), what.size());
    }

    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    }
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        reader.read_string(out);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Enum serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }

};
```

Serializer - Enum serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        auto const name = fatal::enum_to_string(what);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Enum serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::enumeration> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        auto const name = fatal::enum_to_string(what);
        writer.write_string(name, std::strlen(name));
    }
};
```

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    }

    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string name;
        reader.read_string(name);
        fatal::enum_traits<T>::parse(name);
    }
};
```

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        std::string name;
        reader.read_string(name);
        out = fatal::enum_traits<T>::parse(name);
    }
};
```

Serializer - List serialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }
};
```

Serializer - List serialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());
    }
};
```

Serializer - List serialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {

    }
}
};
```

Serializer - List serialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {
            serializer<ValueTypeClass>::serialize(i, writer);
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - List deserialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {

    }
};
```

Serializer - List deserialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();
    }
};
```

Serializer - List deserialize

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    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
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        while (count--) {

    }
}
};
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    template <typename T>
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        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            out.emplace_back();
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - List deserialize

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template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::list<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            out.emplace_back();
            serializer<ValueTypeClass>::deserialize(
                out.back(),
                reader
            );
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Set serialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }
};
```

Serializer - Set serialize

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template <typename ValueTypeClass>
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    }
}
};
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        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {
            serializer<ValueTypeClass>::serialize(i, writer);
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Set deserialize

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template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>> {
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    }
};
```

Serializer - Set deserialize

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        while (count--) {

    }
}
};
```

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    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::value_type value;

        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Set deserialize

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template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::value_type value;
            serializer<ValueTypeClass>::deserialize(value, reader);

        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Set deserialize

```
template <typename ValueTypeClass>
struct serializer<type_class::set<ValueTypeClass>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::value_type value;
            serializer<ValueTypeClass>::deserialize(value, reader);
            out.emplace(std::move(value));
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Map serialize

```
template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }
};
```

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template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
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};
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    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {

        }
    }
};
```

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template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {
            serializer<KeyTC>::serialize(i.first, writer);
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Map serialize

```
template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        writer.write_raw(what.size());

        for (auto const &i: what) {
            serializer<KeyTC>::serialize(i.first, writer);
            serializer<ValueTC>::serialize(i.second, writer);
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Map deserialize

```
template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {

    }
};
```

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struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();
    }
};
```

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struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {

    }
}
};
```

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    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::key_type key;

        }
    }
};
```

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template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::key_type key;
            serializer<KeyTC>::deserialize(key, reader);

        }
    }
};
```

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template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::key_type key;
            serializer<KeyTC>::deserialize(key, reader);

            out[std::move(key)];
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Map deserialize

```
template <typename KeyTC, typename ValueTC>
struct serializer<type_class::map<KeyTC, ValueTC>> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        auto count = reader.read_raw<typename T::size_type>();

        while (count--) {
            typename T::key_type key;
            serializer<KeyTC>::deserialize(key, reader);

            auto &value = out[std::move(key)];
            serializer<ValueTC>::deserialize(value, reader);
        }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Struct serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {

    }

};
```

Serializer - Struct serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        reflect_struct<T>::members
    }
};
```

Serializer - Struct serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        fatal::foreach<typename reflect_struct<T>::members>(
            );
    }
};

};
```

Serializer - Struct serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        fatal::foreach<typename reflect_struct<T>::members>(
            struct_member_serializer(), what, writer
        );
    }
};
```

Serializer - Struct serialize member

```
struct struct_member_serializer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &what,
        data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        ...
    }
};
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    ) const {
        Member::getter::ref(what);
    }
};
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        serializer<           >::serialize(value, writer);
    }
};
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};
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    ) const {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(what);
        using type_class = typename Member::type_class;
        serializer<type_class>::serialize(value, writer);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Struct deserialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        fatal::foreach<typename reflect_struct<T>::members>(
            struct_member_serializer(), what, writer
        );
    }
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
    }
};
```

Serializer - Struct deserialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &what, data_writer &writer) {
        fatal::foreach<typename reflect_struct<T>::members>(
            struct_member_serializer(), what, writer
        );
    }
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        reflect_struct<T>::members
    }
};
```

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struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
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            struct_member_serializer(), what, writer
        );
    }
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        fatal::foreach<typename reflect_struct<T>::members>(
            );
    }
};
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struct serializer<type_class::structure> {
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            struct_member_serializer(), what, writer
        );
    }
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
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            struct_member_deserializer(), out, reader
        );
    }
};
```

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struct struct_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
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    ) const {
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    }
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        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T &out,
        data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        auto &member_ref = Member::getter::ref(out);
        serializer<           >::deserialize(member_ref, reader);
    }
};
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    ) const {
        auto &member_ref = Member::getter::ref(out);
        using type_class = typename Member::type_class;
        serializer<type_class>::deserialize(member_ref, reader);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        v.getType()
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {

        fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors
            v.getType()

    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >
        v.getType()
    }
};
```

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template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
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            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >
            fatal::sorted_search<
                fatal::get_type::id
            >(v.getType())
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        using members_by_id = fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        fatal::sorted_search<
            members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id
        >(v.getType())
    }
};
```

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            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        fatal::sorted_search<
            members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id
        >(v.getType(), variant_member_serializer(), v, writer);
    }
};
```

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    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        using members_by_id = fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        bool found = fatal::sorted_search<
            members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id
        >(v.getType(), variant_member_serializer(), v, writer);
        if (!found) {
    }
};
```

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template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void serialize(T const &v, data_writer &writer) {
        using members_by_id = fatal::sort<
            fatal::variant_traits<T>::descriptors,
            fatal::less, fatal::get_type::id
        >;
        bool found = fatal::sorted_search<
            members_by_id, fatal::get_type::id
        >(v.getType(), variant_member_serializer(), v, writer);
        if (!found) { writer.write_string("", 0); }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize member

```
struct variant_member_serializer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &variant, data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        ...
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant serialize member

```
struct variant_member_serializer {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &variant, data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        Member::metadata::name
    }
};
```

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    void operator ()(
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        T const &variant, data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        Member::metadata::name;
        writer.write_string(
    );
}

};
```

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        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        T const &variant, data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        Member::metadata::name;
        writer.write_string(
            fatal::z_data<    >()
        );
    }
};
```

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    void operator ()(
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        T const &variant, data_writer &writer
    ) const {
        Member::metadata::name;
        writer.write_string(
            fatal::z_data<>(), fatal::size<>::value
        );
    }
};
```

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    void operator ()(
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    ) const {
        using name = typename Member::metadata::name;
        writer.write_string(
            fatal::z_data<name>(), fatal::size<name>::value
        );
    }
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    ) const {
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        writer.write_string(
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        );
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        writer.write_string(
            fatal::z_data<name>(), fatal::size<name>::value
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        auto const &value = Member::get(variant);

        serializer<           >::serialize(value, writer);
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    ) const {
        using name = typename Member::metadata::name;
        writer.write_string(
            fatal::z_data<name>(), fatal::size<name>::value
        );
        auto const &value = Member::get(variant);
        using type_class = typename Member::metadata::type_class;
        serializer<type_class>::serialize(value, writer);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {

    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;

    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize

```
template <>
struct serializer<type_class::variant> {
    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
    }
};
```

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    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
        fatal::variant_traits<T>::id
    }
};
```

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    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
        using id_type = typename fatal::variant_traits<T>::id;
                           fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names
    }
};
```

String -> Compile-time String

```
std::string needle = "hello";
```

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std::string needle = "hello";  
  
list<"hello", "world">
```

String -> Compile-time String

```
std::string needle = "hello";  
trie_find<list<"hello", "world">>(  
)
```

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std::string needle = "hello";  
  
trie_find<list<"hello", "world">>(  
    needle.begin(), needle.end()  
)
```

String -> Compile-time String

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std::string needle = "hello";  
  
trie_find<list<"hello", "world">>(  
    needle.begin(), needle.end(),  
    visitor  
)
```

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trie_find<list<"hello", "world">>(  
    needle.begin(), needle.end(),  
    visitor  
)  
  
-> visitor(  
    tag<"hello">()  
)
```

String -> Compile-time String

```
std::string needle = "hello";  
  
trie_find<list<"hello", "world">>(  
    needle.begin(), needle.end(),  
    visitor,  
    additional_args...  
)  
  
-> visitor(  
    tag<"hello">(),  
    additional_args...  
)
```

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    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
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                           fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names
    }
};
```

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    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
        using id_type = typename fatal::variant_traits<T>::id;
        using names = typename fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names;
        fatal::trie_find<names>(
    );
}

};
```

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    template <typename T>
    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
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        reader.read_string(which);
        using id_type = typename fatal::variant_traits<T>::id;
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        using names = typename fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names;
        fatal::trie_find<names>(
            which.begin(), which.end(),
            variant_member_deserializer(), out, reader
        );
    }
};
```

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        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
        using id_type = typename fatal::variant_traits<T>::id;
        using names = typename fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names;
        bool found = fatal::trie_find<names>(
            which.begin(), which.end(),
            variant_member_deserializer(), out, reader
        );
        if (!found) {
    }
};
```

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    static void deserialize(T &out, data_reader &reader) {
        std::string which;
        reader.read_string(which);
        using id_type = typename fatal::variant_traits<T>::id;
        using names = typename fatal::enum_traits<id_type>::names;
        bool found = fatal::trie_find<names>(
            which.begin(), which.end(),
            variant_member_deserializer(), out, reader
        );
        if (!found) { fatal::variant_traits<T>::clear(out); }
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize member

```
struct variant_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize member

```
struct variant_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        member
    }
};
```

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    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
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    ) const {
        member
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize member

```
struct variant_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        member           info::template by_name<Name>
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize member

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struct variant_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);
    }
};
```

Serializer - Variant deserialize member

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struct variant_member_deserializer {
    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);

        serializer<           >::deserialize(      reader);
    }
};
```

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```
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    template <typename Name, typename T>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Name>,
        T &out, data_reader &reader
    ) const {
        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);
        member::get(out)

        serializer<           >::deserialize(      reader);
    }
};
```

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        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);
        auto &value = member::get(out);

        serializer<           >::deserialize(value, reader);
    }
};
```

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    ) const {
        using info = reflect_variant<T>;
        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);
        auto &value = member::get(out);
                                member::metadata::type_class
        serializer<           >::deserialize(value, reader);
    }
};
```

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    ) const {
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        using member = typename info::template by_name<Name>;
        member::set(out);
        auto &value = member::get(out);
        using type_class = typename member::metadata::type_class;
        serializer<type_class>::deserialize(value, reader);
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation

Untyped data - Thrift IDL

```
typedef map<string, string> legacy_config
```

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```
typedef map<string, string> legacy_config

const legacy_config example = {
    "host-name": "localhost",
    "host-port": "80",
    "client-name": "my_client",
    "socket-send-timeout": "100",
    "socket-receive-timeout": "120",
    "transport-frame-size": "1024",
    "apply-compression": "1",
    "log-sampling-rate": ".01"
}
```

Typed data - Thrift IDL

```
typedef map<string, string> legacy_config

struct flat_config {
    1: string host_name
    2: i16 host_port
    3: string client_name
    4: i32 send_timeout
    5: i32 receive_timeout
    6: i32 frame_size
    7: bool compress
    8: double log_rate
}
```

Typed data - Desired mapping

```
typedef map<string, string> legacy_config
```

```
struct flat_config {  
    1: string host_name -> "host-name"  
    2: i16 host_port -> "host-port"  
    3: string client_name -> "client-name"  
    4: i32 send_timeout -> "socket-send-timeout"  
    5: i32 receive_timeout -> "socket-receive-timeout"  
    6: i32 frame_size -> "transport-frame-size"  
    7: bool compress -> "apply-compression"  
    8: double log_rate -> "log-sampling-rate"  
}
```

Typed data - Annotated IDL

```
typedef map<string, string> legacy_config

struct flat_config {
    1: string host_name (property = "host-name")
    2: i16 host_port (property = "host-port")
    3: string client_name (property = "client-name")
    4: i32 send_timeout (property = "socket-send-timeout")
    5: i32 receive_timeout (property = "socket-receive-timeout")
    6: i32 frame_size (property = "transport-frame-size")
    7: bool compress (property = "apply-compression")
    8: double log_rate (property = "log-sampling-rate")
}
```

Untyped data translation - Public Interface

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to);  
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to);
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {  
  
}  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {  
  
    for (auto const &i: from) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {  
  
    for (auto const &i: from) {  
        fatal::trie_find<           >(  
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end()  
        );  
    }  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {  
  
    reflect_struct<flat_config>::members  
  
    for (auto const &i: from) {  
        fatal::trie_find<           >(  
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end()  
  
        );  
    }  
}
```

Untyped data translation - Get property

annotations::values

```
struct flat_config {
1: string host_name (property = "host-name")
2: i16 host_port (property = "host-port")
3: string client_name (property = "client-name")
4: i32 send_timeout (property = "socket-send-timeout")
5: i32 receive_timeout (property = "socket-receive-timeout")
6: i32 frame_size (property = "transport-frame-size")
7: bool compress (property = "apply-compression")
8: double log_rate (property = "log-sampling-rate")
}
```

Untyped data translation - Get property

```
annotations::values::property
```

```
struct flat_config {  
    1: string host_name (property = "host-name")  
    2: i16 host_port (property = "host-port")  
    3: string client_name (property = "client-name")  
    4: i32 send_timeout (property = "socket-send-timeout")  
    5: i32 receive_timeout (property = "socket-receive-timeout")  
    6: i32 frame_size (property = "transport-frame-size")  
    7: bool compress (property = "apply-compression")  
    8: double log_rate (property = "log-sampling-rate")  
}
```

Untyped data translation - Get property

Member::annotations::values::property

```
struct flat_config {
1: string host_name (property = "host-name")
2: i16 host_port (property = "host-port")
3: string client_name (property = "client-name")
4: i32 send_timeout (property = "socket-send-timeout")
5: i32 receive_timeout (property = "socket-receive-timeout")
6: i32 frame_size (property = "transport-frame-size")
7: bool compress (property = "apply-compression")
8: double log_rate (property = "log-sampling-rate")
}
```

Untyped data translation - Get property

```
template <typename Member>
using get_property =
    typename Member::annotations::values::property;

struct flat_config {
    1: string host_name (property = "host-name")
    2: i16 host_port (property = "host-port")
    3: string client_name (property = "client-name")
    4: i32 send_timeout (property = "socket-send-timeout")
    5: i32 receive_timeout (property = "socket-receive-timeout")
    6: i32 frame_size (property = "transport-frame-size")
    7: bool compress (property = "apply-compression")
    8: double log_rate (property = "log-sampling-rate")
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    reflect_struct<flat_config>::members

    for (auto const &i: from) {
        fatal::trie_find<           >(
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end()
        );
    }
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    fatal::transform<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        get_property
    >

    for (auto const &i: from) {
        fatal::trie_find<           >(
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end()
        );
    }
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using properties = fatal::transform<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        get_property
    >;
    for (auto const &i: from) {
        fatal::trie_find<properties>(
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end()
        );
    }
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using properties = fatal::transform<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        get_property
    >;
    for (auto const &i: from) {
        fatal::trie_find<properties>(
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end(),
            legacy_to_flat_translator()
        );
    }
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using properties = fatal::transform<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        get_property
    >;
    for (auto const &i: from) {
        fatal::trie_find<properties>(
            i.first.begin(), i.first.end(),
            legacy_to_flat_translator(),
            i.second,
            to
        );
    }
}
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members
        Property
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Property, get_property
        >
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        using member = fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Property, get_property
        >;
        member::getter::ref(to);
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        using member = fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Property, get_property
        >;
        member::getter::ref(to);
        folly::to<typename member::type>(from)
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From untyped: member

```
struct legacy_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Property>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::tag<Property>,
        std::string const &from,
        flat_config &to
    ) const {
        using member = fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Property, get_property
        >;
        auto &value = member::getter::ref(to);
        value = folly::to<typename member::type>(from);
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - Halfway there

```
void translate(legacy_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to);
```

Untyped data translation - From typed

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to) {  
}  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From typed

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to) {
    reflect_struct<flat_config>::members
    fatal::foreach<           >(
        );
}
```

Untyped data translation - From typed

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to) {  
    using members = reflect_struct<flat_config>::members;  
  
    fatal::foreach<members>(  
        );  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From typed

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to) {  
    using members = reflect_struct<flat_config>::members;  
  
    fatal::foreach<members>(  
        flat_to_legacy_translator()  
    );  
}
```

Untyped data translation - From typed

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, legacy_config &to) {
    using members = reflect_struct<flat_config>::members;

    fatal::foreach<members>(
        flat_to_legacy_translator(),
        from,
        to
    );
}
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(from);

    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(from);
        auto const key = get_property<Member>();
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(from);
        auto const key = fatal::z_data<get_property<Member>>();
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(from);
        auto const key = fatal::z_data<get_property<Member>>();
        folly::to<std::string>(value)
    }
};
```

Untyped data translation - From typed: member

```
struct flat_to_legacy_translator {
    template <typename Member, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Member, Index>,
        flat_config const &from,
        legacy_config &to
    ) {
        auto const &value = Member::getter::ref(from);
        auto const key = fatal::z_data<get_property<Member>>();
        to[key] = folly::to<std::string>(value);
    }
};
```

Nested data translation

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct nested_config {  
    1: host_address address  
    2: string client_name  
    3: network_timeout timeout  
    4: transport_config transport  
    5: double log_rate  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct nested_config {  
    1: host_address address  
    2: string client_name  
    3: network_timeout timeout  
    4: transport_config transport  
    5: double log_rate  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct host_address {  
    1: string name  
    2: i16 port  
}
```

```
struct network_timeout {  
    1: i32 send  
    2: i32 receive  
}
```

```
struct transport_config {  
    1: i32 frame_size  
    2: bool compress  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct host_address {  
    1: string name  
    2: i16 port  
}  
  
struct network_timeout {  
    1: i32 send  
    2: i32 receive  
}  
  
struct transport_config {  
    1: i32 frame_size  
    2: bool compress  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct nested_config {  
    1: host_address address  
    2: string client_name  
    3: network_timeout timeout  
    4: transport_config transport  
    5: double log_rate  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct nested_config {  
    1: host_address address  
    2: string client_name ->  
    3: network_timeout timeout  
    4: transport_config transport  
    5: double log_rate ->  
}  
  
client_name  
log_rate
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct nested_config {  
    1: host_address address  
    2: string client_name (from_flat = "client_name")  
    3: network_timeout timeout  
    4: transport_config transport  
    5: double log_rate (from_flat = "log_rate")  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct host_address {  
    1: string name  
    2: i16 port  
}  
  
struct network_timeout {  
    1: i32 send  
    2: i32 receive  
}  
  
struct transport_config {  
    1: i32 frame_size  
    2: bool compress  
}
```

Nested data - Thrift IDL

```
struct host_address {  
    1: string name (from_flat = "host_name")  
    2: i16 port (from_flat = "host_port")  
}  
  
struct network_timeout {  
    1: i32 send (from_flat = "send_timeout")  
    2: i32 receive (from_flat = "receive_timeout")  
}  
  
struct transport_config {  
    1: i32 frame_size (from_flat = "frame_size")  
    2: bool compress (from_flat = "compress")  
}
```

Nested data translation - Public Interface

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to);
```

```
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
    /* Can we avoid writing the  
       nested nastiness  
       template recursion? */  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data

```
foo a = some_foo;
```

Nested data

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };
```

Nested data

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };
```

Nested data

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };
```

Nested data members

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x =           ;
```

Nested data members

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a ;
```

Nested data members

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b ;
```

Nested data members

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c ;
```

Nested data members

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;
```

Nested reflection getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };
```

```
int x = a.b.c.d;
```

```
int y =
```

a

;

Nested reflection getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
int y =  
    foo::member::b::getter::ref(a)  
;
```

Nested reflection getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
int y =  
    bar::member::c::getter::ref(  
        foo::member::b::getter::ref(a)  
    )  
;
```

Nested reflection getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
int y = baz::member::d::getter::ref(  
    bar::member::c::getter::ref(  
        foo::member::b::getter::ref(a)  
    )  
);
```

Single getter for nested data

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };
```

```
int x = a.b.c.d;
```

```
int z = a;
```

Flattening nested getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
using flattened =  
  
;  
  
int z = flattened::ref(a);
```

Flattening nested getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
using flattened =  
    foo::member::b  
  
;  
  
int z = flattened::ref(a);
```

Flattening nested getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
using flattened =  
    foo::member::b,  
    bar::member::c  
  
;  
  
int z = flattened::ref(a);
```

Flattening nested getters

```
foo a = some_foo;  
struct foo { bar b; };  
struct bar { baz c; };  
struct baz { int d; };  
  
int x = a.b.c.d;  
  
using flattened =  
    foo::member::b,  
    bar::member::c,  
    baz::member::d  
;  
  
int z = flattened::ref(a);
```

Chained getters

```
foo a = some_foo;
struct foo { bar b; };
struct bar { baz c; };
struct baz { int d; };

int x = a.b.c.d;

using flattened = fatal::chained_data_member_getter<
    foo::member::b,
    bar::member::c,
    baz::member::d
>;
int z = flattened::ref(a);
```

Nested data - Chained getters

```
nested_config x;  
  
x.address.name  
x.address.port  
x.client_name  
x.timeout.send  
x.timeout.receive  
x.transport.frame_size  
x.transport.compress  
x.log_rate
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
    flatten_getters<nested_config>  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;  
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(  
        );  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;  
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(  
        flat_to_nested_translator()  
    );  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {  
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;  
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(  
        flat_to_nested_translator(),  
        from, to  
    );  
}  
  
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to);
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
    ) const {
        }
};
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
    ) const {

        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Leaf           annotations::values::from_flat

    }
};
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator }()
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
) const {
    using from_member = fatal::get<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
        fatal::get_type::name
    >;
}

};
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
    ) const {
        using from_member = fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
            fatal::get_type::name
        >;
        from_member::getter::ref(from)
    }
};
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator }()
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
    ) const {
        using from_member = fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
            fatal::get_type::name
        >;
                Leaf::getter::ref(to)
        from_member::getter::ref(from)
    }
};
```

Nested data translation - From flat: member

```
struct flat_to_nested_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator }()
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        flat_config const &from, nested_config &to
) const {
    using from_member = fatal::get<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
        fatal::get_type::name
    >;
    auto &to_member = Leaf::getter::ref(to);
    to_member = from_member::getter::ref(from);
}
};
```

Nested data translation - ~~Halfway there?~~

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        flat_to_nested_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}

void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to) {

}
```

Nested data translation - From nested

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        flat_to_nested_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}

void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    flatten_getters<nested_config>
}

}
```

Nested data translation - From nested

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        flat_to_nested_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}
```

```
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        );
}
```

Nested data translation - From nested

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        flat_to_nested_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}
```

```
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        nested_to_flat_translator()
    );
}
```

Nested data translation - From nested

```
void translate(flat_config const &from, nested_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        flat_to_nested_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}
```

```
void translate(nested_config const &from, flat_config &to) {
    using nested_getters = flatten_getters<nested_config>;
    fatal::foreach<nested_getters>(
        nested_to_flat_translator(),
        from, to
    );
}
```

Nested data translation - From nested: member

```
struct nested_to_flat_translator {
    template <typename Leaf, std::size_t Index>
    void operator ()(
        fatal::indexed<Leaf, Index>,
        nested_config const &from, flat_config &to
    ) const {
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};
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    ) const {
        Leaf leaf{from};
        annotations::values::from_flat(leaf);
    }
};
```

Leaf annotations::values::from_flat

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        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
            Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
        fatal::get_type::name
    }
};
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            fatal::get<
            reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
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        >
    }
};
```

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    using to_member = fatal::get<
        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
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    >;
                to_member::getter::ref(to)
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        reflect_struct<flat_config>::members,
        typename Leaf::member::annotations::values::from_flat,
        fatal::get_type::name
    >;
    auto &member_ref = to_member::getter::ref(to);
    member_ref = Leaf::getter::ref(from);
}
};
```

Enabling reflection in Thrift

Generating reflection metadata

`module.thrift`

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```
$ thrift --gen cpp2      module.thrift
```

Generating reflection metadata

```
$ thrift --gen cpp2:fatal module.thrift
```

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gen-cpp2/

...

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  module_fatal_struct.h  
  module_fatal_enum.h  
  module_fatal_union.h  
  module_fatal_types.h
```

```
...
```

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Importing reflection metadata

```
#include <project_dir/gen-cpp2/module_fatal_struct.h>
```

Importing reflection metadata

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```

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-> more information in thrift/lib/cpp2/fatal/reflection.h
```

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In the examples...

- Not a single SFINAE
- Not a single `std::enable_if`
- Dirty template trick
- Only a single custom meta-function
- Well defined, well understood primitives
 - `sort`, `sorted_search`, `trie_find`, `get...`
 - Abstracted by a library

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Before we go

Questions?

- Thrift: <https://github.com/facebook/fbthrift>
 - Reflection under `thrift/lib/cpp2/fatal`
 - Along with reflection based utility library
 - Demo code and slides will be uploaded soon
 - More demos are coming
- Fatal: <https://github.com/facebook/fatal>
- Watch out for changes
 - Commit messages containing `[break]` label
 - Demo code will be updated accordingly
- Thanks for watching
 - By the way, we're hiring: <https://www.facebook.com/careers>

We're done!